

## **SUPREME COURT RELEASES KEJRIWAL**

RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

head Haryana of Assembly election, AAP convenor and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday walked out of Tihar iail, 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. Surfeties 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 Investigation (CBI) in connection with the excise policy 'scam'

may encounter some problems, albeit small.

However, despite granting bail, the Court held that the arrest of At the same time, both the Kejriwal by CBI was valid and judges were unanimous in the decision to grant bail to Kejriwal considering the fact in compliance with relevant procedural laws. While Justice that the chargesheet has been Surya Kant said Kejriwal's arrest by CBI does not suffer from any filed in the case and that the procedural infirmity, Justice Bhuyan, in a separate judgment, trial is unlikely to be completed in the near future. The same raised questions on the necessity and timing of the conditions imposed by the coordinate bench while granting interim bail in the ED arrest.

case will apply in this case too. 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 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 months and arrested 2.2 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

 $A_{army}^{ll\ six\ men\ who\ attacked\ two}_{army\ officers\ and\ allegedly}$ 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, 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



a wall that was encroaching on Government land. The protests in Mandi came just two days after Shimla saw protesters gathered on a call by Hindu groups

Protests by Hindu outfits against the disputed structure in the Sanjauli mosque kept

Shimla on the boil since last

The rain Gods have blessed the National Capital Region with abundant water this year, but these blessings come with the curse of traffic haos. From Gurugram to

### **Delhi becomes Dwarka, the Sunken Capital** KUSHAN MITRA NEW DELHI

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

#### 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

#### 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 and Nicobar Islands' unique role in it.

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#### 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 Himachal all-party meeting in Shimla. Members of the Muslim

community had on Thursday demolished a portion of the mosque in Mandi, saying it

week. But on Wednesday, the protest took a violent turn with people breaking 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

Sanjauli area.

Pradesh capital and police detained some protesters as well, including Hindu Jagran Manch secretary Kamal Gautam.

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### Gym owner shot dead in **Delhi's Greater Kailash**

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A<sup>35-year-old</sup> 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 has arrested two persons in connection with the incident as police suspect involvement of associates of jailed gangsters Lawrence Bishnoi and Hashim Baba in the murder. "These two are 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 known to some of the Delhi police officials. Sources said that at the time of the 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.

clash with security personnel Ghaziabad, Vasant Kunj to during a demonstration to call Vaishali, Delhi is inundated and office-goers and school-children alike are struggling for the demolition of an illegal portion of a mosque in the

to get to their destinations. 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 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 8 | estate in India, where high-



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

### 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 breakdown of buses, potholes, unregulated traffic and tree falling which irked commuters as vehicles were seen moving at a snail pace on city's road.

Delhi is deluged due to

collapse of civic infrastructure with disruptions of movement across the city. People complained about not being able to reach their work places due to waterlogging in different areas of the city including Mehrauli-Badarpur road, Mathura road, Sangam Vihar, Aurobindo Marg, Madhu Vihar road, Delhi Gate, Sainik Farms, India Gate, Janpath Road, Kalindi Kuni,



Vehicles stuck in a traffic jam on Delhi-Gurugram expressway as the service lane is closed due to construction work of the underpass between Rajokari (Delhi) to Sirhaul Border

waterlogging.

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though this has been an issue

for days now, no authority is

getting it repaired. Daily

heavy traffic is affected due

Gazipur, Laxmi Nagar, MG expressed his displeasure road, Connaught Place, with the authorities and said, Safdarjung, Uttam Nagar, and Dhaula Kuan.

have proved to be no help to with nature's fury, and getting stuck in traffic for hours.

**Continued on Page 8** A commuter Atul Jain

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.

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incessant rains since last night amid a complete Resident

Welfare Associations asked locals to be cautious of the traffic iams in the city including in Sainik Farms. However, they the residents who are reeling

"I have been stuck for more than half an hour now since Punjabi Bagh area is heavily damaged due to bridge construction



## city 02

Thakur's app ID to receive gifted coins and collecting

money through various people

ment scam on WhatsApp,

promising to facilitate recruit-ment for Rs 7 lakh, of which Aman would receive half.

Aman had travelled to

Lucknow at Thakur's request.

Regarding the app used for gambling, Aman explained that it featured live streaming, chat-

ting, and gambling games such as Teen Patti, Treasure Hunt,

Alibaba, Derby, and Fruitlook.

He earned a 7% commission on

the gambling recharges. The

annual turnover of the app

company in India is approxi-

mately Rs 200 crore. Forensic

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## **Embrace education, reject caste differences: Guv**

review of the budget is essen-tial to ensure that welfare

schemes reach the intended

Murlikant Rajaram Petkar,

who was the chief guest, con-

gratulated the medal winners

and praised the university for

"I have visited many places,

but this rehabilitation univer-

sity, built on 121 acres, stands

out. Both students and coach-

es here are exceptional," he

said. At 84, Petkar expressed

his desire to win medals for

his country and shared that he

wears his medals to inspire

others. He requested the uni-versity to build a swimming

pool for practice and empha-sised that happiness is the best

diet. "I have never lost a com-

petition and believe that one

should never lose hope.

Controlling your mind

Kashyap reaffirmed the state

its facilities.

beneficiaries," she noted.

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Governor Anandiben Patel urged students to embody the values of good humanity and reject caste differences, which she described as the true mark of our knowledge. She emphasised that winning a gold medal holds no value if one lacks fundamental human qualities. The governor was speaking at

the 11th convocation of Dr Shakuntala Mishra National Rehabilitation University (DSMNRU) on Friday. She advised students to iden-

tify their unique qualities and work diligently towards their goals, advocating for education as the path to success rather than pursuing wrong means.

Highlighting the importance of understanding and respect-ing the knowledge and tradi-tions of the country, she encouraged students to share these with the world for a brighter future.

"India, a vast sea of knowledge, has attracted scholars like Fa Hein. Despite the neglect of Nalanda University in Bihar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has revitalised it. We should take pride in our country's progress and our rich knowledge, values, and traditions. Caste differences should not divide us; India, which has birthed numerous religions, stands as a symbol of religious harmony," she stated.

Patel also spoke about the role of teachers in shaping students with social values who view the world as one family. "The entire world is our family, yet we create divisions based on caste. We are all children of Bharat Mata, and education should help eliminate these differences," she said. She noted that people from

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the intervening night of Thursday and Friday in the

wolf-infested Mahsi tehsil here,

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Six-year-old among 3

hurt in animal attacks

India to learn about the con-cept of 'Vasudev Kutumbakam' and the joint

family system, unique to Indian culture. Commenting on the convocation, she pointed out that only 10-12 differently-abled students received awards and urged the university to create a separate merit list for differently-abled students in the next academic session.

Additionally, she recommend-ed that the DSMRU pursue NIRF rankings and binary ratings.

The governor directed the university to utilise the Samarth portal, replacing the previous IT companies that made numerous mistakes and charged for corrections.

"The state government would spend Rs 200 crore on IT companies, which I have halted. Approximately 20 lakh degrees were pending distri-bution due to cumbersome procedures," she noted. She noted the global contribu-

tions of differently-abled people and India's success in para sports. She commended the university for preparing students for the Paralympics with

specialised training. The governor also highlight-ed that the 29 students who won medals at the Paris Paralympics met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who demonstrated respect and empathy by sitting on the floor to greet a winner.

The success of winners from Uttar Pradesh shows that talent is abundant in the state, and self-confidence is key to overcoming barriers and achieving success," she added. She encouraged the university to apply for grants from the Central government, which has allocated Rs 1,225 crore for the differently-abled in the

government's commitment to She noted that people from Union budget. various countries come to "Many departments fail to the welfare of the differentlyabled.

officials said. The locals and

families of the victims are

attributing the attacks to wolves, while forest department

officials and wolf experts are

suggesting that jackals or dogs

The recent attacks took place in

the intervening night of Thursday and Friday. In one incident, Gudiya (26) was attacked by a wild animal while

putting her daughter to sleep in

may be responsible.



**11TH CONVOCATION OF REHABILITATION UNIVERSITY** 

## Toppers reflect on success, goals Lucknow (PNS): The top the country. two gold medals and one silver

achievers at Dr Shakuntala Misra National Rehabilitation University (DSMNRU) are on cloud nine after clinching the top ranks.

Chinmay Shukla, who earned three gold medals, including the prestigious Chancellor's Medal and Chief Minister's Medal for achieving the highest marks in MTech (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning), expressed his excitement and gratitude. "I am thrilled to receive these honours and am thankful to my teachers, family, and friends for their support," he said, adding hard work is the key to success. Looking ahead, he plans to pur-

sue a PhD and has secured a position as an assistant professor at BBD University starting September 17.

enables you to control any-thing," he told the students. Minister of State Narendra "I am currently preparing for NET and GATE and seeking a scholarship for my PhD," said Chinmay, who aspires to work in cyber networking, citing its potential for advancement in

"Artificial Intelligence is the future, and coding will soon become outdated," he said. Reflecting on his experiences at the rehabilitation university,

where he previously completed BTech, Chinmay noted his involvement in creating smart shoes for blind students, which help them navigate various environments.

In the MTech programme, he worked on American sign language to aid deaf individuals, due to the limited focus on

Indian sign languages. "Studying with differently-abled students has shown me that they possess skills often overlooked. For example, visually impaired students are highly attuned to their surroundings, and those with hearing impairments use gestures and body language effectively. My advice to students is that you can learn a great deal from interacting with differently-abled peers," he said. Akanksha Mishra, who secured

two gold medals and one silver for achieving the second-highest marks in Statistics, shared her happiness about her accomplishments. "Being consistent and revising lectures regularly and revising lectures regularly were key to my success," said Akanksha, who plans to pursue a PhD and aims to join the Indian Statistical Services.

Shivansh Chaubey, who won one gold, one silver, and one bronze medal for attaining the third-highest marks in BTech (Electrical Engineering), said he was overjoyed.

"Regular study and self-disci-pline were crucial to my success," said Shivansh, who is preparing for GATE with hopes of joining a public sector unit. He also highlighted the unique opportunity the rehabilitation university provides to assist differently-abled students and learn from their perseverance. "Working and studying with these students has been an eyeopener, showcasing their remarkable dedication and resilience," he added.

## STF nabs fraudster posing as CM's personal secretary

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fraud and taking advantage of Thakur's claims. In his confes-A team of the Uttar Pradesh Special Task Force (STF) in Lucknow claimed to have apprehended a member of an organised gang involved in defrauding people and operat-ing online gambling schemes, late Thursday night. The accused identified as sion, Aman stated that he team of the Uttar Pradesh received a 14% commission on the transactions, with 26% going to the company and 60% to the hosts. He also provided Thakur with technical support, including information on using VPNs. Aman admitted to using

Farooq Aman, who is from Azamgarh, had been posing as the Uttar Pradesh chief ministhe Uttar Pradesh chief minis-ter's personal secretary to deceive people into paying money for promises of helping them pass competitive exams and for engaging in online gambling activities. The STF team seized two mobile phones an Aadhaar under false pretenses. On July 26, 2024, Thakur advertised a police recruit-

mobile phones, an Aadhaar card, Rs 1,200 in cash, and 48 printouts of mobile/WhatsApp data from Aman, who was arrested near Kamta trisection around 11:55 pm on Thursday. According to the police, they were investigating a gang whose members had been impersonating the chief minister's personal secretary to extort money. sonal secretary to exton money. Through intelligence gathering, they identified Farooq Aman as a key associate of the gang's leader. Aman was found to be in Lucknow, leading to his arrest based on this information. During interrogation, Aman revealed that he holds a BPharma degree from Karnataka and has managed two agencies since 2021, employing about 125 hosts. In February 2024, a host informed him about an individual named Thakur, who

Thakur persuaded Aman to

recharge coins on his app and

promised further cooperation.

Over time, Aman discovered

Aman then began to exploit the situation further, committing

and began exploiting him.

Information Technology, Lucknow University in Ahimamau, to end her life at her house in Indiranagar (Sector A) under Ghazipur police station area on Wednesday night, police claimed on Friday. claimed to be the chief minister's personal secretary and The police recovered a suicide offered to buy coin recharges. Aman, intrigued by the offer, engaged with Thakur and was subsequently duped.

note from the house of the deceased, Ayushi Sharma. She was found hanging from the ceiling with a dupatta tied around her neck. Her father Vinod Sharma, who is bed-ridden due to paralysis, was in a

room on the ground floor. In the suicide note, she wrote that Thakur was not an official Thakur initially used Aman's that she had not been in good mental health since 2019 and services for a variety of fraudulent activities, including did not want to live. obtaining a pistol licence.

She also wrote that she had also attempted suicide earlier but was saved.



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## LMC EC focus on drainage, education, traffic mgmt

grant of Rs 1.5 crore from University, aiming to improve Rajya Sabha MP Dinesh The Lucknow Municipal Corporation Executive Council on Friday held a com-Sharma was announced for municipal schools.

Municipal Commissioner prehensive meeting where a range of issues related to city's Inderjeet Singh approved the allocation of these funds to equip six schools with smart development were discussed and several proposals of pubscreens. This initiative aims to enhance the learning environ-Mayor Sushma Kharakwal led ment for students. The mayor also addressed the

traffic flow. Furthermore, she instructed

officials to take action against unauthorised e-rickshaws

operating in old city. In terms of new developments, the council approved the construction of a small vending zone along the banks of Ganga Prasar Road in Maulviganj

Ward-95. The Disaster Relief Fund was

Class XI student, mom attacked with iron rod

Lucknow (PNS): A youth allegedly thrashed his rival with

an iron rod and also attacked

his mother at latter's house in

Itaunja on Thursday afternoon.

The incident took place report-

edly after the victim's bicycle

brushed past the accused iden-tified as Lala Gupta of

Jamkhanwa village in the area.

