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RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Head of Haryana Assembly election, AAP convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday walked out of Tihar jail, hours after being granted bail by the Supreme Court in the corruption case by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), in connection with the alleged excise policy scam. A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan ordered Kejriwal's release on a personal bail bond of Rs 10 lakh and two sureties in the like amount. Kejriwal 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 necessary for 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. At the same time, both the judges were unanimous in the decision to grant bail to Kejriwal considering the fact that the chargesheet has been filed in the case and that the trial is unlikely to be completed in the near future. The same conditions imposed by the coordinate bench while granting interim bail in the ED

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

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

"The Appellant has been granted interim bail by this Court in the ED matter on 10.05.2024 and 12.07.2024, arising from the same set of facts. Additionally, several co-accused in both the CBI and ED matters have also been granted bail by the Trial Court, the High Court, and this Court in separate proceedings," Justice Surya Kant said. "In our considered view, although the procedure for the Appellant's arrest meets the requisite criteria for legality and compliance, continued incarceration for an extended period pending trial would infringe upon established legal principles and the Appellant's right to liberty, traceable to Article 21 of our Constitution. The Appellant has been granted interim bail by this Court in the ED matter on 10.05.2024 and 12.07.2024, arising from the same set of facts. Additionally, several co-accused in both the CBI and ED matters have also been granted bail by the Trial Court, the High Court, and this Court in separate proceedings," Justice Kant observed. Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, in a separate judgment, questioned the CBI for arresting Kejriwal, saying that such action by CBI raises serious questions on the timing of the arrest and such an arrest by CBI only fractured the bail granted in the ED case. Justice Bhuyan noted that the CBI did not arrest Kejriwal for 22 months and arrested Kejriwal on the cusp of his release in the ED case.

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Six held for assault on two army officers, alleged rape

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ INDORE

All six men who attacked two Army officers and allegedly raped their woman friend near Mhow in Madhya Pradesh have been arrested, according to the police on Friday. Rohit Girwal (23), Sandeep Wariya (18) and Sachin Makwana (25) were held during the day from a forest patch near the site of crime, officials said.

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

Located on the Vindhyaal 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



Police officers in uniform standing near a vehicle.

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



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

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

people of the State to maintain peace and brotherhood. "I have appealed to everyone to maintain peace and make no provocative statements. No one is allowed to take the law into their hands. We respect everyone. The land of Himachal respects all religions," Sukhu said after an all-party meeting in Shimla. Members of the Muslim community had on Thursday demolished a portion of the mosque in Mandi, saying it

was 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 clash with security personnel during a demonstration to call for the demolition of an illegal portion of a mosque in the Sanjauli area. Protests by Hindu outfits against the disputed structure in the Sanjauli mosque kept Shimla on the boil since last 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 Pradesh capital and police detained some protesters as well, including Hindu Jagran Manch secretary Kamal Gautam.

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Delhi becomes Dwarka, the Sunken Capital

KUSHAN MITRA ■ NEW DELHI

The rain Gods have blessed the National Capital Region with abundant water this year, but these blessings come with the curse of traffic chaos. From Gurugram to Ghaziabad, Vasant Kunj to Vaishali, Delhi is inundated and office-goers and school-children alike are struggling 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 fix instead of working out solutions to issues that can be. Like repairing and rehabilitating Delhi's sewer systems well 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-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 incessant rains since last night amid a complete 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 Kunj,



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

Gazipur, Laxmi Nagar, MG road, Connaught Place, Safdarjung, Uttam Nagar, and Dhaula Kuan. Welfare Associations asked locals to be cautious of the traffic jams in the city including in Sainik Farms. However, they have proved to be no help to the residents who are reeling with nature's fury, and getting stuck in traffic for hours. A commuter Atul Jain

expressed his displeasure with the authorities and said, "I have been stuck for more than half an hour now since Punjabi Bagh area is heavily damaged due to bridge construction and waterlogging. What frustrates me more is even though this has been an issue for days now, no authority is getting it repaired. Daily heavy traffic is affected due to this section." Continued on Page 2

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. Continued on Page 2

Gym owner shot dead in Delhi's Greater Kailash

SAUMYA SHUKLA ■ NEW DELHI

A 35-year-old gym owner was shot dead on Thursday night by two bike-borne 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 I 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. Continued on Page 2

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 kilometres-long 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 city-planning, 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. Continued on Page 2

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

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

After 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 Gurudwara Pul Bangash on November 1, 1984 and instigated a mob by shouting "kill the Sikhs, they have killed our mother". After initially filing a closure report, giving a clean chit to Tytler, the CBI was directed to reopen the investigation

against him in 2007. It was Kaur's protest petition against the closure report which led to the case moving forward. On two other occasions, in 2009 and 2014, the CBI closed the case against Tytler but the court refused to accept the report. Three Sikhs were then killed by the mob. Anti-Sikh riots had erupted in several parts of the country in the aftermath of the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by her Sikh bodyguards on October 31, 1984. A sessions court had in August last year granted anticipatory bail to Tytler in the case.

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

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi metro broke its previous highest journey record on a single day, on February 13, 17 times within a span of one month from August 12 to September 12 even as rain and waterlogging led to major traffic jams in the national Capital. Metro's Principal Executive Director of Corporate Communications Anuj Dayal said, "Delhi Metro which has registered its previous highest journey record on a single day (February 13: 71,09,938) before August 12, has achieved a unique feat by breaking that mark by record 17 times within a span of one month from 12th August to 12th September 2024." He added that out of top 20 passenger journeys registered so far, 19 are from this year only including two in the month of February 2024. "The passenger journeys registered by Delhi Metro in the past four days including September 9, 10, 11 and 12 have turned out to be amongst the top five passenger journeys performed in the Metro



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 train trips today and tomorrow. These additional trains will be continued on coming weekdays also, if required. "This trend further strengthens Delhi Metro's acceptability as the most dependable, reliable,

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 added that the interconnectivity of the metro network through 29 interchange stations has also enhanced seamless connectivity enabling people to reach any corner of Delhi-NCR in the most convenient manner.

