

SUPREME COURT RELEASES KEJRIWAL

RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

of Harvana head Assembly election, AAP Assembly cleater, I Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday walked out of Tihar jail, hours after being granted bail by the Supreme Court in the corruption case by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), in connection with the alleged excise policy scam. A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan ordered Kejriwal's release on a personal bail bond of Rs 10 lakh and two sureties in the like amount. Kerjiwal got bail after spending six months in Tihar Jail.

The top court restrained Kejriwal from visiting the Chief Minister's Office and Delhi Secretariat. He shall also not sign official files unless it is required and necessaryfor obtaining clearance / approval of the Delhi Lieutenant Governor.

It also restrained him from commenting on his role in the money-laundering case against him and asked him not to interact with witnesses and / or have access to official files connected with the case. With bail conditions that do not give him complete freedom to perform his duties as Chief Minister, including that he cannot visit the Secretariat or the CM Office therein or sign any files other than those that have to be cleared by the Lieutenant Governor, officials said that the AAP Government



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal acknowledges supporters amid rainfall after walking out of the Tihar Jail, in New Delhi, Friday, Sept. 13, 2024. The Supreme Court (SC) on Friday granted bail to the AAP convener in a corruption case lodged by the Central Bureau of PTI Investigation (CBI) in connection with the excise policy 'scam'

may encounter some problems, albeit small.

At the same time, both the judges were unanimous in the decision to grant bail to Kejriwal considering the fact that the chargesheet has been filed in the case and that the trial is unlikely to be completed in the near future. The same conditions imposed by the coordinate bench while granting interim bail in the ED

case will apply in this case too. However, despite granting bail, the Court held that the arrest of Kejriwal by CBI was valid and in compliance with relevant procedural laws. While Justice Surva Kant said Kejriwal's arrest by CBI does not suffer from any procedural infirmity, Justice Bhuyan, in a separate judgment, raised questions on the necessity and timing of the arrest.

Justice Bhuyan said the arrest raises more questions than it seeks to answer. Justice Bhuyan also expressed reservations about the bail condition that Kejriwal should not visit the CM's office or the Secretariat. However, he chose not to pass any direction in that regard having regard to judicial discipline and reverence for a direction passed by a coordinate bench.

"The Appellant has been granted interim bail by this Court in the ED matter on 10.05.2024 and 12.07.2024, arising from the same set of facts. Additionally, several co-accused in both the CBI and ED matters have also been granted bail by the Trial Court, the High Court, and this Court in separate proceedings," Justice Surya Kant said.

"In our considered view, although the procedure for the Appellant's arrest meets the requisite criteria for legality and compliance, continued incarceration for an extended period pending trial would infringe upon established legal principles and the Appellant's right to liberty, traceable to Article 21 of our Constitution. The Appellant has been granted interim bail by this Court in the ED matter on 10.05.2024 and 12.07.2024, arising from the same set of facts. Additionally, several co-accused in both the CBI and ED matters have also been granted bail by the Trial Court, the High Court, and this Court in separate proceedings, Justice Kant observed.

Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, in a separate judgment, questioned the CBI for arresting Kejriwal, saying that such action by CBI raises serious questions on the timing of the arrest and such an arrest by CBI only fractured the bail granted in the ED case. Justice Bhuyan noted that the CBI did not arrest Kejriwal for 22 months and arrested Kejriwal on the cusp of his release in the ED case.

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Six held for assault on two army officers, alleged rape

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE INDORE

 $A^{ll\ six}$ men who attacked two army officers and allegedly raped their woman friend near Mhow in Madhya Pradesh have been arrested, according to the police on Friday. Rohit Girwal (23), Sandeep Wariya (18) and Sachin Makwana (25) were held during the day from a forest patch near the site

of crime, officials said. The trio were on the run and a reward of Rs 10,000 each had been announced for their arrests. Three other accused, Anil Baror (27) and Pawan Bansunia (23) and Ritesh Bhabhar (25), were held on Wednesday and Thursday. They attacked near Jam Gate, a popular tourist spot some 30 kilometres from the Mhow military cantonment, on the intervening night of September 10 and 11, as per police. Located on the Vindhyachal ranges,

Jam Gate is surrounded by forests. In the rainy season, this place is frequented by tourists during the day, but as the night falls, it gets desolate. As per police, the army officers, aged 23 and 24, undergoing the Young Officers course at the Infantry School in Mhow cantonment town, had gone out for a picnic with their two women friends.

"The four were listening to loud music. Hearing it in the deserted area late at night, six accused reached the spot and committed the crime," Superintendent of Police (Rural) Hitika Vasal told reporters. One of the attackers threatened the



victims with a pistol, while the others were carrying sticks, Vasal said

The accused held one couple hostage while assaulting them and told the other couple that the hostages would be released only if they brought them Rs 10 lakh, she said. Vasal said the police reached the spot as soon as the incident was reported, "but the accused fled on seeing the headlight of the police vehicle."

A case was registered under sections 70 (gang rape), 310-2 (dacoity), 308-2 (extortion) and 115-2 (voluntarily causing hurt) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and under sections of the Arms Act. On the allegation of rape mentioned in the FIR, the SP said the victim is in a state of shock and is not ready to give her statement. In the meantime, the accused are being questioned about the alleged rape, Vasal added.

Another police official rubbished speculation on social media that the army personnel and the women had come in contact through a dating app.

Hindu groups demand demolition of illegal portion of mosque in HP

wall encroaching on Government land. The protests in Mandi came just two days after Shimla saw protesters gathered on a call by Hindu groups clash with security personnel during a demonstration to call demolition of an illegal

in the Sanjauli mosque kept

Shimla on the boil since last

week. But on Wednesday, the

breaking

Sanjauli area.

Delhi becomes Dwarka, the Sunken Capital

KUSHAN MITRA NEW DELHI

The rain Gods have blessed the National Capital Region with abundant water this year, but these blessings come with the curse of traffic chaos. From Gurugram to Ghaziabad, Vasant Kunj to Vaishali, Delhi is inundated and office-goers and





Police use water cannons to disperse protestors demanding the demolition of a mosque allegedly built on encroached land, in Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, Friday PT

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE MANDI/SHIMLA

Hindu groups held a protest march in Himachal Pradesh's Mandi on Friday demanding the demolition of an unauthorised portion of a mosque in the town and tried to force their way towards the structure, forcing police to use water cannons to control the situation.

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu appealed to the

Centre renames

Port Blair as

Sri Vijaya Puram

people of the State to maintain peace and brotherhood. "I have appealed to everyone to maintain peace and make no provocative statements. No

one is allowed to take the law into their hands. We respect everyone. The land of Himachal respects all religions," Sukhu said after an all-party meeting in Shimla. Members of the Muslim community had on Thursday demolished a portion of the mosque in Mandi, saying it

protest took a violent turn people with barricades and pelting stones as police used water cannons and batons to disperse them -something unheard of in the cosmopolitan town. About 10 people, including police and women, were injured in the Himachal Pradesh capital and police detained some protesters as well, including Hindu Jagran

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children alike are struggling portion of a mosque in the to get to their destinations. Protests by Hindu outfits against the disputed structure

If this was an isolated story of the 2024 monsoons, it would be understandable. No city in the world is designed to survive such heavy rainfall. The private weather forecaster, Skymet, told PTI on September 10, that Delhi had 913.1mm of rain these monsoons, 56 percent higher than normal. This is even before the deluge of the past 48 hours is accounted for. But this is a story of every monsoon in Delhi for the past quarter-century.

The sight of a submerged vehicle under Minto Bridge should now be enshrined as a World Heritage Site' by UNESCO, because it has become such an endemic image. Not an enduring image, an endemic image, an enduring image happens once and stays forever. This image is now an annual sight, sometimes twice to thrice every season. And while it must be noted that the authorities, including the Indian railways, the custodians of the bridge have made attempts to fix the problems, it appears problems, appears unfixable.

But this is the issue in Delhi, we try to fix issues that we may not be able to be fix instead of working out solutions to issues that can

be. Like repairing and rehabilitating Delhi's sewer systems well before the monsoons, before the storm drains and sewers get clogged with the first flush of the rains.

Or to repair the roads well before the rains, instead of them becoming off-road obstacle courses and driving people to buy large SUVs instead of small cars — and this applies to all the satellite cities around Delhi as well, especially Gurugram.

In fact, Gurugram, home to large multinationals and some of the richest real-Continued on Page 2 | estate in India, where high-

A man lifts his motorcycle after it got stuck in a pothole on a waterlogged road after rain:

Traffic horror in Delhi NCR with heavy downpour, severe waterlogging

SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI

Traffic horror persists in Delhi with heavy downpour across different parts of the national Capital and adjoining areas of Noida, Ghaziabad and Gurugram on Friday along with severe waterlogging, frequent , of breakdown buses, potholes, unregulated traffic and tree falling which irked commuters as vehicles were seen moving at a snail pace

on city's road. Vehicles stuck in a traffic jam on Delhi-Gurugram expressway as the service lane Delhi' is deluged due to is closed due to construction work of the underpass between Rajokari (Delhi) to incessant rains since last Sirhaul Border night amid a complete collapse of civic Gazipur, Laxmi Nagar, MG civic road, Connaught Place,

infrastructure with disruptions of movement Safdarjung, Uttam Nagar, and Dhaula Kuan. across the city. People complained about not being able to reach their work places due to waterlogging in different areas of the city jams in the city including in Sainik Farms. However, they Mehrauliincluding Badarpur road, Mathura have proved to be no help to Vihar, road, Sangam Vihar, Aurobindo Marg, Madhu Vihar road, Delhi Gate, the residents who are reeling Sainik Farms, India Gate, Janpath Road, Kalindi Kunj,

hours. A commuter Atul Jain

Resident

Associations asked locals to

be cautious of the traffic

with nature's fury, and

getting stuck in traffic for

rise apartments in exclusive societies sell for over 25 crore has such serious flooding, that social media users called some of these apartments 'River View' homes as Golf Course Road had knee-deep water. In posh areas of Delhi as well, multi-million dollar basement apartments are flooded thanks to poor planning and a century-old sewage system on its last legs.

And then there are the buses. Delhi residents can sympathise with the fact that every day multiple buses, many of which are way past their sell-by date break down, often at awkward angles and invariably at the narrowest stretches of the road and cause kilometreslong traffic.

Yes, heavy rains which lead to bad traffic can happen, yes, there can be waterlogging. There can be subsidence and road blockages. But this does not mean the entire monsoon season is lost to such occurrences. Good cityplanning, especially since city-planners in Delhi ought to know about the monsoons by now after a couple of millennia of the city being established, we should account for heavy rains.

expressed his displeasure

with the authorities and said,

"I have been stuck for more

than half an hour now since

Punjabi Bagh area is heavily damaged due to bridge

frustrates me more is even

though this has been an issue

for days now, no authority is

getting it repaired. Daily heavy traffic is affected due

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construction

waterlogging.

to this section."

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Gym owner shot dead in **Delhi's Greater Kailash** SAUMYA SHUKLA 📕 NEW DELHI

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The Centre on Friday renamed Port Blair as Sri Vijaya Puram. Port Blair is the Capital city of the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Home Minister Amit Shah

announced the renaming and said the decision has been taken to free the nation from the colonial imprints as the Andaman and Nicobar Islands have an "unparalleled place" in the country's freedom struggle and history. Shah said while the earlier name had a colonial legacy, Sri Vijaya Puram symbolises the victory achieved in India's freedom struggle and the Andaman Nicobar Islands and unique role in it.

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A³⁵-year-old gym owner was shot dead on Thursday night by two bikeborne assailants at the posh neighbourhood of south Delhi's Greater Kailash area in a suspected case of gang war. The victim has been identified as Nadir Shah, who was reportedly a member of Rohit Chaudhary gang. He

had previous criminal cases against him, including charges of robbery and attempted murder. He recently opened a gym in Greater Kailash Part 1 and wanted to live a simple life, according to sources. The Delhi Police Special Cell known to some of the Delhi police officials. Sources said that at the time of the

has arrested two persons in connection with the incident as police suspect involvement of murder. suspected to have provided logistical support to the shooters. They are being further interrogated by a team

of Special Cell," a senior officer said.

The officer said that four more people were detained and questioned in connection with the case but the main shooter is still on the run. Shah also owned a business in Dubai and is stated to be

associates of jailed gangsters Lawrence Bishnoi and Hashim Baba in the "These two are



incident, some officials from

the Delhi Police Special Cell,

an anti-terror unit, were also

present with Nadir inside the

gym at the time of the

incident. After the incident,

all were seen running out in

plain clothes.



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1984 Anti-Sikh riots: Delhi Court frames charges of murder against Jagdish Tytler

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

fter 40 years of 1984 riots, a city court on Friday framed charges for murder and other offences against Congress leader Jagdish Tytler in a case related to the killing of three people in north Delhi's Pul Bangash area. Special Judge Rakesh Siyal directed that Tytler face trial after he pleaded not guilty to the offences.

Besides murder, the court ordered framing of charges for several other offences, including unlawful assembly, rioting, promoting enmity between different groups, house trespass and theft.

The judge had on August 30 said there was sufficient ground to proceed against the accused.

The CBI had on May 20, 2023 filed a charge sheet against Tytler in the case. Tytler "incited, instigated and provoked the mob assembled at Pul Bangash Gurudwara Azad Market" on November 1, 1984 that resulted in burning down of the gurudwara and killing of three Sikhs

Thakur Singh, Badal Singh and Gurcharan Singh -- the CBI alleged in its charge sheet. The agency had invoked charges under IPC sections 147 (rioting), 148, 149 (unlawful assembly), 153A (provocation), 109 (abetment) read with 302 (murder) and 295 (defiling of religious places) among others.



Lakhwinder Kaur, the wife of deceased Badal Singh - one of the three men who had died - is the first witness who will be examined forty years after her husband was killed by the mob.

Citing a witness, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had said in its charge sheet that Tytler came out of a white Ambassador car in front of Gurdwara Pul Bangash on November 1, 1984 and instigated a mob by shouting "kill the Sikhs, they have killed our mother".

After initially filing a closure report, giving a clean chit to Tytler, the CBI was directed to reopen the investigation

against him in 2007. It was Kaur's protest petition against the closure report which led to the case moving forward.

On two other occasions, in 2009 and 2014, the CBI closed the case against Tytler but the court refused to accept the report.

Three Sikhs were then killed by the mob. Anti-Sikh riots had erupted in several parts of the country in the aftermath of the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by her Sikh bodyguards on October 31, 1984. A sessions court

had in August last year granted anticipatory bail to Tytler in the case.

Delhi metro breaks its previous highest journey record 17 times in a month

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Delhi metro broke its previous highest journey record on a single day, on Febraury 13, 17 times within a span of one month from August 12 to September 12 even as rain and waterlogging led to major traffic jams in the national Capital.

Metro's Principal Executive Director of Corporate Communications Anuj Dayal said, "Delhi Metro which has registered its previous highest journey record on a single day (February 13: 71,09,938) before August 12, has achieved a unique feat by breaking that mark by record 17 times within a span of one month from 12th August to 12th September 2024.

He added that out of top 20 passenger journeys registered so far, 19 are from this year only including two in the month of February 2024. "The passenger journeys registered by Delhi Metro in the past four days including September 9, 10, 11 and 12 have turned out to be amongst the top five journeys passenger

train

performed in the Metro



network, with the highest punctual and comfortable ever passenger journeys mode of public transport in record made on August 20 at these extended spells of humidity and rain, allowing

77,49,682," Dayal stated. Further, in view of the increased passenger journeys, Delhi metro has decided to run one extra train on all its lines performing 84 extra trips today and tomorrow. These additional trains will be continued on coming weekdays also, if required.

"Tĥis trend further strengthens Delhi Metro's acceptability as the most dependable, reliable,

Modi to distribute sanction letters in Jharkhand, Gujarat, **Odisha under PMAY** PTI 🗖 NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will distribute sanction letters to around 10 lakh beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) and transfer their first instalments, amounting to around Rs 3,180 crore, on September 17 in Odisha, Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced on Shivraj Friday.

The Prime Minister will also launch the "Awas Plus 24" application that aims at ensuring the allotment of pucca houses by including eligible beneficiaries in the list at the event that will be held in Bhubaneswar.

According to the rural development ministry, in the current financial year, Odisha has been given a target of 22,572 houses against which an amount of Rs 41.32 crore has been released.

The Prime Minister will also distribute sanction letters to about 20,000 beneficiaries of Jharkhand at an event in Jamshedpur on September 15.

Government plans to Centre to transform over two lakh introduce the 'Golden dirty spots in Swachhata campaign City Club' initiative PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Housing and Urban Affairs,

Manohar Lal, in his address,

said that the campaign, this

year, takes big leap from

'Cleanliness is Service' to

Swabhav

as

was going to his office, stated,

"MB Road sewer is choked

and the road is flooded with

waterlogging due to which

there is huge traffic jam. It's so

painstaking to travel from this

stretch. Someone needs to

daily life. Exacerbating the

deployment after the Hindu

outfits gave the call for the

Raising slogans of "Jai Shri

Ram", the protesters initially

they made attempts to proceed

stopped by police, who used

mosque stands on 232 square

metres of land while the

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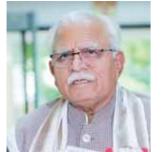
PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELH

The government is planning to introduce the 'Golden City Club' initiative aimed at recognising cities that consistently excel in development various indicators, Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced on Friday.

Khattar explained that this initiative will create a special category for cities which hold top ranks in government assessments across the country.

"This year, we have devised a plan where those cities that come first every time will be grouped into a separate category called the 'Golden City Club," the union minister said

He further elaborated that only cities securing top positions in their respective categories would be included in the club. Each year, a new its vertical will be added to this prestigious club.



"Every year, the top-ranking city will join the Golden City Club, and there will be separate competitions for this club," Khattar explained.

However, the club will not be permanent for its members. Cities that fail to maintain their golden status will be downgraded.

"If any city is no longer 'golden', it will be 'golden', it will be downgraded from the club," Khattar said.

This new initiative, aimed at fostering competition and cities bette toward

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parameters, he added.

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targeting entre Ctimebound & targeted transformation of around two lakhs very difficult and dirty spots during the 'Swabhav Śwachhata Sanskaar (4S)' Swachhata 2024 campaign, theme of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) for this year. These Cleanliness Target Units (CTUs) is the key highlight of this year campaign and involves identification of CTUs and mapping through a portal. This was announced by Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Manohar Lal and Union Minister for Jal Shakti, C R Patil at the curtain raiser event of the campaign, held at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan in New Delhi on Friday.

The Ministers informed that Central PSUs, Industry partners and NGOs are being encouraged to adopt CTUs. The campaign includes mega cleanliness drives at various sites like tourist locations, development, is expected to public buildings, commercial Jinnunity

public toilets, water bodies,

sanctuaries through



world's largest Jan shramdaan & collective action. the Andolan, this campaign is just All Central Ministries and States are planning various a medium to put forward the citizen engagement activities. whole of society and whole of government front to set an The campaign is set to rollout from 17th Sept and will example at the global level culminate on October 2, birth altogether. anniversary of Mahatma The Minister informed that Gandhi. Union Minister for

Sanskaar' of each individual of land reclaimed is 4,500 acres. state

there are approximately 2,300 dumpsites in urban areas with 22 Crore Metric Tons of waste out of which 427 Crore dumpsites with 9 Crore metric tons of waste has been aletela remediated and

at making the shift from door to door to collection to 100% processing.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Jal Shakti, C R Patil said that over 93 percent women in the country have access to toilets and as per recent WHO report, the mission has reduced infant mortality by around three lakhs during first five years on the mission. Shri Patil said that 2014, Swachh Bharat Mission announced from the ramparts of Red Fort in Delhi by PM Narendra Modi, has become a Jan Andolan for behaviour change and is now globally identified as a powerful intervention for infant mortality, disease reduction, and improved livelihood opportunities.

MoS, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs Tokhan Sahu alongside senior officials from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, Ministry of Rural development, Ministry of Panchayati Raj and

governments

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Time for India to take lead now in fostering culture of international arbitration: CJI

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PTI NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud on Friday said time has come for the country to take lead in fostering a culture of arbitration, international providing a level playing field for dispute resolution beyond domestic courts.

people to avoid road blockages and delays caused

by heavy rains, ensuring they

reach their destinations on time," Dayal remarked. He

interconnectivity of the

metro network through 29

interchange stations has also

connectivity enabling people

to reach any corner of Delhi-

NCR in the most convenient

that

added

enhanced

manner.

He said respect for the rule of law promotes fairness, stability and predictability which in turn creates a conducive environment for economic growth as investors thrive in a system where rights are protected, contracts are enforced and disputes are resolved efficiently. Speaking at a conference on

international arbitration and the rule of law here. Justice Chandrachud said a strong rule of law framework also encourages foreign investment, promotes trade and enhances a nation's competitiveness, global ultimately driving sustainable economic development and standards.

"The rule of law shares a

the creation of an environment which fosters economic stability and growth. Rule of law principles are, in other words, the virtual semi-conductors of our digital era," he said.

The CJI said the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has predicted a seven per cent growth in GDP for India for 2024-25, making the country rank at the virtual top of the ladder, and the World Bank has followed the suit.

He also referred to figures about gross foreign direct nt inflows in India

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Kejriwal is the seventh accused to get bail in the Delhi excise policy scamrelated cases after AAP leaders Sanjay Singh and Manish Sisodia, BRS leader K Kavitha, AAP's former communication in-charge Vijay Nair, Hyderabad-based

businessman Arun Ramchandra Pillai and alleged "middleman" Vinod Chauhan. Kejriwal filed two separate pleas before the top court — one challenging the legality of his arrest by CBI and a second plea seeking bail.

While the latter was allowed. the former was rejected. Kejriwal, who was arrested by the ED in the excise policy case on March 21, was granted interim bail on May 10 for campaigning in the Lok Sabha polls and has been in jail since June 2 when he surrendered.

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Instead our city planners and municipal officers are busy raking in the moolah and giving planning permission willy-nilly and arresting innocent parties when things go wrong, like what happened in Mukherjee Nagar earlier this monsoon. Instead of

desilting the drains well ahead century city. the monsoons and

investing in new buses, the same old tamasha happens point, let us ensure that the image of a submerged vehicle year after year. Our city at Minto Bridge never politicians are busy trying to happens again. Because as score brownie points against long as that keeps happening, each other instead of looking the citizens of Delhi and the for solutions towards making NCR will know that the India's capital a twenty-first authorities are not serious.

solve this urgently and think about the well being of common citizens." The city is under a yellow And if we want to make a alert, indicating adverse weather conditions and the potential for worsening conditions that could disrupt

Traffic horror in Delhi NCR with heavy downpour... traffic situation created due to waterlogging, potholes have also made the journey hard The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) received 24 calls regarding waterlogging and 14 related to tree falling for Delhiites. "A pothole on Mukarba Chowk flyover from Prashant Vihar flyover is from across the city. Another commuter Nitin Garg, who causing traffic jams," a 40-

the society. He said that being He said that the Mission aims present during the event.

year-old Manoj said. People added that due to the closure of side roads in Mahipalpur, the situation has worsened with increased traffic Department (IMD). congestion in the area.

Breakdown of buses on Palam-Dwarka flyover, Bhairon Marg, Chattarpur, Mehrauli-Badarpur road and Ashram flyover among other areas also caused inconvenience making the jams in arterial junctions of the city worse.