As per reports, Amrish Kumar

Dwivedi, a Class XI student of

of Rashtrapita Inter College in



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I have changed my son's name from Areeb Ahmad Siddiqui To Areeb Ahmad for all future purpose,Viqar Ahmad R/o 101/127, Beconganj Kanpur



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I, Rishabh Singh (son of JC-286584F Subedar (Operator) Ramchandra Singh), do hereby solemnly declare that I have changed my name from Rishab Singh to Rishabh Singh. This change has been made due to modifications in my father's military records and service documents. R/o- Village: Bajaura, Post: Bihar, Tehsil: Purwa District: Unnao-209866



### CHANGE OF NAME

I ABHISHEK GUPTA alias ABHISHEK KASAUDHAN S/O RAMESH KUMAR R/O-610/419 Keshav Nagar Aliganj Nirala Nagar Lucknow U.P.-226020 changed my name to ABHISHEK GUPTA.

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Singiya Nasirpur village. The animal inflicted injuries to her neck and face, and she was subsequently admitted to the district hospital for treatment,

the locals alleged. Another attack occurred in Narkotwa village, where Nanakau (6) was injured by an unknown animal. In Sammanpurwa village, Mukimunnisha (45) was also attacked while going about her daily chores. Locals have

alleged that wolves are behind the three attacks. The forest department officials hold a different view.

Divisional Forest Officer Aiit Pratap Singh stated in an official statement that WII expert scientist Dr Shaheer Khan, who visited the scene of the

incidents, did not find any evidence of wolf footprints but instead discovered footprints of jackals and dogs. All the injured victims have

been admitted to the district hospital and are receiving medical care, Singh said. Since July 17, the state govern-

ment has launched an 'Operation Bhediya' to catch the wolves - five of which have already been rescued - efforts are underway to find the sixth wolf from the pack, whose images were seen through a

drone camera last month. In Bahraich's Mahsi tehsil, 10 people, including nine children have been killed in these attacks since March and around three dozen people are left injured in human-wildlife conflicts in the area with the government declaring it as a "wildlife disaster."

### SYMPOSIUM

Hindi department's Naviyotika Association of Navyug Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Rajendra Nagar, organised a one-day national symposium on the occasion of Hindi Day. The topic was 'National Unity and Hindi'. Dr Shyam Nandan stated that people's tendencies are reflected socially, politically, and religiously. Dr Ramesh Pratap Singh emphasised that there is no need to fear any language. He said Hindi would eventually become India's

national language, and that

infrastructure and public amenities. The mayor emphasised the

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urgent need for improving drainage systems across the city. She instructed engineers to immediately survey and cover open drains in residential areas to ensure safety.

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the session, giving clear

Additionally, she directed officials to address the request for installing nets on the open sec-

tions of Sarkata nullah.

In the realm of education, a

In line with these efforts, she also ordered the resolution of sewer problems under Munshipulia and the completion of vending zone developments before Diwali.

A public argument between a woman and her husband

in the Jankipuram area erupt-

ed into a dramatic scene on

Friday, drawing a large crowd

The altercation, which began

when the woman reappeared after being missing for four days, revealed intense person-

al accusations, including alle-

gations of her husband's

The incident unfolded near

involvement in flesh trade.

of onlookers.

need for efficient management instructions to enhance urban of health services. She instructed responsible persons to assess the status of health ATMs installed by Lucknow Smart City, ensuring their maintenance and proper func-

tioning. In addition, she ordered the installation of signage boards at funeral and cremation ghats across the city to provide clear information about arrangements, rates, and rules.

Traffic management and urban cleanliness were also high on the agenda. The mayor issued directives to remove illegal parking and encroachments within a one-kilometer radius of King George's Medical

that her husband was complic-

it in human trafficking. "I am

not your bought woman. If you

want to keep me, do it proper-

lv. I didn't marry you to be

beaten up by you and your family," she yelled, adding that

she would expose him to the

As the commotion attracted a

crowd of around 100 onlook-

ers, including High Court lawyers, the situation escalat-

The Chinhat police intervened

police.

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sanctioned to purchase essential equipment for relief and rescue operations in natural calamities. Additionally, the proposal to demolish the dilapidated Municipal Corporation School building on Chitwapur Road in Lal Kuan Ward was

given the green singal. The redevelopment plan includes constructing a new school, a Kalyan Mandap, a park, and underground parking facilities. The meeting concluded with a reaffirmation of the commitment to address these issues efficiently and to continue enhancing the city's infrastructure and public services.

foot of Lala Gupta, who was standing on the road near Jamkhanwa village on Thursday afternoon.

Gupta allegedly beat up Amrish with an iron rod and threatened him when the former confronted. Gupta allegedly allegedly threatened to kill him. As Amrish pleaded innocence and proceeded towards his home, he was slapped repeatedly. When Amrish's mother tried to save him, Gupta allegedly hit her with the iron rod. Tej Kumar and his wife reached the assistant police commissioner's office in BKT the same evening. It was only then that the police

without informing him, which

he feared could lead to further

Meanwhile, the woman reiter-

ated her allegations against

her husband's friend, accusing

him of being involved in the

complications.



Administration NIFT - Patna

FORM NO. INC-26 [Pursuant to Rule 30 of Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014] GTVISION PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED

GTVISION PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED Registered Office:50/11,Jai Narayan Road, Hotel Neelkanth, Lalbagh Lucknow- 226001 Email: atmps2781b@gmail.com CIN: U45309UP2017PTC091306 Before the Central Government Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Regional Director, Northern Region, B2 WING, 2nd Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, 2nd Floor, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003, In the matter of the Companies Act,2013 Rule 30(6) (a) of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 In the matter of M/S GTvision Projects Private Limited having its Registered Office at 50/11, Jai Narayan Road, Hotel Neelkanth, Lalbagh Lucknow- 226001 Notice is hereby given to General Public that the company proposes to make the application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act 2013, seeking confirmation of alteration of Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at Extra ordinary General Meeting held on, 24th DAY OF August, 2024 to enable the company to chanee its Registered Office from "State of Utar Pradesh" to 2024 to enable the company to change its Registered Office from "State of Uttar Pradesh" to "The National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi". Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the Company may deliver or cause to deliver or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her registered post of his/her objections supported by an athidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and ground of opposition to the Regional Director at the Address Northern Region, B2 WING, 2nd Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, 2nd Floor, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003, within 14 Days of date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below: ADDRESS OF REGISTERED OFFICE: GTvision Projects Private Limited, Registered Office; 50/11, Jai Narayan Road, Hotel Neelkanth, Lalbagh Lucknow- 226001 Email: atmps2781b@gmail.com CIN: U45309UP2017PTC091306 For and on behalf of applicant GTVISION PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED SD/-Raiendra Prasad Sinch

Rajendra Prasad Singh

(Director)

DIN: 06653709 Date : Lucknow Place: 04.09.2024

### APPENDIX IV-A

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.

Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Sammaan Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) [CIN : L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "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. 24,65,088/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Eighty Eight only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLLKN00299668, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 09.09.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 10.09.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from JASAVEER SINGH and JASPAL KAUR. and JASPAL KAUR.

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 23,70,000/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Seventy Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 2,37,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF FLAT NO. 203, ADMEASURING 73.42 SQ. MTRS., 2ND FLOOR OF DIAMOND APARTMENT, ON MUNICIPAL NO 8/151 (8/048), PURANA QUILA, BABU BANARASI DASS NAGAR, WARD BABU BANARSI DAS, LUCKNOW - 226002, UTTAR PRADESH.

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

	50/-
	AUTHORIZED OFFICER
	SAMMAAN CAPITAL LIMITED
: 09.09.2024	(Formerly known as
LUCKNOW	INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD.)

Development Board took place in the auditorium of its administration block on Friday. Additional Chief Secretary, Urban and Housing Development, Nitin Ramesh Gokaran chaired the meeting, which was attended by senior the current government was officers and representatives from

working towards that goal. Prof Pawan Agrawal said Hindi various departments. is a collection of 17 dialects. In his address, the ACS empha-

key appointments, disciplinary action sised the importance of collective Lucknow (PNS): The 259th meeting of the UP Housing

participation in developing housing policies and civil plans. The board approved an extension of six months for Officer on Special Duty (OSD) Ayodhya, Rajesh Nath Tripathi. Tripathi, who recently retired as

the management officer of the Consolidated Revenue Board, was initially assigned as OSD six months ago, with his term set to expire on March 15. Additionally,

the board agreed to appoint Shiv Bahadur and Ashoka Kumar Tiwari, both retired employees of the Consolidated Revenue Board, on a contractual basis. It was also resolved to compulsorily retire property officer KC Tripathi, currently posted in Firozabad, on disciplinary grounds. A disciplinary committee had investigated his misconduct and submitted a report on March 2.

Date Place

mouthing expletives. Among her accusations was a claim a missing complaint. He described the incident at ly. He also raised concerns about her tendency to leave

the bus station as a distressing outburst from his wife, who left their four-year-old son at home. "I am torn between caring for my child and managing my shop," he said. In contrast, the woman

claimed she had endured physical abuse from her husband and in-laws, leading her to flee. She insisted that her husband's family was abusive and said, "I tolerated the torture for a long time, but I am now fed up. Ĭ have no choice but to leave." A High Court lawyer who arrived at the scene attempted

#### trafficking of girls and claim-ing that her husband supported this illegal activity. The dramatic confrontation also attracted social media users who filmed and photographed the scene, overshadowing the seriousness of the couple's personal issues. The Chinhat police are investigating the matter and trying to underto mediate. The man said that if his wife wished to live sepastand the full context to resolve rately, she should do so legalthe dispute.

Avadh bus stand, where the woman's husband had spotted

and took the couple to the staher and attempted to take her tion. The man explained to the home. The woman, however, police that his wife had disapreacted explosively, hurling stones at her husband and peared from their home four days ago, prompting him to file

UP Housing Development Board approves

took up the case.

### Woman alleges husband's involvment in flesh trade PNS LUCKNOW



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the inauguration and foundation laying of key sanitation

projects, including communi-ty and public toilets, solid waste management (SWM)

projects, sewage treatment plants, and fecal sludge treat-

ment plants (FSTP), among other initiatives aimed at pro-moting a cleaner and healthi-

The Swachhata Hi Seva 2024

awards will honour outstand-

ing contributions to cleanliness

er environment.

## **Eastern UP now free from encephalitis: Yogi**



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during the fourth annual Foundation Day celebrations of Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences in Lucknow on Friday

### PNS LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday said eastern Uttar Pradesh is now free from encephalitis, with the death toll reduced to zero this year.

"This achievement has been made possible through unwa-vering determination and collective support of everyone involved, something that was once thought impossible," he said. According to an official statement issued here, Yogi said Uttar Pradesh is marching

towards realising the 'One District-One Medical College' vision and within five to seven vears, there will be no shortage

of doctors in the state. Addressing the fourth Foundation Day celebration of Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences here, the CM recalled that five years ago, eastern UP was plagued by encephalitis, with an annual death toll ranging from 1,200 to 1,500 between July and November, and Gorakhpur's BRD Medical College alone accounting for

500 to 700 deaths. 'This crisis persisted for 40 years, resulting in the deaths of 50,000 children, while previous administrations failed to address it effectively. Previous governments were mired in corruption instead of implementing the neces-sary measures. As an MP, I raised this issue extensively, which eventually led to action," Adityanath claimed. The chief minister acknowledged Prime Minister Narendra Modi's role in establishing AIIMS in

lies of Modi and the investiga-

Earlier, AAP leaders and work-

former Chairman of the Higher

Education Commission, Prayagraj, while Dr Padmaja

Singh from the ancient history,

archaeology and sanskrit depart-

ment of DDU Gorakhpur

University will serve as the local

Similarly, on September 18, the conference on 'Sanskrit and Indian Culture' will feature Prof

Vinay Kumar Pandey, former chairman of the astrology

department and honorary direc-

tor of Shri Vishwanath temple at Banaras Hindu University, as the keynote speaker. Dr Laxmi

Mishra, associate professor and

coordinator of the Sanskrit

department at DDU Gorakhpur

University, will be the local

On September 19, during the

conference on 'Indian Culture

and Cow Service, Sridharacharya

Ji, Mahant Raghavacharya Ji,

and Dr Ram Vilas Vedanti will

share their insights, with sever-

al other saints and spiritual lead-

ers in attendance. These confer-

ences will take place daily, start-

The final two days of the death

ing at 10:40 am.

speaker.

speaker.

tion agencies.

Gorakhpur to combat encephalitis. "Upon becoming Chief Minister in 2017, I took on the responsibility to address this issue. We initiated efforts, and by 2019, we succeeded in controlling the situation. Today, eastern Uttar Pradesh is free from encephalitis, a result of strong resolve and collective support, which was once thought to be unachievable," he said. Aditvanath said that recent surveys conducted in eastern Uttar Pradesh have confirmed that no child has died

from encephalitis this year. He added that these findings underscore the success of the government's efforts in eradicating the disease from the region, the statement mentioned. Encephalitis has been completely eradicated, yet, unfortunately, no study or research paper has been written on this remarkable achievement, which stands as a model of success, the chief minister said at the event. He also noted the rapid

progress being made towards establishing one medical col-

lege per district in Uttar Pradesh, in line with PM Modi's vision. The CM claimed that Uttar Pradesh leads the nation in healthcare initiatives, with over 5.11 crore 'Ayushman Bharat Golden Cards' issued and welcomed the recent decision by the Union Cabinet to extend Ayushman Card benefits to all individuals aged 70 years and above. He added that financial assistance for medical treatment is being provided through the Chief Minister's Relief Fund without any discrimination.