Modi to distribute sanction letters in Jharkhand, Gujarat, Odisha under PMAY

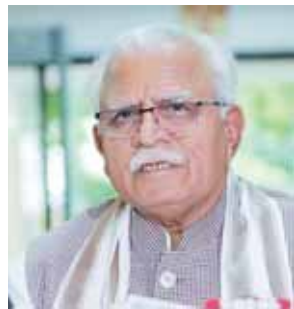
PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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.

Government plans to introduce the 'Golden City Club' initiative

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The government is planning to introduce the 'Golden City Club' initiative aimed at recognising cities that consistently excel in various development indicators, Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced on Friday. Khattar explained that this initiative will create a special category for cities which hold top ranks in government assessments across the country. "This year, we have devised a plan where those cities that come first every time will be grouped into a separate category called the 'Golden City Club,'" the union minister said. He further elaborated that only cities securing top positions in their respective categories would be included in the club. Each year, a new city that bags the top ranks in its vertical will be added to this prestigious club.



"Every year, the top-ranking city will join the Golden City Club, and there will be separate competitions for this club," Khattar explained. However, the club will not be permanent for its members. Cities that fail to maintain their golden status will be downgraded. "If any city is no longer 'golden,' it will be downgraded from the club," Khattar said. This new initiative, aimed at fostering competition and development, is expected to drive cities toward better performance across key parameters, he added.

Centre to transform over two lakh dirty spots in Swachhata campaign

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Centre is targeting timebound & targeted transformation of around two lakhs very difficult and dirty spots during the 'Swabhav Swachhata Sanskaar Swachhata (4S)' 2024 campaign, theme of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) for this year. These Cleanliness Target Units (CTUs) is the key highlight of this year campaign and involves identification of CTUs and mapping through a portal. This was announced by Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Manohar Lal and Union Minister for Jal Shakti, C R Patil at the curtain raiser event of the campaign, held at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan in New Delhi on Friday. The Ministers informed that Central PSUs, Industry partners and NGOs are being encouraged to adopt CTUs. The campaign includes mega cleanliness drives at various sites like tourist locations, public buildings, commercial areas, community toilets, public toilets, water bodies, zoos, sanctuaries through



shramdaan & collective action. All Central Ministries and States are planning various citizen engagement activities. The campaign is set to rollout from 17th Sept and will culminate on October 2, birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Manohar Lal, in his address, said that the campaign, this year, takes big leap from 'Cleanliness is Service' to 'Cleanliness as Swabhav & Sanskaar' of each individual of the society. He said that being

the world's largest Jan Andolan, this campaign is just a medium to put forward the whole of society and whole of government front to set an example at the global level altogether. The Minister informed that there are approximately 2,300 dumpsites in urban areas with 22 Crore Metric Tons of waste out of which 427 Crore dumpsites with 9 Crore metric tons of waste has been completely remediated, and land reclaimed is 4,500 acres. He said that the Mission aims

at making the shift from door to door to collection to 100% processing. Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Jal Shakti, C R Patil said that over 93 percent women in the country have access to toilets and as per recent WHO report, the mission has reduced infant mortality by around three lakhs during first five years on the mission. Shri Patil said that in 2014, Swachh Bharat Mission announced from the ramparts of Red Fort in Delhi by PM Narendra Modi, has become a Jan Andolan for behaviour change and is now globally identified as a powerful intervention for infant mortality, disease reduction, and improved livelihood opportunities. MoS, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs Tokhan Sahu alongside senior officials from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, Ministry of Rural development, Ministry of Panchayati Raj and state governments were present during the event.

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud on Friday said time has come for the country to take lead in fostering a culture of international arbitration, providing a level playing field for dispute resolution beyond domestic courts. He said respect for the rule of law promotes fairness, stability and predictability which in turn creates a conducive environment for economic growth as investors thrive in a system where rights are protected, contracts are enforced and disputes are resolved efficiently. Speaking at a conference on international arbitration and the rule of law here, Justice Chandrachud said a strong rule of law framework also encourages foreign investment, promotes trade and enhances a nation's global competitiveness, ultimately driving sustainable economic development and improving living standards. "The rule of law shares a symbiotic relationship with



the creation of an environment which fosters economic stability and growth. Rule of law principles are, in other words, the virtual semi-conductors of our digital era," he said. The CJI said the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has predicted a seven per cent growth in GDP for India for 2024-25, making the country rank at the virtual top of the ladder, and the World Bank has followed the suit. He also referred to figures about gross foreign direct investment inflows in India as well as the overseas direct investment.

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

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

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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

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primary weather station at 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 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, GTK 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.

approval granted was just for 45 square metres. This came a day after 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." The unauthorised 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 Bajrang Dal have demanded

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.

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

desilting the drains well ahead of the monsoons and investing in new buses, the same old tamasha happens year after year. Our city politicians are busy trying to score brownie points against each other instead of looking for solutions towards making India's capital a twenty-first

century city. And if we want to make a point, let us ensure that the image of a submerged vehicle at Minto Bridge never happens again. Because as long as that keeps happening, the citizens of Delhi and the NCR will know that the authorities are not serious.

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 mosque stands on 232 square metres of land while the

that all illegal structures 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 respects all religions," Sukhu said after an all-party meeting in Shimla. Referring to the protest by Hindu organisations demanding the demolition of the unauthorised structure of the mosque in Mandi town, he said Himachal Pradesh is a

state of protest. "There are protests by Dev Bhumi, the BJP, the CPI(M) and the unemployed." "We all sitting here is a product of the student 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.