Due to rains, the city's

Safdarjung recorded 29.6 mm of rainfall, while the Ridge station recorded 69.4 mm, Delhi University 56.5 mm, Lodhi Road 28.2 mm, Aya Nagar 19.5 mm and Palam 18 mm in the last 24 hours ending at 8. 30 am Friday, according to data shared by the Indian Meteorological

Informing the public about traffic disruptions due to waterlogging, the police posted photos and videos and advised people to avoid affected areas and take alternate routes.

Traffic is affected on NH-48 in the carriageway from Dhaula Kuan towards Mahipalpur due to water

primary weather station at logging at GGR PDR. Kindly plan your journey accordingly," the Delhi Traffic Police wrote in a post on X. In several posts, the police also informed that traffic was affected on multiple roads, including Lala Lajpat Rai Marg in the carriageway from Kalkaji towards Defence Colony, Main Kanjhawla Road in the carriageway from Budh Vihar towards Puth Khurd, Outer Ring Road, Rohtak Road in the carriageway from Nangloi towards Tikri Border and vice versa.

> The traffic was also affected on MB Road in the carriageway from Khanpur T-Point towards Mehrauli and vice versa as well as on Guru

Teg Bahadur Road in both directions from Ring Road towards Patel Chest in front of Khalsa College.

Similarly, ĞTK Road experienced disruptions on both carriageways from Mukarba Chowk towards Azadpur Chowk and vice versa due to waterlogging near GTK Depot and Jahangirpuri Metro Station. The Main Outer Ring Road saw traffic jams in the carriageway from Bhera Enclave Roundabout towards Peeragarhi, caused by waterlogging and an overflow of sewer water near Nagin Lake Apartments, Peeragarhi. "Kindly avoid Mundka and take an alternate route accordingly," the police said.

Gym owner shot dead in Delhi's...

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The deceased is survived by his mother and two brothers. Shah's father Zahir Shah hailed from Afghanistan and had shifted to Delhi several years ago. "Shah received three to four bullets in a firing done by a person. He was talking to someone outside his Sharx Gym when he was shot with multiple bullets at about 10.44 pm," police said. CCTV of the incident surfaced on social media in which Shah could be seen talking with a person when one of the attackers walked towards him and opened a spree of firing in a close range. The attacker fled away, as police suspect, on а motorbike on which his associate was waiting for him.

Minutes after the incident, a purported social media post from an account in the name of gangster Rohit Godara took the responsibility of

Shah's shooting. "Shooting has been instructed by a jailed criminal Sameer Baba because Shah was troubling in their business. Whoever will support our rival and trouble us will be shot like this," the post said. The post also mentioned

names of jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi's associates "Rohit Godara, Goly Brar, adding he had received Gogi gang and Kala Rana gang". DCP South Ankit Chauhan said, "On Thursday at 10:57 PM, information regarding firing at GK 1, New Delhi and about an injured person being taken to Max

Hospital was received at Greater Kailash police station, New Delhi."

The police personnel on reaching the spot found some bullet projectiles and empty cartridges. On enquiry, it was found that Shah, a resident of CR Park, had suffered bullet injuries.

The attackers came on a two wheeler, fired at him and ran Nadir Shah was away. immediately rushed to the hospital by his friends but was declared dead," Chauhan said, around five bullets.

The investigations are on from all possible angles, he added. The police suspect a case of rivalry but did not rule out the possibility of a gang war.

Hindu groups demand demolition...

In Mandi, however, police had 45 square metres. stepped up security with heavy

> Iqbal Ali, a member of the mosque committee, on Thursday said, "PWD officials had informed us that a wall of the mosque was in PWD land and we were served a notice. So we decided to demolish the

unauthorised The construction was on a plot of The management committee land which belongs to the of the Jail Road mosque in Mandi was on Friday served a public works department. The notice by the municipal department and the municipal corporation to remove the corporation had earlier served portion built on encroached notices on the mosque within 30 days. management committee in According to the notice, the this connection.

Members of the VHP and the Bajrang Dal have demanded that all illegal structures belonging to the Muslim community be demolished, alongside encroachments on Government land across the

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu appealed to the people of the State to maintain peace and brotherhood.

"I have appealed to everyone to maintain peace and make no provocative statements. No one is allowed to take the law into their hands. We respect everyone. The land of Himachal respects all religions," Sukhu said after an all-party meeting in Shimla. Referring to the protest by

Hindu organisations demanding the demolition of the unauthorised structure of the mosque in Mandi town, he said Himachal Pradesh is a

state of protest. "There are protests by Dev Bhumi, the BJP, the CPI(M) and the unemployed."

"We all sitting here is a product of the student Sukhu said, movement," adding that protest is a part of democracy but they should be peaceful. He said the people of the Muslim community have themselves come forward and offered to demolish unauthorised structures. They even demolished a portion of the mosque in Mandi on

Thursday, Sukhu added. The Chief Minister said the all-party meeting agreed that peace and brotherhood should prevail in the state and that all unauthorised construction should be dealt with strictly as per the law. No one has the right to hurt the sentiments of any community, he added.

well as the overseas direct symbiotic relationship with investment.

Centre renames Port Blair as Sri Vijaya Puram

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He said the Andaman and Nicobar Islands have an "unparalleled place" in the freedom struggle and history, and the island territory that once served as the naval base of the Chola Empire is now poised to be the critical base for India's strategic and development

aspirations. 'It is also the place that hosted the first unfurling of our Tiranga by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Ji and also the cellular jail in which Veer Savarkar Ji and other freedom fighters were detained during their struggle for an independent nation," he said.

approval granted was just for This came a day after members of the Muslim community demolished an unauthorised portion of the State. mosque on their own.

held a march in the Mandi market area and sat on a dharna at Seri manch. Later, towards the mosque but were water cannons to disperse wall."

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SC again compares CBI to caged parrot, asks agency to dispel notion

RAJESH KUMAR 📕 NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court's sting-L ing observation in 2013 that the CBI is a "caged parrot" came back to haunt the agency and the Modi government on Friday when Justice Ujjal Bhuyan on Friday came down heavily on the premier agency for arresting the Delhi chief minister in the corruption case linked to excise policy 'scam', and said it must dispel the notion of being a caged parrot. The "caged parrot" observations by Justice Bhuyan brought back the memories of similar remarks made by the apex court during the hearing in the coal scam case in May 2013. In May 2013, Supreme

Court judge Justice RM Lodha (since retired) dubbed the CBI as a "caged parrot speaking in master's voice", during the infamous coal scam case. The "caged parrot" remarks by the apex court in 2013 were latched on by the then-opposition parties to attack the then-Manmohan Singh-led UPA government over corruption allegations. In recent times, opposition parties have been severely criticising the central probé agencies like the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate for targeting their leaders, allegedly at the behest of the BJP-led Centre. After the BJP came to power in 2014, Congress and other opposi-tion groups have repeatedly

accused the party of misusing agencies like the CBI, the Enforcement Directorate, and the Income Tax Department. The voices have only grown louder with the arrest of leaders like the Congress' P Chidambaram and DK Shivakumar, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, Bharat Rashtra Samithi's K Kavitha and the AAP's Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia, and Sanjay Singh, among others.

Justice Bhuyan, in his 31-page verdict, highlighted that in a democracy governed by the rule of law, perception is crucial, and the CBI must be seen as impartial and independent.



Writing a separate concurring judgment granting bail to the AAP convenor and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Justice Bhuyan questioned the timing of Kejriwal's arrest by the CBI and said it aimed to frustrate the grant of

bail to him in the ED case. Justice Surya Kant did not find any illegality in the CBI arrest.

Justice Bhuyan observed that in a functional democracy governed by the rule of law, perception matters and like

Caesar's wife, an investigating agency must be above board. Not so long ago, this court had castigated the CBI comparing it to a caged parrot. CBI must dispel the notion of it being a caged parrot. Rather, the perception should be that of an uncaged parrot," Justice Bhuyan said in his 31page concurring verdict granting bail to Kejriwal.

[°]CBI is a premier investigat-ing agency of the country. It is in the public interest that CBI must not only be above board but must also be seem to be so. Rule of law, which is a basic feature of our constitutional republic, mandates that investigation must be Not so long ago, this Court fair, transparent and judihad castigated must be above cious. This Court has time board. It is imperative that

and again emphasized that fair investigation is a fundamental right of an accused person under Articles 20 and 21 of the Constitution of India. Investigation must not only be fair but must be seem to be so. Every effort must be made to remove any perception that investigation was not carried out fairly and that the arrest was made in a highhanded and biased manner," justice Bhuyan said in his order. Justice Bhuvan said in a functional democracy governed by the rule of law, per-ception matters. "Like Caesar's wife, an investigating agency must be above board.

CBI dispel the notion of it being a caged parrot. Rather, the perception should be that of an uncaged parrot," he said in his judgement.

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The CBI officially didn't react to the SC observations. Agency sources, however, pointed out that the investigating team did not rush to arrest Kejriwal and approached court for custody only when new evidence emerged.

'The decision for custodial interrogation was taken by probe team after fresh evidence emerged from Goa about not just knowledge but also direct involvement of Kejriwal in the hawala money trail for AAP Goa election funding," sources said.

Kejriwal released from Tihar jail, AAP leaders celebrate

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relebrations erupted outside as senior AAP leaders and workers gathered to welcome their party supremo and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday, who in his first remarks after stepping out, said that he will continue to fight "anti-national" forces working to weaken the nation, and asserted the incar-ceration has only strengthened his resolve.

"Some people in the country, anti-national forces want to weaken the country, want to divide the country. Today judges are being threatened. Attempts are being made to weaken the Election Commission. We have to fight against this. My fault is not that I have committed corruption, my fault is that I have spoken against such antinational forces. I will continue to fight against such forces," Kejriwal said, who received a resounding welcome by his party leaders and supporters.

Hours after the Supreme Court granted him bail in the Delhi excise policy case, Kejriwal stepped out of the jail and addressed party workers from the sunroof of a vehicle while raising slogans of 'Inquilab Zindabad' and 'Vande Mataram'.

prayed for my release. You ing Punjab Chief Minister



have braved rain to come Bhagwant Mann and former here and I am thankful to you. Delhi deputy chief minister Every drop of my blood is Manish Sisodia, were waiting dedicated in the service of my outside the prison to welcome Kejriwal. Drenched in rain, nation. In my entire life, I have faced difficulties but the Mann, Sisodia raised slogans God has always been with from atop a truck hailing me," he said, stressing that the Kejriwal. Earlier, celebrations also jail time has strengthened his resolve. erupted outside the AAP

'They put me in jail to break me but my resolve has only grown stronger. Jails cannot break me. I will continue my fight against anti-national forces," he said.

Kejriwal also held a roadshow Kejriwal chooth gaye". near Chandgiram Akhara in Several AAP leaders including Civil Lines where scores of Delhi Minister Saurabh aap supporters and workers Bharadwaj and workers gathgathered and raised party ered outside the party headflags and banners with quarters and burst crackers to 'Satyam Jayate' written on it. celebrate the release of their Hundreds of Aam Aadmi party supremo. Party (AAP) workers and They were also seen dancing to the beats of 'dhols' outside "I want to thank people who senior party leaders, includ-

Outside the chief minister's residence, Kejriwal's wife, Sunita Kejriwal, who became active in politics after his arrest, along with senior AAP leaders were seen celebrating the bail. "BJP's plans have been foiled. They wanted to put opposition leaders behind the bars to stay in power," Sunita Kejriwal said.

Sisodia stated that Kejriwal was not arrested for any wrongdoing or corruption. 'The BJP could not win the elections against us and could not break our party, so they orchestrated this arrest as a form of insurance, hoping that by imprisoning Kejriwal, they would cause our party to crumble and their government to fall," he said.

Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh asserted that after Kejriwal's release, they will participate headquarters with jubilant strongly in the assembly elec-AAP leaders and workers tions of Haryana and Delhi. seen distributing sweets and Further, Bharadwaj demandraising slogans like "Aa gaye ed the resignation of Union bhai aa gaye, Kejriwal aa gaye" Home Minister Amit Shah. and "jail ke taale toot gaye, "After the decision of the Supreme Court, if there is even an iota of integrity left Central within the Government, the Union Home Minister should resign, because the CBI comes under the Home Ministry. The court has clearly said that the central agency is working with malice and deceit," affirmed the Delhi Minister.

Kejriwal has no right to continue as CM: BJP lashes out at AAP for celebrating "Although the development of

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Delhi BJP on Friday lashed out at the AAP leaders for celebrating the bail of their party supremo Arvind Kejriwal, granted by the Supreme Court, and said that he has no right to continue as the Chief Minister.

The BJP on Friday said Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal should immediately resign from his post as the Supreme Court has granted him only conditional bail and that he continues to be an accused in a corruption case linked to the excise policy 'scam'. The BJP said the top court has categorically barred him from doing work as chief minister.

During a press conference at the party headquarters here, BJP national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia said, "The Supreme Court has shown a mirror to 'kattar beimaan' (outright dishonest) Arvind Kejriwal while granting bail to him. He should immediately resign after this." Kejriwal continues to be an accused in the case as the court has granted him conditional bail, he said, adding that neither have the charges against him been quashed nor has he been

acquitted. South Delhi MP Ramvir Singh Bidhuri said that there is a constitutional crisis arises in Delhi as Supreme Court while granting bail to Kejriwal has directed him to stop from working as CM. He said now Arvind Kejriwal can not visit CM Office, can not even sign any file, he should clarify that then how he would run the Delhi Government.

State BJP President Virendra Sachdeva said, "In the Arvind Kejriwal case, the Supreme Court has made it clear that his arrest is legal, the charges against him are legal. The AAP supremo getting conditional bail is not a special achievement, the trial will go on and he will soon get a long sentence." He also added that due to the conditions on which he has been granted bail, he has no right to continue as the Chief Minister. "When he cannot do the work of a Chief Minister, then why does he want to continue as the Chief Minister? If he is truthful, then he should explain why he has been granted bail with such conditions?" Sachdeva questioned.

Sachdeva claimed that the essential services have been halted because of his jail.

Bail given to Kejriwal legal procedure, claims Delhi has been at a standstill for Congress the last nine and a half years, STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI but due to the Chief Minister

> Devender Yadav on Friday called the bail by the Supreme Court to Arvind Kejriwal 'a legal procedure' while stating that the people want change and not a government in a limbo without a non-functioning Chief Minister.

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his and the character of the

AAP before the people. People

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alleged. New Delhi BJP MP Bansuri With months left for the Delhi Swaraj said that AAP leaders assembly elections, he asserted are celebrating corruption and that the Congress will return to misleading the public. "Even power. "Arvind Kejriwal's conthe Supreme Court has found ditional bail by the Supreme that Arvind Kejriwal's arrest Court, after many rejections, in legally justified. the liquor scam case, was a legal Kejriwal had filed two petiprocedure, though he cannot go to office and function as

tions, one questioning the legality of his arrest and the other seeking bail, but the trial court, high court, and now the Supreme Court have all upheld that his arrest was legal," Swaraj asserted, adding that Kejriwal is a careless Chief Minister of an indiffer-

being in jail for the last six

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standstill and now when the

Chief Minister is being stopped from going to the office, then

it is clear that Kejriwal is the

Chief Minister only for the

bungalow, car and security," he

ent government. Northeast Delhi MP Manoj Tiwari said that an accused is coming out on bail, and he is a criminal to the people of Delhi because he has committed crimes against them.

has been celebrating the bail as if he has been absolved of all the corruption charges against him.

SC rejects CBI submission that Kejriwal be taken to trial court with plea seeking bail

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edly facilitate that court to form a prima facie opinion on bail, it said. The top court said an undertrial the gravity of the offence and should, ordinarily, first the degree of involvement of the accused A bench of Justices Surya Kant as this process not only provides and Ujjal Bhuyan, however, the accused an opportunity for said there can be no straitjacket formula which enumerates high court to serve as a secthat every case concerning the ondary avenue if the trial court consideration of bail should denies bail for inadequate readepend upon the filing of a sons.

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mula exists for determining high court directly without first seeking relief from the trial court, it is generally appropriate for the high court to rediapproach the trial court for bail, rect them to the trial court at the threshold. "Nevertheless, if there are significant delays following notice, initial relief but also allows the it may not be prudent to relegate the matter to the trial court at a later stage. Bail being closely tied to personal liberty, such claims should be adjudi-

the material that an investigat- Each case ought to be assessed should adhere to this proce- cated promptly on their merits, He canvassed that Kejriwal ing of a charge sheet is a change of the appellant, in practical edural technicalities," Justice Kant said in his 27-page judgment. Additional Solicitor General S V Raju, appearing for the CBI, had argued that Kejriwal should be relegated to the trial court as he approached the high court directly for bail.Raju urged that Kejriwal should not be granted any special treatment merely because of the position of power he holds or his political stature.

ing authority may have been on its own merits, recognising dural recourse from the outset. rather than oscillating between deserves to be treated like any in the circumstances," Justice terms it has only resulted in Justice Bhuyan, who wrote a separate 33-page judgment, wrote that if the high court thought of remanding Kejriwal to the trial court, it could have done so at the threshold itself. 'After issuing notice, after hearing the parties at length and after reserving the judgment for about a week, the above order was passed by the high court. Though couched in a language which appears to be in favour

nongn the appellant for a far longer period, impacting his personal liberty," Justice Bhuyan said. The top court granted bail to Kejriwal in the corruption case, saying prolonged incarceration amounts to unjust deprivation of liberty. According to the CBI and the ED, irregularities were committed while modifying the excise policy and undue favours extended to licence holders.

The Supreme Court on Triday rejected the CBI's submission that Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal should be sent to the trial court with his plea seeking bail in the corruption case lodged by the agency in connection with the excise policy 'scam'. The top court said that gener-

ally, the trial court should consider the prayer seeking bail once a charge sheet is filed as charge sheet.

"However, superior courts

must first approach the trial court for bail. The apex court said the issue was more or less academic in the instant case as the high court did not relegate Kejriwal to the trial court at the preliminary stage.

Since notice was issued and the parties were apparently heard on merits by the high court, we do not deem it necessary at this stage to relegate the appellant to the trial court even though fil-

LG directs DDA to keep its call centres open this Sunday, Monday

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Intending to address public Lqueries effectively and uninterruptedly on Delhi D e v e l o p m e n t Authority(DDA)Housing Schemes, 2024, Delhi Lt Governor V K Saxena has directed it to keep its call centre open this Sunday and Monday.

Normally, DDA's call centre having number 1800110332 operates from Monday to Saturday (10 AM -6 PM) and remains close on Sunday and gazetted holidays. The opening of Call

Centre will provide necessary assistance to the buyers, as calls volume have increased three to four times, DDA official said on Friday. Giving details, they said, the booking of DDA's Sasta Ghar Scheme and Madhyam Vargiya Scheme started on September 10 and it has received impressive response from the buyers, with over 1,400 flats sold in just three days.

Moreover, the flats in Jasola have been completely sold out and there is good demand for flats in Narela, Rohini, Ramgarh and Siraspur. Besides, as part of DDA's commitment to hand over demand letters within 24 hours, all buyers



have been provided demand letters. The scheme continues to generate interest of the buyers and prospective buyers can log on to DDA's website www.dda.gov.in to book the flat.

Besides, the last date for EMD submission for Dwarka Housing Scheme is September 17 and there are a number of queries from the prospective buyers for the MIG, HIG, Super HIG flats and Penthouse in Dwarka.

The demand for flats in Narela has also been encouraging, as the Lt Governor has placed significant impetus on civic infrastructure, with many projects in the pipeline. The upcoming Education Hub

with all university campuses,

proposed International Sports Complex, institutions, court complex, policing and enhanced connectivity, have played a catalytic role in making Narela a preferred choice of

buyers. Apart from these, the approval from the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, for the Rithala-Narela-Kundli corridor of the Delhi Metro has also enhanced its locational advantage

Besides, DDA's pre and post sale services have also contributed to the sale seamless information to buyers and handing over all property related and ownership documents to the buyers helped generate customer confidence and trust towards DDA.

MCD standardises rates for activities at cremation grounds

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The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has standardized the rates for various activities at cremation grounds under its jurisdiction. Rates have been marginally reduced with the approval of the competent authority. A board displaying the revised rates has been placed outside every MCD crematorium.

According to the revised rates, fuel wood per quintal will be charged at Rs 700, CNG cremation is capped at Rs 1500, electric cremation at Rs 500, 'pandit sanskar' (last rites) at Rs 500, 'asthi' collection (ash collection) at Rs 350, child burial at Rs 300 and maintenance charges at Rs 150.

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For the hearse van service used for transporting the deceased's body, the charges have been capped at Rs 500 for travel under the MCD's jurisdiction and Rs 800 beyond the MCD's jurisdiction. The rates of these services were fixed earlier as well

The rates for various activities have been marginally decreased with the approval from the competent authority, a senior civic body official



erstwhile Municipal Previous complaints about Corporations with effect from certain crematoriums over-22/05/2022 vide MHA notification dated 18/05/2022 and charging prompted the MCD to issue this order, insisting on in order to bring in uniformity, the rates pertaining to strict implementation of the various activities at cremation "Taking a stock of these comgrounds under jurisdiction of Municipal Corporation of Delhi are described as under," plaints, the MCD issued the order to strictly implement the fixed prices for the activthe order read.

The MCD has around 42 wood based crematoriums for the Hindus, 11 CNG and A board carrying the revised rates has been installed outelectric based crematoriums, side every civic body cremasix dedicated for infants, nine torium and the NGO ingraveyards for the Muslims charge of running the operaand four burial grounds for tions there has been asked to the Christians.

Their operations are run by assigned Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs).

Transport Minister constitutes panel of IIT-Delhi experts to probe recent bus fire incidents

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TIT-Delhi experts will enquire Labout the recent incidents of bus fires and have recommended the names of six people who will serve as members of the committee following directions from Delhi Minister Kailash Gahlot to the Transport Department to constitute a committee to enquire into the recent incidents.

The committee will be chaired by Professor Anjan Ray, Department of Mechanical Engineering, and comprise experts from multiple departments, including Mechanical, Electrical, and Chemical Engineering, as well as the Centre for Automotive Research, the statement read. "The safety of passengers is our top priority. These unfortunate incidents underline the need for thorough investigation and immediate preventive steps. The committee formed in collaboration with IIT-Delhi will bring in the necessary expertise to help us identify the root causes and ensure the safe operation of public transport buses in Delhi. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the Delhi government is determined to ensure safe travel of passengers,'

Gahlot said in a statement. He added that the committee will investigate the causes of both electric and CNG bus fires and assess the role of bus maintenance in these incidents

It will also recommend technological interventions to alert drivers in case of potential fires and will be involved in identifying the training needs for drivers and conductors to handle emergencies. It will also be proposing preventive measures to avoid such incidents in the future.

The committee is expected to submit its interim report within three weeks and the final report within eight weeks from the date of its formation. The committee comprises Ray of the Department of Mechanical Engineering as chairperson, and the other members include A K Saroha, Department of Chemical Engineering, Krishnakant Agrawal, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Sumit Kumar Pramanick, Department of Electrical Engineering, Saurabh Saxena, Centre for Automotive Research and Tribology, and Rahul Goel, Transportation Research and Injury Prevention Centre, who will serve as Member-Convenor.