### Yogi govt to honour Safai Mitras on Gandhi Jayanti Additionally, the event will see

Lucknow (PNS): In a significant tribute to the Father of Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, the Yogi Adityanath government is set to recognise the outstanding contributions of Safai Mitras and other individuals in the field of cleanliness with the 'Swachhata Hi Seva Award' on October 2. This initiative is part of a broader cleanliness campaign, 'Swachhata Hi Seva', to run across the state from September 17 to October 2. The award, which will be presented in nine different categories, aims to honour public participation, dedicated associates and special initiatives in the cleanliness drive. The selection of awardees will be made

by a committee at both the state and district levels. The Urban Development department, following the directives of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, has chalked out an action plan to execute this campaign. The 15-day campaign will feature daily theme-based information, education and communication (IEC) activities. As part of the celebrations for the 155th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Yogi government will host a series of events across all urban bodies under the Swachhata Hi Seva Pakhwada. These activities, reflecting Gandhi's enduring message of cleanliness, will culminate on October 2 with a ceremony recognising out-standing contributions to cleanliness at the state and district levels. The awards will celebrate

achievements such as the transformation of cleanliness target units (CTU) sites and honour Safai Mitras, as well as other state-level winners.

and sanitation across nine distinct categories. These categories include Swachhata Participation, CTU (Cleanliness Targeted Unit) Transformation, Safai Mitra Suraksha Camp, Swachh Food Streets, SBM Culture Festivals, SBM Waste to Art Installations, Public Advocacy, Partners, and Special Initiatives. Award recipients will be chosen by a jury appointed at both the state and district levels. Additionally, each ward will have a Clean Environment Promotion Committee responsible for conducting a clean house survey. The top three cleanest houses in each ward will receive a citation, and sanitation workers who demonstrate exceptional dedication in their work will also be honoured. The campaign is set to involve widespread public participa-tion, with individuals from all walks of life, including Chief Minister Yogi, state ministers, public representatives and officials engaging in Shramdaan (voluntary labour) at various locations. Voluntary organisations, schools and colleges will also actively participate in the cleanliness programmes, rein-forcing the collective effort toward a cleaner state.

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## **Akhilesh: Bail to Kejriwal 'victory of Constitution'**

### PNS LUCKNOW

Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav, on Friday, hailed as "victory of Constitution" the bail granted to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal by the Supreme Court. Akhilesh also described Kejriwal as a "popular and pro-public welfare" chief min-ister and slammed the Bharatiya Janata Party for being "against the Constitution and

misusing it". "The bail of Delhi? public welfare Chief Minister release Delhi Chief Minister Shri Arvind Kejriwal is a victory of the Constitution. Only those who are against the Constitution misuse the Constitution. The knock on the door of justice is always heard. The world has moved forward on this tradition till now and torship. will continue to do so," Akhilesh Yadav posted in Hindi on X.

court has given the message that in this country, the by the Central Bureau of Investigation in connection with the excise policy "scam", Constitution will rule and not saying prolonged incarceraany dictator and if someone runs a dictatorship, then the tion amounts to unjust depri-Constitution of the country will vation of liberty. A bench of Justices Surva Kant protect the common man," he said. AAP Lucknow district and Ujjal Bhuyan granted the

### **AAP WELCOMES** SCDECISION

relief to Kejriwal on furnishing

a bail bond of Rs 10 lakh, and

two sureties of like amount.

ers celebrated the occasion in Meanwhile, welcoming the Lucknow on Friday. Supreme Court's decision to The celebrations we all the district headquarters of Uttar Pradesh. The party workers congratulated each other. In Lucknow, the party leaders and workers celebrated the occasion by distributing laddus and sweets. Prakhar Shrivastava, Anju Bhatt, Preetpal Singh Saluja, Priyanka Shrivastava, Vanshraj Dubey, Ankit Parihar, Ajay Gupta, Johnny, Lalit Valmiki, Rajiv Pandey, Zarina Usmani, Sandoen Yaday, Anit Vashuar Sandeep Yadav, Anit, Yashveer Singh were present.

## Students can now apply for UP Board exams until Sept 20 with late fees

### PNS LUCKNOW/PRAYAGRAJ

In a major relief for students preparing for the Uttar Pradesh Board exams, the Yogi Adityanath government has extended the application president Iram Rizvi said Kejriwal's release exposed the deadline. Candidates can now apply for the UP Board examinations until September 20 with a late fee of Rs 100. The Uttar Pradesh Board of Secondary Education has

All students, both institutional and individual, must pay the examination fee with an additional late fee of Rs 100 per student by September 20, 2024, through challan at the treasury.

Students' examination fee payments, including the late fee, and their educational details must be uploaded online by September 25, 2024, by 12

Registrar I/C Bank of Baroda 2nd Floor, Kaushalpuri, Gumti No. 5, Kanpur -208012 बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Regional Office Kanpur Dehat Region : 118/330,

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.

Earlier on Friday, the Supreme Court granted bail to Kejriwal in the corruption case lodged Party. "This decision of the

Arvind Kejriwal on bail, Aam Aadmi Party's UP unit leader and state spokesman Mahendra Singh said it was clear from the apex court's decision that the country will be run by the Constitution and not by dicta-

Mahendra Singh said that the Supreme Court decision to grant bail to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal was a slap on the face of Bharatiya Janata announced this revision for both institutional and individual students preparing for the Class 10 and Class 12 exams.

The principals of the recognised schools have been directed to complete all the processes of uploading the examination application forms of the students online in time. Board Secretary Bhagwati Singh has outlined the new deadlines for Uttar Pradesh Board exam fee payments.

Pratap Shiksha Parishad.

in these tribute events.

the Shrimad Bhagwat

Mahapuran Katha.

Schools are required to veri-fy students' details by September 26, and principals must complete any online corrections by October 1, 2024, at 12 noon. The final list of students will be uploaded by October 10, 2024.

The Board has asked all schools and students to adhere to these deadlines. For further details, schools should visit the Board's official website or contact the relevant authorities.

### Barber from Rae Bareli gets gift from Rahul

Lucknow (PNS): Mithun barber, who runs a salon in Brijendra Nagar locality in Lalganj of Rae Bareli district, focus on tribute meetings. On September 20, at the tribute ceremony for Yugpurush Mahant Digvijaynath Ji Maharaj, has been sent a gift by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will be present, along with Mahant Balaknath Ji, Mahant In this gift, Rahul has sent some salon items to Mithun. Mithun was very happy to

receive the salon items. Shernath Ji, Dr Ram Vilas On May 13, Rahul Gandhi held a public meeting at Vedanti Ji, and the heads of all institutions of the Maharana Baiswara Inter College playground. While returning after Similarly, on September 21, the addressing the election rally there, Rahul had stopped at a tribute meeting for Rashtrasant Mahant Avaidyanath Ji Maharaj salon in Lalganj and got his beard trimmed by a barber, will be held in the presence of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Mahant Balaknath, Mahant Shernath, Dr Ram Vilas Vedanti, Mithun. This became a topic of discussion, while Mithun as well as representatives from also became famous in the various social, cultural and politarea. After the May incident ical organisations. Many respect-Rahul Gandhi has now sent ed saints, mahants, religious special gift to Mithun. Earlier leaders and social workers from a cobbler of Sultanpur had also received a gift from Rahul across the nation will participate Gandhi. Reports said that Congress workers reached The Shrimad Bhagwat Mithun with gifts on Thursday. The gifts included Mahapuran Katha, the seven-day conference, and the tribute meetings will be streamed live on the a shampoo chair, two hair cutting chairs and an invert-er battery. Mithun expressed happiness on Gorakhnath temple's Facebook page, X (formerly Twitter), and YouTube channel. Yogi receiving this gift from Rahul Gandhi, the Congress Kamalnath also announced that a free bus service will be avail-MP and leader of opposi-tion in Lok Sabha. He able daily from 2:00 pm for devotees travelling from designated locations to the expressed his gratitude to Gorakhnath temple to attend Rahul. Mithun said he was

very happy to receive the goods sent by Rahul Gandhi.

Date : 14.09.2024

Place : UTTAR PRADESH

### Possession Notice Branch : Chhibramau, Distt. Kannauj

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower & guarantor to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being with in 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower/guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sectior 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the said rules.

The borrower/guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the first charge of Bank of Baroda for amount & nterest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of 13 of the act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

### Name and Address of Borrower/Guarantor & Description of Mortgage Property and Out Standing Amount as per Demand Notice/Demand & Possession Notice Date

Borrower : M/s Everest Sales Corporation, Proprietor : Shri Ansar Ahmad S/o Shri Abdul Baheed Address: Mohalla Tripathi Nagar, Chhibramau, Distt. Kannauj, Guarantor: Shri Gautam Das Agarwal, R/d Kanoon Goyan, Chhibramau, Distt. Kannauj.

### Demand Notice Date : 14-06-2024 • Date of Constructive Possession: 10.09.2024

Property : Residential Cum Commercial House Situated at Mohalla Tripathi Nagar, Tehsil Chhibramau Distt. Kannauj, Owner of Property : Shri Ansar Ahmad S/o Shri Abdul Baheed, Area : 177.60 Sq. Mtr. Bounded-North : House of Gurupal Singh, South : House of Shri Krishna Lambardar, East : Road, West : Junior High School.

O/s Amount as per Demand Notice as on Dated 14-06-2024 : Rs. 21,47,718.06 + Intt.+Others Charges Total Dues Amount as on Dated 31-08-2024 : Rs. 21,76,902.09 + Intt. + Others Charges

Date : 14-09-2024	Place : Kannauj	Authorised Officer

### IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Lim



CIN: L65110TN2014PLC097792 Registered Office: - KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai- 600031 Tel : +91 44 4564 4000 | Fax: +91 44 4564 4022

Notice under Section 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited) The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co- borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited. amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited) are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr	Loan	Type of	Name of borrowers	Section 13 (2)	Outstanding amount as
No.	Account No.	Loan	and co-borrowers	Notice Date	per Section 13 (2) Notice
1	127311864	LOAN AGAINST PROPERTY	1.VED PRKASH SINGH 2.SARITA SINGH	14.08.2024	15,54,306.95/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS : ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF RESIDENTIAL PART OF PLOT NO. 19, ADMEASURING 74.814 SQ. MTRS., GATA NO. 254, WARD-BARKHERWA MAHEWA, MOHALLA MAHADEVIPURAM NEAR MOTINAGAR, DISTRICT-LAKHIMPUR, KHERI, UTTAR PRADESH-262701, AND, BOUNDED AS: EAST: PLOT OF PREM SINGH. WEST: HOUSE OF RAM SWAROOP SINGH, NORTH: HOUSE OF AWADESH KUMAR BAJPAI, SOUTH: ROAD

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited) as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc. within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited). Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

### Sd/- Authorized Office

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)

### Week-long 'Punya Smran' fest honouring gurus begins today Sansthan, Lucknow, as a featured anniversary observance will

Gorakhpur (PNS): A weeklong festival honouring gurus will commence on Saturday at the Gorakshpeeth of the Nath sect, known for its dedication to public welfare and upholding the guru-disciple tradition.

This annual event, a tribute to Brahmalin Mahant Digvijaynath Ji Maharaj, revered as Yugpurush, and Mahant Brahmalin Avaidvanath Ji Maharaj, celebrated as Rashtrasant, is organised under the guidance of the Gorakshpeethadhishwar.

As in previous years, this year's event will feature programmes focused on religion and national issues, reflecting the philosophies of these revered mahants. The Shrimad Bhagwat Katha will reinforce religious teachings, while a conference will address national concerns with scholarlv discourse.

Preparations for the event, set to take place at the Gorakhnath temple in observance of the 55th death anniversary of Mahant Digvijaynath and the 10th death anniversary of Mahant Avaidyanath, have been completed under the supervision of Chief Minister and Gorakshpeethadhishwar Yogi Aditvanath.

Providing details of the weeklong festivities scheduled from September 14 to 21, chief priest

Yogi Kamalnath shared that the Shrimad Bhagwat katha gyan speaker. At the conference on the yagya will commence on theme of 'Social Harmony: September 14, followed by the Special References to Mahayogi conference on societal and Gorakhnath and Nathpanth' on September 17, the keynote address will be delivered by Prof national issues beginning on September 15. Ishwar Sharan Vishwakarma,

Jagadguru Ananta Nanda Kashipeethadhishwar Swami (Dr) Ram Kamaldas Vedanti Ji from Kashi will narrate the sacred Shrimad Bhagwat katha. The katha will officially start at 2:30 pm on Saturday with a ceremonial procession of the 'Akhand Jyoti' and the Shrimad Bhagwat Mahapuran.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, along with distinguished religious leaders, saints and patrons, will participate in this grand procession from the Gorakhnath temple's sanctum sanctorum to the katha venue at Digvijaynath Smriti Bhawan.

Yogi Kamalnath also announced that a conference addressing contemporary issues, inspired by the teachings of the departed mahants, will be inaugurated at 10:30 am on September 15 at Mahant Digvijaynath Smriti Bhawan.

On the inaugural day, Harivansh Narayan Singh, Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha, will be the chief guest for the discussion on 'India as the Mother of

Democracy', with Prof Sadanand Gupta, former executive president of Uttar Pradesh Hindi



## state 04

## **Cong wants to bring Emergency-like** situation in country: Giriraj Singh

Union Minister of Textiles Giriraj Singh said that opposition leaders are going abroad and trying to tarnish India's image. Efforts are being made to lower the dignity of the country. He said the Congress wants to bring Emergency-like situation in the country. Giriraj was talking to journalists after inaugurating the 'Moonj Shilpgram Mela' in Maheva Naini on Friday.

He said that it is the misfortune of the country that opposition leaders are going abroad and falsely criticising the country. The people of the country have come to know everything. Now we should not hand over power to a dictatorial government, he said. The minister said that Hindus showed unity in

Giriraj said when PM Modi went to CII's house for Ganesh Puja, the Tukde Tukde gang did not like it. If the doors of the court open at night for terrorists, then Kejriwal, Akhilesh Yadav and Rahul Gandhi will like it. But if someone goes to the judge's house for Ganesh Puja, then they feel bad.