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

Minutes after the incident, a purported social media post from an account in the name of gangster Rohit Godara took the responsibility of Shah's shooting. "Shooting has been instructed by a jailed criminal Sameer Baba because Shah was troubling in their business. Whoever will support our rival and trouble us will be shot like this," the post said. The post also mentioned names of jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi's associates "Rohit Godara, Goli Brar, Gogi gang and Kala Rana gang". DCP South Ankit Chauhan said, "On Thursday at 10:57 PM, information regarding firing at GK 1, New Delhi and about an injured person being taken to Max

Hospital was received at Greater Kailash police station, New Delhi." The police personnel on reaching the spot found some bullet projectiles and empty cartridges. On enquiry, it was found that Shah, a resident of CR Park, had suffered bullet injuries. "The attackers came on a two wheeler, fired at him and ran away. Nadir Shah was immediately rushed to the hospital by his friends but was declared dead," Chauhan said, adding he had received 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.

Jaishankar reveals his father 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 family members and those in the Government. He disclosed this during an interaction with Indian community in Geneva.

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

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

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



Hijack' on Netflix, which he said, showed "the bureaucracy and the Government dealing with hijacking in poor light."

With a disclaimer that he has not watched the series, Jaishankar went on to reveal his personal connection with the hijacking incident.

"In 1984 there was a hijacking. I was a very young officer. I was part of the team which was dealing with it. I rang up my mother,

actually, to tell her, 'Look, I 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 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 a problem," he added.

On August 24, 1984, an Indian Airlines flight from

Delhi to Srinagar was hijacked over Pathankot and ultimately taken to Dubai. After more than 36 hours, 12 pro-Khalistani hijackers surrendered to authorities and released all 68 passengers and six crew members unharmed. Jaishankar was an IFS officer and became a minister after his retirement. His father K Subrahmanyam was an IAS officer and a regular commentator on strategic issues.

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

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

WHO grants first authorisation for Monkeypox vaccine



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

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 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 the outbreak. WHO's assessment for

prequalification is based on information submitted by the manufacturer, Bavarian Nordic A/S, and reviewed by the European Medicines Agency, the regulatory agency of record for this vaccine.

"This first prequalification of a vaccine against mpox is an important step in our fight against the disease, both in the context of the current outbreaks in Africa, and in future," said WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. "We now need 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 communities on the frontlines of the ongoing emergency in Africa and beyond," said Dr Yukiko Nakatani, WHO Assistant Director-General for Access to Medicines and Health Products.



Third edition of INDUS-X Summit concludes in US

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

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

During the summit, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between iDEX and the Defence Innovation Unit (DIU) under the US Department of Defence, to increase co-operation in defence innovation and deepen collaboration to facilitate industry, research, and investment partnerships among the stakeholders.

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

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

"Distinguished experts from defence industry, investment 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.



Postal department to provide doorstep delivery to aged pensioners

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The postal department will provide doorstep delivery of services to aged pensioners to help them submit their digital life certificates (DLCs), according to an official statement issued on Friday.

The move assumes 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 General Posts and R Viswesvaran MD & CEO of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), among others, on September 12.

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

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

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

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 Gaurav' and 'Rajbhasha Kirti' awards on the occasion.

'Prime Minister Narendra Modi has



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

"The home minister had 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 progress in the field of technology.

"During the two-day fourth Akhil Bharatiya Rajbhasha Sammelan, an in-depth discussion will be held on the progress of Hindi as an official language, public language and contact language in last 75 years.

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

SC halts tree felling for Kolkata metro project

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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.

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

"Till the next date, we direct that no new trees would be felled or transplanted," the bench said and posted the matter for hearing after three

weeks.

"You can continue with the work but don't fell trees from today," the bench told the counsel appearing for the RVNL. The counsel appearing for petitioner 'People United For Better Living in Kolkata (PUBLIC)' told the bench that the maidan area was extremely important for the city.

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

The bench asked the counsel appearing for the RVNL to show it how the trees will be transplanted. n" Issue notice, returnable in three weeks," the bench said. It further said, "In the meantime, don't proceed with felling of trees."

SSC warns of legal action for recruitment exam malpractices

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

"It said "taking away the rough papers supplied in the exam centre or found to be in unauthorized possession of



test content" will also be considered as serious misconduct, thus liable for necessary action.

"It has come to the notice of the Commission that some persons are engaged in the aforesaid activities through social media i.e. YouTube, twitter, Facebook, etc.," said the SSC notice dated September 10.

'Disciplinary and legal action would be taken against such candidates 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.



DRDO, Indian Navy test VLSRSAM successfully

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

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

The missile intercepted a high-speed aerial target, flying at a very low altitude and simulating a sea-skimming threat, which showcased its precision and capability to neutralise targets. "This follows the earlier test on Thursday when the VLSRSAM missile effectively engaged another low-altitude target. These consecutive tests not only demonstrate the weapon system's reliability but also validate the recent upgrades made to various components of the system.

'Defence Minister Rajnath Singh lauded the DRDO, the Indian Navy and all associated teams for the successful flight tests and stated that this missile equipped with modern technologies will give further technological boost to the armed forces.

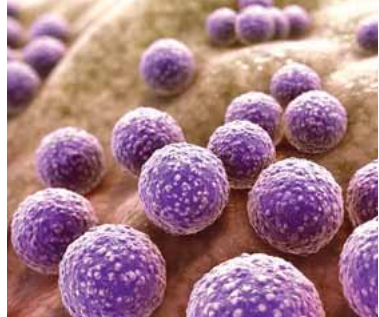
Fungal resistance to antifungals urgently needs Antimicrobial Resistance focus: Scientists

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



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

The scientists argued that focussing on bacteria alone will not help fully

combat antimicrobial resistance (AMR). They called for immediate action, without which resistance to fungal disease will escalate.