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Jaishankar reveals his father WHO grants first authorisation for Monkeypox vaccine was on hijacked flight in 1984

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xternal Affairs Minister S EJaishankar on Friday revealed that his father was on a hijacked flight in 1984 and said he had a unique window on "both sides" in such situations – the perspective of family members and those in the Government. He disclosed this during an interaction with Indian community in Geneva.

Jaishankar was answering a question about the recently released television series on the hijacking of IC814 in 1999.

Jaishankar told the audience how as a young officer then, he was part of the team dealing with the hijack situation on the one hand and on the other, he was part of the group of families putting pressure on the Government.

During the question and answer session after his address to the Indian community, a member of the audience asked the Minister about his comments on the recently released series Kandahar 'IC814: The

Postal department

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The postal department will provide doorstep delivery of

services to aged pensioners to help them submit their digital life certificates (DLCs), accord-

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Hijack' on Netflix, which he showed said, "the bureaucracy and the Government dealing with hijacking in poor light." With a disclaimer that he has not watched the series, Jaishankar went on to reveal his personal connection with the hijacking incident. "In 1984 there was a

working."And discovered, my father was on the flight. The flight ended up in Dubai. It's a long story, but fortunately, nobody got hijacking. I was a very young killed. It could have ended as officer. I was part of the team a problem," he added. which was dealing with it. On August 24, 1984, an commented, evoking peals of I rang up my mother, Indian Airlines flight from laughter from the audience.

Delhi hijacked over Pathankot and ultimately taken to Dubai. After more than 36 hours, 12 pro-Khalistani hijackers surrendered to authorities and released all 68 passengers and six crew members unharmed. Jaishankar was an IFS officer and became a minister after

his retirement. His father K Subrahmanyam was an IAS officer and a regular commentator on strategic issues.

"And it was interesting because on the one hand, was part of the team which was working on the hijacking. On the other hand, was part of the family members who are pressing the Government for the hijacking. So actually, I have that very unique window on both sides, in that sense of the problem," he added.

"So, often these are situations and movie guys don't make the Governments look good. The hero is supposed to look good. Then nobody would watch the movie and you got to accept that," he



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m he}$ World Health Organization (WHO) on Friday said it has granted its first authorisation for the use of a vaccine against Mpox in adults, marking a crucial advancement in combating the disease in Africa and elsewhere.

The prequalification of the vaccine from Bavarian Nordic A/S allows organizations like GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, and UNICEF to purchase it. However, with only one manufacturer producing the currently vaccine, supplies are limited, which could impact the distribution and availability in affected regions.

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Last week, India also reported its first mpox case. The patient, a native of Haryana is recuperating at the LNJP Hospital here. However, the Government said that it was an isolated case and there was no immediate risk to the

public at large. The MVA-BN vaccine can be administered in people over 18-years of age as a 2-dose injection given 4 weeks apart. After prior cold storage, the vaccine can be kept at 2-8°C for up to 8 weeks.

The prequalification approval is expected to facilitate timely and increased access to this vital product in communities with urgent need, to reduce transmission and help contain WHO's outbreak. assessment for



Third edition of INDUS-X Summit concludes in US

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The third edition of the INDUS-X Summit concluded in the United States, marking a progress in the advancement of a joint defence innovation ecosystem in India and the USA. Held on September nine-10, the Summit was a landmark event jointly organised by the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) and Stanford University, defence ministry said here on Friday.

During the summit, Memorandum Understanding (MoU) was

signed between iDEX and the Defence Innovation Unit (DIU) under the US Department of Defence, to increase co-operation in defence innovation and deepen collaboration to facilitate industry, research, and investment partnerships among the stakeholders. Other key highlights of the

Summit included announcement of a new challenge under INDUS-X, release of the INDUS-X Impact Report and launch of the official INDUS-X webpage on the iDEX and DIU websites.

The Summit offers a platform for joint showcase of next generation technologies by startups/MSMEs. It also enables critical dialogue through Senior Advisory Group and Senior Leaders Forum, the two advisory forums under INDUS-X.'The discussions focused, interalia, on future technology trends, capacity building of funding startups, opportunities for defence innovations and strengthening defence supply chains.

Distinguished experts from from both kers

Amit Shah to address 75th inaugural session of Hindi as official language

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between them, the release said.

conceptualised organising Hindi

Diwas on a large scale in various cities

of the country in 2019. Realising this concept, Hindi Diwas and the first Akhil Bharatiya Rajbhasha Sammelan were organised in Varanasi in 2021.

After that, Hindi Diwas and the second and third Akhil Bharatiya

Rajbhasha Sammelan were organised

in Surat in 2022 and in Pune in 2023.

Organising Hindi Diwas event and Fourth Akhil Bharatiya Rajbhasha

Sammelan here is also special in the

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minister

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday will address inaugural ses-sion of official language diamond jubilee celebrations and 4th Akhil Jubilee celebrations and 4th Akim Bharatiya Rajbhasha Sammelan here to commemorate the completion of 75 years of Hindi becoming the official lan-

guage. Shah will also launch the diamond jubilee special issue of Rajbhasha Kirti' awards on the occasion.

Bharti' magazine on the occasion besides releasing a commemorative postage stamp and coin, an official release said. He will present the 'Rajbhasha Gaurav' and 'Rajbhasha

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been constantly emphasisng on the development of Hindi and Indian occasion as the diamond jubilee, the release said. languages and better coordination

The 75-year journey of Hindi becoming an official language has not only crossed many important milestones but also made continuous progress in the field of technology. During the two-day fourth Akhil Bharatiya Rajbhasha Sammelan, an in-depth discussion will be held on the progress of Hindi as an official language, public language and contact

language in last 75 years. Additionally, there will be discussion on 'India's cultural heritage and Hindi' and a session on three newly launched criminal laws -- Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita 2023, Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023, it added.

DRDO, Indian Navy test VLSRSAM

"This first prequalification of

a vaccine against mpox is an

important step in our fight

against the disease, both in the context of the current

outbreaks in Africa, and in future," said WHO Director-

General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. "We now need

procurement, donations and

rollout to ensure equitable

access to vaccines where they

are needed most, alongside

other public health tools, to

prevent infections, stop

transmission and save lives."

"The WHO prequalification of the MVA-BN vaccine will

help accelerate ongoing procurement of the mpox

vaccines by governments and

international agencies such as

Gavi and Unicef to help

frontlines of the ongoing

emergency in Africa and beyond," said Dr Yukiko Nakatani, WHO Assistant

Director-General for Access

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Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy have conducted back-to-back successful flight tests of the Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VLSRSAM). The second consecutive test was conducted on Friday from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), andinur Odisha

defence industry, investment firms, startups, academia, think tanks, accelerators, policy nations participated. Joint Secretary (Defence Industries Promotion)Amit Satija, who led the Indian delegation said the third edition of INDUS-X Summit reaffirmed the commitment of both the countries in advancing defence technology through innovation and strategic collaboration.



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one-30, 2024, in all district headquarters and major cities across India.

'A preparatory meeting to structure the DLC campaign 3.0 in all district post offices was held by V Srinivas, Secretary (DoPPW) with Sanjay Sharan Director General Postal Services, Rajul Bhatt Deputy General Posts Director and R Viswesvaran MD & CEO of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), among others, on September 12.

'It was agreed that district post offices will coordinate with pensioner welfare associations, pension disbursing banks and the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), among others, to conduct the DLC campaign 3.0 at district post offices, the statement issued by the Personnel Ministry said.

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Kolkata A bench of Justices B R Gavai and K V Viswanathan issued notices to the West Bengal Government, the Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) and others seeking their responses on a plea challenging the June 20 verdict of the Calcutta High Court.

The high court had dismissed a petition seeking a direction to forthwith stop all metro construction in the maidan area due to alleged felling and transplantation of a large number of trees.

"Till the next date, we direct that no new trees would be matter for hearing after three with felling of trees.

city. He said the route chosen for the metro project goes through maidan area and a number of trees would be felled or transplanted for it. "We perceive that a large number of trees will be felled," the petitioner's counsel said, adding, "let them adding, (authorities) come up with a

plan for these trees". The bench asked the counsel appearing for the RVNL to show it how the trees will be transplanted. n°Issue notice, returnable in three weeks," the felled or transplanted," the bench said. It further said, "In bench said and posted the the meantime, don't proceed bench said. It further said, "In

Gagency Staff Selection Commission (SSC) has warned of disciplinary and legal action against anyone found involved in any kind of malpractices related to its recruitment examinations.

The SSC has time and again brought to the notice of candidates and other stakeholders that anyone found to be disclosing, publishing, reproducing, transmitting, storing or facilitating transmission and storage of test contents in any form (verbal or written, them electronic or mechanical) of any information by any means "will be considered as serious misconduct and will be debarred/disqualified from exam", an official notice said. 'It said "taking away the rough papers supplied in the exam centre or found to be in unauthorized possession of

test content" will also be necessary, it added. considered as serious misconduct, thus liable for necessary action. "It has come to the notice of

the Commission that some persons are engaged in the aforesaid activities through social media i.E. YouTube, twitter, Facebook, etc.," said the SSC notice dated September 10.

'Disciplinary and legal action would be taken against such candidates persons/individuals involved as per rules and such matters would be reported to police, if

'The SSC is one of the largest recruitment agencies of the Government with its main mandate to conduct selections for non-gazetted posts in various central ministries and departments, among others. 'In another related move, the Centre had on Thursday allowed the SSC to perform Aadhaar-based authentication to verify the candidates' identity on a voluntary basis, both at the time of registration and during various stages of examinations and recruitment.

ministry said here.

The missile intercepted a high-speed aerial target, flying at a very low altitude and simulating a sea-skimming threat, which showcased its precision and capability to neutralise targets. 'This follows the earlier test on Thursday when the VLSRSAM missile effectively engaged another low-altitude target. These consecutive tests not only demonstrate the weapon system's reliability but also validate the recent upgrades made to various components of the system. 'Defence Minister Rajnath Singh lauded the DRDO, the Indian Navy and all associated teams for the successful flight tests and stated that this missile equipped with modern technologies will give further technological boost to the

armed forces.

The INDUS-X initiative is being steered by Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) on behalf of Ministry of Defence and Defence Innovation Unit (DIU) under the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD). Since the launch of INDUS-X during the Prime Minister's State visit to the United States in June 2023, the initiative has been able to achieve significant milestones in a short span of time.

Rahul Gandhi slams Government over Fungal resistance to antifungals urgently needs restaurant owner apology video Antimicrobial Resistance focus: Scientists

ARCHANA JYOTI NEW DELHI

Like bacteria with anti-to-con-fungal pathogens are increasingly ike bacteria with antibiotics, many developing resistance to antifungal drugs, scientists have highlighted this alarming trend while emphasising the need to include fungal pathogens in the broader Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) discussion. Ahead of the UN meeting on AMR later this month, they have called for including resistance developed in many fungal pathogens to

curb the superbugs. Intriguingly, while the threat of fungal pathogens and antifungal resistance has been on the rise across the world, the public health crisis has largely been "underrecognised" and "left out of the debate" by scientists, clinicians, Governments, and pharmaceutical companies.

Researchers from the University of Manchester, the University of The Lancet on Friday. Amsterdam, and the Westerdijk The scientists argued that focussing Institute revealed that many fungal on bacteria alone will not help fully



pathogens identified by the World Health Organization (WHO) are either already resistant or quickly acquiring resistance to antifungal treatments. These resistant pathogens are responsible for approximately 3.8 million deaths annually. The researchers have called for immediate global action, in a study published in

(AMR). They called for immediate action, without which resistance to fungal disease will escalate. Aspergillus, Candida, Nakaseomyces

Trichophyton glabratus, and indotineae are the major fungicide resistant infections. These can have devastating health impacts on the elderly and people with weak immune systems. Dr Norman van Rhijn from The University of Manchester said that invasive fungal diseases have been responsible for many drug resistance problems over the past decades.

Van Rhijn explained that "the close similarities between fungal and human cells make it hard to find treatments that selectively inhibit fungi with minimal toxicity to patients".

The scientists suggested a global consensus on limiting the use of certain classes of antifungal molecules. They also stressed the need

combat antimicrobial resistance for collaborating on solutions and regulations that ensure food security and universal health for animals, plants, and humans. Dr Manish Jhangra, Gurugram based

dermatologist who is not related with the study, said that India too is witnessing an alarming growing trend of antifungal resistance problem, with some fungal species exhibiting multidrug resistance. In India, up to 7 per cent of patients have a resistance to fluconazole, particularly non-albicans Candida specie while Tinea cruris and tinea corporis conditions which is endemic to India is resistant to the widely used drug terbinafine (TRB), he said citing various reports. Also, there has been a significant increase in chronic, relapsing cases of this condition in India. These cases are often resistant to conventional

antifungal drugs and doses, he said while stressing the need for global deliberation on the fungal resistance to the drugs.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Friday slammed the Government over a video in which a restaurant chain owner is purportedly "apologising" to Finance owner Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for voicing concerns about GST, and said that when "fragile egos" of those in power are hurt, it seems humiliation is what they will deliver. The opposition party also demanded an apology from the finance minister over the issue.

Tamil Nadu BJP chief K Annamalai said on behalf of the party's state unit, he sincerely apologises for the actions of "our functionaries shared who a private conversation between a



respected business owner and

Srinivasan Avl, the esteemed

owner of the Annapoorna

chain of Restaurants, to

unintended breach of privacy.

Annapoorna Srinivasan Anna is a pillar of Tamil Nadu's

contributing significantly to

the state's and nation's

economic growth. I request

everyone to lay the matter to

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Two videos were being

shared by several Congress

Annamalai said.

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leaders and in one of them at an event on September 11, Sree Annapoorna chain of restaurants owner Srinivasan is seen purportedly highlighting concerns over varying GST rates. In the second video Scient second video, Srinivasan was seen purportedly apologising in person to the Finance Minister.

'Rahul Gandhi said if this "arrogant Government" would listen to the people they would understand that a simplified GST would solve the problems of lakhs of businesses

'In a social media post, Rahul Gandhi said when the owner of a small business, like Annapoorna restaurant in Coimbatore, asks public servants for a simplified GST regime, his request is met with "arrogance and outright disrespect".



Fierce firefight in Kishtwar ahead of PM visit, two terrorists neutralised

MOHIT KANDHARI 🗖 JAMMU

fierce firefight broke out Abetween a heavily armed group of Pakistani terrorists and the joint team of security forces in the Chatroo area of Kishtwar late Friday evening ahead of the day-long visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to bolster the party's poll campaign in the erstwhile Doda district which is headed to polls in the first phase of polling on September

Two more terrorists were neutralized by the joint team of security forces in the Khandara top area of Basantgarh late Friday evening.

Sharing an update Rising Star paign meetings.

Corps of the Indian Army posted on X, "In the Joint operation launched on 11 Sep Two Terrorists Neutralised & days. Large War Like Stores Recovered. Operations con-

cluded" Meanwhile, security has been further beefed up in and around the venue of the Prime Minister's rally in Doda. At the same time, a general alert has been sounded in the entire Jammu region to prevent any other incident of terrorist violence ahead of the first round of polling on eight Assembly seats in the region. Additional troops have been deployed at vulnerable places such as party

This is the third incident of terrorist violence in the Jammu region in the last five Confirming the incident of a

firefight, a spokesman of the Jammu and Kashmir police in a brief statement said, 'Exchange of fire has taken place between search teams of security forces and hiding terrorists at Pingnal Dugadda forest area, upper reaches of Naidgham village under the jurisdiction of Police Station Chhatroo, District Kishtwar". Official sources claimed a group of three terrorists believed to be the cadre of the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit were trapped in the upper reaches of Chatroo. A team of the special forces of offices, and venues of cam-



out searches in the area when the Indian army and the jawans of the special operaa group of terrorists hiding tions group of Jammu and inside a dhok(temporary Kashmir police were carrying structure) attempted to ambush the security personnel. Swift action by the elite para commandos resulted in the ensuing gunfight in the area. Unconfirmed reports claimed a soldier also received injuries and was evacuated to a nearby hospital.

On September 11, two heavily armed Pakistani terrorists, hiding in the upper reaches of Basantgarh bordering Kathua and Udhampur districts, were neutralized by the joint team of security forces.

On September 9, two heavily armed terrorists believed to be Pakistani were neutralized by the troops of the Indian army while they were attempting to infiltrate inside the Indian territory in the Laam sector of Nowshera in

the frontier district of Rajouri on Monday.

The election managers are banking heavily on the popularity of the Prime Minister in the erstwhile Doda district. BJP had won 4 out of 6 assembly seats in 2014 Assembly polls. This time the party is aiming to retain all its four seats and wrest at least two other seats from the opposition camp.

The BJP is facing a tough challenge in the region as the alliance partners Congress and the National Conference have been making all efforts to win more than two seats. Rahul Gandhi also visited Ramban to address an election rally. On the other hand, Omar Abdullah has also

addressed a series of election meetings to boost the morale of the party workers.

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A senior BJP leader told The Pioneer, "We are banking heavily on the booster dose which our Prime Minister is expected to administer to the party workers ahead of the first phase of polling". So far the party candidates have received an impressive response on ground zero. The BJP is contesting all the

seats in the Jammu region and aims to replicate its 2014 performance when it won 25 out of 37 seats in the region. PM Modi is also expected to visit the Valley on September 19 when he will address another BJP election rally in Srinagar city.

Left planning attack on doctors to malign Government: Ghosh

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

The doctors' movement **I** over the rape and murder of a lady doctor inside the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital took a sharp turn with the Trinamool Congress spokesperson Kunal Ghosh on Thursday releasing an audio-tape suggesting some Left groups were planning attack on the agitating doctors to malign the State Government.

"The audio-tape pertains to a conversation between mem-bers of two Leftist organizations who are discussing the pros and cons of an attack on the doctors who are staging a sit-in demonstration outside the Swasthya Bhavan," Ghosh playing the tape said.

In the purported discussion between the two persons one is asking to send criminals to attack the doctors after their talks with the State Government fizzled out Thursday. While the other person however is reluctant



to mount such attack on Nagar Police Bidhan "people who save our lives" Commissionerate had instithe first person reminds him tuted a suo motu case and of the political dividend such started investigations into it, an attack could produce sources in the Government painting the Mamata said adding the police were on Banerjee Government in a high alert and security had bad light, Ghosh said adding been beefed up around the the audio tape was forwardarea where the doctors were ed to him by some sources staging a dharna demanding and the police were already justice for the RGKMCH victim and removal of top IPS investigating it. By late on Friday evening the officers including the Kolkata

entry to all the corruption-tainted leaders, Chennithala

said: "The government in Maharashtra is most corrupt.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

accused Ajit Pawar of involve-ment in a staggering Rs 70,000

PTI BENGALURU

Thoogudeepa along with his

friend Pavithra Gowda and

others, who are accused in the

Darshan and Pavithra, were

produced before the 24th

Additional Chief Metropolitan

Magistrate court through

video conferencing from var-

ious prisons across the state,

where they are lodged, as their

judicial custody ended today.

Police on September 4 had

submitted to the court a 3,991-

page preliminary chargesheet

The 47-year-old actor is cur-

rently lodged in Ballari prison.

He was shifted there from the

Parappana Agrahara Central

jail here by obtaining court

to the court in the case.

Renukaswamy murder case.

Police Commissioner Vineet Goyal, State Health Secretary and two Directors of Health for playing an alleged role in destroying evidence.

While the doctors would not speak immediately, the Left leaders demanded an investigation into the purported conspiracy saying, "the Government is trying not only to scare the doctors indirectly into withdrawing the movement but also defaming the Marxists.

"It is strange that the Government is so much scared of a party which has "zero" representation in Assembly.

"Mamata Banerjee is a viciously cunning politician who is trying to shoot many birds in a single shot ... she is scaring the doctors to withdraw the movement ... she is maligning the Left because the Left rallies are getting bigger and longer ... and she is trying to divert the attention from the RG Kar incident to a different side," Sujan

Chakrabarty a senior CPI(M) leader said. Curiously Ghosh's "revelation" came to the media in

tandem with reports that the Government had asked the Principals of all the 26 Medical Colleges to prepare a list of junior doctors who had joined the cease work campaign, sources said. Meanwhile, even as the doc-

tors said that their movement would go on until the Government spreads out the dialogue table and addresses their demands a Kolkata Court on Friday rejected an application filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation seeking Narco Analysis Test of Sanjoy Rai

the prime accused in the rape and murder case. "The ACJM Court while rejecting the CBI application said that such an act goes against the Fundamental

Rights of the person concerned if he is forced to undergo such test," a lawyer

Bengal Governor snaps social ties with CM, 'the Lady Macbeth'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA

Bengal Governor C.V. Ananda Bose has compared Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee with Lady Macbeth and snapped all social ties with her in the wake of RG Kar rape and murder case. Speaking in the backdrop of the State Government's shod-dy handling of the RG Kar rape and murder case the Governor on Thursday evening said "It is irony that the Health Minister happens to be the Home Minister. The Lady Macbeth of West Bengal holds the waters of Hooghly but cannot cleanse the tainted hands. The Home Minister is CM and CM is protesting instead of protecting. There is violence in the street, hospital, and cities."

"As the Governor of this State I am hurt ... I socially boycott her ... and I will not share any public platform with the Chief Minister. I Ghosh said that as a Governor he could not make such statewill take proactive steps ments. "A Governor has to against her for violating follow some Constitutional protocol being the Constitutional provisions. My role as the Governor will be Constitutional head ... here it confined to the Constitutional seems that he is more of a political person than a Reacting to Bose's remarks Constitutional person," TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said.

Jolt for BJP as three-time Maharashtra protests: Rahul takes centre stage as BJP-Congress trade charges former MP joins Congress T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI:

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

In a "ghar-wapsi" of sorts ahead of the State Assembly polls to be held later this year, the ruling BJP on Friday suffered a jolt as three-time former MP and its leader from Gondia in Vidarbha region Gopaldas



The ruling BJP and Congress traded charges against each other on Friday, as they staged protests in differ-ent parts of the Assembly pollbound Maharashtra in matters relating to the leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha

Rahul Gandhi. While the BJP held demoncrore scam, yet the BJP not only welcomed him but also made strations against the "antihim the deputy chief minister. The BIP-led alliance runs at Constitution" statements made ayaram gayaram government by Rahul Gandhi in the US, the in Maharashtra. The people of the state have made up their Congress staged protests mind to show it the door to the against the death threats hand-BJP in the state Assembly polls. ed to the leader of the Accusing the BJP of indulging Opposition in Lok Sabha by in false propaganda against BJP leader from Delhi and former MLA Tarvinder Singh Congress Rahul leader, Patole said: "Rahul Gandhi has all Marwah. along spoken about removing The BJP leaders -including State party chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule, 50 per cent on reservations so that all sections of society can benefit from the reservations. its national general secretary On its part, the BJP govern-Pankaja Munde, senior minisment sold off public instituter Chandrakant Patil and tions, destroyed jobs, and Mumbai city president Ashish weakened constitutional bod-Shellar - accused Rahul Gandhi of trampling upon the ies, which Rahul Gandhi has exposed. That is why the BJP is Constitution by announcing spreading false propaganda that his party wanted to annul against him. The accusation reservations in the country. that Rahul Gandhi is against Wearing black ribbons, the reservations is like `the pot call-BJP workers raised vehement slogans against Rahul Gandhi



at various places. While Bawankule led the protests at Akola in Vidarbha region, leaders like Pankaja Munde, Patil and Shelar held demonstrations at Ghatkopar in north-east Mumbai.

obligations," Bose said.