Giriraj said Akhilesh sees only caste even in criminals and Yogi sees only criminal in criminal. This is the difference between Yogi and Akhilesh. Today the entire Kejriwal government is stuck in the quag-mire of corruption, he alleged. Giriraj said, "I had said this ear-

lier also. I am saying it even today that Lalu and Tejashwi Yadav should wear Nitish Kumar's locket". FOUND: Panic BODY gripped the area when the

body of a youth was found next Himachal Pradesh. The coun-try needs this unity, he added. here on Friday. He could not be

identified at that time. Later, he was identified as a resident of Karchana area by his kin when they reached the the postmortem house. According to Naini police, Nikhil Pratap Singh alias Seepu of Basaria vil-lage in Karchana, was the youngest among two brothers and a sister. His elder brother Akhil Pratap Singh runs his

own business. Father Krishna Pratap Singh died of a heart attack during Holi in March. Nikhil Pratap Singh also has a house in Naini. According to the family members, on Thursday evening Nikhil had a spat with his mother and elder brother at home due to which he became angry and went to commit suicide on the railway line. On getting information, the vil-

lagers caught him and brought him home where he again had a dispute due to which he tore all his clothes in anger and left

**Consensus on proposal to instal traffic signals** 

the house. In the morning his body was found lying next to the electric pole on the side of the road in Naini area. There were also burn marks body on his body. When his body was found, it could not be identified initially. Therefore, the police sent it to the postmortem house as unclaimed. After the video went viral on social media, the family members reached the postmortem house and identified him. Naini inspector Vaibhav Singh said reason for death will be clear only after the post-mortem report comes. After that action will be taken according to the complaint given by family members. Meanwhile a woman commit-

ted suicide by hanging herself late on Thursday night. On being informed the police reached the spot and sent the body for the postmortem. The family members have not given any written complaint to the

### Emphasis on |141st Board meeting of KDA held prevention, control of dental & oral diseases

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE VARANASI Under the guidance of General Manager (GM) Sushil Kumar Srivastava, a workshop on oral and dental safety was organised on the occasion of World Oral Health Day in the auditorium room of Central Hospital in Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW) here on Thursday. Inaugurating the programme, Principal Chief Medical Officer (PCMO) of BLW Dr Devesh Kumar said that World Oral Health Day was first declared in 2007 and was originally observed every year on September 12 to celebrate the birthday of FDI

founder Dr Charles Godan and after 2013, it is started being celebrated on March 20 to preserve the multidimensional nature of the mouth so that its overall health can be improved. The slogan of this year's day is 'a happy mouth years day is a happy mouth keeps the body happy too. The smile of a healthy mouth also makes the surrounding envi-

ronment happy. On this occasion Dr Archana Singh, dental surgeon working at BLW Hospital, presented a lecture to empower the individ-ual with knowledge, tools and confidence to secure good oral health. The dental surgeon emphasised on the prevention and control of dental and oral diseases along with medical treatment, proper brushing, measures to keep gums healthy, dental checkup every six months, special attention to diet and eating after sticky food.

In the programme Divisional Medical Officer Dr Saurabh Sagar, Assistant Nursing Officer Geeta Kumari Chaudhary, paramedical Staff of the hospital Rajendra Prasad, Shivendra Naval, Somnath Hembram, Brijesh Kumar Patel, Harish Kumar, Sumit Kumar Sharma, Niteshwar Saroj, Atul Kumar Sahu, Raghuvar Dayal, Sadhu Ram, Durgesh Nandan Srivastava, Anjana Tod, Kamala Srinivasan, Alice Ram Kumar. Kuiur. Dharmendra Singh and others participated.

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The 141st Board meeting of Kanpur Development Authority (KDA) was held under the chairmanship of the Divisional Commissioner Amit Gupta on Friday. The Board approved the amalgamation of maximum four plots to con-struct a big building and sent

the proposal to the state administration. Addressing mediapersons, KDA Vice-Chairman Madan Singh Garbyal said EWS and LIG plots were not included in the scheme of amalgamation. The amalgamation was allowed if all the plots belonged to one family only. He said one per cent of the circle rate shall have to be deposited for getting the layout of amalgamated plots approved by KDA. The construction work on the amalgamated plots would be allowed according to landuse fixed for them. The Board also approved the amendments in chapter V of Bhavan Nirman Evam Vikas Upvidhi 2008 (Amended 2023) for construction of a hotel. Now a hotel with four to 20 rooms could be constructed even on

### Meet on ITEP implementation

Varanasi (PNS): Director, Institute of Environmental and Sustainable Development (IESD), Banaras Hindu University (BHU) Prof AS Raghuvanshi, while focussing on the challenges related to the modularity of educational programs, the incorporation of indigenous curriculum and the challenges and problems of curriculum overlap, stressed the importance of adopting a multidisciplinary approach to address these issues and create a more integrated and effective educational framework for Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) implementation. He was addressing as the chief guest in the inaugural function of two-day national meet-cum-workshop on 'Implementation of ITEP: Challenges to Overcome' at Chanakya auditorium of Faculty of Education, BHU

here on Friday. Renowned litterateur Dr Neerja Madhav, while speaking as the guest of honour, highlighted the critical issues surrounding the crisis of value-based content in education as well as challenges posed by language barriers.

Divisional Commissioner Amit Gupta chairing the KDA Board meeting on Friday.

land of less than 500 square metres. It was not allowed if the number of rooms was more than 20, he added. The Board also approved the amendments in norms of plot size for setting up of a petrol pump/fuel station in urban areas. The proposal for converting the

landuse from agriculture to big industries under the Akbarpur-Mati Mahavojana 2021 was also approved. This 2.8895 hectare land on arazi Nos.135, 136, 137 and 141 in Jainpur, Distt Kanpur Dehat, belonged to M/s Supreme

Industries Ltd. The proposal had been sent to the state administration also for its approval. Total seven proposals were approved by the Board on Friday. Vice-Chairman Madan Singh Garbyal said the study done by IIT Kanpur on Ganga River Front in 2013 had again been sent to them for review and sending feasibility report for onward action in the matter. The development of Atal Ghat at the Ganga Barrage will also be carried out under the Ganga River Front project, he added.

### Week-long Ganeshotsav ends

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m Ganeshotsav~celebrated}$ under the auspices of Nutan Balak Ganeshotsav Samaj Seva Mandal ended with the aarti amidst the chanting of mantras here on Friday.

Respecting the High Court's decision not to immerse in the idols in the Ganga river and in view of the Supreme Court's orders not to immerse the idols in the ponds, a resolution was taken to keep the festival idol safe for conducting regular worship. Before this, a procession of

Lord Ganesh was taken out in a palki (palanquin) accompa-nied by musical instruments, which started from Ganesh Bhawan and reached Panchganga Ghat via Panchganga Ghat via Dudhvinayak, Phatak Rangiladas, Thatheri Bazar, Sudia, Bulanala, Golghar, Bhairavnath, Jatanbar, Bibihatiya, Rajmandir, Brahmaghat and Durga Ghat. The students were walking on the route singing the tradithe route singing the tradi-tional verse 'Nutan Balak Mel Chalo Hai, Mag Mein Roko Mat Bhai...'. On the way, devotees performed aarti of

Lord Ganesh at various places. Before this, Panchopchar Puja of Lord Ganesh was performed under the guidance of Pandit Hemant Joshi and Sahasranaamaarchan was performed with Modak. The main hosts were Gajanan Jayaram Joshi and Praveen Vasant Patwardhan. On this occasion, the idol of Lord Ganesh was beautifully decorated with Kamini leaves, Bella, Rose and Juhi flowers. Earlier, Shodashopachar Puja of Lord Ganesh was performed under the guidance of Vedic scholars Veereshwar Narayan Datar and Pandit Hemant Joshi. The main host was Narsingh Jagannath Tailang. After that, Sahasranaamarchana was performed by Ramakrishna Bapat with lava and Shwetank Washimkar with draksha (raisins). Besides, a pro-gramme was organised by women in which Usha Thatte, Smita Godbole, Dharmadhikari, Nutan Godse, Sandhya Pohare, Manjusha Nayak, Gayatri Mishra etc presented melodious bhajans. The prizes were given to the winning participants by MLA Neelkanth Tiwari.



CP Mohit Agrawal and DM S Rajalingam reviewing traffic management system in Varanasi on Thursday.

instal traffic signals with timers remove encroachment and get making bus drivers aware to follow the rules of route diverat 57 major intersections of the sion, not allowing contracted

city. buses to stand on the road, The DM directed the Executive Engineer of PWD to prepare an replacing diesel-operated buses with electric buses so that the estimate of Rathyatracity can be relieved from the Gurubag-Laxa Marg and problem of traffic jam. In the meeting, consensus was send it to the government. wherever work related to traf-reached on the proposal to Instructions were given to fic system is being done in the

patching work done on the road in front of Cantt railway station. He said that wherever

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city, photographs of that place must be taken. Additional Commissioner of Police S Municipal Chinnappa, Commissioner Akshat Verma, encroachment removal or shifting work is being done in the city, the lekhpal concerned VDA V-C Pulkit Garg, Additional District Magistrate must be informed. The CP said (ADM/City) Alok Verma and officials of the police department were present in the meeting.

Thrombolysis process proving to be boon for patients | EAGLE workshop held | NCR GM office gets 3rd prize

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vate bus depots outside the city.

 $E^{lectro\ cardiography\ (ECG)\ and}_{ed\ under\ the\ Heart\ Attack\ Care}$ Project (STEMI Care Project) being operated at government hospitals and community health centres (CHCs) of the district is proving to be a boon for heart attack patients. Under this, the lives of 100 patients have been saved so far. Hundred per cent of the heart attack patients who came in the window period at the heart centres functioning in the district have been saved. This information was given by Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr Sandeep Chaudhary. He informed that the facility of ECG and throm-bolysis is available at three government hospitals in the district, namely DDU Hospital Pandeypur, SSPG Divisional Hospital Kabirchaura, SVM Government Hospital Bhelupur and heart centres functioning in 11 community health centres (CHCs.) The CMO said that Varanasi is the second centre in North India after

Shimla which is providing reperfusion therapy in the government sector. ICMR's Heart Attack Project (STEMI Care Project) is being operated in collaboration with Prof Dharmendra Jain of Cardiology Department of Banaras Hindu University (BHU) and research scientist Dr Payal Singh. Under the project, BHU is working as 'hub' and all the government hospitals and community health centres of the district are working as 'spokes'. So far, one heart patient's life has been saved by thrombolysing in community health centre Shivpur, five in community health centre Cholapur, seven in SVM Bhelupur, 36 in SSPG Kaveerchaura, 47 in Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Government Hospital and four in Lal Bahadur Shastri Government Hospital.

Superintendent of SVM Government Hospital Dr Kshitij Tiwari said that so far ECG of 24,743 patients has been done. Heart attack patients are examined through ECG. If a person is having sudden severe chest pain

and reaches the hospital within one hour in the golden hour, he/she can be stabilised by giving a special type of injection under the thrombolysis process.

On the other hand, if the person is having continuous chest pain and reaches the hospital within four to six hours, then the thrombolysis process can be completed in that window period and the patient's life can be saved. If the patient is having continuous chest pain, then even in such a situation, if the patient reaches the hospital within 12 hours, then in that period also he can be stabilised by giving a special type of injection under the thrombolysis process.

He said that the injection given under the thrombolysis process completes the process of removing the blocked flow of blood in the veins of the patient. This stabilises the patient and saves his life. If a heart attack occurs or a patient shows a problem of heart attack, he/she is given thrombolysis therapy, which cures the patient.

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The Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Sir Sunderlal Hospital (SSH), Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University (IMS-BHU) organised EAGLE (Every Aspiring Gynaecologist Learns Endoscopy) workshop at Doctors' Lounge which was led by Prof Sangeeeta Rai, head, Department of Obstetrics &

Gynaecology. This workshop was designed specifical-ly for postgraduate students and all aspiring gynecologists.

The event was graced by guests Medical Superintendent Prof KK Gupta and Dean (Research) Prof Gopal Nath alongwith guest faculty members Dr Shrikant Ohri, Dr Mumtaz Ansari and Dr Mansi Dhingra.

Participants had the unique opportunity to view a live telecast from the Gynae OT, SSH, featuring a different variety of complex laparoscopic surgical cases. Dr Shikha Sachan, Dr Mamta, Dr Sakshi Agarwal, Dr Jigyasa Singh, Dr Lavanya Anuranjani and Dr Kirti Kaithwas were present in the programme.

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Under the patronage and guidance of General Manager Upendra Chandra Joshi and the efforts of Chief Official Language Officer and Principal Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer Satendra Kumar, North Central Railway (NCR) is achieving new accomplishments in the field of use and promotion of official language. The General Manager's Office,

NCR was awarded the third prize for the best work in Hindi in the Central Government offices located in Prayagraj city by the City Official Language Implementation Committee,

Allahabad on Thursday. On behalf of NCR this award was received by Chief Official Language Officer Satendra Kumar from the president of City Official Language



Implementation Committee and Chief Income Tax Commissioner Mona Mohanti. For the last several years, the GM office, NCR has been receiving the first prize of the City Official Language Implementation Committee. The GM's office has also been awarded the Railway Minister Rajbhasha Trophy this year. In a programme organised at

the NCR headquarters, Chief Official Language Officer Satendra Kumar handed over the trophy and certificate to the GM. General Manager Upendra Chandra Joshi congratulated all the officers and employees for this achievement and directed them to continue using the official language Hindi as much as possible in the future.