Aspergillus, Candida, Nakaseomyces glabratus, and Trichophyton indotinea 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

for collaborating on solutions and regulations that ensure food security and universal health for animals, plants, and humans.

Dr Manish Jhangra, Gurugram based dermatologist who is not related with the study, said that India too is witnessing an alarming growing trend of antifungal resistance problem, with some fungal species exhibiting multidrug resistance. In India, up to 7 per cent of patients have a resistance to fluconazole, particularly non-albicans Candida specie while Tinea cruris and tinea corporis conditions which is endemic to India is resistant to the widely used drug terbinafine (TRB), he said citing various reports.

Also, there has been a significant increase in chronic, relapsing cases of this condition in India. These cases are often resistant to conventional antifungal drugs and doses, he said while stressing the need for global deliberation on the fungal resistance to the drugs.

Rahul Gandhi slams Government over restaurant owner apology video

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



respected business owner and the finance minister".

"I spoke with Thiru Srinivasan Avl, the esteemed owner of the Annapoorna chain of Restaurants, to express regret for this unintended breach of privacy. Annapoorna Srinivasan Anna is a pillar of Tamil Nadu's business community, contributing significantly to the state's and nation's economic growth. I request everyone to lay the matter to rest with due respect," Annamalai said.

"Two videos were being shared by several Congress

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

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

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

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

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

A fierce firefight broke out between a heavily armed group of Pakistani terrorists and the joint team of security forces in the Chatroo area of Kishtwar late Friday evening ahead of the day-long visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to bolster the party's poll campaign in the erstwhile Doda district which is headed to polls in the first phase of polling on September 18.

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 Recovered. Operations concluded"

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

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

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 Pingal Dugadda forest area, upper reaches of Naidgham village under the jurisdiction of Police Station Chhatroo, District Kishtwar". Official sources claimed a group of three terrorists believed to be the cadre of the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit were trapped in the upper reaches of Chatroo. A team of the special forces of



The Indian army and the jawans of the special operations group of Jammu and Kashmir police were carrying out searches in the area when a group of terrorists hiding inside a dhok (temporary structure) attempted to

ambush the security personnel. Swift action by the elite para commandos resulted in the ensuing gunfight in the area. Unconfirmed reports claimed a soldier also received injuries and was evacuated to a nearby hospital.

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

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

the frontier district of Rajouri on Monday.

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

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

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

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

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

Left planning attack on doctors to malign Government: Ghosh

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The doctors' movement 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 Thursday. While the other person however is reluctant



to mount such attack on "people who save our lives" the first person reminds him 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 RGMCH 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.

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

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

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

Chakrabarty a senior CPI(M) leader said.

Curiously Ghosh's "revelation" came to the media in tandem with reports that the Government had asked the Principals of all the 26 Medical Colleges to prepare a list of junior doctors who had joined the cease work campaign, sources said.

Meanwhile, even as the 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.

"The ACJM Court while rejecting the CBI application said that such an act goes against the Fundamental Rights of the person concerned if he is forced to undergo such test," a lawyer said.

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Governor C.V. Ananda Bose has compared Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee with Lady Macbeth and snapped all social ties with her in the wake of RG Kar rape and murder case.

Speaking in the backdrop of the State Government's shoddy handling of the RG Kar rape and murder case the Governor on Thursday evening said "It is irony that the Health Minister happens to be the Home Minister. The Lady Macbeth of West Bengal holds the waters of Hooghly but cannot cleanse the tainted hands. The Home Minister is CM and CM is protesting instead of protecting. There is violence in the street, hospital, and cities."

"As the Governor of this State I am hurt ... I socially boycott her ... and I will not



share any public platform with the Chief Minister. I will take proactive steps against her for violating Constitutional provisions. My role as the Governor will be confined to the Constitutional obligations," Bose said.

Reacting to Bose's remarks TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said that as a Governor he could not make such statements. "A Governor has to follow some Constitutional protocol being the Constitutional head ... here it seems that he is more of a political person than a Constitutional person," Ghosh said.

Jolt for BJP as three-time former MP joins Congress

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

Agrawal's exit from the the



entry to all the corruption-tainted leaders, Chennithala said: "The government in Maharashtra is most corrupt. Prime Minister Narendra Modi accused Ajit Pawar of involvement in a staggering Rs 70,000 crore scam, yet the BJP not only welcomed him but also made him the deputy chief minister. The BJP-led alliance runs an ayaram gayaram government in Maharashtra. The people of the state have made up their mind to show it the door to the BJP in the state Assembly polls. Accusing the BJP of indulging in false propaganda against Congress Rahul leader, Patole said: "Rahul Gandhi has all along spoken about removing 50 per cent on reservations so that all sections of society can benefit from the reservations. On its part, the BJP government sold off public institutions, destroyed jobs, and weakened constitutional bodies, which Rahul Gandhi has exposed. That is why the BJP is spreading false propaganda against him. The accusation that Rahul Gandhi is against reservations is like 'the pot calling the kettle black' "

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Maharashtra protests: Rahul takes centre stage as BJP-Congress trade charges

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The ruling BJP and Congress traded charges against each other on Friday, as they staged protests in different parts of the Assembly poll-bound Maharashtra in matters relating to the leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi.

While the BJP held demonstrations against the "anti-reservations" and "anti Constitution" statements made by Rahul Gandhi in the US, the Congress staged protests against the death threats handed to the leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha by BJP leader from Delhi and former MLA Tarvinder Singh Marwah.