Simultaneously, the Maharashtra Congress staged vociferous protests against Delhi BJP leader Tarvinder Singh Marwah for allegedly handing a death threat to Rahul Gandhi. ctivist Akash Taywade lodged a complaint with the Sadar Police Station at Nagpur against Marwah for allegedly issuing death threats he made against Rahul Gandhi. Senior party leaders, including State Congress chief Nana Patole, former chief minister Prithviraj Chavan Congress Legislative Party leader Balasaheb Thorat, party's state working president M. Arif Naseem Khan, district party leaders and thousands of activists joined the protests in various district headquarters

Rubbishing the BJP's claims that the Congress wanted to do away with reservation, the Congress leaders said that in its manifesto for 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the party had committed itself to raising the ceilof quotas b

taking action against its party

leader in the serious matter. The leaders accused the BJP

leaders of selectively twisting

Rahul Gandhi's statements pertaining to quotas at an inter-

action during his US visit.

saffron party and joined the Congress.

Agrawal, who has tendered his resignation from primary membership to BJP President JP Nadda a few days, returned to the Congress at a function held in the presence of AICC general secretary Ramesh Chennithala, state Congress President Nana Patole, Leader of the Opposition in the Maharashtra Assembly Vijay Wadettiwar and former Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan.

Agrawal, who had won the Gondia seat in 2004, 2009 and 2014 for the Congress, had switched over to the BIP ahead of the 2019 State Assembly polls. In what came as a boost to the Congress, Agrawal staged a comeback to the Congress.

Agrawal's exit from the the

comes as a blow to the BJP in Vidhabha region from where Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, state BJP President Chandrashekhar Bawankule and Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari hail. In the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, the BJP had put up a miserable performance as it managed to win just one out of 10 seats in Vidarbha region.

Welcoming Agrawal back into the Congress, Chennithala said: "The people of Vidarbha have always supported the Congress. We welcome Gopal Aggarwal back to the Congress. We are confident that the people of Vidarbha would support us in the State Assembly polls" Slamming the BJP for giving

ing the kettle black'





across the state. The protestors, including a large number of youth and women, carried posters, placards and banners flaying Marwah for targeting Rahul Gandhi, and raised slogans condemning the BJP for not cent to ensure that benefits reached the largest segments of the deprived sections of soci-

"Rahul Gandhi has repeatedly stressed the need to conduct a Caste Census to ascertain the backwardness among various sections of the population. However, the BJP is only interested in creating enmity in the name of castes and religions in the country," Patole said.

"Rahul Gandhi has never said that he would stop reservation and is indulging in a fake nar-rative without verifying the truth. They are spreading falsehoods and then carrying out agitation. The people of the country know very well that the BJP is opposed to quotas and is anti-Constitution," Thorat said.

FSSAI asks officials to increase monitoring of sweet sellers, producers across nation

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

With demand for sweets, savouries and products such as ghee, khoya, and paneer on surges during the ongoing festive season, increasing the chances of such products being adulterated, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has asked has asked its state-level officials to increase monitoring of sweet sellers and producers across the nation.

.preventive actions including special surveillance and enforcement drives by food safety officers and designated officers can curb such practices effectively and ensure the safety of such products," Inoshi Sharma, executive director, (regulatory compliance) at FSSAI, said in a letter to state and UT

food commissioners.

State food safety inspectors have been ordered to inves-

tigate the stores and collect samples for quality control. They have been directed to take action against those who have been found to be in violation of quality standards.

The regulator also said frequent enforcement and surveillance drives must be conducted to prevent malpractices and that mobile-testing units must be deployed at key

places Also, the Food Safety on Wheels (FSW), where available, are to be positioned in prominent markets and/or on the basis of specific intelligence inputs so as to ensure that such products are safe to consume and are strictly as per the respective food products standards.

Bengaluru court extends judicial custody of Darshan, other accused till September 17

permission, after a photograph of him hanging out Acourt here on Friday extended till September 17 with three others, including a rowdy-sheeter, on the lawns of the judicial custody of the jail had gone viral, spark-Kannada actor Darshan ing an uproar.

In the picture, the actor is seen in a relaxed mood, sitting on a chair and holding a cigarette and a coffee mug. Also, a pur-All the 17 accused, including ported video of Darshan speaking to a person over a video call from the prison too had surfaced on social media. The court had also permitted shifting of other co-accused in the murder case to various prisons in the state.

Other accused -- Pawan. Raghavendra and Nandish -are now lodged in Mysuru, Jagadish and Lakshmana in Shivamogga, Dhanraj in Dharwad, Vinay in Vijayapura, Nagaraj Kalaburagi/Gulbarga Jail, and Pradosh in Belagavi Jail. Three accused -' Pavithra

Gowda, Anukumar, and Deepak -- continue to remain at Parappana Agrahara Central Jail here. Four accused -- Ravi, Nikhil and Karthik, Keshavamurthy -- were earlier shifted to Tumakuru prison and they continue to remain lodged there.

Nine prison officials, including the Chief Superintendent of the Parappana Agrahara jail, were suspended over their "lapses" after a preliminary probe into "special treatment" to Darshan.

Also, three FIRs were registered, including against Darshan, under sections of the Prisons Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

According to police sources, 33-year-old Renukaswamy, a fan of the actor, had sent obscene messages to Pavithra, which enraged Darshan, allegedly leading to his murder. His body was found near

a stormwater drain next to an apartment in Sumanahalli here on June nine.

Raghavendra, one of the accused who is part of Darshan's fan club in Chitradurga, had brought Renukaswamy to a shed in R R Nagar here, on the pretext that the actor wanted to meet him. It was in this shed that he was allegedly tortured and murdered.

According to the post-mortem report, Renukaswamy, a native of Chitradurga, died due to shock and haemorrhage as a result of multiple blunt injuries.

Police sources said Pavithra, who is accused number one, was the "major cause" for Renukaswamy's murder and claimed that it has been proved from the probe that she instigated other accused, conspired with them, and took part in the crime.

Chargesheet filed against Ex-MP Prajwal Revanna in second case

PTI BENGALURU

The Bengaluru police has filed a chargesheet in the second case registered against former MP Prajwal Revanna, who is facing charges of rape and sexual assault, in a special court here.

Revanna is currently under judicial custody at Parappana Agrahara Jail here, and a Special Investigation Team is probing four separate cases against him, officials said on Friday.

According to police, the second case against Prajwal Revanna was filed by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on May 1 after a 44-yearold former member of the Hassan Zilla Panchayat accused him of repeatedly raping her. In a statement, police said the SIT team conducted a comprehensive investigation of the case

and during the probe, more than 120 witnesses were interrogated and statements of victims, key witnesses were recorded.

"A 1691 page comprehensive chargesheet has been filed against former Hassan Lok Sabha constituency MP Prajwal Revanna.

The chargesheet has been submitted to a special court here after collecting evidence and obtaining expert opinions," it stated.

He was arrested by the SIT on May 31 upon arrival at Bengaluru Airport from Germany in connection with a case registered at the Holenarasipura Town Police Station. Prajwal Revanna was remanded to custody the following day. Revanna had failed in his bid to retain the Hassan parliamentary constituency in the recent polls.

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Adieu comrade Yechury!

The untimely passing away of Sitaram Yechury is a defining moment for CPI(M) and Indian Left politics

nitaram Yechury, the General Secretary of CPI(M) and veteran Left ideologue is no more. He died after prolonged illness in Delhi. Yechury, one of India's most promi-Onent left-wing politicians, has left a deep void in the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and Indian politics. As the General Secretary of the party and a key ideologue of India's Left movement, Sitaram Yechury was widely recognised for his ability to bridge ideological divides within the CPI(M) and foster cohesion in a faction-ridden party. Under his leadership, the CPI(M) worked toward navigating the challenges of declining relevance, especially in key states like West Bengal and Kerala, where the party held sway. Yechury's pragmatic approach sought to balance Marxist orthodoxy with the demands of modern politics, often encouraging alliances with non-Left parties to check the rise of right-wing forces, particularly the BJP. His tenure as General Secretary was marked by his efforts to revitalise the party in an era where communist ideologies found not



many takers. His ability to remain cheerful in the midst of crisis and light hearted won him many admirers across party lines. His ability to engage with younger generation was indeed remarkable. His influence extended beyond CPI(M) to broader Left coalitions, making him a key figure in shaping progressive political discourse in the country.

The CPI(M) has lost two of its prominent leaders in quick succession. Just a month ago, Buddhadeb Bhattacharya passed away, and now with the departure of Sitaram Yechury, the party may face a significant void in its politburo that will be difficult to fill. While Buddhadeb Bhattacharya brought pragmatic econom-

ics to the Left, it was Sitaram Yechury who steered Left politics towards a more centrist alignment. Yechury's passing poses a significant challenge for the CPI(M). His adeptness at navigating intra-party conflicts, especially between the hardliners and those favouring more pragmatic politics, was pivotal in keeping the party from splitting along ideological lines. His absence may lead to a leadership vacuum that could exacerbate existing tensions. The choice of Yechury's successor will be critical in determining whether the CPI(M) continues his centrist approach or swings toward a more hardline stance. However, replacing someone of Yechury's stature, who had both the intellectual capacity and the political acumen to lead in challenging times, will not be easy. In recent years, the left parties have struggled to maintain electoral relevance in most parts of India as the BJP and regional parties have filled the political space traditionally held by the Left. Sitaram Yechury, a politician and a gentleman, would be missed in Indian politics. His ability to transcend party politics and engage with a broader spectrum of ideas gave him a unique position in Indian politics. Yechury's absence will be profoundly felt, not only by his comrades but also by those who admired him as a kind and compassionate individual.



The statesman who bore the burden of Kandahar



BHOPINDER SINGH

In the Kandahar hijacking, Jaswant Singh stands out for his quiet resolve. He shouldered the responsibility of securing the release of 161 hostages

eyond the usual 'manufactured-outrage', there was an inadvertent redemption with the role played of the Soldier-Statesman-Scholar, Jaswant Singh, in the recent OTT series IC-814 – The Kandahar Hijack. Undoubtedly, the hijacking saga casts a dark shadow on Indian governance with glaring mismanagement e.g., lack of cohesion among intelligence agencies, slow alignment amongst stakeholders, allowing the aircraft to take off from Amritsar et al, but in public memory, it is the singular image of Jaswant carrying three terrorists to Kandahar to secure the release of passengers and crew of IC-814. Many saw it as a moment of sovereign capitulation. Others saw it as successful negotiations under impossible circumstances, where negotiations were the only option (An entebbe-style raid, clearly wasn't feasible).

It was, as Jaswant himself puts it succinctly, "a choice between a bad decision, and a far worse decision". Negotiating the release of the hijacked passengers was a collective decision of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS). The composition of CCS was chaired by then PM Vajpayee, and had included the then Home Minister, NSA, Defence Minister, and of course the External Affairs Minister, Jaswant Singh. If that is so, why was it only Jaswant who carries the can of blame for posterity? The answer can be attempted in a couple of ways firstly by understanding the inherent construct of Jaswant the individual, and his understanding of his 'duty', and secondly by understanding the impulse of others in the same situation, who were also part and parcel of this complex and questionable decision. Why didn't Jaswant come clean (or at least forcefully enough) to share the blame with his colleagues? For starters, it has to do with Jaswant's imagined sense of himself and his conscience.

Honourable soldiers do what is to be done, with no fuss or grandios-ity. Major Jaswant Singh was a cavalier from the illustrious the situation, Jaswant had



the Indian Army prematurely but always exemplified its finest tenets and values steadfastly, throughout his public life. The institution had defined him, and he had marched out without any usual 'terminal benefit' but with what he reflected, "My service with is my benefit, and what the army gave me, taught me, left me with me is my priceless pension".One such fofficerand-a-gentleman' quality is what General James Mattis (former US Defense Secretary) alluded to while expressing his measured disagreement with the unhinged Donald Trump i.e., the French expression 'devoir de reserve' (literally, the duty of silence).

Perhaps Jaswant was informed by decades of soldiering, politics and statesmanship that to brave a difficult situation like IC-814 was one thing, but to further weaken the 'moment' for India by name calling or finger pointing, even worse. His colleagues were spared the taint, for he had protected them. It is another story that many were incredously absolving themselves of any knowledge of the exchange or his dash to Kandahar.

when one misstep after anoth Central India Horse and had left stepped up and personally offered to go to Kandahar to secure the release, with the unpredictable Taliban and amoral ISI, across. The usually blustering and omnipresent Ministers were meekly abstaining from giving media bytes or even talking to distraught relatives, as they knew the hopelessness and intensity of the situation.

The situation was fluidic, and anything could have happened requiring quick decision-making, and so Jaswant put him-self in the line of fire. His colleagues were better politicians, and he, was a soldier to his country and conscience, first and foremost.

We were to engage frequently STATESMANSHIP at the Rashtrapati Bhawan when he was earlier an oppo-THAT TO BRAVE sition MP, and later a Cabinet Minister (Defence, External A DIFFICULT Affairs & Finance), and then SITUATION again, as an opposition MP. Each time in a gathering of civilians he would catch the eye LIKE IC-814 WAS ONE THING, of those in 'Uniform' and acknowledge them with a gra-**BUT TO FURTHER** cious nudge or salute when saluted. WEAKEN THE

In all his varied professional capacities, his sole and avowedly apolitical questions certainly deserves a better INDIA BY NAME memory. were about the welfare of the President's Bodyguards or about their magnificent horses, on whom too, his eyes rolled rather gently. Many questions can be posed about

Jaswant's decisions e.g., IC-814, but he remained an essentially decent and dignified voice of reason. So winds of politics in his partisan camp changed, and he became an 'outsider' in the new sensibilities. Like a noble soldier, he left his camp but didn't join the 'other side, as done by most. He was too proud to do that, so he passed away silently like a ship at night, saving his colleagues, party, and the country, like he saved the moment in Kandahar.

He was to profoundly introspect in, A Call to Honour, "between this 'right' act of saving 161 lives, or standing up against terrorism and letting them all 'go', for all to die – will that be another 'right' act? By choosing that which is otherwise extinguished for always -Life, for, in any event this fight against terrorism will continue, from one challenge to another". Just for the fact that the Gentleman (an old-fashioned word that he'd understand best) stood up for all his decisions (right or wrong) and never really blamed others (when he could have), he

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Perfect parenting: Navigating expectations and aspirations



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In an age where parenting seems to be under constant scrutiny, the stress of raising children has evolved into a modern-day burden

challenges.

The idea of being a 'perfect

parent' is a myth and it would

be prudent on the parents'

part to recognise that bench-

marks set by society, media

and peers are often unattain-

able. Each family should set its

priorities and boundaries

n the olden days, it wasn't uncommon to be born in Large families and be raised along with several siblings. But for some reason, parents back then did it with a laidback approach and have not been heard or known to feel pressured by the size of the family they had to support. My paternal grandparents had 13 children and my maternal grandparents had ten.

It is a scenario impossible to even imagine in modern times, where stress has become a staple for all from kindergarten children to pensioners past their prime. Today's parents are engulfed in a whirlwind of expectations, constantly feeling the weight of being "perfect" while juggling the unrelenting pressures of life. The irony is not lost on any

of us-despite our best efforts, parents often feel they are falling short, outpaced by a society that holds them to impossible standards. Dr Vivek Murthy, the US Surgeon General, recently said that parental stress is a significant public health issue and called for shifts in cultural norms.In our hyper-con-



nected world, where every action and decision is subject to public scrutiny, the quest for perfection is an unending pursuit that only leads to exhaustion. We need to pause

and ask: Are we, as parents, pushing ourselves into a corner, one where our best is never good enough? How far should we go to prove our merits and how much strain can we take before we break at the seams?

A young parent recently mencommensurate with its tioned how she was waiting resources, circumstances and the children's capacity to for her toddler to grow up by undertake over-demanding a few years so that the tensions of the difficult years are expectations from all around. past, but the truth is the How parents of yore have been able to divide their stress of parenting seldom leaves, no matter how old the attention between the litany of children become. It is in the concerns and complaints their psyche of the parent to be ever children must have presentconcerned, with the concerns ed baffles me. The joke that goes around in our family is this – the children just grew and expectations only changing with age. Once a parent, up; no one raised them by folalways a parent. There is a relentless battle to become the lowing any stringent stan-

perfect parents who have dards.This attitude may not raised peerless offspring that work in our times where the the world would appreciate. bars are set so high and the This pressure to adopt the race for achievement is taken best practices of parenting is so seriously that parents find now increased manifold by themselves caught in the social media which presents quagmire of worry and anxpicture-perfect family lives. iety even after the children What parents often forget is have flown from their homes the travails of raising children and built their nests.

are never easy and what The anxiety of being an inadseems perfect on social media equate parent haunts many are filtered versions of a life and the truth is there is no and landscape filled with single right way to parent; nei-

ther is there a prescribed format to make children successful and happy except by instilling the right values in them. Embracing their imperfections as parents and learning to let go are difficult but essential traits to pick up in their journey of parenthood. What children need most is not a parent who has everything figured out, but one who loves them, supports them and is present through the highs and lows of life. Constant fretting about chil-dren will only take away from the confidence of the children and make them incompetent to face life's numerous challenges

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RISING SUICIDES: A SERIOUS CONCERN Madam - According to the recently released National Crime Record Bureau data, only in 2022 more than 1 lakh 71 thousand Indians chose the path of suicide due to various reasons. On the other hand, according to the report of Lancet Public Health, this number worldwide is about 7 lakh 76 thousand. The brutal presence of global suicides simultaneously calls into question the overall social order of our individualistic lives. According to NCRB data, 12 out of every 1 lakh Indians take suicidelike decisions. More than 10 percent of them are farmers. An average of 154 Indian farmers commit suicide every day mainly due to unprofitable agriculture, failure to find a way out of chronic poverty, inadequate institutional financial credit system. Loneliness, family turmoil, childhood trauma, extramarital affairs, illness, and financial insecurity have emerged as causes of suicide among other segments of the population. Besides, the suicide of students makes us worried. Almost every day we come across such incidents, driven by the pressure of academic ambition as well as the artificial glamor of social media, which is increasingly drowning inexperienced teenagers in the darkness of gloom. In this situation, it is urgent to take appropriate measures to prevent this mental epidemic.

The Lancet study claimed that a dollar increase in daily income reduced the number of suicides by an average of 8,000 per year during the period 2006-2016, which was confirmed by the study. At the same time, the government should imple-ment poverty alleviation programs quickly. According to the NCRB study, there is a direct correlation between the increase in the pace of housing projects and the decrease in suicides. Counseling should be arranged in every school and coaching center for the students so that they are able to strike a balance between expectations and reality. Besides, it is imperative to include mental health as a subject in the syllabus

Not a cakewalk for Congress in Haryana

THE EDITOR



his refers to the article, "Haryana elections:BJP faces Congress' resurgence" (September 12)

by Kalyan Shankar). Despite the fact that the BJP is facing an anti- incumbancy of 10 years rule in Haryana, the forthcoming assembly polls in the state may not be a cakewalk for the party due to some other factors. On ground sharp division among voters in the state on the lines of Jat and non-Jat as well as Urban and rural cannot be overlooked. Result of Lok Sabha polls also proved it.

SLASH RATES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

Madam— It is a hard fact, when there is a hike in international prices the government's revenues increase proportionately as customs duty along with other central taxes are imposed thus the government reaps a bonanza.. But when there is a fall in global crude prices state-owned oil companies are still earning more profits on petrol and diesel.

The recent declining trend in crude prices owing to geo-political reasons, the Indian basket of crude has fallen from \$90 /barrel in March to \$69/barrel today. The government needs to cut prices of petroleum products to bring some relief to the common man who is otherwise living at skyrocketing price levels. The reduction in petroleum products may be on the basis of calculations.

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JAMMU AND KASHMIR ELECTIONS

Madam — The people of Jammu and Kashmir are no strangers to the menace of terrorism. However, cross-border ter-Arka Goswami | Asansol rorist activities have surged noticeably in

The Congress snatched five Jat-dominated Lok Sabha seats from the Congress but the saffron party also managed to retain an equal number of seats dominated by non-Jat voters. This shows the BJP still has a strong presence in non-Jat as well as urban voters, however it is not sufficient to bring it to power third time. Besides BJP, the JJP-ASP alliance also may play a spoilsport for the Congress by denting in its dalit votes. Internal conflicts may also cost the Congress dear in assembly polls. Due to internal conflicts, the Congress failed to cobble an alliance with the AAP. Though former chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda has proved a greater say in the all matters including distribution of tickets but ambitions of Kumar Shailja, MP from Sirsa may play a spoil sport. A divided Congress will find it very difficult to defeat the BJP despite the latter being on a weak wicket.

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recent days, coinciding with the announcement of assembly elections in the state. With the first phase of polling set for September 18, incidents of terrorist activity have been reported across various regions, including Kathua. Fortunately, these threats have been effectively neutralized by the Indian Army.

By instigating fear and anxiety among the local population, Pakistan seeks to undermine the democratic process set in motion by the Indian government. Despite India's relentless efforts, Pakistan continues to stir unrest, ensuring Kashmir remains a contentious issue. Conducting elections is the first step toward restoring democracy and peace in the region. It is essential to encourage the people of Kashmir to exercise their right to vote, strengthening both their state and the path to lasting peace and harmony, free from the shadow of terror.

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STRIVE TO HAVE AN EMPTY MIND

One must have empty mind which lead to the spiritual awakening



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eons ago a neophyte Zen student was an apprentice at a temple of knowledge. Regrettably, his mind was not robust enough and Rept vacillating; so much so his mind and soul were not satisfied with "mere" breathing practices and meditation techniques imparted at the monastery. Petals of knowledge revealed In a state of haughtiness, the Zen student arrived at another temple of knowledge where he remarked, rather dramatically that, "The human mind, Sakya Muni Buddha and other sentient beings, in reality do not exist."The pontiff of the monastery was silently listening to the outburst but uttered nothing for a while. And then abruptly and guite unexpectedly he whacked the tutee with his prized bamboo pipe which angered the student.

The Zen Master compassionately inquired of the tutee that if nothing existed, from where did his bout of anger and arrogance emerge? The mentee was momentarily nonplussed and then fell at the feet of the Zen Master, begging for forgiveness. A hollow and empty mindThe percipient Master agreed to admit the whippersnapper but with a few stipulations. It was incumbent upon the greenhorn to remember the cardinal principle of trying to keep the mind hollow and empty.Lord Krishna's fluteThere is an interesting parable about Lord Krishna and his flute. It is believed that he used to visit a garden and whisper, "I love you" to all the flora and fauna. In unison, the flora and fauna reciprocated their unalloyed and unadulterated affection towards Lord Krishna.