## 'Use of tech has given impetus to teaching'



#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE 📕 KANPUR

The Rotary Club of New Kanpur organised a teachers training programme at the BNSD Shiksha Niketan Girls Inter College, Meston Road, under the guidance of its president Sangeeta Gupta. On the occasion Club Learning facil-itator Naveen Mohini Nigam inaugurated the programme by offering flowers to the statue of Maa Sharda. Club learning facilitator Dr NM Nigam highlighted the importance of trainings as they refresh knowledge and teachers continue to remain abreast of the latest pedagogy and technology. In her address she said that Rotary

always remains alert to prepare

the future generation according to the needs of the future keeping in mind the contemporary needs. Keeping in view the needs of the present time and as per the National Education Policy (NEP), there is a need to upgrade the education system and understand the skills of the new teaching method. In the present time, she said, the use of technology has given a lot of impetus to teaching and both students and teachers have benefited. To understand this technology well, to impart quality knowledge to students using various apps and to make the education in India on par and Mona Omar motivated the with international standards so participants.

that students do not just pass exams by rote learning but also become proficient, a seminar and workshop was organ-ised with this objective. Club resource person Rati Gupta spoke about the expectations of NEP 2020 and discussed the nuances involved in the teaching methodology. She trained 55 teachers on the use of Google classroom. On the

occasion the guests were welcomed and introduced by school Principal Manju Shukla. The teachers of four schools-BNSD Shiksha Niketan Girls Inter College, Gyan Bharti Girls Inter College, GNK Saraswati Shishu Mandir, and Jaspat Rai Saraswati Shishu Mandir were benefited by this training. Rati Gupta also focussed on the integrated classes on collaborative methodology, inclusive education etc. The certificate of participation was given to the teachers. Pramod Gupta, Shwet Gupta, Monika Gupta, Kamna Omar, Kirti Omar, Anshumani

### Cadets guided to become digitally aware & safe UPCYTOCON-2024 from today PIONEER NEWS SERVICE VARANASI

The two-day UPCYTOCON-2024, the annual con-The two-day UPCY 100001-2024, the annual free ference of Indian Academy of Cytologists (UP chapter) will be organised from Saturday. More than 200 faculty and delegates from premiere institutes of India will come together in the department of Pathology, IMS-BHU for discussing new innovations in the field of cytopathology.

The guest speakers include Prof Nalini Gupta (PGIMER Chandigarh), Prof Nuzhat Husain (RMLIMS, Lucknow), Prof Deepali Jain (AIIMS, Delhi), Prof Neelaiah Siddaraju (JIPMER, Pondicherry), Prof RN Rao (SGPGIMS, Lucknow), Prof RGW Pinto (Goa Medical college), Prof Bharat Rekhi (TMH Mumbai) etc. The three workshops will be organised on September 15 are to be conducted by pathologists from multiple prestigious institutes like Prof Nalini Gupta, Prof Anurag Gupta, Prof Zacharia Chowdhury, Prof Prajwal Gupta and Dr Mona Bargotya. The workshops will enable the delegates to get hands-on training with live microscopy on fluid cytopathology, salivary gland cytopathology and HPV DNA testing. Approximately 100 research papers will be submitted

for presentation in this conference. The beneficial impact of this cytopathology update will be experienced by the patients in the times to come.

The conference is being organised by Prof Sandip Kumar (organising chairperson), Prof Amrita Ghosh (co-chairperson), Dr Mahima Yadav (secretary), Dr Bitan Naik (joint organising secretary, Dr Vikas Kailashiya and Dr Anu Singh (joint scientific secretary), Dr Deepa Rani (treasurer), Dr Anju Bharti (co-treasurer), Dr Pratishtha Sengar and Dr Neha Singh.

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The17 UP Girls' Battalion NCC **L** under NCC Group Headquarters Kanpur has successfully completed 10 days combined annual training camp from September 4 to 13 at the Wheelers Barrack, Cantonment. The camp was attended by 400 Senior Division, Senior Wing, Junior Division and Junior Wing cadets of Kanpur Nagar, Kanpur Dehat, Orai, Unnao and Jhansi alongwith ANOs.

The CATC served as a platform for developing camaraderie and skill enhancement for boys and girls during the camp. The basic aim of training was to groom cadets to become a responsible citizen of India. The main endeavour was to give cadets maximum exposure to foot drill, range drill, firing, map reading and specialised training emphasising community living, discipline, first aid, character and confidence building. In addition, cadets were shortlisted to participate in the Inter Group Competition RDC. The successful completion of camp makes the cadets eligible for



appearing in NCC A, B and C was also organised during camp certificate exams. In addition to military training, guest lectures by domain specialist were conducted for cadets to enhance their overall awareness and personality. The guest lectures on fire fighting, SSB procedures were

Commissionerate Kanpur, Mohd Mohsin Khan delivered a lecture and gave live demonstration to NCC cadets on cyber crime etc. A historical visit to Bithoor to motivate cadets for exploring new places. The best performing cadets and staff were felicitated with medals and trophies. Cultural programs were also organised during the camp. Col Neeraj Naithani, CO 17 Girls

Bn NCC, during his address said the basic purpose to provide NCC camp is to achieve basic aims of NCC to develop camaraderie and leadership qualities amongst cadets. He motivated cadets to join armed forces and enlightened them with what actually NCC is offering to them by conducting

such camps. He also guided cadets to become digitally aware and safe. At the end he complimented the entire team of officers, ANOs/CTs, JCOs, PI staff and cadets for the successful culmination of camp.

given during camp. ACP Cyber Crime Division,

awareness. He has five years of expertise in cyber crime and deep understanding of surveillance. For personality development and developing competitive spirit, various competitions were conducted such as line area, firing, public speaking, running, cultural, mock youth parliament session

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## Jaishankar reveals his father WHO grants first authorisation was on hijacked flight in 1984

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External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar 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 fam-ily 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 released series recently 'IC814: The Kandahar



"the

a problem," he added.

Hijack' on Netflix, which he actually, to tell her, 'Look, I showedsaid, 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

hijacking. I was a very young officer. I was part of the team which was dealing with it. I rang up my mother,



hijacked over Pathankot and

ultimately taken to Dubai.

After more than 36 hours, 12

pro-Khalistani hijackers

surrendered to authorities

I was part of the family members who are pressing the Government for the can't come. There's a hijacking," he said elaborating how it was his turn to go home and feed his young son as his wife too was working."And then I discovered my fathered 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

working. And then i discovered, my father was on the flight. The flight ended up in Dubai. It's a long story, but fortunately, nobody got killed. It could have ended as 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 commented, evoking peals of laughter from the audience. On August 24, 1984, an Indian Airlines flight from



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The 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 currently producing the vaccine, supplies are limited, which could impact the distribution and availability in affected regions.

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

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 the outbreak. assessment for

## Third edition of **INDUS-X Summit** concludes in US

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future," said WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom

Ghebreyesus. "We now need

urgent scale up in 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

Products.

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.

communities on the frontlines of the ongoing emergency in Africa and beyond," said Dr Yukiko Nakatani, WHO Assistant During the summit, Memorandum of Director-General for Access Understanding (MoU) was to Medicines and Health 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 startups, funding opportunities for defence innovations and strengthening defence supply chains.

'Distinguished experts from defence industry. investmen

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## **Postal department** to provide doorstep delivery to aged pensioners

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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-ing to an official statement issued on Friday.

The assumes move significance as the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) has decided to hold DLC campaign 3.0 from November 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 Director and R General Posts 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

## Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday will address inaugural ses-sion of official language diamond jubilee celebrations and 4th Akhil Bharatiya Rajbhasha Sammelain 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 Bharti' magazine on the occasion besides releasing a commemorative postage stamp and coin, an official release said. He will present the 'Rajbhasha Gauray' and 'Rajbhasha Kirti' awards on the occasion.

'Prime Minister Narendra Modi has

Kolkata metro project

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plan for these trees".



been constantly emphasisng on the development of Hindi and Indian languages and better coordination between them, the release said.

minister had home 'The 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 sense that the official language department is celebrating this

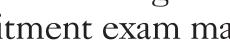
occasion as the diamond jubilee, the release said.

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

on 'India's cultural heritage and Hindi' and a session on three newly launched successfully criminal laws -- Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita 2023, Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 and Bharatiya PIONEER NEWS SERVICE DELHI Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023, it added. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy have conducted back-to-back

SC halts tree felling for |SSC warns of legal action for recruitment exam malpractices

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

The Supreme Court on Friday directed that no trees would be felled or transplanted from now onwards for the metro rail project in the maidan area adjoining the iconic Victoria Memoria in 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.

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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 transplanted. n"Issue notice, DLC campaign 3.0 at district post offices, the statement issued by the Personnel Ministry said. with felling of trees.

'You can continue with the NEW DELHI work but don't fell trees from

today," the bench told the Government job recruitment Gagency Staff Selection Commission (SSC) has warned counsel appearing for the RVNL.The counsel appearing for petitioner 'People United of disciplinary and legal action For Better Living in Kolkata (PUBLIC)' told the bench against anyone found involved in any kind of malpractices that the maidan area was related to its recruitment examextremely important for the inations.

The SSC has time and again brought to the notice of He said the route chosen for candidates and other stakeholders that anyone the metro project goes through maidan area and a found to be disclosing, number of trees would be publishing, reproducing, transmitting, storing or facilitating transmission and storage of test contents in any form (verbal or written, 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, "let them (authorities) come up with a them electronic or mechanical) of any information by any means The bench asked the counsel "will be considered as serious appearing for the RVNL to misconduct and will be show it how the trees will be debarred/disqualified from exam", an official notice said. returnable in three weeks," the 'It said "taking away the rough papers supplied in the exam bench said. It further said, "In the meantime, don't proceed centre or found to be in unauthorized possession of



test content" will also be considered serious as 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 or persons/individuals involved as per rules and such matters would be reported to police, if

necessary, it added. '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.

conducted on Friday from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha, defence ministry said here.

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successful flight tests of the Vertical Launch Short Range

Surface to Air Missile (VLSRSAM). The second

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The missile intercepted a high-speed aerial target, flying at a very low altitude and simulating a sea-skimming threat, which showcased its threat, which snowcasca precision and capability to targets. 'This 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.

firms, startups, academia, think tanks, accelerators, policymakers, etc. from both 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.

'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 leaders and in one of them at

### ARCHANA JYOTI NEW DELHI

Like bacteria with antibiotics, many fungal pathogens are increasingly 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, Governments, clinicians, and pharmaceutical companies.

Researchers from the University of Manchester, the University of Amsterdam, and the Westerdijk 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

combat action, without which resistance to fungal disease will escalate.

Aspergillus, Candida, Nakaseomyces glabratus, and Trichophyton 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

antimicrobial resistance for collaborating on solutions and (AMR). They called for immediate 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 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 contributing significantly to the state's and nation's Annamalai said on behalf of the party's state unit, he economic growth. I request everyone to lay the matter to sincerely apologises for the actions of "our functionaries rest with due respect," Annamalai said. who shared a private conversation between a shared by several Congress



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Srinivasan Avl, the esteemed

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owner of the Annapoona chain of Restaurants, to express regret for this unintended breach of privacy.

Annapoorna Srinivasan Anna

is a pillar of Tamil Nadu's

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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, Srinivasan was seen purportedly apologising in person to the Finance Minister.

'Rahul Gandhi said if this Government" "arrogant 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".

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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

ritaram 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 prominent 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 con-



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 'officerand-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 another was happening with IC-814 ity. Major Jaswant Singh was a with no one taking charge of the situation, Jaswant had 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 hope-lessness and intensity of the situation.

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

POLITICS AND 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 LIKE IC-814 civilians he would catch the eye WAS ONE THING, of those in 'Uniform' and acknowledge them with a gra-BUT TO FURTHER cious nudge or salute when saluted. WEAKEN THE

capacities, his sole and

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 intro-spect 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) In all his varied professional and never really blamed others (when he could have), he certainly deserves a better memory (The writer, a military veteran, is a former Lt Governor of Ándaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry. The views expressed are personal)

betan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama during a teaching session at the Main Tibetan Temple, in Dharamshala,

## Perfect parenting: Navigating expectations and aspirations



Honourable soldiers do what is to

be done, with no fuss or grandios-

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ASHA IYER KUMAR

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

priorities and boundaries

resources, circumstances and

the children's capacity to

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 are never easy and what seems perfect on social media to public scrutiny, the quest for perfection is an unending are filtered versions of a life pursuit that only leads to and landscape filled with exhaustion. We need to pause challenges. The idea of being a 'perfect parent' is a myth and it would and ask: Are we, as parents, pushing ourselves into a corner, one where our best is be prudent on the parents'

never good enough? How part to recognise that benchfar should we go to prove our marks set by society, media merits and how much strain and peers are often unattaincan we take before we break able. Each family should set its at the seams? commensurate with its

A young parent recently mentioned how she was waiting for her toddler to grow up by a few years so that the ten-

undertake over-demanding sions of the difficult years are expectations from all around. past, but the truth is the How parents of yore have stress of parenting seldom been able to divide their 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 and expectations only changgoes around in our family is ing with age. Once a parent, this - the children just grew always a parent. There is a up; no one raised them by folrelentless 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 picture-perfect family lives. quagmire of worry and anxiety even after the children What parents often forget is have flown from their homes the travails of raising children and built their nests.

The anxiety of being an inadequate parent haunts many and the truth is there is no single right way to parent; neither is there a prescribed for-

mat 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 children will only take away from the confidence of the children and make them incompetent to face life's numerous chalenges.

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'MOMENT' FOR INDIA BY NAME CALLING OR FINGER POINTING, EVEN WORSE

PERHAPS JASWANT

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avowedly apolitical questions 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

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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 In this situation, it is urgent to take appropriate measures to prevent this men-

tal 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 implement poverty alleviation programs quick-ly. 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



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.