The BJP leaders -including State party chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule, its national general secretary Pankaja Munde, senior minister Chandrakant Patil and Mumbai city president Ashish Shellar - accused Rahul Gandhi of trampling upon the Constitution by announcing that his party wanted to annul reservations in the country. Wearing black ribbons, the BJP workers raised vehement slogans against Rahul Gandhi



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

Simultaneously, the Maharashtra Congress staged vociferous protests against Delhi BJP leader Tarvinder Singh Marwah for allegedly handing a death threat to Rahul Gandhi.

A party activist Akash P. Taywade lodged a complaint with the Sadar Police Station at Nagpur against Marwah for allegedly issuing death threats he made against Rahul Gandhi. Senior party leaders, including State Congress chief Nana Patole, former chief minister Prithviraj Chavan Congress Legislative Party leader Balasaheb Thorat, party's state working president M. Arif Naseem Khan, district party leaders and thousands of activists joined the protests in various district headquarters across the state.

The protestors, including a large number of youth and women, carried posters, placards and banners flaying Marwah for targeting Rahul Gandhi, and raised slogans condemning the BJP for not

taking action against its party leader in the serious matter. The leaders accused the BJP leaders of selectively twisting Rahul Gandhi's statements pertaining to quotas at an interaction during his US visit. Rubbishing the BJP's claims that the Congress wanted to do away with reservation, the Congress leaders said that in its manifesto for 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the party had committed itself to raising the ceiling of quotas beyond 50 per cent to ensure that benefits reached the largest segments of the deprived sections of society.

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

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

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

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

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

food commissioners. State food safety inspectors have been ordered to investigate the stores and collect samples for quality control. They have been directed to take action against those who have been found to be in violation of quality standards.

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

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

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

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A court here on Friday extended till September 17 the judicial custody of Kannada actor Darshan Thoogudeepa along with his friend Pavithra Gowda and others, who are accused in the Renukaswamy murder case.

All the 17 accused, including Darshan and Pavithra, were produced before the 24th Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate court through video conferencing from various prisons across the state, where they are lodged, as their judicial custody ended today.

Policed on September 4 had submitted to the court a 3,991-page preliminary chargesheet to the court in the case.

The 47-year-old actor is currently lodged in Ballari prison. He was shifted there from Parappana Agrahara Central jail here by obtaining court

permission, after a photograph of him hanging out with three others, including a rowdy-sheeter, on the lawns of the jail had gone viral, sparking an uproar.

In the picture, the actor is seen in a relaxed mood, sitting on a chair and holding a cigarette and a coffee mug. Also, a purported video of Darshan speaking to a person over a video call from the prison too had surfaced on social media.

The court had also permitted shifting of other co-accused in the murder case to various prisons in the state.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chargesheet filed against Ex-MP Prajwal Revanna in second case

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

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

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

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

"A 1691 page comprehensive chargesheet has been filed against former Hassan Lok Sabha constituency MP Prajwal Revanna. The chargesheet has been submitted to a special court here after collecting evidence and obtaining expert opinions," it stated.

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



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PAPER WITH PASSION

Adieu comrade Yechury!

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

Sitaram 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.

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

Perfect parenting: Navigating expectations and aspirations

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

In 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 laid-back approach and have not been heard or known to feel pressured by the size of the family they had to support. My paternal grandparents had 13 children and my maternal grandparents had ten.

It is a scenario impossible to even imagine in modern times, where stress has become a staple for all - from kindergarten children to pensioners past their prime. Today's parents are engulfed in a whirlwind of expectations, constantly feeling the weight of being "perfect" while juggling the unrelenting pressures of life.

The irony is not lost on any of us—despite our best efforts, parents often feel they are falling short, outpaced by a society that holds them to impossible standards. Dr Vivek Murthy, the US Surgeon General, recently said that parental stress is a significant public health issue and called for shifts in cultural norms. In our hyper-con-



nected world, where every action and decision is subject to public scrutiny, the quest for perfection is an unending pursuit that only leads to exhaustion. We need to pause and ask: Are we, as parents, pushing ourselves into a corner, one where our best is never good enough? How far should we go to prove our merits and how much strain can we take before we break at the seams?

A young parent recently mentioned how she was waiting for her toddler to grow up by a few years so that the tensions of the difficult years are past, but the truth is the stress of parenting seldom leaves, no matter how old the children become. It is in the psyche of the parent to be ever concerned, with the concerns and expectations only changing with age. Once a parent, always a parent. There is a relentless battle to become the

perfect parents who have raised peerless offspring that the world would appreciate. This pressure to adopt the best practices of parenting is now increased manifold by social media which presents picture-perfect family lives. What parents often forget is the travails of raising children are never easy and what seems perfect on social media are filtered versions of a life and landscape filled with challenges.

The idea of being a 'perfect parent' is a myth and it would be prudent on the parents' part to recognise that benchmarks set by society, media and peers are often unattainable. Each family should set its priorities and boundaries commensurate with its resources, circumstances and the children's capacity to undertake over-demanding expectations from all around. How parents of yore have been able to divide their attention between the litany of concerns and complaints their children must have presented baffles me. The joke that goes around in our family is this - the children just grew up; no one raised them by following any stringent stan-

dards. This attitude may not work in our times where the bars are set so high and the race for achievement is taken so seriously that parents find themselves caught in the quagmire of worry and anxiety even after the children have flown from their homes 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 format to make children successful and happy except by instilling the right values in them. Embracing their imperfections as parents and learning to let go are difficult but essential traits to pick up in their journey of parenthood. What children need most is not a parent who has everything figured out, but one who loves them, supports them and is present through the highs and lows of life. Constant fretting about children will only take away from the confidence of the children and make them incompetent to face life's numerous challenges.

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ASHA IYER KUMAR

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

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

Honourable soldiers do what is to be done, with no fuss or grandiosity. Major Jaswant Singh was a cavalier from the illustrious Central India Horse and had left

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 'officer-and-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 incredibly absolving themselves of any knowledge of the exchange or his dash to Kandahar.