It so transpired that one day, an animated Lord Krishna approached a bamboo tree in the garden. The Lord broke the cataclysmic news that



he would have to snuff out the life of the bamboo plant. The entire garden was aghast as the news spread; several plants and trees were however secretly joyous that they were spared of the torture. The bamboo mulled upon the news for a while and then languidly responded, "Lord, you and I have no choice. At the altar of the Master of the Universe, I am willing to sacrifice my life." Hearing this, Lord Krishna beamed. With surgical precision, he struck the bamboo plant. Soon the bamboo was fashioned into a flute for Lord Krishna himself. The flora and fauna, all the gopis and gopikas were now covetous of the bamboo, that in its new avatar it would always be inseparable, constantly in the hands of Lord Krishna. The exultant bamboo flute was to become a triumphant possession of Lord Krishna. "What was so noteworthy about you, that you were the chosen one?" was an incessant refrain faced by the flute. "Nothing but my singular capitulation to will of the Master; willing to be an instrument of the Lord," was the refrain of the flute. The classical epic Mahabharata is populated with numerous valorous characters. But the ace archer Arjuna stands out prominently. Why is that so? Arjuna is the Sakha, the Nara through whom Narayana revealed the divine celestial song - The Bhagvad Gita. It was Ariuna's unflinching devotion to the Lord that made the character so robust and aerobicized. He faithfully carried out all the commandments of the Lord.Only inner strength and a mature mind transfigure an individual to establish contact with the source of our inner ener-This is possible through the process of authentic surrender. Breathing techniques like Sudarshan Kriya help to make the mind hollow and empty. "A mature mind is one who understands the impossibility of knowing the ultimate, and with this understanding there is a new dimension, the dimension of the being," said the philosopher, Osho. (The writer is the CEO of Chhattisgarh East Railway Ltd. and Chhattisgarh East West Railway Ltd. He is a faculty of the Art of Living; views are personal)

New world order: Is Western hegemony crumbling



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In an unprecedented joint public appearance, CIA Director William Burns and MI6 Chief Richard Moore assert the enduring strength of their intelligence agencies

ast week, the heads of major Western intelligence agencies made a striking public appearance, first with a provocative op-ed and then in a high-profile interview with the Financial Times editor. Although some questions remained unanswered, their statements provided critical insights into their covert and overt operations. William Joseph Burns, Director of the CIA, and Richard Peter Moore, head of MI6/SIS, both distinguished diplomats before their current roles, asserted with conviction that their organisations are more formidable than ever. Their strong professional alliance highlights a key strategy: confronting their main adversaries, Russia and China. This unprecedented public engagement reflects Sun Tzu's strategic principle from The Art of War: "Appear weak when you are strong, and strong when you are weak." So, who is truly weak? Is this a per-fect example of Orwellian doublespeak in the era of Artificial General Intelligence? The nuances of their statements suggest an intriguing answer when read between the lines.

This marks the first joint public appearance by Burns and Moore since their appointments, though separately they have spoken occasionally in public gatherings, signalling a departure from the traditionally more secretive approach of their predecessors. This dramatic 'openness' may be part of a broader strategy to project strength and capability in a shifting global power dynamic. Their commentary suggests that Western hegemony is waning, and those within the system must awaken and confront Russia before China is brought into the strategic equation, challenging the rise of Asia and the Global South. The article's audacious claim, if accu-rate, that "We have no more trusted or esteemed allies," starkly reveals the widening chasm among their partners.

This intensifying polarization is driven by rising discontent with the United States and the United Kingdom, whose actions have exacerbated global crises and dragged others into POLARISATION IS worsening conflicts. Burns and Moore emphasised the crucial role of transparency in the 21st century and democratic systems, noting that public engagement is key to demonstrating their agencies' priorities and building trust.

Burns highlighted the importance of visibil- WITH THE UNITED ity for attracting talent and enhancing public understanding of their work. The discussion also revealed the deep collaboration between their ag encies, which has been instrumental in global events, such as pro-viding early warnings about the war in Ukraine. Moore praised their joint efforts and the "best athlete model," where the most suitable agency handles specific operations, showcasing a high level of trust and effectiveness. They also addressed broader geopolitical issues, noting the threat posed by the cooperation among China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea. While these nations share military technology, their collaboration is described as pragmatic rather than valuebased, unlike the alliances within the Western intelligence community. Burns and Moore mentioned the lack of direct evidence of weapon transfers from China to Russia and the stalled status of the gas pipeline from Russia to China, attributing its likely incompletion to sanctions and shifting geopolitical factors



North Korea, including the use of North Korean missiles in Ukraine, both spies recognised the height-ened threat to US allies in Asia. Moore highlighted the gravity of the situation, stating, "North Korean weaponry and dual-use materials from China are already impacting the battlefield in Ukraine, and this cooperation poses a significant danger." Both leaders also stressed the critical importance of ongoing support for Ukraine, with Burns noting the severe and methodical nature of the conflict, where "Putin is using a traditional tactic of taking village by village, leaving noth-ing behind."

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KINGDOM,

INTENSIFYING Despite the grim outlook, the resilience of the Ukrainian forces remains a focal point. Moore laud-DRIVEN BY ed Ukraine's bold strategy, such as the move into Kursk, as a game-changer. He remarked, "The RISING DISCONTENT Ukrainians, by going in and taking Kursk, have really brought the war home to ordinary Russians," disrupting Putin's narrative and demonstrating the effectiveness of STATES AND THE UNITED their counteroffensive.Addressing the broader implications of the conflict, Burns acknowledged that while Putin's grip on power remains WHOSE ACTIONS firm, it is not necessarily stable. HAVE "Putin's grip on power doesn't seem to be weakening, but don't ever con-EXACERBATED fuse a tight grip with a stable grip," he stated. The recent Kursk offen-**GLOBAL CRISES** sive and past events, such as the AND DRAGGED Prigozhin mutiny, have exposed vulnerabilities within Russia, chal-**OTHERS INTO** lenging Putin's confident narrative.Burns and Moore dis-WORSENING cussed the differing approaches of CONFLICTS the US and UK in providing military aid to Ukraine. Burns reaffirmed the US's substantial support despite concerns over escalation, emphasising the ongoing commitment to Ukraine even amid Russia's nuclear threats. Moore echoed this, stressing that the West must not be intimidated. They also addressed Russia's intelligence operations in Europe, noting a shift toward using criminal elements for sabotage,

which has made these operations easier to detect.

The discussion also highlighted the threat of Russian intelligence, citing the 2018 Salisbury poisoning as a stark example of their reckless tactics. Moore emphasised the importance of dealing with such threats through intelligence sharing and collaboration. They also touched on Russian military intelligence activities in the Americas, particularly concerns about Russian agents operating in Mexico and potentially aiding illegal migration into the ÚS. Burns assured that this issue remains a top priority, with law enforcement agencies closely mon-itoring and countering such threats. Burns updated on efforts to secure a ceasefire and hostage deal in Gaza, based on a three-phase plan proposed by President Biden: ceasefire, hostage release, and reconstruction. Despite progress, finalising the deal remains challenging, requiring strong political will and mediator

support. He hopes new proposals will drive action, with both leaders urging

ority for their respective agencies. 'The CIA has reorganised to reflect this priority," Burns noted, high-lighting a significant increase in resources dedicated to addressing China's challenges. Despite economic difficulties in China, Moore observed that Xi Jinping remains a powerful and ambitious leader, making understanding China crucial for global strategic dynamics.Burns and Moore discussed the transformative role of AI in intelligence operations, with Moore emphasising its use in data analysis and counterterrorism, while Burns stressed the importance of maintaining open channels with China. They highlighted the need to balance AI advancements with human oversight.

Their public appearance reflects a shift in Western strategy, focusing more on leadership than on traditional destabilisation tactics. With the US elections approaching, it is clear that a broader alliance is working to secure Vice President Kamala Harris's victory against her main contender, Donald Trump. In his book, The Back Channel, Burns comments on Trump, stating, "In the age of Trump, America is diminished, the president's worldview smaller and meaner, the world full of difficult currents." The entire discussion highlights how the absence of decisive political leadership is not only eroding the system but also accelerating the West's decline. This decline follows decades of destabilizing nations in the Global South and Europe to maintain hegemony, which is now cracking. This situation goes beyond the simplistic notion of new adversaries emerging against the West. It signifies a profound awakening from the deep-seated colonial legacies that have long influenced many Asian, African, and Latin American countries. Consequently, the old mantra of manipulation, isolation, and elimination may no longer work.

However, they offered no new information on the widely reported Nord Stream pipeline sabotage, where it was suggested the CIA had prior knowledge. Regarding the increasing military cooperation between Russia and

external pressure on Hamas for humanitarian aid and peace. Burns also backed the two-state solution but no questions were raised about the US's double standards—hosting ICC-wanted Benjamin Netanyahu while pushing other nations to arrest Putin on an ICC warrant. This highlights the hypocrisy in the US approach to international justice.Regarding Iran, Moore expressed concern about potential retaliation for the assassination of Qasem Soleimani. "We shouldn't let our guard down regarding the type of activity Iran might pursue," he cautioned, citing Iran's history of destabilising actions and support for militant groups. But the overthrow of Mosaddegh, the shooting down of Iran Air Flight 655, and unilateral sanctions show the real picture. The discussion then shifted to the strategic challenge posed by China. Burns and Moore both underscored that China remains a top pri-

ing rape and abuse. This can

be done by promoting economic independence, which

helps reduce vulnerability to

violence, and fostering safe

spaces where women can

report incidents without fear.

Encouraging survivors to

speak out against violence can

help break the silence that

often surrounds these crimes,

lifting the stigma and encour-

aging others to come forward.

In today's digital age, technol-

ogy can also play a pivotal role

in enhancing women's safety.

Innovative tools such as safe-

ty apps, which allow women to

alert family or friends in emer-

gencies, and online support

platforms for survivors offer

new avenues for protection

Data analytics can help iden-

and support.

(The writer is a journalist and author; Views are personal)

Crime against women: A call for swift justice and comprehensive reform

Safety of women remains a fundamental concern worldwide, with millions of women falling victim to the horrific crimes of rape and abuse each day

nafety is a fundamental Sconcern worldwide, with the pervasive issues of rape and abuse affecting millions of women and girls daily. These heinous crimes have a profound impact, extending beyond the individual victims to disrupt families, communities, and societies at large. The consequences are not just physical or emotional but are also societal, leaving lasting scars that undermine trust and cohesion.

At the core of rape and abuse lies a complex web of societal attitudes and deeply ingrained power imbalances. Often, perpetrators use these crimes as tools of control, asserting dominance over their victims. The devastating consequences of rape range from physical injury to emotional trauma,



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social isolation, and even death. The psychological damage endured by survivors is difficult to quantify, and the ripple effects on society are immense A recent case that shook the

lakh each. This shocking delay conscience of the nation was once again raises concerns about whether the Indian legal the rape and murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kar system is equipped to tackle Hospital, Kolkata. This brutal cases of sexual violence effeccrime recalled the infamous tively.

tice they seek?

Nirbhaya case, igniting nation-India, with its population of 1.5 wide outrage. Yet again, it billion, has over 750 fast-track courts designed to expedite posed a critical question to justice. Yet, cases like the both the central and state gov-Ajmer gang rape, Nirbhaya, Unnao, and Balrampur drag ernments: Is the judicial system adequately addressing crimes against women? Are on for decades. The slow pace victims truly receiving the jusof justice signifies a collective failure of the government and Another notorious example is law enforcement agencies in a the 1992 Ajmer gang rape and blackmail scandal, where country that claims to be the world's largest democracy. This begs the question: Do we need over 100 girls were blackmailed with obscene phoa judicial overhaul to ensure tographs, many subjected to timely justice for victims of gang rape. Justice, in this case, sexual violence?

was only served 32 years later, The global landscape shows a with six accused sentenced to diverse range of approaches to life imprisonment and fined ?5 preventing violence against women. The UK, for instance, has recently passed a bill recognizing violence against women as a 'national security threat,' equating it with Islamist terrorism. Several European



Iceland, and Switzerland, have adopted stringent laws under the umbrella of 'Zero Tolerance' policies, which even include the death penalty for those convicted of sexual violence. These examples offer potential models for India to consider as it grapples with its own crisis of gender-based violence.

requires a multifaceted approach, one that addresses the root causes of these crimes. Education and awareness programs about consent, healthy relationships, and respect are essential starting points. Engaging communities, especially involving men and boys in discussions around women's safety, can help shift societal attitudes and reduce the prevalence of such crimes.

Equally important is providing accessible support services for survivors, such as counseling and legal aid. These services are vital for helping victims heal and pursue justice. Policy reforms aimed at strengthening laws to protect women and ensure swift accountability for perpetrators are also crucial. Empowering women and girls

Preventing rape and abuse plays a critical role in prevent- tify patterns and hotspots of

violence, enabling authorities to target prevention efforts more effectively.

Ultimately, women's safety is a collective responsibility. It demands the involvement of individuals, communities, organizations, and governments. By addressing the root causes of rape and abuse and implementing solutions at various levels, we can create a society where women and girls live free from the fear of violence. It is time for decisive action. The protection of women should not be seen as an afterthought but as a fundamental pillar of societal well-being. Only by working together can we create a safer, more equitable world for all. (The writer is a social worker

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UK slams 'baseless' Russian claim of diplomat-spies

PTI LONDON

The UK on Friday attacked Russia for "completely baseless" claims that its diplomats were engaged in spying after Moscow revoked the accreditation of six British officials said to have left the country some weeks ago.

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) said the UK remains "unapologetic" about protecting its national interests as it dismissed allegations made by Russia's FSB security service. The news comes as British Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer arrived in Washington for talks with US President Joe Biden about the war in Ukraine and whether to give President Volodymyr Zelenskyy the nod to fire Western missiles at targets inside Russia. "The accusations made today by the FSB against our staff are completely baseless," the FCDO said in a statement on Friday. "The Russian authorities revoked the diplomatic accred-

Russia last month following an action taken by the UK government in response to Russian state-directed activity across Europe and in the The expulsion of diplomats on UK. We are unapologetic all sides has become comabout protecting our national interests," it added.

The FSB said the six British diplomats had shown signs of conducting intelligence and were tasked with inflicting a "strategic defeat on our country". In a Telegram post, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Maria Zakharova said Moscow "fully share[s] the assessments' made by the FSB on the activities of the diplomats.

The British embassy has gone far beyond the limits outlined by the Vienna Conventions [ÚN treaty on diplomatic relations]," she said. An FSB officer told Russian media that "hints" to "stop this practice [of gathering intelligence]' were not heeded. The security service added that it would revoke accreditation from more British diplomats if they

itation of six UK diplomats in were found to be involved in similar activity. The diplo-mats involved were named and pictured on Russian state TV earlier on Friday.

mon practice since the Russia-Ukraine conflict broke out in February 2022. According to rules set out by the United Nations (UN), diplomatic accreditation is given by a host nation to recognise the status of another country's staff. Diplomatic accreditation is essential for an official based as a diplomat in any

country. Earlier this week, UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken made a first-ever joint visit to Kyiv as a precursor to the Starmer-Biden talks. 'The UK's support to Ukraine is unwavering. Our commit-

ment of over GBP 600 million worth of support is the latest instalment in our enduring support to Ukraine. This will provide vital support to Ukrainians as they continue to

endure relentless Russian attacks," said Lammy.

"Alongside the United States, we are committed to giving Ukraine what it needs to resist Russia's illegal invasion. Their fight for freedom, liberty and democracy is also a fight for British, European, and global security. With the US, we stand firmly with Ukraine for as long as it takes," he said. Since February 2022, the UK claims to have provided GBP 695 million in bilateral nonmilitary support alongside USD 2.5 billion in fiscal support (loan guarantees), which will rise to USD 5 billion by 2027.

Ukraine is hoping to get the go-ahead to use British-made Storm Shadow missiles against targets in Russia. Meanwhile, Russian President Vladimir Putin has told the country's state television that North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) countries would be "at war" with Russia if the West allowed Ukraine to use longrange missiles against its territory.

public opinion.Iran "is making a

greater effort to influence this

year's election than it has in prior

election cycles and that Iranian

activity is growing increasingly

aggressive as this election nears

Assistant Attorney General

Matthew Olsen, said in a speech

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possession of Plot No R-1, Knowledge Park II, Greater Noida Gautam Budh Nagar admeasuring 46,663,50 sq. mts. Original Lease Deed executed by GNIDA in favour of Stellar Parks (P) Ltd. vide entry in Bani No.1 2ild 365 pages 191-224 Serial No.6931 dated 17,10.2001 has been los/imisplaced by Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC), Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC) has lodged a complaint with PS Sector 20 Noida. Anybody (Banking) Financial Institutions/ individuals) having any kind of interest/ claim/ title/ objection on the basis of said Original Lease Deed executed by GNIDA in avour of Stellar Parks (P) Ltd. vide entry in Bani No.1 2/ld 363 pages 191-224 Senal No.6931 dated 17.10.2001 may submit the same to the undersigned within 07 days of

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the publication. Please note carefully that if an

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VIVEK SEHGAL, (ADVOCATE) II-F-04, NEHRU NAGAR, GHAZIABAD. Mo.: 9811144654

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Thursday in New York.

Islamic extremist US approves \$165 million German soldiers

Berlin (AP): An alleged Islamic extremist has been arrested in connection with plotting an attack on German soldiers during their lunch break in Munich, killing as many of them as possible and causing a feeling of insecurity among the larger population, author-ities said on Friday.

The 27-year-old Syrian is a suspected supporter of radical Islamic ideology, according to the Munich public prosecutor's office. The suspect procured two machetes, each about 40 centimeters (15.75 inches) long, earlier this month, and alleged. ly planned to attack the soldiers with them. The suspect was brought before a judge on Friday following his arrest a day earlier, the prosecutor's office said in a statement. His name was not released in line with German privacy rules. The arrest comes after an August 23 attack in Solingen that left three people dead and eight wounded. A 26-year-old Syrian suspect was arrested. He was an asylum-seeker who was supposed to be deported to Bulgaria last year but reportedly disappeared for a time and avoided deportation.

The U.S. has approved \$165 million in weapons sales to Israel to fund heavy-duty tank trailers, the State Department announced Thursday. The systems include spare

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and repair parts, tool kits and technical and logistics support. They are not expected to be delivered until 2027.

Earlier this year, the U.S. announced a mammoth \$20 billion weapons support package for Israel to include F-15 fighter jets. Like the tank trailers, those systems will not be delivered for several years and will not affect current Israeli military operations amid its 11month-old war against Hamas militants in Gaza. The Biden administration

has had to balance its continued support for Israel with a growing number of calls from lawmakers and the public to curb military support there due to the high number of civilian deaths in Gaza. It has curbed one delivery of 2,000pound bombs amid continued airstrikes by Israel in densely populated civilian areas in

One person shot during scuffle at pro-Israel rally in Boston suburb

Newton (US) (AP): A pro-Israel rally in a Boston suburb turned violent on Thursday evening when a passerby was shot during a scuffle after confronting a group of demonstrators, authorities said. Police were called at 6:40 p.m. to the scene of what they described as a small rally in Newton. Words were exchanged before a passerby rapidly crossed the street and tackled one of the demonstrators, Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan said.

in weapons sales to Israel

"A scuffle ensued. During that scuffle, the individual who had come across the street was shot by a member of the demonstrating group," Ryan said during a news conference late Thursday.Scott Hayes, 47, of Framingham, was arrested on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and violation of a constitutional

right causing injury. He is scheduled to be arraigned in district court Friday, Ryan said. The shooting victim, who was not identified, was being treated at a hospital for life-threatening injuries, Ryan said. Acting Newton Police Chief George McMains asked witnesses to provide investigators with photos or videos of the confrontation. He said police would provide extra patrols at "houses of worship" over the next several days. Newton Mayor Ruthanne Fuller called the shooting a "frightening incident" and asked for everyone to remain calm as police

investigate. "I know people will have a lot of questions, and we will share information with Newtonians and the press when we are able," Fuller said. "It's really early stages of an active investigation.

Justice Department, FBI ready criminal charges in Iran hack of Trump campaign

Date: 04.09.2024

Department is preparing criminal charges in connection with an Iranian hack that targeted Donald Trump's presidential campaign, two people familiar with the matter said Thursday.

Washington (AP): The Justice charges might be announced or whom precisely they will target, but they would be the result of an FBI investigation into an intrusion that investigators across multiple agencies quickly linked to an Iranian effort to influence this year's U.S. It was not immediately clear when the presidential election. The prospect of

ठनरा बैंक 📣 Canara Bank **REGIONAL OFFICE, WEST DELHI.** PHONE: 011-2845099, 9821711328 DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]

Ref: CB 2593/SARFAESI/PARMANAND/2024/2

1. Mr. PARMANAND (BORROWER) ADD:- 64-C, DDA EWS FLATS PITAMPURA DELHI-110034 2. Mrs. NEENA W/O Mr. PARMANAND (CO BORROWER) ADD:- 64-C, DDA EWS FLATS PITAMPURA DELHI-110034 Also at

1. Mr. PARMANAND (BORROWER) ADD: - PLOT NO 67, THIRD FLOOR, BLOCK H-3, VIKASPURI. DELHI-110018 2. Mrs. NEENA W/O Mr. PARMANAND (CO BOOROWER), ADD:- PLOT NO 67, THIRD FLOOR, BLOCK H-3,

VIKASPURI, DELHI-110018

Sub: Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, JANAKPURI Branch (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, (hereinafter referred as the "Act") do hereby issue this notice to you as under:

That Mr. PARMANAND (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") AND Mrs. NEENA (hereinafter referred to as "the CO BORROWER") have availed credit facility / facilities stated in the Schedule A hereunder and has entered into the security agreement/s in favour of the secured creditor. While availing the said financial assistance, you have expressly undertaken to repay the loan amount/s in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above mentioned agreements

You (The person mentioned in schedule B) are also entered in to agreements against the secured assets which are detailed in Schedule 8 hereunder.

However, From MARCH 2024 the operation and conduct of the said financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular. The books of account maintained by the secured assets shows that the liability of the Borrower towards the secured creditor as on date amounts to Rs 10,43,434.27 (Rupees: Ten Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Four and Paisa Twenty Seven Only), the details of which together with future interest rate are stated in Schedule C hereunder. It is further stated that the Borrower/Guarantor having failed to keep up with the terms of the above said agreement in clearing the dues of the secured creditor within the time given, and have been evasive in settling the dues. The operation and conduct of the above said financial assistance / credit facility/ies having come to a standstill and as a consequence of the default committed in repayment of principal debt/ installment and interest thereon, the secured creditor was constrained to classify the debt as Non Performing Asset (NPA) as on 01.09.2024 in accordance with the directives/guidelines relating to asset classification issued by the Reserve Bank of India. The secured creditor through this notice brings to your attention that the Borrower has failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in Schedule C hereunder to the secured creditor within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice. Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate of interest as mentioned in Schedule C per annum together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the secured creditor in recovering its dues. Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the secured creditor the aforesaid sum of Rs 10,43,434.27 (Rupees: Ten Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Four and Paisa Twenty Seven Only), together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, the secured creditor will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under subsection (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13, the extract of which is given here below to convey the seriousness of this issue

criminal charges comes as the Justice Department has warned about countries including Russia and China seeking to meddle in the presidential election between Trump and Democratic nominee Kamala Harris, including by hacking and using covert social media campaigns designed to shape

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his to inform to all concern that Veer Pal Yadav /o Late Sh. Inchha Ram, R/o F-36, Sector-20, oida, Distt. Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P., GPA of Mr. Ram Pal Singh S/o Sh. Hori Lal Singh (Origina Allottee) intend to sell residential Shramik Kuni Islat No. 256A, Block-SK-II, Sector-93, Noida, Distt. Sautam Buddha Nagar, U.P. having its super area 19.70 Sq. Mtrs. Duly allotted by Noida Authority. vide allotment letter No. Noida/Building/2001-2002 (H) (01)/1725 Dated 25.02.2002 to Mr. Vashpal Awana S/o Sh. Rajvir Singh Awana, R/o Village-hajipur, Noida, Distt. Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P.An Agreement to Sell was executed vagai, or An Agenement to Soft was executed petween Mr. Ram Pal Singh Soft. Hori Lal Singh (Original Allotteee) in favour of Mr. Yaspal Awana S/o Sh. Rajvir Singh Awana in respect of above said property which was notarized on 09.12.2002. No Agreement to Sell is registered in respect of Data details and the second second second second base second seco bove mentioned property. Now aforesaid flat is oing to transfer, if anyone has/have any objection this regard, he/she may file his/her objection long with the sufficient proof in the Housing partment of the Noida Authority within 15 days om the date of publication of this notice.