**S K Khosla** |*Chandigarh* 

### **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

Manoj Parashar | Ghaziabad

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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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. LUCKNOW | SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

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## **FIRSTCOLUMN STRIVE TO HAVE AN EMPTY MIND**

One must have empty mind which lead to the spiritual awakening



### RAVI VALLURI

eons ago a neophyte Zen student was an apprentice at a temple of knowledge. Regrettably, his mind was not robust enough and Akept 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 energy. 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 state-ments 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 strat-egy: 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 hegemo-ny 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 ris-ing discontent with the United States and the United Kingdom, whose actions have exacerbated global crises and dragged others into 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 pub-Is understanding of their work. The discus-



INTENSIFYING POLARISATION IS 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 UNITED their counteroffensive.Addressing the broader implications of the KINGDOM, conflict, Burns acknowledged that while Putin's grip on power remains firm, it is not necessarily stable. WHOSE ACTIONS 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 the US and UK in providing mili-CONFLICTS tary 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,

which has made these operations

the threat of Russian intelligence, cit-ing the 2018 Salisbury poisoning as a stark example of their reckless tactics. Moore emphasised the importase 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 US. Burns assured that this issue remains a top priority, with law enforcement agencies closely monitoring and countering such threats. Burns updated on efforts to secure a ceasefire and hostage deal in Gaza, based on a three-phase plan pro-posed by President Biden: ceasefire, hostage release, and reconstruction. Despite progress, finalising the deal remains challenging, requiring strong political will and mediator ority for their respective agencies. 'The CIA has reorganised to reflect this priority," Burns noted, highlighting 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.

lic understanding of their work. The discussion also revealed the deep collaboration between their agencies, which has been instrumental in global events, such as providing 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 incom-pletion to sanctions and shifting geopolitical factors.

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

He hopes new proposals will drive action, with both leaders urging 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 unilatstressing that the West must not be eral sanctions show the real picture. intimidated. They also addressed The discussion then shifted to the strategic challenge posed by China. Russia's intelligence operations in Europe, noting a shift toward using Burns and Moore both undercriminal elements for sabotage, scored that China remains a top pri-

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

Safety is a fundamental concern worldwide, with the pervasive issues of rape and abuse affecting mil-lions 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,



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 conscience of the nation was the rape and murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kar Hospital, Kolkata. This brutal crime recalled the infamous

Nirbhaya case, igniting nationwide outrage. Yet again, it posed a critical question to both the central and state governments: Is the judicial system adequately addressing crimes against women? Are victims truly receiving the justice they seek? Another notorious example is

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the 1992 Ajmer gang rape and blackmail scandal, where over 100 girls were blackmailed with obscene photographs, many subjected to gang rape. Justice, in this case, was only served 32 years later, with six accused sentenced to life imprisonment and fined ?5 lakh each. This shocking delay once again raises concerns about whether the Indian legal system is equipped to tackle cases of sexual violence effectively.

India, with its population of 1.5 billion, has over 750 fast-track courts designed to expedite justice. Yet, cases like the Ajmer gang rape, Nirbhaya, Unnao, and Balrampur drag on for decades. The slow pace of justice signifies a collective failure of the government and law enforcement agencies in a country that claims to be the world's largest democracy. This begs the question: Do we need a judicial overhaul to ensure timely justice for victims of sexual violence?

The global landscape shows a diverse range of approaches to 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



countries, such as Denmark, 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.

Preventing rape and abuse

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 plays a critical role in prevent-

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 encouraging others to come forward. In today's digital age, technology can also play a pivotal role in enhancing women's safety. Innovative tools such as safety apps, which allow women to alert family or friends in emergencies, and online support platforms for survivors offer

and support. Data analytics can help identify 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

and a RTI Activist; views *expressed are personal)* 

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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 **I** 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 much by record 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 performed in the Metro dependable,



network, with the highest ever passenger journeys record made on August 20 at 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 train tomorrow. These additional trains will be continued on coming weekdays also, if required.

enhanced connectivity enabling people to reach any corner of Delhi-"Tĥis trend further strengthens Delhi Metro's acceptability as the most NCR in the most convenient reliable, manner.

### 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 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.

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

### MOHIT KANDHARI 🗖 JAMMU

fierce firefight broke out Abetween a heavily armed 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 Corps of the Indian Army posted on X, "In the Joint operation launched on 11 Sep Two Terrorists Neutralised & Large War Like Stores ered. Operations con-

Doda. At the same time, a general alert has been sounded in the entire Jammu region to prevent any other incident group of Pakistani terrorists 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 offices, and venues of campaign meetings.

This is the third incident of terrorist violence in the Jammu region in the last five davs.

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".

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team of the special forces of The election managers are the Indian army and the banking heavily on the popjawans of the special operaularity of the Prime Minister tions group of Jammu and in the erstwhile Doda district Kashmir police were carrying BJP had won 4 out of 6 assemout searches in the area when bly seats in 2014 Assembly a group of terrorists hiding polls. This time the party is inside a dhok( temporary aiming to retain all its four structure) attempted to seats and wrest at least two ambush the security personother seats from the opposinel. Swift action by the elite tion camp. para commandos resulted in The BJP is facing a tough

challenge in the region as the alliance partners Congress and the National Conference the ensuing gunfight in the area. Unconfirmed reports claimed a soldier also received injuries and was evacuated to have been making all efforts to win more than two seats. On September 11, two heav-Rahul Gandhi also visited ily armed Pakistani terrorists, Ramban to address an elechiding in the upper reaches of Basantgarh bordering Kathua tion rally. On the other hand, Omar Abdullah has also and Udhampur districts, were addressed a series of election neutralized by the joint team meetings to boost the morale of the party workers.

A senior BJP leader told The On September 9, two heavily Pioneer, "We are banking armed terrorists believed to heavily on the booster dose be Pakistani were neutralized by the troops of the which our Prime Minister is expected to administer to th party workers ahead of the first phase of polling". So far the party candidates have received an impressive response on ground zero.

## Left planning attack on doctors to malign Government: Ghosh

### SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

The doctors' movement 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 members 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 speak immediately, the Left Thursday. While the other person however is reluctant to mount such attack on "people who save our lives" the first person reminds him only to scare the doctors indi-

of the political dividend such an attack could produce painting the Mamata Banerjee Government in a bad light, Ghosh said adding the audio tape was forwarded to him by some sources and the police were already investigating it.

By late on Friday evening the Bidhan Nagar Police Commissionerate had instituted a suo motu case and started investigations into it, sources in the Government said adding the police were on high alert and security had been beefed up around the area where the doctors were staging a dharna demanding justice for the RGKMCH victim and removal of top IPS officers including the Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Goyal, State Health Secretary and two Directors of Health for playing an alleged role in destroying evidence.



punctual and comfortable

mode of public transport in

these extended spells of

humidity and rain, allowing

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

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rectly 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 "The ACJM Court while viciously cunning politician rejecting the CBI application who is trying to shoot many birds in a sir shot scaring the doctors to withdraw the movement ... she is maligning the Left because cerned if he is forced to the Left rallies are getting big- undergo such test," a lawyer ger and longer ... and she is said.

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 doctors 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.

cluded"

Meanwhile, security has been

believed to be the cadre of the further beefed up in and Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) Prime Minister's rally in upper reaches of Chatroo. A on Monday.

group of three terrorists attempting to infiltrate inside the Indian territory in the Laam sector of Nowshera in around the venue of the outfit were trapped in the the frontier district of Rajouri

Indian army while

a nearby hospital.

of security forces.

leaders demanded an investigation into the purported conspiracy saying, "the Government is trying not

such a against the Fundamental Rights of the person con-

### SUPREME COURT RELEASES KEJRIWAI

Official

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Kejriwal is the seventh Delhi excise policy scamrelated cases after AAP Manish Sisodia, BRS leader K communication in-charge Vijay Nair, Hyderabad-based bail.

businessman Ramchandra Pillai accused to get bail in the alleged "middleman" Vinod Chauhan.

Kejriwal filed two separate leaders Sanjay Singh and pleas before the top court — one challenging the Kavitha, AAP's former legality of his arrest by CBI and a second plea seeking

#### While the latter was allowed, the former was rejected. and 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.

## Delhi becomes...

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Instead our city planners and municipal officers are busy raking in the moolah and same old tamasha happens giving planning permission year after year. Our city willy-nilly and arresting politicians are busy trying to innocent parties when things go wrong, like what happened in Mukherjee Nagar earlier

desilting the drains well ahead century city. of the monsoons and

aimed

And if we want to make a investing in new buses, the point, let us ensure that the image of a submerged vehicle at Minto Bridge never 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 this monsoon. Instead of India's capital a twenty-first authorities are not serious.

### Traffic horror in Delhi NCR with heavy downpour...

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The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) received 24 calls regarding waterlogging and 14 related to tree falling from across the city. Another commuter Nitin Garg, who 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 solve this urgently and think about the well being of common citizens." The city is under a yellow

alert, indicating adverse weather conditions and the potential for worsening conditions that could disrupt daily life. Exacerbating the

waterlogging, potholes have also made the journey hard for Delhiites. "A pothole on Mukarba Chowk flyover from Prashant Vihar flyover is causing traffic jams," a 40year-old Manoj said. People added that due to the closure of side roads in Mahipalpur, the situation has worsened increased traffic with congestion in the area. Breakdown of buses on flyover, Palam-Dwarka Bhairon Marg, Chattarpur, Mehrauli-Badarpur road and Ashram flyover among other areas also caused inconvenience making the

traffic situation created due to

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 Department (IMD).

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

logging at GGR PDR. Kindly primary weather station at 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.

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### 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 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.

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 shot with multiple bullets at 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 The attacker fled away, as at 10:57 PM, information police suspect, on a regarding firing at GK 1, New motorbike on which his Delhi and about an injured associate was waiting for him. person being taken to Max

Minutes after the incident, a 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 awav. 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.

approval granted was just for 45 square metres.

> members of the Muslim community demolished an unauthorised portion of the mosque on their own.

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 wall."

unauthorised The construction was on a plot of land which belongs to the public works department. The department and the municipal corporation had earlier served notices on the mosque management committee in this connection. Members of the VHP and the

mosque stands on 232 square metres of land while the

belonging to the Muslim community be demolished, alongside encroachments on Government land across the State.

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 all respects 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 Bajrang Dal have demanded said Himachal Pradesh is a

that all illegal structures 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 movement," Sukhu said, 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

From Page 1 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.

## Hindu groups demand demolition...

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In Mandi, however, police had stepped up security with heavy deployment after the Hindu outfits gave the call for the protest march.

Raising slogans of "Jai Shri Ram", the protesters initially held a march in the Mandi market area and sat on a dharna at Seri manch. Later, they made attempts to proceed towards the mosque but were stopped by police, who used water cannons to disperse

them. The management committee of the Jail Road mosque in Mandi was on Friday served a notice by the municipal corporation to remove the portion built on encroached land within 30 days. According to the notice, the

This came a day after

## **Russia to expel 6 British diplomats for** spying and 'subversive activities'

in February 2022.

spying.

### AP MOSCOW

The Russian authorities accused six British diplomats of spying and said they would be expelled, as tensions between Moscow and the West grow during an intensified push by Ukraine to loosen restrictions on using weapons provided by the US and Britain to strike Russia.

Russia's Federal Security Service said in an online statement Friday that a decision was made to withdraw their accreditations, and Russian state TV quoted an official from the security service known as the FSB as saying they would be expelled. The move comes as Prime

Minister Keir Starmer visits Washington for talks with President Joe Biden that will include Ukraine's request to use Western-supplied weapons against targets inside Russia. Starmer said on his way to the US that Britain does not "seek any conflict with Russia." "Russia started this conflict. Russia illegally invaded Ukraine. Russia could end this conflict straight away," he told reporters.

'Ukraine has the right to selfdefense and we've obviously been absolutely fully supportive of Ukraine's right to selfdefense - we're providing

training capability, as you know. But we don't seek any conflict with Russia - that's spokesperson Maria Zakharova not our intention in the slight-

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est," he said. The FSB said it received documents indicating that the diplomats were sent to Russia by a division of the UK Foreign Óffice "whose main task is to inflict a strategic defeat on our country," and that they were involved in "intelligence-gath-ering and subversive activi-

ties. Based on these documents and "in response to numerous unfriendly steps by London," the Russian Foreign Ministry withdrew the accreditation of the diplomats, the FSB said, without identifying them. It warned that if other diplomats are found to be carrying out "similar actions," the agency "will demand early termination of their missions" to Russia.

Russian state TV said in a report that the six diplomats had met with independent media and rights groups that have been declared "foreign agents" — a label the Russian authorities have actively used against organizations and individuals critical of the Kremlin.

The British Embassy in Moscow did not immediately respond to a request for comment from The Associated Press. There was no immediate

**Islamic State gunmen kill** 

### comment from Britain's Foreign Office. Bussian Foreign Ministry Baseless, says UK Russian Foreign Ministry

said in an online statement that **PTI** LONDON "We fully agree with the assess-

 $T^{he \ UK \ on \ Friday \ attacked}_{Russia \ for \ "completely \ baseless" \ claims \ that \ its \ diplomats}$ ments of the activities of the British so-called diplomats expressed by the Russian FSB. were engaged in spying after The British Embassy has gone Moscow revoked the accredifar beyond the limits outlined tation of six British officials said by the Vienna Conventions." She said the diplomats were to have left the country some carrying out "subversive actions weeks ago.

aimed at causing harm to our The Foreign, Commonwealth people." Expulsions of diploand Development Office mats - both Western diplo-(FCDO) said the UK remains mats working in Russia and "unapologetic" about protect-Russian diplomats working in ing its national interests as it Western countries — have dismissed allegations made by become increasingly common Russia's FSB security service. since Russia invaded Ukraine The news comes as British Prime Minister Sir Keir Russian news outlet RBC : Starmer arrived in Washington counted last year that Western : for talks with US President Joe countries and Japan expelled a Biden about the war in Ukraine total 670 Russian diplomats and whether to give President Volodymyr Zelenskyy the nod between the beginning of 2022 and October 2023, while Moscow expelled 346 diploto fire Western missiles at targets inside Russia.

mats in response. According to "The accusations made today by the FSB against our staff are RBC, it was more than in the completely baseless," the FCDO previous 20 years combined. In May, the UK expelled said in a statement on Friday. Russia's defense attache in "The Russian authorities London, alleging he was an undeclared intelligence offirevoked the diplomatic accreditation of six UK diplomats in Russia last month following an cer, and closed several Russian diplomatic properties in Britain : action taken by the UK government in response to Russian state-directed activity across that it said were being used for

Europe and in the UK. We are unapologetic about 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 countrv".