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STRIVE TO HAVE AN EMPTY MIND

One must have empty mind which lead to the spiritual awakening



RAVI VALLURI

A eons ago a neophyte Zen student was an apprentice at a temple of knowledge. Regrettably, his mind was not robust enough and kept 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 quite 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 Bhagavad Gita. It was Arjuna'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.

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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

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

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

This intensifying polarization is driven by rising discontent with the United States and the United Kingdom, whose actions have exacerbated global crises and dragged others into 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 visibility for attracting talent and enhancing public 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 value-based, unlike the alliances within the Western intelligence community. Burns and Moore mentioned the lack of direct evidence of weapon transfers from China to Russia and the stalled status of the gas pipeline from Russia to China, attributing its likely incompletion to sanctions and shifting geopolitical factors.

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



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North Korea, including the use of North Korean missiles in Ukraine, both spies recognised the heightened threat to US allies in Asia. Moore highlighted the gravity of the situation, stating, "North Korean weaponry and dual-use materials from China are already impacting the battlefield in Ukraine, and this cooperation poses a significant danger." Both leaders also stressed the critical importance of ongoing support for Ukraine, with Burns noting the severe and methodical nature of the conflict, where "Putin is using a traditional tactic of taking village by village, leaving nothing behind."

Despite the grim outlook, the resilience of the Ukrainian forces remains a focal point. Moore lauded Ukraine's bold strategy, such as the move into Kursk, as a game-changer. He remarked, "The 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 their counteroffensive. Addressing the broader implications of the conflict, Burns acknowledged that while Putin's grip on power remains firm, it is not necessarily stable. "Putin's grip on power doesn't seem to be weakening, but don't ever confuse a tight grip with a stable grip," he stated. The recent Kursk offensive and past events, such as the Prigozhin mutiny, have exposed vulnerabilities within Russia, challenging Putin's confident narrative. Burns and Moore discussed the differing approaches of the US and UK in providing military aid to Ukraine. Burns reaffirmed the US's substantial support despite concerns over escalation, emphasising the ongoing commitment to Ukraine even amid Russia's nuclear threats. Moore echoed this, stressing that the West must not be intimidated. They also addressed Russia's intelligence operations in Europe, noting a shift toward using criminal elements for sabotage,

which has made these operations easier to detect.

The discussion also highlighted the threat of Russian intelligence, citing the 2018 Salisbury poisoning as a stark example of their reckless tactics. Moore emphasised the importance of dealing with such threats through intelligence sharing and collaboration. They also touched on Russian military intelligence activities in the Americas, particularly concerns about Russian agents operating in Mexico and potentially aiding illegal migration into the 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 proposed by President Biden: ceasefire, hostage release, and reconstruction. Despite progress, finalising the deal remains challenging, requiring strong political will and mediator support.

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

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 destabilising 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.

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

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

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



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

A recent case that shook the 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 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 25 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 new avenues for protection 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.

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UK slams 'baseless' Russian claim of diplomat-spies

PTI ■ LONDON

The UK on Friday attacked Russia for "completely baseless" claims that its diplomats were engaged in spying after Moscow revoked the accreditation of six British officials said to have left the country some weeks ago. The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) said the UK remains "unapologetic" about protecting its national interests as it dismissed allegations made by Russia's FSB security service. The news comes as British Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer arrived in Washington for talks with US President Joe Biden about the war in Ukraine and whether to give President Volodymyr Zelenskyy the nod to fire Western missiles at targets inside Russia. "The accusations made today by the FSB against our staff are completely baseless," the FCDO said in a statement on Friday. "The Russian authorities revoked the diplomatic accreditation of six UK diplomats in Russia last month following an action taken by the UK government in response to Russian state-directed activity across 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 country". In a Telegram post, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Maria Zakharova said Moscow "fully share[s] the assessments" made by the FSB on the activities of the diplomats. "The British embassy has gone far beyond the limits outlined by the Vienna Conventions [UN treaty on diplomatic relations]," she said. An FSB officer told Russian media that "hints" to "stop this practice [of gathering intelligence]" were not heeded. The security service added that it would revoke accreditation from more British diplomats if they

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. According to rules set up by the United Nations (UN), diplomatic accreditation is given by a host nation to recognise the status of another country's staff. Diplomatic accreditation is essential for an official based as a diplomat in any country. Earlier this week, UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken made a first-ever joint visit to Kyiv as a precursor to the Starmer-Biden talks. "The UK's support to Ukraine is unwavering. Our commitment of over GBP 600 million worth of support is the latest instalment in our enduring support to Ukraine. This will provide vital support to Ukrainians as they continue to

endure relentless Russian attacks," said Lammy. "Alongside the United States, we are committed to giving Ukraine what it needs to resist Russia's illegal invasion. Their fight for freedom, liberty and democracy is also a fight for British, European, and global security. With the US, we stand firmly with Ukraine for as long as it takes," he said. Since February 2022, the UK claims to have provided GBP 695 million in bilateral non-military support alongside USD 2.5 billion in fiscal support (loan guarantees), which will rise to USD 5 billion by 2027. Ukraine is hoping to get the go-ahead to use British-made Storm Shadow missiles against targets in Russia. Meanwhile, Russian President Vladimir Putin has told the country's state television that North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) countries would be "at war" with Russia if the West allowed Ukraine to use long-range missiles against its territory.