NORTHERN RAILWAY NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of Work and its location: 30-Elect-52-T-2024-25-E3 Electrical work in connection with installation of waste water treatment 8 recycling plant/ effluent treatment plant on 13 stations (SNP, PNP, Gaaur, Karnal KKDE, BGZ, VH, ROK, FDB, GGN, PWL, PTRD, FDN, BVH) in Haryana Ove Delhi Divisior

Approx Cost of the works	Rs. 48.95 lacs		
Address of the office	Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi		
Earnest Money	Rs. 97,900.00		
Date & Time of Submission	sion of Tender 17.10.2024, 12:00 Hrs.		
Opening of Tender		17.10.2024, 12:00 Hrs.	
	www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl Elect. Enginee General, New Delhi		

Boeing workers on strike

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represents another setback for

AP SEATTLE

Aircraft assembly workers Walked off the job early Friday at Boeing factories near Seattle and elsewhere after union members voted overwhelmingly to go on strike and reject a tentative contract that would have increased wages by 25 per cent over four years. The strike started at 12:01 a.m. PDT, less than three hours after the local branch of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers announced 94.6 per cent of voting workers rejected the proposed contract and 96 per cent approved the work stoppage, easily surpassing a two-thirds requirement. The labour action involves 33,000 Boeing machinists, most of them in Washington state, and is expected to shut down production of the company's best-selling airline planes. The will not affect strike

the aerospace giant, whose reputation and finances have been battered bv manufacturing problems and multiple federal investigations this year. The striking machinists assemble the 737 Max, Boeing's best-selling airliner, along with the 777, or "triple-seven" jet, and the 767 cargo plane at factories in and Renton Everett, Washington. The walkout likely will not stop production of Boeing 787 Dreamliners, which are built by nonunion workers in South Carolina. Outside the Renton factory, people stood with signs reading, "Historic contract my ass" and "Have you seen the damn housing prices?" Car horns honked and a boom box played songs such as Twisted Sister's "We're Not Gonna Take It" and Taylor Swift's "Look What You Made Me Do."

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PUBLIC NOTICE My client Sh. Trilok Chand Jain S/o Late Sh. Sohan Lal Jain owner of buill-up entire property bearing no. A-11, land area measuring 133 sq. yds., i.e. 11.12 sq. mtrs., comprising of Ground floor, First floor and Second floor My Client Smt. Aarti W/o Sh. Sonu Owner of Residential House, area measuring 555 sq. yards i.e.464.03 sq. ntrs., & Total Covered area 359 sq yards i.e.300.15 sq. ntrs., out of Khasra no-99, situated in the area of old with roof/terrace rights, out of khasra no. 47 situated in the area of Village Bindapur, in the abadi known as Subhash Park, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 through Registered Release Deed Dated 28.09,2022 executed by Mr. Rajesh ain S/o Mr. Sohan Lal Jain & Mrs. Madhu Bala Jain D/o M

The machinists make USD 75,608 per year but on average, not counting overtime, and that would rise to USD 106,350 at the end of the four-year contract, according to Boeing.

However, the deal fell short of the union's initial demand for pay raises of 40 per cent over three years. The union also wanted to restore traditional pensions that were axed a decade ago but settled for an increase in new Boeing contributions of up to USD 4,160 per worker to employee 401(k) retirement accounts.

Under the rejected contract, workers would have received USD 3,000 lump sum payments and a reduced share of health care costs. Boeing also had met a key union demand by agreeing to build its next new plane in Washington state.

Several workers said they considered the wage offer inadequate and were upset by a recent company decision to change the criteria on which annual bonuses are paid. Toolmaker John Olson, 45, said he has received a 2 per cent percent raise during his six years at Boeing.

"The last contract we negotiated was 16 years ago and the company is basing the wage increases off of wages from 16 years ago," Olson said. "They don't even keep up with the cost of inflation that is currently happening right now."

Boeing responded to the strike announcement by saying it was "ready to get back to the table to reach a new agreement".

'The message was clear that the tentative agreement we reached with IAM dership was not acceptable members. We remain committed to resetting our relationship with our employees and the union," the company said in a statement.

13(4)- In case the Borrower/Guarantor fails to discharge liability in full within the period specified in subsection (2), the secured creditor may take recourse to one or more of the following measures to recover his secured debt, namely

(a) Take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower/Guarantor including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset;

(b) Take over the management of the business of the Borrower including the right to transfer by way of lease assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset

Provided that the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale shall be exercised only where the substantial part of the business of the Borrower is held as security for the debt;

Provided further that where the management of whole of the business or part of the business is severable the secured creditor shall take over the management of such business of the borrower which is relatable to the security for the debt.

and under other applicable provisions of the said Act.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets

You are also put on notice that in terms of section 13(13) the Borrower/Guarantor shall not transfer by way o sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed in Schedule B hereunder without obtaining written consent of the secured creditor. It is further brought to your notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/ restraint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence and if for any reason, the secured assets are sold or leased out in the ordinary course of business, the sale proceeds or income realized shall be deposited with the secured creditor. In this regard you shall have to render proper accounts of such realization / income.

This notice of Demand is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which the secured creditor may have including further demands for the sums found due and payable by you

This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the Act and/or any other law in force.

Please comply with the demand under this notice and avoid all unpleasantness. In case of Non- compliance. further needful action will be resorted to, holding you liable for all costs and consequence. SCHEDULE -A

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MORE FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS - 2024

In continuation to already announced Festival Special Trains-2024, Railways have planned to run following additional Festival Special Trains as per details given below:-

	05047/05048 Banaras - Ghaziabad - Banaras Express Special Train (Weekly)					16 Trips			
I	Train N	o. 05047					Train No		o. 05048
	ARR.	DEP.	♥	STATIONS	L	ARR.	DEP.		
		22:00		Banaras		05:35			
	11:45			Ghaziabad			12:35		

DAYS OF RUN: 05047 from Banaras on every Tuesday from 08.10.2024 to 26.11.2024 & 05048 from Ghaziabad or every Wednesday from 09.10.2024 to 27.11.2024

STOPPAGE: Bhadohi, Maa Belha Devi Dham Pratapgarh Jn. Amethi, Rae Bareli Jn., Lucknow, Bareilly and Moradabad Stations

ACCOMMODATION: AC 3 Tier Economy

06071/06072 Kochuveli - Hazrat Nizamuddin - Kochuveli Express Special Train (Weekly)				22 Trips		
	Train N	o. 06071		Train No	b. 06072	
	ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.	
		14:15	Kochuveli	14:15		
	20:40		Hazrat Nizamuddin		04:10	

DAYS OF RUN: 06071 from Kochuveli on every Friday from 20.09.2024 to 29.11.2024 & 06072 from Hazrat Nizamuddin on every Monday from 23.09.2024 to 02.12.2024

STOPPAGE: Kollam Jn., Kayankulam, Chengannur Tiruvalla, Kottayam, Ernakulam Town, Aluva, Thrissur, Palakkad Jn., Podanur Jn., Tiruppur, Erode Jn., Salem Jn. Jolarpettai, Katpadi Jn., Chittoor, Tirupati, Renigunta Jn., Gudur Jn., Nellore, Vijayawada Jn., Warangal, Balharshah, Nagpur Betul, Itarsi Jn., Bhopal Jn., Bina, Virangana Lakshmibai Jhansi, Gwalior, Agra Cantt. and Mathura Jn. Stations

ACCOMMODATION: AC 3 Tier Economy,

For detailed information regarding stoppages and timings of above trains, please call RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit enquiry website: www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in



mtrs., out of Khasra no-99, situated in the area of old Abadi at Village Pauvari Pargana, Tehsil And District Cautam Budh Nagar U P through Registered Sale Deed Dated 24.08.2024 executed by Sh. Sonu S/o Sh. Rajender Singh in favour of Sm. Aarti W/o Sh. Sonu Vide Reg. no.25475 at SR-6 NOIDA U.P. the above-mentioned property is going to be mortgage with Fed Bank Financial Services Limited. It any person / bank / financial institution having any claim / right, lien, any objection whatscever in regard to the above properly, should notified to the undersigned/Adv. Visital Mehan, E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delin-110092 along with documentary evidence under Address through ocumentary evidence under Address through Registered within 7 days from the date of publication o this notice failing which any claim, lien or objection shall be deemed to have been waived. Adv. Vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-11009 Mobile No. 9811215181

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o 24621 at SR-II B Delhi the above-mentioned no 24521 at SR-II B Dehi the above-mentioned property is going to be mortgage with Fod Bank Financial Services Limited. If any person / bank / financial institution having any claim / right, lien, any objection whatsoever in regard to the above property, should notified to the undersigned/Adv. Vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardooma Court, Dehi -110092 along with documentary evidence under address through registered within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which any claim, lien or objection shall be deemed to have been waived.

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To clear the extra rush of passengers, Railways have decided to extend the periodicity of run of following Festival Special Trains. Details are given below:-

Train No.	From	То	Days of Run	Notified up to	Period of Extension
09061	Udhna Jn.	Ghazipur City	Wednesday	28.08.24	18.09.24 to 06.11.24
09062	Ghazipur City	Udhna Jn.	Friday	30.08.24	20.09.24 to 08.11.24
04829	Jodhpur Jn.	Gorakhpur Jn.	Thursday	26.09.24	03.10.24 to 28.11.24
04830	Gorakhpur Jn.	Jodhpur Jn.	Friday	27.09.24	04.10.24 to 29.11.24

Note: Timings of Train No. 04830 Gorakhpur Jn.-Jodhpur Jn. Special will be revised as under

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STATIONS	Exis	sting	Rev	ised	
STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.	
Gorakhpur Jn.		23:25		23:25	
	No timings	change betweer	n Gorakhpur Jn	Rewari Jn.	
Rewari Jn.	16:30	16:35	16:40	16:45	
Mahender Garh	17:16	17:18	17:21	17:23	
	No timings o	change between	Mahender Garh-	Jodhpur Jn.	
Jodhpur Jn.	04:00		04:00		
Rest of the information will hold good.					
For any kind of information such as detailed Time-Table of other stations enroute and composition etc., passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or NTES App.					
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Faked video targeting France-UAE ties likely came from Russia post-Telegram CEO arrest

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fake video that ricocheted Aacross the internet claiming tensions between France and the United Arab Emirates after Telegram CEO Pavel Durov's detention in Paris likely came from Russia, an analysis by The Associated Press shows, despite Moscow's efforts to maintain crucial ties to the UAE. It remains unclear why Russian operatives would choose to publish such a video falsely claiming the Emirates halted a French arms sale, which appears to be the first noticeable effort by Moscow to target the UAE with a disinformation campaign.

The Emirates remains one of the few locations to still have direct flights to Moscow, while

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE is hereby given to public at large that m client Mr. Virendra Kumar & Mrs. Sudha Sharm are purchasing the Second Floor, having are admeasuring 82.21.54, Vds. built on Proper No.A.32, out of Khesra No.880.88(11, situated No.4.32, out of Khesra No.880.88(11, situated No.880.88(1 No.A.32. out of Khasra No.880 & 881/1, situated in the abadi of Giri Marg, Mandawali Fazalpur(LOP), A-Block, in the area of Village Mandawali Fazalpur, Shahdara, Delhi-110092 from 1) Mr. Chander Prakash. 2) Mr. Ram Prakash Ojha. 3) Mr. Vinod Aggarwal & 4) Mr. Dilshad Salmarii who are owner of the entire property vide Sale Deed dated 07.10.2023 as doc no. 7344 and intend to get the financial assistance from SMFG India Home Finance Company Limited. If any person(s) /Institution has/have any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to the right, title or interest in the sald property may belease contact us within 07 days from win respect to the right, full of interest in the sam property may please contact us within 07 days fron the date of this notice on the address mentione-herein below, failing which my clenk(s) shall not b held responsible in any manner whatsoever. Khaitan & Khaitan A-38 Kailash Colony, New Delhi-110048, Ph. No: 011-49774545



Notice that My clients Mr. Kamal Kapoor S/o Late Shri Vishwajeet Kapoor. It is med to the public that the above mentioned photographs are of Lokest Gulati and the Chirag Gulati whoeve know the residence of them, and give the formation to the below mentioned name will be awarded by Rs.100000/-and the name of the informant will be kept secret

The above mentioned Chirag Gulati is third gender and he also loves my nephew and want to marry him but, I am completely against the third gende marriage, and can't accept. It is believed that the Chirag Gulati will try to contact so that they both could abscond.

Contact to : Mr. Kamal Kapoo email:kamalkapoor_bjp@gmail.com Phone 011-22800785

ASHWANI kUMAR(Advocate Ch. No.512.Western Wing, Tis Hazari Cour Near Shiv Mandir, Mob. 9891200739



I, P. Palanivel Hereby declare that my minor son's name is P.

Russian money has flooded The fake video began circulatinto Dubai's booming real estate market since President Vladimir Putin launched his full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022.

France, however, remains one of the key backers of Ukraine and its President Volodymyr Zelenskyy as the war grinds on. Meanwhile, Russia likely remains highly interested in what happens to Telegram, an app believed to be used widely by its military in the war and one that's also been used by activists in the past. And the move comes amid concerns in the United States over Russia, Iran and China interfering in the upcoming US presidential election. Russia's Embassy in

Washington did not respond to

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Rules, 2002

ing online August 27, bearing the logos of the Qatar-based satellite news network Al Jazeera and attempting to copy the channel's style. It falsely claimed the Emirati government had halted a previously

announced purchase of 80 Rafale fighter jets from France worth 16 billion euros (USD 18 billion) at the time, the largestever French weapons contract for export.

It also sought to link Dubai's ruler and his crown prince son to the decision, as Durov holds an Emirati passport and has lived in Dubai. Such a decision, however, was

never made. The UAE and France maintain close relations, with the French military operating a naval base in the

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country. French warplanes and personnel also are stationed in a major facility outside the Emirati capital, Abu Dhabi,

Reached for comment, Al Jazeera told the AP that the footage was "fake and we refute this attribution to the media network". The network never aired any such claim when reporting on Durov's detention as well, according to an AP check. On the social platform X, a note later appended by the company to some posts with the video identified it as "manipulated media".

The video also appeared to seek to exploit the low-level suspicion still gripping the Gulf Arab states following the yearslong Qatar diplomatic crisis by falsely attributing it to the news network.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mrs. Kailash Bhola (Husband-Wife)

P.S.Loni, Gaziabad-201102 has

severed/disowned their son Arun

Bhola his wife Aashna Rathore and

his children Aarush Bhola from his

movable-immovable properties. My

client shall not be responsible for

any acts done by them

R/o-H.No.189.

client Om Prakash Bhola and

Sharad

Prakash Chand Kapoo

City

Advocate

Date : 10.09.2024

Place : GHAZIABAD

Date : 10.09.2024 Place : GHAZIABAD

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 (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 Sammaa Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) [CIN L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the constructive possess of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sole on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 30.09.2024 from 04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 81,76,003/- (Rupees Eighty One Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Three only) pending towards Loan Account No HHLEOKO10939, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued lat charges) and interest till 09.09.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loai Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 10.09.2024 along with lega penses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from AMIT KHURANA and SARIKA KHURANA

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be **Rs. 1.24.00.000/- (Runees On** Crore Twenty Four Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("HBD") will be Rs. 12,40,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Forty Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FLOOR NO. E - 2164, GROUND FLOOR WITH BASEMENT, SOVEREIGN FLOORS, ALBA, SEC - 67, ANSAL ESENCIA, GURUGRAM - 122102, HARYANA. 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 Date : 09.09.2024 (Formerly known as INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD.) Place : GURUGRAM

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The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be **Rs** 14.00.000/- (Rupee Fourteen Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,40,000-(Rupees One Lakh Forty Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

FLAT NO. FF - 04. PLOT NO. C - 198. FIRST FLOOR. REAR RHS. VILLAGE SADULLABAD, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH - 201102 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.

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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 Sammas 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 30.09.2024 from 04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 15,92,354/- (Rupees Fifteen Laki Ninety Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Four only) pending towards Loar Account No. HHLEOK00172740, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 10.09.2024 with applicable future interest in erms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 11.09.2024 long with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from SATISH SINGH and SONI.

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 5,50,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Fifty Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 55,000/- (Rupees Fifty Five Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FLAT NO. GF - 3, GROUND FLOOR REAR RHS, PLOT NO. B - 6/14, DLF ANKUR VIHAR, LONI, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH - 201001.

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 bidding, log on to www.auctionfocus.in

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Date : 10.09.2024

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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 Sammaa 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 30.09.2024 from the part of the secure 04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 26,12,942/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Twelve Thousand Nime Hundred Forty Two only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLDCP00335950, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 10.09.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 11.09.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from OM PRAKASH POOJA VERMA and RAM PRATAP

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 14,00,000/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,40,000/-(Rupees One Lakh Forty Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

FLAT NO. SF - 4, 2ND FLOOR WITH ROOF RIGHTS, REAR RHS (G + UG + 2), M. I G., PLOT NO. C - 9/4, DLF ANKUR VIHAR, LONI, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH -201001.

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 bidding, log on to www.auctionfocus.in.

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APPENDIX IV-A Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property

Date : 10.09.2024 Place : GHAZIABAD

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 (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 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 or "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 30.09.2024 from 04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 21,79,669/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Nine only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLNOD00332058, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 29.08.2024 with applicable future interest in lerms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 30.08.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor PRADEEP KUMAR UPADHYAY, SHASHI SHUKLA, PARVEJ and PREMRAJ BANSAL

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 10.50.000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Fifty Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,05,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Five Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FLAT NO. FF - 2, FIRST FLOOR, FRONT RIGHT HAND SIDE, PLOT NO. B - 5/12,

DLF ANKUR VIHAR, LONI, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH - 201014. For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided on the ebsite of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.sammaancapital.com: Contact No : 0124 6910910, +91 7065451024; E-mail id : auctionhelpline@sammaancapital.com. Fo vidding, log on to www.auctionfocus.in.

AUTHORIZED OFFICER SAMMAAN CAPITAL LIMITED INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

Date : 09.09.2024 Place : GHAZIABAD

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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 Sammaar Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) [CIN L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession o 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 30.09.2024 from 04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 30,48,706/- (Rupees Thirty Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Six only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLNOD00267228, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 10.09.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loar Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 11.09.2024 along expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from SUMAN KUMAR JHA SHIKHA JHA and PRABHU JEE PRASAD.

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 12,50,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Fifty Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,25,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Five Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

FLAT NO. UGF - 4, UPPER GROUND FLOOR, REAR LHS, PLOT NO. C - 1/16, DLF ANKUR VIHAR, VILLAGE - LONI, GHAZIABAD – 201012, UTTAR PRADESH. For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided on the ebsite of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.sammaancapital.com: Contact No : 0124 6910910, +91 7065451024; E-mail id : auctionhelpline@sammaancapital.com, bidding, log on to www.auctionfocus.in.

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L55922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession o 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 30.09.2024 from 04.00 PM. to 05.00 PM., for recovery of Rs. 17,28,778/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakk Twenty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Eight only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLDCP00229203, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 10.09.2024 with applicable future

tion is given to general public at large that Bee o Sunil Kumar is the owner of House having ar ng 37.33 Sq. Yards, .i.e. 31.12 Sq. Mtrs, Khas measuring 37.33 Sq. Yards, i.e. 31.12 Sq. Mtrs, Khasra No. 462 Mi, Situated in Indrapuri, Modinagar, Maukuba Village Seekri Khurdh Pargana Jalalabaad, Tehsi Modinagar, Distt, Ghaziabad by virtue of Gift Deed dater 18.12.2023 (Doc. No. 21627) registered in SR Modinagar. Original Sale Deed dated 19.10.2007 (Doc No. 11496) in favour of Veerwati Devi W/o Mam Chand i No. 11996) in favour of Veerwati Devi Wyo Mam Chand in respect of above mentioned property have been lost by Beeta Devi Wyo Sunli Kumar and my cilient intend to mortgage the same against the financial assistance from Subham Housing Development Finance Co. Ltd. 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 hereby requested to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days at below address MCR LAW ASSOL/IES Advocates & Consultants A 99. NCR LAW ASSOCIATES Advocates & Consultants A-98 Sector-9, New Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad, (U.P.)-201009.