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 [UN treaty on diplomatic relations]," she said. An FSB officer told Russian

media that "hints" to "stop this practice [of gathering intel-ligence]" were not heeded. The security service added that it would revoke accreditation from more British diplomats if they were found to be involved in similar activity. The diplomats involved were named and

pictured on Russian state TV earlier on Friday. The expulsion of diplomats on all sides has become common practice since the Russia-Ukraine conflict broke out in February 2022.

## **US sanctions on Chinese firms for** backing Pak missile programme

### PTI WASHINGTON

The US has taken action against four Chinese entities, one Pakistani company, and one Chinese individual for their supply to Pakistan's ballistic missile programme under the missile sanctions laws, a State Department statement has said.

State Department Spokesperson Matthew Miller in a statement on Thursday said the US imposed sanctions on the Beijing Research Institute of Automation for Machine Building Industry (RIAMB), which has worked with Pakistan's National Development Complex (NDC), under the missile sanctions laws (i.e. the Arms Export Control Act [AECA] and the Export Control Reform Act [ECRA]).

The statement said the Beijing Research Institute had worked with NDC in the development and production of Pakistan's

long-range ballistic missiles to procure equipment for testing of large-diameter rocket motors, including the Shaheen-3 and Ababeel.

'The United States is [also] imposing sanctions on three PRC-based entities, one PRC wherever they occur," the individual, and a Pakistani entity for ballistic missile proliferation activities: PRCbased firms Hubei Huachangda Intelligent Equipment Company, Universal Enterprise Limited, and Xi'an Longde Technology Development Company Limited (aka Lontek); and PRC individual Luo Dongmei (aka Steed Luo) for knowingly transferring equipment and technology controlled under the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) Annex, in support of MTCR Category I missile pro-grammes, to a non-MTCR country," the statement said. The statement said the department also imposed sanctions

on a Pakistan-based entity Innovative Equipment under the missile sanctions laws. "The United States will continue to act against proliferation and associated procurement activities of concern,

statement concluded. The US had similarly targeted three China-based companies with sanctions in October last year for supplying missileapplicable items to Pakistan. The US State Department had sanctioned General Technology Limited, Beijing Luo Luo Technology Development Co Ltd, and Changzhou Utek Composite Company Ltd. for supplying brazing materials used to join components in ballistic missile rocket engines, in the production of combustion chambers, and supplying mandrels and other machinery used in the production of solid-propellant rocket motors.



Rescue workers search for the missing after a flash flood buries a hamlet in mud and debris in the aftermath of Typhoon Yagi in Lao Cai province, Vietnam.

## China raising retirement age

major economies.

an aging work force. The policy change will be carried out over 15 years, with the

jobs. The current retirement senior research fellow at age is 60 for men, and 50 for Victoria University in Australia women in blue-collar jobs and who studies China's population 55 for women in white-collar and its ties to the economy. jobs. The policy will be implemented starting in January next year, according to the announcement from China's legislature reported by state broadcaster CCTV.

The change will take effect progressively based on a person's birthdate. For example, a man born in January 1971 could retire at the age of 61 years and 7 months in August 2032, according to

'We have more people coming into the retirement age, and so the chart released along with the pension fund is (facing) the policy. A man born in

AP ISLAMABAD Shiites who were returning Gunmen killed 14 people in a Shiite-majority area in

central Afghanistan, the crime. Taliban said on Friday, in one of the deadliest attacks in the country this year. Six other people were wounded in the assault.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility before the Taliban acknowledged the shootings, which took place on Thursday and targeted Hazara Shiite people as they travelled between the provinces of Ghor and Daikundi.

A machine gun was used in the assault, the IS group said. It gave a higher death toll than "We are also making serious efforts to search for the perpethe Taliban.

The Iranian news agency IRNA tice," Mujahid added. auoted Foreign Ministry saying the group had targeted resulted in numerous deaths

from visiting shrines in Iraq. He called for immediate action to punish those behind the

14 in Afghan Shiite area

The IS group's affiliate in the

in the past three years. The Taliban's chief spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid strongly condemned Thursday's "barbaric action" and said authorities considered it their obligation to protect people and

their property. "We are also making serious trators and bring them to jus-

country, a major rival to the Taliban, has challenged authorities' grip on domestic security by attacking schools, hospitals, mosques and Shiite areas

The UN missio

Shiite community. "We express our condolences to the families of those killed and call for an investigation to hold those responsible to account," the mission said on X.

Earlier this month, an IS suicide bomber detonated his explosive-laden vest at a prosecutor's office in the capital Kabul. In May, a booby-trapped motorcycle exploded in northeastern Badakhshan province and killed police officers who were part of an anti-poppy cultivation campaign. A UN-appointed rights expert for Afghanistan, Richard Bennett, said he was alarmed

by the spate of IS-claimed attacks. The "appalling killings" of Shiite Hazara bore the hall-

marks of international crimes spokesman Nasser Kanaani as Afghanistan said the attack said Bennett, whom the Taliban have barred from

## Russian central bank hikes rates to fight inflation

### AP MOSCOW

Russia's central bank raised Rits key interest rate by a full percentage point to 19 per cent to combat high inflation as government spending on the military strains the economy's capacity to produce goods and services and drives up workers' wages. The central bank said in a statement Friday that "growth in domestic demand is still significantly outstripping the capabilities to expand the supply of goods and services". It held out the prospect of more

rate increases to return inflation from the current 9.1 per cent to the bank's target of 4 per cent in 2025.

Russia's economy continues to show solid growth despite sanctions from countries opposed to what the Kremlin calls a "special military operation" in craine. Gross domestic prod-

coffers bolstered by oil exports. One result of government out-lays is inflation, which the central bank has tried to combat with higher rates that make it more expensive to borrow and spend on goods, in theory relieving pressure on prices. So far it has been fighting a losing battle, and economists sav

that at some point tight credit may slow growth. Rising wages and a strong jobs market have helped shoppers compensate for inflation and as a result "consumer activity remains high", the central bank said. The bank's policy rate is the highest since February 2022, when the central bank raised the rates to unprecedented 20 per cent in a desperate bid to shore up the ruble in response to crippling sanctions that came after the Kremlin sent troops into Ukraine, Russia's economy

AP BEIJING hina starting next year will Uraise its retirement age for workers, which is now among the youngest in the world's The extension was considered

long overdue in a country facing a shrinking population and

people welcoming Afghan and injuries to members of the Afghanistan.

uct benefits from high levels of government spending, including for the military, with tax

quarter, with unemployment low at 2.4 per cent.

grew 4.4 per cent in the second retirement age for men raised high pressure, that's why I May 1971 could retire at the age to 63 years, and 55 and 58 years think it's now time to act seri- of 61 years and 8 months in for women depending on their ously," said Xiujian Peng, a January of 2033.



Relatives and friends of hostages held in the Gaza Strip by the Hamas militant group block a road during a protest demanding their release, in Tel Aviv (Israel) on Friday. AP/PTI

## White House will 'smell like curry' if Harris wins, says Trump ally

### PTI WASHINGTON

Donald Trump ally came A Donald Trump ally came under fire after she mocked Kamala Harris' Indian heritage and said the White House would "smell like curry" if the Democratic nominee became the president.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre on Thursday slammed Trump's association with Laura Loomer after her post against Harris, calling it "repugnant". The remark also didn't go well with some Trump supporters. Georgia

Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene said, "This does not represent President Trump. This type of behaviour should not be tolerated

gressional candidate, made the remarks on X on Sunday. days before the presidential debate in which Harris was widely seen to have outper-formed her Republican rival. If the vice president wins the November 5 election, she said, "The White House will smell like curry & White House speeches will be facilitated via a call centre and the questioned about them dur-American people will only be able to convey their feedback through a customer satisfaction survey at the end of the call that nobody will understand."

Loomer, 31, often seen as a right-wing conspiracy theorist, made the remark while commenting on a photo postshould not be part of the fabed by Harris on National

the vice president talked about her grandparents from India. Harris' mother Shyamala Gopalan migrated to the US at the age of 19 to pursue higher studies. Her father Donald J Harris is from Jamaica. White House press secretary Jean-Pierre called the comments "repugnant" when

should denounce. And

Pierre said.

ever." Loomer, a former con- Grandparents Day in which ric of this country. It doesn't matter your political views, vou should stand and condemn ... these types of just repugnant, repugnant words," she added.

Previously, Loomer has called the 9/11 attacks an "inside job," which Jean-Pierre brought up Thursday in her rebuke of the former presi-

dent Trump's ally. "No leader should be connected to that or spreading that," she said.

ing the daily briefing. "No leader should ever asso-Several X users condemned ciate with someone who spreads this kind of ugliness. Loomer's remark as racist. "I've reported this to X for a

This kind of racist poison, that's what this is," Jeanclear violation on account of racism," a user with the "Exactly the kind of hateful, account name Lady Jane said. decisive rhetoric that we

"Damn, that's a really racist thing to say. That's a bad look," another user wrote.

## Biden, Starmer set to meet as Ukraine pushes to ease weapons restrictions

### **AP** WASHINGTON

U<sup>kraine's</sup> push to ease restrictions on the use of weapons from the US and Britain will be discussed on Friday in White House talks between President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Keir Starmer.

Ukraine wants approval to use some weapons to strike deeper into Russia and there are signs Biden might shift US policy in response. Russian President Vladimir Putin warned that Ukraine's use of long-range weapons would put NATO at war with Moscow. While the issue is expected to be at the top of the agenda for the meeting, it appeared unlikely that Biden and US has adapted and "will adjust Starmer would announce any

deliberations.

policy changes at this time, field strategy has changed. according to two US officials Blinken spoke similarly in May, familiar with planning for the shortly before the US allowed Ukraine to use American-protalks. The officials spoke on vided weapons just inside Russian territory. The permitcondition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the private ted distance has been largely limited to cross-border targets During this week's visit to Kviv deemed a direct threat, out of

by Secretary of State Antony Blinken and British Foreign ing the conflict. Secretary David Lammy, Ukrainian officials renewed their pleas to use Western-provided long-range missiles against targets deeper inside

Russia. Blinken said he had "no doubt" that Biden and Starmer would discuss the matter, noting the

as necessary" as Russia's battle-

concerns about further escalat-Biden also has hinted that a

change could be afoot. In an exchange with reporters this week about whether he was ready to ease weapons restrictions on Ukraine, he respond-

ed, "We're working that out now."

Putin said Thursday that allow-

ing long-range strikes "would mean that NATO countries, the United States, and European countries are at war with Russia. ... If this is so, then, bearing in mind the change in the very essence of this conflict, we will make appropriate deci-sions based on the threats that will be created for us."

His remarks were in line with the narrative the Kremlin has promoted since early in the Ukraine war, accusing NATO countries of de-facto participation in the conflict and threatening a response.

Earlier in the year, Putin warned that Russia could provide long-range weapons to others to strike Western targets in response to NATO allies supportive of Ukraine's right to self-defense — we're providing training capability, as you

allowing Ukraine to use their arms to attack Russian territory, saying it "would mark their direct involvement in the war against the Russian Federation, and we reserve the right to act the same way".

Starmer, in response to Putin's comments Thursday, said on his way to the US that Britain does not seek any conflict with Russia.

"Russia started this conflict," Starmer said. "Russia illegally invaded Ukraine. Russia could end this conflict straight away." He added: "Ukraine has the right to self-defense and we've obviously been absolutely fully supportive of Ukraine's right to

know." "But we don't seek any conflict

with Russia — that's not our intention in the slightest," Starmer said.

Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelensky, has pressed US and allied military leaders to go much further. He argues that the US must allow Ukraine to target Russian air bases and launch sites far from the border as Russia has stepped up assaults on Ukraine's electricity grid and utilities before the winter.

Zelenskyy also wants more long-range weaponry from Washington, including the Army Tactical Missile System, known as ATACMS, for strikes in Russia.

ATACMS would not be the answer to the main threat Ukraine faces from long-range Russian glide bombs, which are being fired from more than 300 kilometers (185 miles) away, beyond the ATACMS' reach, said Lt. Col. Charlie Dietz, Pentagon spokesperson. American officials also do not believe they have enough of the weapon systems available to provide Ukraine with the number to make a substantive difference to conditions on the ground, one of the US officials

said. During a meeting of allied defense ministers last week, Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin said he did not believe providing Ukraine with long-range

weapon systems would be a game-changer. He noted that Ukraine has already been able to strike inside Russia with its own internally produced sys-

tems, including drones. "I don't believe one capability is going to be decisive, and I stand by that comment," Austin said.

"As of right now, the policy has not changed," Maj. Gen. Pat Ryder, Pentagon press secretary, said Thursday.

Starmer said he was visiting Washington for "strategic meetings to discuss Ukraine and to discuss the Middle East." It's the prime minister's second meeting with Biden since his centreleft government was elected in July.

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## Markets breathe marginally low after record rally



### PTI MUMBAI

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty took a

82,653.22

The NSE Nifty dropped 32.40 points or 0.13 per cent to 25,356.50. A d a n i Lessensex and Nifty took a 25,356.50. A d a n i breather on Friday after a record rally in the previous session and ended marginally lower on the emergence of profit-taking. In a http://www.aparticle.com/aparticl lower on the emergence of profit-taking. In a volatile trade, the 30-share BSE Sensex fell by 71.77 points or 0.09 per cent to close at 82,890.94. During the day, it dived 309.49 points or 0.37 per cent to

Mahindra were among the gainers. In Asian markets, Tokyo and Shanghai settled 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 remain prudent on rates.

"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

Markets ended with gains on 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 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. The NSE Nifty surged 470.45 points or 1.89 per cent to settle at a record closing high of 25.388 90.

of 25,388.90.

The benchmark hit its fresh all-time intra-day high of 25,433.35, a jump of 514.9 points or 2 per cent. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought 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 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 cychange market the local

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 against the US

against the US 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 on Thursday, as they purchased shares worth Rs 7,695.00 crore, according to exchange data.

the On domestic macroeconomic front, 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.

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.