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Islamic extremist plotted to attack German soldiers

AP ■ WASHINGTON

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

Newton (US) (AP): A pro-Israel rally in a Boston suburb turned violent on Thursday evening when a passerby was shot during a scuffle after confronting a group of demonstrators, authorities said. Police were called at 6:40 p.m. to the scene of what they described as a small rally in Newton. Words were exchanged before a passerby rapidly crossed the street and tackled one of the demonstrators, Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan said. "A scuffle ensued. During that scuffle, the individual who had come across the street was shot by a member of the demonstrating group," Ryan said during a news conference late Thursday. Scott Hayes, 47, of Framingham, was arrested on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and violation of a constitutional right causing injury. He is scheduled to be arraigned in district court Friday, Ryan said. The shooting victim, who was not identified, was being treated at a hospital for life-threatening injuries, Ryan said. Acting Newton Police Chief George McMains asked witnesses to provide investigators with photos or videos of the confrontation. He said police would provide extra patrols at "houses of worship" over the next several days. Newton Mayor Ruthanne Fuller called the shooting a "frightening incident" and asked for everyone to remain calm as police investigate. "I know people will have a lot of questions, and we will share information with Newtonians and the press when we are able," Fuller said. "It's really early stages of an active investigation."

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

Washington (AP): The Justice Department is preparing criminal charges in connection with an Iranian hack that targeted Donald Trump's presidential campaign, two people familiar with the matter said Thursday. It was not immediately clear when the

charges might be announced or whom precisely they will target, but they would be the result of an FBI investigation into an intrusion that investigators across multiple agencies quickly linked to an Iranian effort to influence this year's U.S. presidential election. The prospect of

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

public opinion. Iran "is making a greater effort to influence this year's election than it has in prior election cycles and that Iranian activity is growing increasingly aggressive as this election nears," Assistant Attorney General Matthew Olsen, said in a speech Thursday in New York.

Boeing workers on strike

AP ■ SEATTLE

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

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

The machinists make USD 75,608 per year on average, not counting overtime, and that would rise to USD 106,350 at the end of the four-year contract, according to Boeing. However, the deal fell short of the union's initial demand for pay raises of 40 per cent over three years. The union also wanted to restore traditional pensions that were axed a decade ago but settled for an increase in new Boeing contributions of up to USD 4,160 per worker to employee 401(k) retirement accounts. Under the rejected contract, workers would have received USD 3,000 lump sum payments and a reduced share of health care costs. Boeing also had met a key union demand by agreeing to build its next new plane in Washington state. Several workers said they considered the wage offer inadequate and were upset by a recent company decision to change the criteria on which annual bonuses are paid. Toolmaker John Olson, 45, said he has received a 2 per cent per cent raise during his six years at Boeing. "The last contract we negotiated was 16 years ago and the company is basing the wage increases off of wages from 16 years ago," Olson said. "They don't even keep up with the cost of inflation that is currently happening right now." Boeing responded to the strike announcement by saying it was "ready to get back to the table to reach a new agreement." "The message was clear that the tentative agreement we reached with IAM leadership was not acceptable to the members. We remain committed to resetting our relationship with our employees and the union," the company said in a statement.

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Ref: CB 2593/SARFAESI/PARMANAND/2024/2 Date: 04.09.2024

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2. Mrs. NEENA W/O Mr. PARMANAND (CO BORROWER) ADD:- 64-C, DDA EWS FLATS PITAMPURA DELHI-110034 Also at
1. Mr. PARMANAND (BORROWER) ADD:- PLOT NO 67, THIRD FLOOR, BLOCK H-3, VIKASPURI, DELHI-110018
2. Mrs. NEENA W/O Mr. PARMANAND (CO BORROWER) ADD:- PLOT NO 67, THIRD FLOOR, BLOCK H-3, VIKASPURI, DELHI-110018

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

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

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

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

However, from MARCH 2024 the operation and conduct of the said financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular. The books of account maintained by the secured assets shows that the liability of the Borrower towards the secured creditor as on date amounts to Rs 10,43,434.27 (Rupees: Ten Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Four and Paise Twenty Seven Only), the details of which together with future interest rate are stated in Schedule C hereunder. It is further stated that the Borrower/Guarantor having failed to keep up with the terms of the above said agreement in clearing the dues of the secured creditor within the time given, and have been evasive in settling the dues. The operation and conduct of the above said financial assistance / credit facilities having come to a standstill and as a consequence of the default committed in repayment of principal debt/ instalment and interest thereon, the secured creditor was constrained to classify the debt as Non Performing Asset (NPA) as on 01.09.2024 in accordance with the directives/guidelines relating to asset classification issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

The secured creditor through this notice brings to your attention that the Borrower has failed and neglected to repay the said dues/outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in Schedule C hereunder to the secured creditor within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice. Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate of interest as mentioned in Schedule C per annum together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the secured creditor in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the secured creditor the aforesaid sum of Rs 10,43,434.27 (Rupees: Ten Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Four and Paise Twenty Seven Only), together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, the secured creditor will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13, the extract of which is given here below to convey the seriousness of this issue:

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

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

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

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

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

and under other applicable provisions of the said Act.

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE - A
[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Sl No	Loan No	Nature of Loan/Limit	Date of sanction	Amount
1.	2593619011403	HOUSING LOAN	16.11.2013	21,00,000.00
Total:				1,80,25,000.00

SCHEDULE - B
[Details of security assets]

IMMOVABLES

Sl No.	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY	Name of Title holder	CERSAI DETAILS
1	All the part & parcel of the Residential property at ENTIRE THIRD FLOOR WITH ROOF/TERRACE RIGHTS OF BUILT UP PROPERTY BEARING NO. 67 IN BLOCK H-3, AREA MEASURING 70 SQ. MTRS., VIKASPURI, NEW DELHI-110018, Measuring- 70 sq. mts. Boundaries- East- PARK, West- PLOT NO. 68, North- 10 FT. WIDE ROAD, South- 20 FT. WIDE ROAD AND PLOT NO.66	Mr. Parmanand S/o Shri Niranjan Dass And Mrs. Neena W/o Mr. Parmanand	Assel Id- 200007295095 Security Interest Id- 400007305036