PUBLICATION OF FORM NO. 1

600/1, University Road, Hanumar Setu Mandir, Lucknow (Area of Jurisdiction, Part of Uttar Pradesh) DRC NO. 25 OF 2024 Notice under Rule-2 of the IInd Schedule of Income Tax Act, 1961 read with Section 29 of The Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 ICICI BANK LIMITED

MALLIKA RAWAL & ORS

(1) Mallika Rawal W/o- Sri Jayant Sarjeet Rawal, R/o 195, SF Indraprastha Colony Sector 33-30, Faridabad-121003 (2) Jayant Sarjeet Rawal S/o-Sri Sarjeet Chander Rawal R/o- 195, SF Indraprastha Colony Sector 33-30, Faridabad-121003 (3) M/s Aadi Best Consortium Pvt. Ltd., Office: Cloud 9, Sector 1, ali Chaziabad (LLP

Shivaaraaman. Inadvertently	interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 11.09.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor	Through its director	APPENDIX IV-A	APPENDIX IV-A
it appears P. Shivaraaman in	from SURENDRA KUMAR and SUDHA PAL.	A. This is to notify a sum of Rs.	Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property	Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property
11	The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 10,80,000/- (Rupees Ten	1,04,74,813 (Rupees one crore four lakhs seventy-four thousand eight	E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002	E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002
documents. Both names are of	Lakh Eighty Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be	hundred thirteen only) along with	read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement)	read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement
same person who is my son.	Rs. 1,08,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Eight Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of	interest @ 12% per annum with	Rules, 2002.	Rules, 2002.
PD(750)C	the Reserve Price.	monthly rest from the date of filling of the original application i.e.	Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and	Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and
	DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY	17-08-2022 till loan fully liquidated	Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Sammaan	Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Sammaar
I, Megha Parihar wife of Sh.	FIRST FLOOR (WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS) IN PART OF PROPERTY BEARING NO RZ - D - 1A/129/B, LAND MEASURING 50 SQUARE YARDS, OUT OF	jointly and severally with its costs	Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) [CIN : L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of	Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) [CIN L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of
Shivendra Singh Parihar R/o	KHASRA NO. 692/92, 93 AND 94 SITUATED IN VILLAGE NASIRPUR, IN COLONY	succeeds in its realization from the certificate debtor nos. 1, 2 and 3 as	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 or
B-1003, Grand Ajara Heritage,	KNOWN AS MAHAVIR ENCLAVE, GALI NO 05, NEW DELHI - 110045	per Certificate Bearing No. 25 of	"as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 30.09.2024 from	"as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 30.09.2024 from
Sector-74, Noida, Distt.	ALONGWITH ONE BIKE PARKING SPACE WITH UNDIVIDABLE AND	2024 dated- 17-07-2023 in O.A.	04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 18,91,795/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh	04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 18,47,157/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakt
	PROPORTIONATE COMMON RIGHTS IN THE LAND UNDERNEATH, ALONGWITH THE FREEHOLD RIGHTS OF THE LAND THERETO AND WHICH IS	No 852 of 2023 passed against you by Hon'ble DRT, Lucknow.	Ninety One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Five only) pending towards Loan	Forty Seven Thousand One Hundred Fifty Seven only) pending towards Loar
Gautam Buddh Nagar, U.P.	BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS :-	B. You are hereby directed to pay	Account No. HHLDCP00499851, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 29.08.2024 with applicable future interest in	Account No. HHLDMT00483702, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 10.09.2024 with applicable future interest in
have change my name from	EAST : OTHER'S PROPERTY NORTH : OTHER'S PROPERTY	the sum within 15 days of receipt of	terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 30.08.2024	terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 11.09.2024
Megha Parihar to Megha	WEST : GALI 12 FEET WIDE SOUTH : OTHER'S PROPERTY	this notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in	along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor	along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from
0 0	For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided on the	accordance with the Recovery of	from MANISH CHOPRA, SANDEEP CHOPRA and CHANCHAL CHOPRA	UMESH CHANDRA SATI and AANANDI DEVI.
Bhadouria. Henceforth I	website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.sammaancapital.com; Contact No 0124- 6910910, +91 7065451024; E-mail id : auctionhelpline@sammaancapital.com. For	Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993.	(GUARANTOR).	The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 13,00,000/- (Rupees
would be known by he name	bidding, log on to www.auctionfocus.in.	C. You are hereby ordered that declare on affidavit the particulars	The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,00,000/- (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
of Megha Bhadouria for all	AUTHORISED OFFICER	of assets on or before 11/12/2024.	One Lakh only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.	Price.
purposes.	SAMMAAN CAPITAL LIMITED	D. You are hereby ordered to	DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
	Date : 10.09.2024 (Formerly known as Place : NEW DELHI INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED)	appear before the undersigned on 11/12/2024 at 11 A.M.	FLAT NO, FF - 02 (MIG), ADMEASURING 540 SQUARE FEET I. E. 50,166 SQUARE	FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL BUILT - UP MIG FLAT NO. UGF - 04, ON THE UPPER
PD(751)C	Place : NEW DELHI	E. In addition to the sum aforesaid.	METERS ON FIRST FLOOR (WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS), (FRONT LHS),	GROUND FLOOR (BACK RHS), WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS, AREA MEASURING
		you will also be liable to pay the	CONSTRUCTED UPON PLOT NO B/35, KHASRA NO. 217, SITUATED IN RAIL	52.67 SQ. MTRS., BUILT ON PLOT NO. D - 93, SITUATED AT S. L. F. VED VIHAR
SYMBOL	IC POSSESSION NOTICE	following:-	VIHAR, VILLAGE SADULLABAD, LONI, GHAZIABAD - 201102, UTTAR	HADBAST VILLAGE SADULLABAD, PARGANA AND TEHSIL LONI, DISTRICT GHAZIABAD, GHAZIABAD - 201102, UTTAR PRADESH.
AICICIPANIA	Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited Plot No-23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005	Application fees Rs. 1,10,000/- Advocate fees Rs. NIL	PRADESH. For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided on the	For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided on the
		Publication charges Rs. NIL	website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.sammaancapital.com; Contact No : 0124-	website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.sammaancapital.com; Contact No : 0124
The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer un	nder the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement n exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of	Miscellaneous expenses Rs. NIL	6910910, +91 7065451024; E-mail id : auctionhelpline@sammaancapital.com. For	6910910, +91 7065451024; E-mail id : auctionhelpline@sammaancapital.com. Fo bidding.log on to www.auctionfocus.in.
	Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to	Given under my hand and seal at Lucknow on this 03rd September.	bidding, log on to www.auctionfocus.in.	bidding, log on to www.addioniocds.in.
repay the amount mentioned in the N	Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.	2024	Sa/-	sd/
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Sr. Name of the No. Borrower(s)/Loan	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession Date of Symbolic Possession	APPEND		FINANCIAL ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED
Account Number	Notice (Rs) Branch	Sale Notice for sale of E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immova		
1. Kulbhushan Grover/ Usha Grov	er/ Plot No- 876B Block- A Sushant Lok June 03, 2023 Delhi/		JM FINANCIAL Begins	brate identity Number: U6/19000H200/PLC/4287

Abhishek Grover/ LBDEL00001379976/ Phase-1 Gurgaon Haryana/ Rs. 6,35,25,497/-LBDEL00001756635 September 12, 2024 The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: September 13, 2024 Place: Delhi NCR

Sincerely Authorised Signatory For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Ncr

Rules, 2002

Date : 10.09.2024

Place : GHAZIABAD



राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, कुरूक्षेत्र NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (Under the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India) KURUKSHETRA-136119 (HARYANA)

Advt. No. 78 /2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NIT Kurukshetra invites sealed tenders from the interested firms for leasing out various Shops/Canteen/Booth in the premises of the Institute for a period of two years on monthly rental basis. Interested firms are requested to submit their tender document as per the terms and conditions, which can be downloaded from the Institute website www.nitkkr.ac.in.

The tender document along with terms & conditions duly signed by the interested firms in sealed envelope alongwith Tender Fee & Earnest Money deposit(EMD) addressed to the Dean(Estate & Construction), NIT, Kurukshetra may be sent on or before 10-10-2024 upto 03.00 PM.

Registrar I/C

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 o here is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 30.09.2024 from 04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 36,94,638/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh

Ninety Four Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Eight only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLNOI00353125, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 10.09.2024 with applicable future interest terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 11.09.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from **Vika**: Dhaka and Sunita Devi.

read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 21,60,000/- (Ruj 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. equivale 10% of the Reserve Price

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

FLAT NO. S - 5 HAVING COVERED AREA OF 74.32 SQ. METRES ON 2ND FLOOR (WITHOUT TERRACE RIGHTS) ON THREE FLOOR BUILDING, SITUATED ON PLOT NO. B - 226, KHASRA NO. 1342/2 IN RAM PARK, LONI - 201001, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH. THE PROPERTY IS BOUNDED AS UNDER: EAST : 30 FEET WIDE ROAD NORTH : PLOT NO. B - 225 NORTH : PLOT NO. B-225 SOUTH : PLOT NO. B-227 WEST : FLATOFOTHER

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Jnder Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The Piramal Capital and Housing Finance td have assigned a pool of Loan (including below mentioned Loans) together with underlying security interest created therefor along with all the rights, title and interest thereon under Section 5 (1) (b) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI ACT") vide an assignment agreement dated March 29, 2023 ("the Assignment Agreement") in favour of JMFARC (JM) (herein reffered as Assingee). he undersigned is the Authorised Officer of (JM) assignee. Under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the mounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with bove, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to JM, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the mortgaged to JM by the said Borrower(s) respectively. ollowing assets have be

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Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)			
(LC No. 25500001061 of Delhi - Pitampura Branch) Junaid Ahmed (Co-Borrower) (S/o and Legal Heir of late Borrower Mr. Vakeel Ahmed), Wahid Fatima (Co-Borrower) (W/o and Legal Heir of late Borrower Mr. Vakeel Ahmed)	Thousand Two Hundred Fifty	Basement- 6621, G/F-6615 To 6620, F/F & Above 6622 Bahadur Garh Road, Kothi Mem Bara Hindu Rao Delhi New Delhi- 110006			
If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to JM as aforesaid, JM shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of JM. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.					
Date: 14-09-2024 Sd/- (Authorised Officer) Place: Delhi JM Financial Asset Reconstruction Company Lim					



Markets breathe marginally low after record rally



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Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty took a breather on Friday after a record rally in the previous session and ended marginally lower on the emergence of profit-taking. In а

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The NSE Nifty dropped 32.40 points or 0.13 per cent to 25.356.50. Ports was the biggest loser in the Sensex pack, declining 1.37 per cent, followed by ITC, Bharti Airtel, NTPC, Maruti, Asian Paints, Sun Pharma, Power Grid, profit-taking. In a Maruti, Asian Paints, Sun the previous day's sh volatile trade, the 30-share Pharma, Power Grid, uptick. Despite domestic BSE Sensex fell by 71.77 Hindustan Unilever and inflation being within points or 0.09 per cent to close at 82,890.94. During the day, it dived 309.49 Finance, IndusInd Bank, Tata points or 0.37 per cent to

Mahindra were among the gainers. In Asian markets, Tokyo and Shanghai settled Adani lower, while Seoul and Hong Kong ended in positive territory. "The market took a breather and ended on a flat note after

the previous day's sharp uptick. Despite domestic CPI inflation being within the RBI's target band, the increase in food prices may influence the central bank to

"Higher liquidity from FIIs to the domestic market and a slide in US 10-year yield increased the prospects of the FED rate cut, which will aid domestic sentiment," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services. Retail inflation in August inched up to 3.65 per cent, though vegetables and pulses witnessed price rise in double digits, according to official data released on Thursday.

The retail inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), however, remained below the Reserve Bank's median target of 4 per cent for the second month in a row. It was at a five-year low of 3.6 per cent in July. The headline inflation was

6.83 per cent in August 2023.

European markets were trading higher in the mid-session deals. The US markets ended with gains on Thursday.

Thursday. A sharp fag-end rally on Thursday drove the BSE benchmark to the 83,000 level for the first time. The barometer surged 1,593.03 points or 1.95 per cent to hit its lifetime intra-day peak of 83,116.19. The index ended at a record high of 82,962.71, up by 1,439.55 points or 1.77 per cent.

per cent. The NSE Nifty surged 470.45 points or 1.89 per cent to settle at a record closing high The benchmark hit its fresh

all-time intra-day high of 25,433.35, a jump of 514.9 points or 2 per cent. Institutional Foreign

(FIIs) bought Investors equities worth Rs 7,695 crore on Thursday, according to exchange data. Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 1.03 per cent to 72.71 a barrel.



Rupee rises six paise against US \$

PTI MUMBAI

The rupee witnessed range-bound trade and settled for the day higher by 6 paise at 83.90 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday supported by weakening of the American currency in the overseas market and significant foreign fund inflows. Forex traders said rupee trade was range-bound as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is maintaining a firm grip on the domestic currency

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 83.92 and witnessed an intraday high of 83.85 and a low of 83.98 against the American currency. The domestic unit

finally settled for the day at 83.90 (provisional), higher by 6 paise over its previous close. On Thursday, the local unit settled 3 paise higher at 83.96 US against the dollar.Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was down 0.46 per cent to 100.90 points.Brent crude, the international benchmark, gained 1.03 per cent to USD 72.71 per barrel in futures trade

In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex declined 71.77 points, or 0.09 per cent, to close at 82,890.94 points, while the Nifty fell 32.40 points, or 0.13 per cent, to 25,356.50

points.Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net buyers in the capital markets Thursday, as they on purchased shares worth Rs 7,695.00 crore, according to exchange data.

On the domestic macroeconomic front, retail inflation in August inched up to 3.65 per cent, though vegetables and pulses vegetables and pulses witnessed price rise in double digits, according to official data released on Thursday.

India's industrial production output decelerated to 4.8 per cent year-on-year in July 2024, mainly due to poor performance of the manufacturing and mining sectors, as per official data released on Thursday.

Food ministry inks

grain operation

efficiency

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pact with FCI to boost

Indian bioeconomy hits USD 151 billion, contributes 4.25 per cent to GDP



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India's bioec bioeconomy has significant growth, reaching a valuation of USD 151 billion by the end of 2023, according to a new report, which said that the highlights surge the bioeconomy's critical role in national development, contributing 4.25 per cent to the country's GDP and positioning India among the top five global bioeconomies. The report, prepared by the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) and the Association Biotechnology Led Enterprises (ABLE), outlines Enterprises advances transformative advances biotechnology, agricultural innovation, healthcare, and biomanufacturing, driving the sector's expansion. It was released during a session at the Global Bio-India Summit 2024. The report said that India's bioeconomy has significant experienced growth, reaching a valuation of USD 151 billion by the end of 2023. "This surge surge highlights the bioeconomy's critical role in national development, contributing 4.25 per cent to the country's GDP and positioning India among the top five global bioeconomies," it said. One of the major drivers of

this growth has been the (Biotechnology for BioE3 Economy, Environment, and Employment) Policy, the report said, noting that the policy focuses on bio-based precision chemicals, biotherapeutics, climateresilient agriculture, and advanced research in marine and space technologies. Rajesh S Gokhale, Secretary DBT, Chairman BIRAC & pivotal moment in India's journey to becoming a global leader in biotechnology. 'The report underscores India's bioeconomy growth from USD 10 billion in 2014 to USD 151 billion by 2023, driven by rising demand for vaccines and biopharmaceuticals. With the new BioE3 Policy, we are poised to accelerate this momentum, aiming to reach USD 300 billion by 2030. This report sets the foundation for India's bio-revolution and highlights our path towards global leadership in biotechnology," Gokhale told PTI. The report also emphasises the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in biomenufocturing with plane biomanufacturing, with plans to create biomanufacturing and Bio-AI hubs. These efforts are expected to create

employment opportunities, particularly in tier-II and tier-III cities, while supporting the integration of biotechnology across various

industries, the report said. The Bioindustrial sector remains the largest contributor to India's bioeconomy, accounting for USD 72.6 billion or 48.09 per cent of the total market, the report said. This report said. This sector includes biofuels, bioplastics, and enzymatic applications in industries such as textiles and detergents. Biofuels, in particular, have seen a sharp rise, with ethanol production capacity increasing to 13.8 billion litres in 2023, making India the world's third-largest producer of ethanol. Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) programme, which production, here here entrul to reducing has been central to reducing India's dependency imported fuels and enhan on importe ring DG-BRIC said the India bioeconomy report 2024, added. The biopharma launched at the 4th edition of sector also saw impressive Global Bio India, marks a growth, contributing USD 53.8 billion or 35.65 per cent to the bioeconomy. India's manufacturing vaccine capacity continues to be a global leader, with companies like Serum Institute of India (SII) producing over 3 billion doses annually. Major breakthroughs, such as the R21/Matrix-M malaria vaccine and India's first quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, have highlighted India's prowess in vaccine production. The diagnostics and medical devices segment, which grew to USD 19.4 billion, has also played a crucial role in addressing healthcare challenges, particularly through advancements in early disease detection and personalized medicine, the report said.

Passenger vehicle wholesales dip two per cent in August as OEMs cut dispatches

PTI NEW DELHI

 $D_{vehicle}^{omestic}$ passenger wholesales declined by about 2 per cent year-on-year in August as companies curtailed dispatches reduce inventory at dealers amid a drop in demand.

According to data issued by the industry body Society of Automobile Indian Manufacturers (SIAM), the total passenger vehicle dispatches in the domestic market stood at 3,52,921 units last month compared to 3,59,228 vehicles in August 2023, a dip of 1.8 per cent.



9 per cent to 17,11,662 units last month against 15,66,594 units in the year-ago period, it added. Scooter dispatches

6,06,250 units from 5,49,290 units in August 2023, growth of 10 per cent. Similarly, moto motorcycle

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dispatches from companies to dealers increased by 8 per cent to 10,60,866 units last month from 9,80,809 units in August 2023.

August 2025. The total three-wheeler sales grew 8 per cent to 69,962 units last month against 64,944 units a year ago. "Looking ahead, as the country enters the festive season, demand for vehicles

is expected to grow, which will also be duly augmented by the recent announcements of PM E-DRIVE and PMeBus Sewa Schemes of Government of India," SIAM Director General Rajesh Menon said.

The food ministry has signed an agreement with the state-run Food Corporation of India (FCI) for the 2024-25 fiscal year, aiming to enhance efficiency and accountability in foodgrain procurement and distribution.

The MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) sets specific performance benchmarks, including metrics for FCI and depots, outlines accountability measures to optimise public fund usage in food security operations. "Depot efficiency parameters like capacity utilization, operational losses, security measures, and modernisation of erformance the benchmarking," ministry said in a statement. This initiative underscores the government's commitment to refining the Public Distribution System (PDS) and ensuring efficient management of food eubeidy finds through food subsidy funds through

Preparing to use Chennai manufacturing

manufacturing for exports.

a statement.

announcement follows a meeting between Ford leadership and Tamil

Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin as part of

his visit to the United States. Ford said in

"This step aims to underscore our

ongoing commitment to India as we

intend to leverage the manufacturing

expertise available in Tamil Nadu to serve new global markets," Ford International Markets Group President Kay Hart said. Ford said the

Two-wheeler wholesales rose last month climbed to

plant for exports, says Ford



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A merican automaker Ford on Friday Said it is preparing to utilise its Chennai manufacturing plant to roll out vehicles for exports and has intimated the same to the Tamil Nadu government.

The company which in 2021 had said that it would stop manufacturing vehicles in India, has submitted a Letter of Intent (LOI) to the Tamil Nadu government, confirming its intention to utilise the Chennai plant for

strategic move will see the facility repurposed to focus on manufacturing for export to global markets, as part of the company's ambitious 'Ford+ growth plan'. It, however, said further information about the type of manufacturing and other details will be disclosed in due course. Ford said its latest announcement

reaffirms the company's commitment to India as a critical market for its global operations.

The company currently employs 12,000 individuals in Global Business Operations in Tamil Nadu, a number expected to grow by 2,500 to 3,000 jobs within the next three years, it added. "Combined with the engine manufacturing operations in Sanand, India represents Ford's second-largest salaried workforce worldwide," the

company said. In September 2021, after nearly three decades of struggling to make a mark in India, Ford Motor Co had announced that it would stop vehicle production at its two plants in the country and will sell only imported vehicles going ahead, as part of a restructuring exercise.

improved FCI operations. Established in 1965, FCI handles the purchase, storage, transport, distribution, and sale of

foodgrains. It relies entirely on central government food subsidies, having no independent income source.

public "Such large expenditure must be evaluated for costeffectiveness and value for

money. This requires benchmarking critical operational parameters and establishing institutional accountability, the ministry added.

Government mandates use of fire-resistant upholstery fabrics in non-domestic furniture

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The Government has introduced stringent regulations mandating the of fire-resistant upholstery fabrics in nondomestic furniture, a move expected to improve public safety with respect to firerelated tragedies.

Effective from October, the Quality Control Order (QCO) now requires all upholstery components used at public spaces to comply with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) norms.

complexes,

The QCO applies to upholstered composites and fabrics used in non-domestic furniture found in public areas such as offices, malls, airports, restaurants, underground



museums, however relaxation till March hospitals, places of worship, 31, 2025 has been provided and educational institutions. on the request of industry. The order is also applicable "This decisive underscores the government's on all imports of complete furniture or sub-assemblies commitment to enhancing having upholstered fabric fire safety in public spaces shopping meant for public use, and ensuring that all non-

domestic furniture meets the highest standards of quality and safety, thereby safeguarding lives and property," an official statement by the Ministry of Textiles said. QCOs are part of the government's broader strategy to ensure quality and safety in critical products. "While BIS certification is voluntary for many products, compliance with these standards for strategic items like fire-retardant upholstery is now compulsory. is

This regulation significant step towards creating safer public spaces and ensuring that the furniture used in these action environments meets the highest safety standards," the statement said.

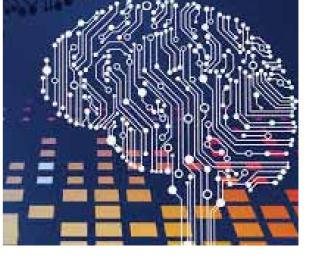
PTI NEW DELHI

Fair trade watchdog CCI has selected the Management Development Institute Society (MDIS) to conduct a market study on artificial intelligence and compatition that will competition that will examine various aspects, including potential competition issues in the AI ecosystems.

In April this year, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) had issued a request for proposal to conduct the market study on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Competition. The Gurugram-based MDIS has been engaged to conduct

the study that will seek to understand certain key AI ecosystems,

Competition Commission selects Management Development Institute to conduct market study on AI



stakeholders, resources, value chains, market structures and Friday. including parameters of competition, It will also examine the

CCI said in a release on

anti-competitive behaviour.

emerging and potential competition issues in these markets/ecosystems as well as look at the scope and nature of AI applications/use cases and assess associated opportunities, risks and ramifications from competition standpoint.

Among other aspects, the study will focus on the existing and evolving regulatory/legal frameworks governing AI systems and opplications in India and applications in India and

other major jurisdictions. Earlier this year, in an interview to PTI, CCI Chairperson Ravneet Kaur said AI and machine learning can drive efficiency and innovation but also raise concerns related to market concentration and potential

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AN ENCHANTING EVENING OF **CLASSICAL ART**

Celebrating Lord Krishna's life through captivating storytelling, music, and dance, Dr Mansingh's masterful abhinaya and multilingual artistry left the audience in awe at Sanskriti Sannivesh, writes GANESHWAR DAYAL

he Human Touch Foundation's cultural initiative, Sanskriti Sannivesh, brought an extraordinary evening of Indian classical art to life at the Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. This highly anticipated event, organised by Greater Noida-based NGO, the showcased a spellbinding performance of Natya-Katha KRSHNA by Dr Sonal Mansingh, a cultural icon, former Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), celebrated for her lifetime Kansa, and his eventual move contributions to Indian classical dance

The highlight of the evening with his childhood friend, was *Dr. Sonal Mansingh's* Sudama. The stories, steeped performance, Natya-Katha in lessons of duty, trust, and KRSHNA, which enthralled friendship, were presented the audience with episodes with grace, wit, and emotional from Lord Krishna's life. depth. and teasing the gopis, to the epic moment where he lifted English-added further layers to Mount Govardhan to protect the the performance, as she people of Gokul from Lord Indra's effortlessly weaved bhajans, wrath, each episode was a showcase of shlokas, and poems into the Mansingh's unmatched abhinaya narrative. Her disciples (expressive acting) and narrative accompanied her with striking brilliance. Her performance also brought dance interludes, and the visual



serpent, his slaying of his uncle to Dwaraka, ending with the poignant story of his reunion with his childhood friend,

From the divine child Dr. Mansingh's command over Krishna stealing butter multiple languages-Hindi, Gujarati, Marathi, Oriya, and to life Krishna's encounter with the Kaliya richness of miniature artworks

projected on-screen enhanced the audience's immersion in the tales of Krishna. Vocal and instrumental support from a talented ensemble of accompanists elevated the seamless blend of music, dance, and storytelling.