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



### PTI NEW DELHI

India's bioeconomy has experienced significant growth, reaching a valuation GUSD 151 billion by the end Economy, Environment, and Employment) Policy, the report said, noting that the policy focuses on bio-based precision of 2023, according to a new report, which said that the highlights surge 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 of Biotechnology Led Enterprises (ABLE), outlines transformative advances across biotechnology, agricultural innovation, ole in omy's critical pioecor across biotechnology, agricultural innovation, healthcare, and biomanufacturing, driving the 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 experienced significant growth reaching a judition experienced significant growth, reaching a valuation of USD 151 billion by the end of 2023. "This 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 One of the major drivers of

BioE3 (Biotechnology for precision biotherapeutics, climatethe resilient agriculture, and advanced research in marine

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 USD 72.6 billion or 10.05 r cent of the total market, the 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 production capacity increasing to 13.8 billion litres in 2023, making India the world's third-largest producer

Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP)

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

### PTI NEW DELHI

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

According to data issued by the industry body Society of Indian Automobile 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.



Two-wheeler wholesales rose last month climbed to 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, a growth of 10 per cent. Similarly, mot motorcycle

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.

The total three-wheeler sales 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.

### Food ministry inks pact with FCI to boost grain operation efficiency

### PTI NEW DELHI

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

distribution. The MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) sets specific performance benchmarks, including metrics for FCI depots, and outlines accountability measures to optimise public fund usage in food security operations. "Depot efficiency parameters like capacity utilization operation: losses, security measures, and modernisation of processes are part of the p e r f o r m a n c e benchmarking," the ministry said in a statement. This initiative underscores the the government's commitment to refining the Public Distribution System (PDS) and ensuring efficient management of

to USD 151 billion by 2023, driven by rising demand for vaccines

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 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 biomanufacturing, with plans to create biomanufacturing and Bio-AI hubs. These effort are expected to create efforts are expected to create

programme, which promotes domestic ethanol production,

of ethanol.

(SII) producing over 3 billion doses annually. Major breakthroughs, such as the and biopharmaceuticals. With the

devices segment, which grew to USD 19.4 billion, has also played a crucial role in addressing healthcare

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

challenges, particularly through advancements in early disease detection and personalized medicine, the report said.





PTI CHENNAI

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 merican automaker Ford on Friday

manufacturing for exports.

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 a statement.

"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

strategic move will see the facility repurposed to focus on manufacturing 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 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.

food subsidy funds through 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.

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

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

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 a

Among other aspects, the study will focus on the existing and evolving regulatory/legal frameworks

governing AI systems and applications in India and

competition standpoint.

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

### PTI NEW DELHI

The Government has introduced stringent regulations mandating the use of fire-resistant upholstery fabrics in non-domestic furniture, a move expected to improve public safety with respect to fire-related tragedies. Effective from October, the Quality Control Order (QCO) now requires all upholstery components used at public spaces to comply

at public spaces to comply with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) norms. The QCO applies to upholstered composites and fabrics used in non-domestic formiting formula in split

areas such as offices, malls, furniture or sub-assemblies airports. underground



museums, however relaxation till March 31, 2025 has been provided on the request of industry. "This decisive acti decisive action furniture found in public on all imports of complete underscores the government's commitment to enhancing restaurants, having upholstered fabric fire safety in public spaces shopping meant for public use, and ensuring that all non-

domestic furniture meets the domestic furniture meets the highest standards of quality and safety, thereby safeguarding lives and property," an official statement by the Ministry of Textiles said.

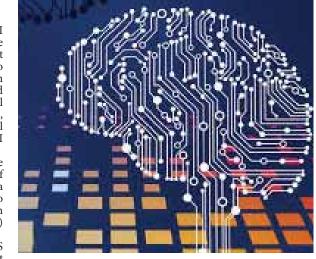
QCOs are part of the government's broader government's broader strategy to ensure quality and safety in critical products. "While BIS certification is voluntary for many products, compliance with these standards for strategic items like fire-retardant upholstery is now compulsory. is now compulsory.

This regulation is a significant step towards creating safer public spaces and ensuring that the furniture used in these 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 competition that will examine various aspects, including potential competition issues in the AI ecosystems. In April this year, the In April this year, the 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, including



Development Institute to conduct market study on AI

**Competition Commission selects Management** 

stakeholders, resources, value CCI said in a release on chains, market structures and Friday. parameters of competition, It will also examine the anti-competitive behaviour.

concentration and potential

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



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# AN ENCHANTING EVENING OF N 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 the Greater Noida-based NGO, showcased a spellbinding performance of Natya-Katha KRSHNA by Dr Sonal Mansingh, a cultural icon, former Member of Parliament (Rajya his slaying of his uncle Kansa, Sabha), celebrated for her lifetime and his eventual move to contributions to Indian classical Dwaraka, ending with the dance.

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. Krishna stealing butter multiple 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 to dance interludes, and the visual



dance. The highlight of the evening with his childhood friend, talented ensemble of

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

projected on-screen enhanced the audience's immersion in the tales of Krishna. Vocal and accompanists elevated the experience further, creating a seamless blend of music,

responded with a thunderous 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 Foundation, expressed her reviving the rich cultural

gratitude to the distinguished heritage of the country and and audience, guests recognising the significance of cultural events like Sanskriti Sannivesh in promoting India's cultural and artistic legacy. Reflecting on the evening and her journey of over 60 years, Mansingh shared, "Krishna has been my lifelong companion, though enigmatic and at times inscrutable." The former President commented, "Sonal ji's performance made us all proud."

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The Human Touch Foundation, under the guidance of Dr Upasana Singh, has long been committed to advancing social equity and cultural awareness. Through Sanskriti Sannivesh, the dance, and storytelling. foundation aims to promote The performance left the Indian art and traditions while audience in awe, who working on key societal issues such as workplace inequality, standing ovation. The event sexual harassment, and environmental sustainability. Dr. Singh's leadership has been instrumental in the foundation's two-decade journey toward social transformation and equitable growth. "We are committed to

would like to present the talented artists from across the country who haven't got the chance to showcase their talent. It is our earnest endeavour to provide support to people in need," said Upasana Singh

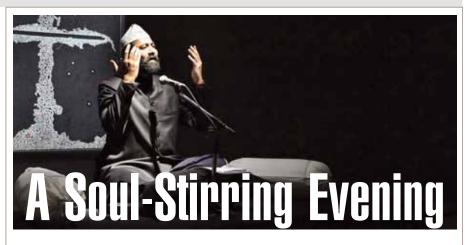
Dr Sonal Mansingh, an illustrious figure in the world of Indian classical dance, is a recipient of the prestigious Padma Vibhushan, India's second-highest civilian award. With a career spanning over six decades, she has been a torchbearer of Bharatanatyam and Odissi, using her art as a medium to communicate stories rooted in Indian mythology, philosophy, and spirituality.

Beyond her dance. Dr.Mansingh's contributions as a cultural ambassador, speaker, and educator have enriched India's artistic landscape. Her mastery over languages, music, and literature, combined with her deep understanding of iconography and philosophy, have made her a unique and revered personality in the cultural world.

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JOURNEY INTO T 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





hotography 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.

Walking through Tuli's There is a profound sense of "Smoke and Steel" uses exhibition feels like stepping patience in Tuli's work, monochrome to turn a simple 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 oversaturated visual culture.





showcasing his dedication to plume of smoke into 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 iťs 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 there. viewers to stroll down a peaceful Japanese street. "The Mosaic serves as a reminder of Silent Ride" transports viewers

to a moment of stillness, and

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 monochrome to turn a simple reproduced. Every image is something almost divine. One carefully composed, capturing the spirit of Japan in a way that feels both timeless and immediate. Through his lens, of the highlights of the exhibition is "Whisper," a rare coloured photograph that breaks the monochrome Tuli explores the beauty of theme, adding a burst of Japan's streets, the mystery of vibrancy and offering a fresh its public spaces and the perspective. Each piece is more

vibrancy of everyday life. His than just a photograph, it's a work is inspired by wabi-sabi, a story waiting to be told, a Japanese concept that finds moment captured in time that beauty in imperfection and the invites viewers to step inside fleeting moments of life. and feel what it's like to be through Walking Visions of Japan: Cultural

exhibition feels like stepping into Japan itself. Each photograph tells its own storythe transformative power of stories that are intimate yet art. It demonstrates that speak to something larger

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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 sakephotography, at its best, is not tasting event for select guests, just about capturing a scene adding a sensory element to but about revealing its essence. the visual journey. There's also a cultural quiz designed to Tuli's work invites viewers to look beyond the surface and engage visitors and deepen their understanding of Japan's find beauty in places they might otherwise overlook. It's a rich traditions and modern call to slow down, appreciate spirit. the small details and find meaning in moments that

Visions of Japan: Cultural Mosaic" is more than just a often pass unnoticed. In a photo exhibit; it's an invitation world that frequently favours to pause and truly appreciate the bold and the obvious, Tuli's the world. It uncovers beauty exhibition offers a quiet, gentle 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. Photos: Pankaj Kumar

Askari Naqvi'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

ome evenings stay in the Smind long after they're over, moments that leave a mark on the heart. The Soz recent 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, note touching each something deep and universal within every listener. For those moments, the 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 and Roobina Karode.

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

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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

"I have been playing with some of the players in the Pakistan team since my junior days and

Pakistan.



## **TEAM INDIA BEGINS PRACTICE IN CHENNAI** FOR FIRST TEST AGAINST BANGLADESH

Tt is back to business for Rohit Sharma's side following its much-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.

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 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.

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



Earlier, India skipper Rohit arrived in Chennai on

came from London in an early-morning flight. The likes of India pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah, KL Rahul and wicketkeeper-batter Bishebb, Bapt had agrifier

Rishabh Pant had earlier reached the city on Thursday.

personnel, in a PTI Video on The players are returning to Thursday night, while Kohli the field after a much-needed break of more than a month break of more than a monut 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 support stall, 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 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

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-

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

PTI HULUNBUIR (CHINA)

Asemifinal berth already 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.

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

Starting the tournament as check," he said. Starting the tournament as clear favourites, Paris 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 last match. Pakistan on the other hand "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

Pakistan, on the other hand, results. have been resilient in the "Past results will not matter campaign. Playing under the guidance of legendary forward Tahir Zaman, the Ammad Butt-led side has improved 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 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

year, India thrashed Pakistan

game," 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 game. "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 have played disciplined hockey.

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

### PTI ANANTAPUR

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

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-

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 Kush

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

### PTI NEW DELHI

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 "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

Rafael Nadal withdraws from Laver Cup in Berlin



make a lot of runs, if not both he added of them, and it's going to be pretty exciting to watch the Both Kohli and Smith are former captains, and have two of the finest players of our generation go head-to-head," 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," In their last meeting at the Hangzhou Asian Games last Smith had said.

India travel to Australia for the 10-2. A few months before marquee five-Test series, starting in Perth on November that, the Indians beat Pakistan 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 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.

draw while at the 2021 ACT in Dhaka, India beat Pakistan 4-3 to clinch the bronze medal. India captain Harmanpreet

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

attitude.

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 Shrevas İyer, 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

The 11-4-30-1 figures do not fall under the hallow-spell category, but for Prasidh it was important in his comeback iourney.

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-year-

old was recuperating from a quadricep injury. Harshit Rana made a 31 off 29

balls, including two back-to-back sixes off left-arm spinner Shams Mulani, but his effort was not enough for India D to close the gap with their rivals. However, Rana can take a slice of comfort as he completed a four-wicket haul in the opening session of the day to bowl out India A for 290 in 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 51

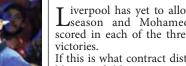
AP BERLIN Rafael Nadal withdrew Thursday from next week's

Laver Cup in Berlin, leaving it unclear when the Spanish great will play again. The Laver Cup - the tournament where Roger Federer retired in 2022 after

teaming up with Nadal in doubles - would have been Nadal's first event since the

Paris Olympics and potentially one of his last ever. "I'm really disappointed to share that I won't be able to compete at the Laver Cup in Berlin next week," the 38-yearold Nadal said. "This is a team competition and to really support Team Europe, I need to do what's best for them and at this moment there are other

players who can help the team deliver the win." The 22-time Grand Slam champion didn't address his current fitness after a spate of AP LIVERPOOL



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 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 hard-court men's competition pitting Team Europe against Team World in a format reminiscent of golf's Ryder Cup.

Liverpool has yet to allow a goal this Season and Mohamed Salah has scored in each of the three games - all

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 Saturday.

"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."

Allison. It's a team performance that we don't concede and that has a lot to do The transition from Jurgen Klopp has

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."

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

Magnussen was

who's

## Verstappen faces challenge in Baku as RedBull's F1 dominance under threat

### AP BAKU (AZERBAIJAN)

ando Norris is only one of Lando Norris is only one of 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 future" by driver Fernando Verstappen or Red Bull to Alonso, they have an eye on

overhaul the Dutch driver's 62point 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

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.

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.

More immediately, there 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 in five races at the start of the and I could do whatever I wanted," enthused Verstappen after winning the Chinese and increased tire wear. Grand Prix in April, his fourth

season. Each upgrade seems to have made the car less stable "We basically went from a very

what, six to eight months?" he said in Italy. Papaya rules' confusionThe confirmation that McLaren

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been seamless.

Slot is the first manager to win his first three Premier League games without conceding a goal since Sven-Göran

"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)

Eriksson at Man City in 2007.

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

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

grid with Haas in Baku after Kevin Magnussen was Norris and Piastri competed to set fast lap times, it hurt their tires and let Leclerc take a win suspended one race for with smart strategy. What "papaya rules" meant was never fully explained, and picking up too many penalty points in a series of different incidents.

the team's "bias" is almost as Bearman - who was seventh 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

in Oliver Bearman is back on the

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 the teenager Argentina to score points since 1982.

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got the win.

Piastri? Unclear.

Youngsters spotlightBritish

for Ferrari at the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix in March is the Formula 2 teammate of Antonelli, Kimi replacing Another F2 face lighting up F1 is Franco Colapinto, who