The performance left the audience in awe, who responded with a thunderous standing ovation. The event concluded with a felicitation ceremony, where Dr Sonal Mansingh was honored by Former President on India, Hon'ble Shri Ram Nath Kovind. Dr Upasana Singh, Founder of Human Touch growth. "We are committed to Foundation, expressed her

gratitude to the distinguished heritage of the country and and guests recognising the significance of talented artists from across the cultural events like Sanskriti country who haven't got the Sannivesh in promoting India's chance to showcase their cultural and artistic legacy. talent. It is our earnest Reflecting on the evening and endeavour to provide support her journey of over 60 years, Mansingh shared, "Krishna has Upasana Singh been my lifelong companion, Dr Sonal Mansingh, an though enigmatic and at times inscrutable." The former President commented, "Sonal recipient of the prestigious ji's performance made us all

proud." The Human Touch Foundation, under the six decades, she has been a guidance of Dr Upasana Singh, torchbearer of Bharatanatyam has long been committed to and Odissi, using her art as a advancing social equity and experience further, creating a cultural awareness. Through stories rooted in Indian Sanskriti Sannivesh, the foundation aims to promote Indian art and traditions while Beyond working on key societal issues Dr.Mansingh's contributions as such as workplace inequality, a cultural ambassador, speaker, sexual harassment, and

environmental sustainability. India's artistic landscape. Her Dr. Singh's leadership has been mastery over languages, music, instrumental foundation's journey toward social transformation and equitable

audience, would like to present the to people in need," said

> Padma Vibhushan, India's second-highest civilian award. With a career spanning over medium to communicate mythology, philosophy, and spirituality.

her dance. and educator have enriched in the and literature, combined with two-decade her deep understanding of iconography and philosophy, have made her a unique and revered personality in the reviving the rich cultural cultural world.

JOURNEY INTO THE SOUL OF JAPAN

Lokesh Tuli's Photography exhibition "Visions of Japan: Cultural Mosaic" at the Japan Foundation in New Delhi, offered an intimate journey into Japan's soul, capturing its culture and beauty in every frame, writes SAKSHI PRIYA



about the human experience. What makes this exhibition truly special is the meticulous attention to detail that extends beyond the photographs themselves. Every aspect of the experience has been thoughtfully curated to create a deeper connection to Japanese culture. The collaboration with Panasonic Lumix reflects the precision and quality behind each image, while 100-150 beautifully produced catalogues are available for visitors to take home, allowing them to revisit the art long after they've left the gallery. To further immerse visitors, the exhibition includes a saketasting event for select guests, adding a sensory element to the visual journey. There's also a cultural quiz designed to engage visitors and deepen their understanding of Japan's rich traditions and modern spirit. "Visions of Japan: Cultural Mosaic" is more than just a photo exhibit; it's an invitation to pause and truly appreciate the world. It uncovers beauty in the most unexpected places, from quiet exchanges between people to the interplay of shadows on a wall. Tuli's work portrays Japan in a deeply personal yet universally accessible way, creating connections across cultures and encouraging thoughtful reflection. The exhibition allows visitors to immerse themselves in a world where every detail and moment is rich with meaning, where light and shadow tell their own stories and where even the smallest instances resonate deeply. As viewers leave, they are likely to feel a profound connection to Japan's essence, finding beauty not only in distant scenes but in their everyday lives. "Visions of Japan: Cultural Mosaic" is more than an art display, it's a moving journey into the heart of a culture and a reminder of the powerful way photography can bring us all closer together.



Askari Nagvi's Soz Khwani at the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art was an evening of deep reflection, blending history and emotion in a powerful tribute to MF Husain's legacy, writes TEAM VIVA

Photography has a unique power - it can transport individuals to places they might never visit in person. It captures moments that might otherwise go unseen, offering glimpses into worlds that, though distant, feel deeply familiar. Lokesh Tuli, a talented photographer with a keen eye for detail, has created such an experience with his latest exhibition, "Visions of Japan: Cultural Mosaic,"at the Japan Foundation in New Delhi. This exhibition, a highlight of Japan Month celebrations, is not just a collection of photographs but a doorway into the heart of Japan's cultural and artistic soul.

PHOTOS: PNKAJ KUMAR

Walking through Tuli's exhibition feels like stepping into a different world, one shaped by subtlety, grace and an eye for the beauty in the everyday. What stands out most about this collection is not only its technical brilliance but its emotional depth. Tuli's work goes beyond photography, each image represents a conversation between the viewer and Japan's spirit, a dialogue that feels both personal and profoundly universal. His monochrome photographs, with their play of light and shadow, evoke a quiet elegance that is rare in today's fast-paced, often over saturated visual culture.

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There is a profound sense of patience in Tuli's work, showcasing his dedication to waiting for the perfect moment that reveals a deep respect and understanding of his subject. His work is about more than just capturing beautiful scenes, about finding the extraordinary in the ordinary. In "Moments," he captures a quiet exchange between two people that feels deeply personal yet universal. "Old Timer" celebrates the grace and dignity of aging, while "Walking the Lane" invites and feel what it's like to be there. viewers to stroll down a peaceful Japanese street. "The Silent Ride" transports viewers

to a moment of stillness, and

"Smoke and Steel" uses monochrome to turn a simple plume of smoke into something almost divine. One of the highlights of the exhibition is "Whisper," a rare coloured photograph that breaks the monochrome theme, adding a burst of vibrancy and offering a fresh perspective. Each piece is more than just a photograph, it's a story waiting to be told, a moment captured in time that invites viewers to step inside

Visions of Japan: Cultural Mosaic serves as a reminder of the transformative power of art. It demonstrates that

photography, at its best, is not just about capturing a scene but about revealing its essence. Tuli's work invites viewers to look beyond the surface and find beauty in places they might otherwise overlook. It's a call to slow down, appreciate the small details and find meaning in moments that often pass unnoticed. In a world that frequently favours the bold and the obvious, Tuli's exhibition offers a quiet, gentle reminder of the power of subtlety and grace. It's a journey worth taking, not only for lovers of photography but for anyone who seeks to see the world a little differently. The exhibition features 40

stunning black-and-white photographs, each a limitededition piece that will never be reproduced. Every image is carefully composed, capturing the spirit of Japan in a way that feels both timeless and immediate. Through his lens, Tuli explores the beauty of Japan's streets, the mystery of its public spaces and the vibrancy of everyday life. His work is inspired by wabi-sabi, a Japanese concept that finds beauty in imperfection and the fleeting moments of life. Walking through the exhibition feels like stepping into Japan itself. Each photograph tells its own storystories that are intimate yet speak to something larger

Photos: Pankaj Kumar

ome evenings stay in the Smind long after they're over, moments that leave a mark on the heart. The recent Soz Khwani performance by Askari Naqvi at the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art was one such evening. From the moment the audience settled, there was a visible sense of anticipation, a shared expectation of something extraordinary.

Naqvi took the stage with a quiet, humble presence, his demeanor reflecting the deep responsibility of carrying forward a tradition so rich and meaningful. As he began to sing, it became immediately clear this was more than just a performance. Soz Khwani, with its melodies and poetic verses, is an ancient practice of remembering grief, a way of turning sorrow into something sacred. Naqvi's voice seemed to carry not just notes, but stories, memories and emotions, each phrase a bridge connecting the audience to the distant, tragic fields of Karbala.

There was a depth in his voice, a gravity that pulled everyone into a shared experience of loss. This was not just a musical event; it was a collective meditation on the nature of grief and remembrance. The room seemed to hold its breath, each note touching something deep and universal within every listener. For moments, the those boundaries between past and present, between individuals, seemed to dissolve.

This event was part of a broader collaboration with the Italian Cultural Centre, leading up to an exhibition in Venice celebrating M.F. Husain's works, including his



evocative piece "The Battle of Karbala." Husain, with his bold and expressive strokes, seemed to find a perfect companion in Naqvi's singing. Both the painter and the singer were speaking the same language of human suffering, resilience and the search for meaning - one through art, the other through voice.

For those present, it wasn't just an artistic experience but a profound reminder of art's power to connect people across time and culture. In that room, the sorrow of Karbala became a shared sorrow; the ancient grief felt strikingly contemporary. Observers felt moved by Naqvi's ability to evoke such raw emotion with such simplicity. It was a powerful illustration of how, in a world so often divided, an evening like this could unite people through a shared feeling. When the final note faded, a heavy, meaningful silence filled the room. It was a stillness filled with thought, reflection and a quiet peace

that comes from touching something eternal. Those present could see that others felt it too - a rare, communal moment of introspection. The subsequent discussion at the Italian Cultural Centre, led by Prof. Chiara Rostagno Roobina Karode, and

underscored how art in both Italy and India has long grappled with similar themes: pain, hope and the human condition. It was a reminder that, whether through paintings or poetry, art continues to seek understanding, connection, and meaning.

Reflecting on the evening, it became clear that it was more than a cultural event — it was an experience that resonated deeply. It was a powerful reminder of how a simple song sung with sincerity can reach across barriers, make strangers feel less alone and transform a room into a place of healing.One guest captured the essence of the evening when they remarked, "There was such sadness in his voice, but also such beauty. It made me feel less alone." And perhaps that is the true purpose of art: to make the vast, complicated world feel a

little smaller, a little more connected.

This Soz Khwani left behind more than memories; it left a sense of connection and a quiet peace that continues to resonate. It was an evening to be grateful for, one that reminded everyone present of the power of shared emotion and the beauty of coming together in moments of collective reflection. Photos: Pankaj Kumar



TEAM INDIA BEGINS PRACTICE IN CHENNAL FOR FIRST TEST AGAINST BANGLADESH

t is back to business for Rohit Sharma's side following its muchfollowing deserved month-long break, as

the team began its preparations in right earnest under new coach Gautam Gambhir here on Friday, for the upcoming two-Test series against Bangladesh.

With the first Test against Bangladesh scheduled here from September 19, the entire squad, including Rohit and batting stalwart Virat Kohli, assembled at the MA Chidambaram Stadium with new bowling coach, South African great Morne Morkel, and batting coach Vikram Rathour also in attendance.

BCCI posted images of the first day of practice and wrote, "The countdown starts as Team India begin their preps for an exciting home season." The images showed the entire squad listening attentively to Gambhir, his support staff and

skipper Rohit.

Earlier, India skipper Rohit arrived in Chennai on Thursday, while Virat flew in directly from London for the opening Test. Wearing a yellow jersey, Rohit

was seen emerging from the airport escorted by security

personnel, in a PTI Video on Thursday night, while Kohli came from London in an early-morning flight. The likes of India pace

spearhead Jasprit Bumrah, KL Rahul and wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant had earlier reached the city on Thursday.

The players are returning to the field after a much-needed break of more than a month and would look to put behind the disappointment of losing the ODI series against Sri Lanka in August and get back to winning ways quickly under Gambhir.

This will be India's first Test under Gambhir and his new support staff, and it would be interesting to see how Rohit's side approaches the game against a Bangladesh side, which is riding a wave following their 2-0 Test series win over Pakistan.

World Test Championship (WTC) points are at stake in the two-match series as India get ready for a a gruelling 10-match Test season, which also includes a three-Test series at home against New Zealand and the five-match Border-Gavaskar series later this year in Australia.

India are currently heading the table with 68.52 percentage points, while Australia are a close second with 62.50 percentage points.

Bangladesh have jumped to fourth spot with 45.83 percentage points following their 10-wicket win against Pakistan in the opening Test and their amazing fight-back in the second Test where wicketkeeper-batter Litton Das scored a century to singlehandedly guide the side to a series triumph.

The second Test of the India-Bangladesh series will be played in Kanpur from September 27.



ACT hockey: Favourites India look to continue supremacy over Pakistan

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 $A^{\text{semifinal berth already}}_{\text{secured, unbeaten India}}$ will look to continue the winning run and supremacy over arch-rivals Pakistan in their last and most-awaited round-robin match of the Hero Asian Champions Trophy here on Saturday.

With four wins out of as many games, defending champions India are leading the points table, followed closely by Pakistan.

Starting the tournament as Paris clear favourites, Olympics bronze-medallists India haven't disappointed so far, beating hosts China 3-0, Japan 5-1, trouncing Malaysia 8-1 before registering a 3-1 victory against Korea in their victory against Korea in their last match.

Pakistan, on the other hand, have been resilient in the campaign. Playing under the guidance of legendary forward Tahir Zaman, the Ammad Butt-led side has improved

with every passing game. Pakistan drew 2-2 against Malaysia and Korea, before beating Japan and China 2-1 and 5-1 respectively to climb to the second spot. Going by recent results, India enjoy an upper-hand over Pakistan.

In their last meeting at the Hangzhou Asian Games last vear, India thrashed Pakistan 10-2. A few months before that, the Indians beat Pakistan game. 4-0 when the ACT was held in Chennai

At the Asia Cup in Jakarta in 2022, a relatively young Indian side held Pakistan to a 1-1 draw while at the 2021 ACT in Dhaka, India beat Pakistan 4-3 to clinch the bronze medal. India captain Harmanpreet Singh, regarded as one of the best drag-flickers in the world, is continuing his good form from Paris, and is excited to resume the rivalry against Pakistan.

"I have been playing with some of the players in the Pakistan team since my junior days and we share a special bond with them. They are like my brothers. Of course, on the field, we will go about the match like we would against any other opponent and make sure we keep our emotions in check," he said.

"In world hockey, the rivalry the two teams share is unparalleled and I am sure fans across the globe will be waiting for an India-Pakistan match." Though India enjoys an edge

over Pakistan, Harmanpreet is least bothered about past results. "Past results will not matter

when we take on a team like Pakistan. They are a tough side and have the potential to bounce back at any stage in the pame." he said.

The Indians can also take heart from the fact that the team's young forward-line is living upto the expectations and scoring a lot of field goals, an area which was a bit of concern

in Paris. Pakistan's skipper Butt is also confident about Saturday's contest and said his side has improved with each passing

India has undeniably played like true favourites in the tournament so far. We will take heart from the matches we have played, and I must say, we have improved in every single game, not conceded cards and played disciplined have hockey.

Agarwal, Pratam give India A edge after Devdutt makes 92 for India D in Duleep Trophy

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Half-centuries by skipper Mayank Agarwal and Pratam Singh helped India A reach 115 for one in their second innings and extend their hold over India D after second day's play of the Duleep Trophy here on Friday. India A, who made 290 in their first innings, earlier bowled out their opponents for 183 despite India batter Devdutt Padikkal's valiant 92 to gain a lead of 107 runs.

Now, India A have an advantage of 222 runs, with Agarwal (56, 87b, 8x4) and Pratham (59 batting, 82b, 6x4) leading their run glut in the second innings. However, Agarwal, who is eager to chart his way back into selectorial reckoning, will be kicking himself for falling on the last ball of the day to part-time spinner Shreyas Iyer, spooning a simple return catch. But till that point, Agarwal and Pratam played fluently and executed some fluent drives and cuts as the run-rate never came under four. However, that's just one part of India A's story of domination on the day as earlier pacers Khaleel Ahmed and Aaqib Khan bagged three wickets apiece to rattle the India D line-up. Only one of their batters defied the constant challenge of judgement - Devdutt who stroked his way to a 124-ball

Maxwell excited about Kohli vs Smith showdown in Border-Gavaskar Trophy

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Australia all-rounder Glenn Maxwell is thrilled about the prospect of watching modern-day greats Virat Kohli and Steve Smith battle for supremacy in the Border Gavaskar Trophy against India later this year.

Kohli and Smith are among the 'Fab Four' batters of the modern generation, alongside England's Joe Root and New Zealand's Kane Williamson.

"I think the way that the two superstar batters, Steve Smith and Virat Kohli, probably head-to-head. Seeing how their dominance I suppose is asserted on the series and how much of an influence that has on who takes home the Border Gavaskar Trophy," Maxwell told Star Sports. "One of those two is going to

great will play again. The Laver Cup

stump. A century was there for his taking, but the 24-year-old fell just eight runs shy as his attempt to play a shot on the up off state-mate Prasidh Krishna ended up in a simple catch to stumper Kumar Kushagra.

92 with 15 hits to the ropes. The Karnataka left-hander

who made his Test debut

earlier this year against

England was particularly harsh on any offering on his pads or away from the off-

from Laver Cup in Berlin The 11-4-30-1 figures do not AP BERLIN fall under the hallow-spell category but for Prasidh



he added two of the finest players of our generation go head-to-head,"

Both Kohli and Smith are

former captains, and have indulged in fiery on field exchanges early in their careers

but their relationship has evolved in recent times. Smith recently said that Kohli was an Australian amongst the Indian players in terms of attitude.

"I believe Virat Kohli is Australian in thoughts and action. The way he gets into a battle, the way he gets into the challenge and tries to get on top of the opposition. He's probably the most Australian of the Indian players, I'd say," Smith had said.

India travel to Australia for the marquee five-Test series, starting in Perth on November

Since 2014-15, Australia have failed to lay their hands on the Border Gavsakar Trophy, with India winning four consecutive series including the historic triumphs Down Under in 2018-19 and 2020-21.

Next test for slot is navigating Liverpool's busy schedule amid Salah contract questions

T iverpool has yet to allow a goal this

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with us putting in a lot of work without the ball. The schedule gets busy now, though with seven games in the next three weeks. Liverpool plays at Inter Milan on Tuesday in the Champions League. The international break saw lots of Liverpool players logging heavy minutes for their national teams. "Maybe in the future I sometimes would love it to be a bit different," Slot said. "It's a positive thing that we are in such a good place that we have 10 players that can play every minute for the national team. It says a lot about the quality we have?

make a lot of runs, if not both of them, and it's going to be pretty exciting to watch the

Rafael Nadal withdraws

important in his comeback journey.

This was the pacer's first outing in competitive cricket since Karnataka's Ranji Trophy game against Gujarat in January this year. Since that match, the 28-yearold was recuperating from a quadricep injury.

teaming up with Nadal in doubles - would have been Nadal's first event since the Harshit Rana made a 31 off 29 balls, including two back-to-Paris Olympics and potentially back sixes off left-arm spinner one of his last ever. Shams Mulani, but his effort share that I won't be able to compete at the Laver Cup in was not enough for India D to close the gap with their rivals. Berlin next week," the 38-year-old Nadal said. "This is a team However, Rana can take a slice of comfort as he completed a four-wicket haul in the opening session of the day to competition and to really support Team Europe, I need bowl out India A for 290 in to do what's best for them and their first dig.

India A were resuming from their overnight 288 for eight, but lost Mulani and Aaqib to Rana who ended up with 4 for

1000 Rafael Nadal withdrew Thursday from next week's Laver Cup in Berlin, leaving it unclear when the Spanish the tournament where Roger Federer retired in 2022 after

injuries in recent years, or when he might play again.

Nadal withdrew last month from the U.S. Open, meaning he missed three of the four I'm really disappointed to Grand Slam tournaments in 2024. He last played in reaching the men's doubles quarterfinals at the Olympics, where he also lost in the second round of singles to Novak Djokovic.

The Laver Cup, to be held from Sept. 20-22, is an indoor at this moment there are other hard-court men's competition players who can help the team pitting Team Europe against The 22-time Grand Slam Team World in a format champion didn't address his reminiscent of golf's Ryder current fitness after a spate of Cup.

Lseason and Mohamed Salah has scored in each of the three games - all victories.

If this is what contract distractions look like at Anfield, new manager Arne Slot is fine with it.

Salah, captain Virgil van Dijk and rightback Trent Alexander-Arnold are all in the final year of their deals, and though it's still early in the Premier League season Liverpool is the only team keeping pace with defending champion Manchester City.

Slot reiterated Friday at a press conference that "we don't talk about contract situations over here" - unless there's a new deal - and said the focus is on making it four wins in a row when Nottingham Forest visits Merseyside on Saturdav.

"I'm fully focused on the individuals and the team," he said about the trio in question, "and they are part of the team and trying to work with them in the best possible way to get the best out of them. So it's not a distraction for me at all."

The transition from Jurgen Klopp has

been seamless.

Slot is the first manager to win his first three Premier League games without conceding a goal since Sven-Göran Eriksson at Man City in 2007.

"It's not the defense who keeps a clean sheet - it's 11 players who keep a clean sheet," Slot said. "We try to convince them constantly about this because in an ideal world we don't need (goalkeeper) Allison. It's a team performance that we don't concede and that has a lot to do Salah marked his 100th cap for Egypt with a goal in a 4-0 victory over Botswana on Tuesday in an Africa Cup of Nations qualifier. In the Premier League this season, Salah is the only player to have scored three goals and provided three assists.

Harvey Elliott will be sidelined for several weeks because of a foot fracture, which Slot said is "a blow" for both the team and the midfielder.

"He would have had a lot of playing time in the upcoming fixtures," the manager said

Verstappen faces challenge in Baku as RedBull F1 dominance under threat

AP BAKU (AZERBAIJAN)

ando Norris is only one of Lando Norris is only Max Verstappen's problems at the Azerbaijan Grand Prix. The other is his own car.

Verstappen needs to tame a car he's called a "monster" to hold off Norris and defend his Formula 1 title, all while the Red Bull team's years of dominance in Formula 1 seem to be nearing their end. Verstappen and Red Bull haven't won any of the last six races going into the Azerbaijan Grand Prix on Sunday.

Norris will now be favored by McLaren over teammate Oscar Piastri but will likely need some big slip-ups from Verstappen or Red Bull to

overhaul the Dutch driver's 62-point lead in the last eight races of 2024.

The target is much closer in the constructor's standings, with the McLaren team just eight points behind Red Bull, so that lead could change hands in Azerbaijan on

Sunday. New rivals to Red Bull are emerging, powered by Red Bull expertise. The departure of Red Bull's car design guru Adrian Newey to

Aston Martin is a sign of the long-term ambition of a team backed by billionaire Lawrence Stroll. Dubbed "the team of the

future" by driver Fernando Alonso, they have an eye on

designing a car to exploit the new F1 regulations in 2026 -just like Newey did for Red Bull in 2022. Aston Martin has even signaled it would be open to signing Verstappen, who has a Red Bull contract through 2028.

deliver the win."

Another key lieutenant to Red Bull team principal Christian Horner, sporting director Jonathan Wheatley, is leaving at the end of the season before heading up the ambitious new Audi works team arriving in 2026.

immediately, there More simply isn't much room to improve Red Bull's oncedominant car. McLaren and Mercedes seem to have more stable, adaptable designs.



The car "was basically on rails and I could do whatever I wanted," enthused Verstappen after winning the Chinese Grand Prix in April, his fourth

in five races at the start of the season. Each upgrade seems to have made the car less stable and increased tire wear.

"We basically went from a very

dominant car to an undriveable car in the space of, what, six to eight months?" he said in Italy.

Papaya rules' confusionThe confirmation that McLaren will have a "bias" toward Lando Norris over his teammate Oscar Piastri from now on should boost Norris' title challenge. But key questions remain unanswered. Racing under the team's vaguely defined "papaya rules" - named for McLaren's orange color - at the Italian Grand Prix, Norris and Piastri started first and second but neither got the win.

Piastri overtook Norris early on, allowing Ferrari's Charles Leclerc to get by too, and when

Norris and Piastri competed to set fast lap times, it hurt their tires and let Leclerc take a win with smart strategy.

What "papaya rules" meant was never fully explained, and the team's "bias" is almost as mysterious.

Norris suggested Thursday that Piastri would be expected to hand over "lower positions" but would keep a win if he was "deserving" of it. Would there be repeat of the scenes at the Hungarian Grand Prix, when a team one-two was marred by awkward radio pleas for Norris to hand the lead back to Piastri? Unclear.

the Youngsters in spotlightBritish teenager Oliver Bearman is back on the

grid with Haas in Baku after Kevin Magnussen was suspended one race for picking up too many penalty points in a series of different incidents.

Bearman - who was seventh for Ferrari at the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix in March is the Formula 2 teammate of Kimi Antonelli, who's

replacing Another F2 face lighting up F1 is Franco Colapinto, who replaced Logan Sargeant at Williams last month and was an impressive 12th on his debut in Italy. If he can break into the top 10, Colapinto would be the first driver from Argentina to score points since

1982.

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