SCHEDULE - C
[Details of liability as on date]

Sl No	Loan No	Nature Of Loan/limit	Liability With Interest As On Date 03.09.2024	Rate Of Interest
1.	2593619011403	HOUSING LOAN	10,43,434.27	9.30% (RLLR) + (PENAL INTEREST)
TOTAL			10,43,434.27	

Date : 13-09-2024, Place : New Delhi Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to all concerned that Veer Pal Yadav S/o Late Sh. Incha Ram, R/o F-36, Sector-20, Noida, Dist. Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P. G.P.A. No. Ram Pal Singh S/o Sh. Hori Lal Singh (Original Allottee) intend to sell residential Shramik Kuni Flat No. 256A, Block SK-II, Sector-93, Noida, Dist. Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P. having its super area 19.70 Sq. Mtrs. duly allotted by Noida Authority, vide allotment letter No. Noida/Building/2001-2002 (H) (01)/725 Dated 25.02.2002 to Mr. Yashpal Awana S/o Sh. Rajiv Singh Awana, R/o Village-hajipur, Noida, Dist. Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P. An Agreement to Sell was executed between Mr. Ram Pal Singh S/o Sh. Hori Lal Singh (Original Allottee) in favour of Mr. Yashpal Awana S/o Sh. Rajiv Singh Awana in respect of above said property which was notified on 09.12.2002. No Agreement to Sell is registered in respect of above mentioned property. Now aforesaid flat is going to transfer, if anyone has any objection in this regard, he/she may file his/her objection along with the sufficient proof in the Housing Department of the Noida Authority within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the public that M/s Stellar Parks (P) Ltd. through its Director is the lessee/owner and in possession of Plot No. R-1, Knowledge Park II, Greater Noida, Dist. Gautam Buddha Nagar, measuring 45,663.50 sq. mtrs. Original Lease Deed executed by GNDA in favour of Stellar Parks (P) Ltd. vide entry in Bahi No. 1 2nd 363 pages 191-224 Serial No.6931 dated 17.10.2001 has been re-registered by Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC), Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC) has lodged a complaint with PS Sector 20 Noida. Anybody (Banking/ Financial Institutions/ individuals) having any kind of interest/ claim/ title/ objection on the basis of said Original Lease Deed executed by GNDA in favour of Stellar Parks (P) Ltd. vide entry in Bahi No. 1 2nd 363 pages 191-224 Serial No.6931 dated 17.10.2001 may submit the same to the undersigned within 07 days of the publication. Please note carefully that if any objection is not received within the notice period, the said property will be treated as un-encumbered, marketable and no claim will be accepted on the basis of the Original Lease Deed executed by GNDA in favour of Stellar Parks (P) Ltd. vide entry in Bahi No. 1 2nd 363 pages 191-224 Serial No.6931 dated 17.10.2001.

VIVEK SEHGAL, (ADVOCATE) H-04, NEHRU NAGAR, GHAZIABAD, Mo. 9811144654

NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of Work and its location: 30-Elect-52-T-2024-25-E3 Electrical work in connection with installation of waste water treatment & recycling plant/ effluent treatment plant on 13 stations (SNP, PNP, Gaur, Karnal, KKD, BGZ, VH, ROK, FDB, GGN, PWL, PTRRD, FDN, BVH) in Haryana Over Delhi Division.

Approx Cost of the works Rs. 48.95 lacs

Address of the office Sr. Divl Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi

Earnest Money Rs. 97,900.00

Date & Time of Submission of Tender 17.10.2024, 12:00 Hrs.

Opening of Tender 17.10.2024, 12:00 Hrs.

Website & Notice Board www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi

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MORE FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS - 2024

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

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

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

STOPPAGE: Bahadri, Maa Belha Devi Dham Pratappgarh Jn., Amethi, Rae Bareilly Jn., Lucknow, Bareilly and Moradabad Stations.

ACCOMMODATION: AC 3 Tier Economy

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

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

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

ACCOMMODATION: AC 3 Tier Economy,

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Smt. Aarti W/o Sh. Sonu Owner of Residential House, area measuring 355 sq. yards i.e. 664.03 sq. mtrs., & total Covered area 359 sq yards i.e. 300.15 sq. mtrs., out of Khirsa no-99, situated in the area of old Abadi at Village Paurani Pargana, Tehsil And District Gautam Buddha Nagar U.P through Registered Sale Deed Dated 24.08.2024 executed by Sh. Sonu S/o Sh. Rajender Singh in favour of Smt. Aarti W/o Sh. Sonu Vide Reg. no.25475 at SR-6 Noida U.P. the above-mentioned property is going to be mortgaged with Fed Bank Financial Services Limited. If any person/bank/financial institution having any claim/ right, lien, any objection whatsoever in regard to the above property, should notified to the undersigned/Adv. Vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110092 along with documentary evidence under Address through Registered within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which any claim, lien or objection shall be deemed to have been waived. Adv. Vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110092, Mobile No. 9811215181

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sh. Intek Chand Jain S/o Late Sh. Sattan Lal Jain owner of built-up entire property bearing no. A-11, land area measuring 133 sq. yds., i.e. 111.2 sq. mtrs., comprising of Ground floor, First floor and Second floor with roof/terrace rights, out of Khirsa no. 47 situated in the area of Village Bindpur in the abadi known as Subhash Park, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 through Registered Release Deed Dated 28.09.2022 executed by Mr. Rajesh Jain S/o Mr. Sohan Lal Jain & Mrs. Machu Bai Jain D/o Mr. Sohan Lal Jain in favour of Mr. Intek Chand Jain Vide Reg. no.24221 at SR-18 Delhi the above-mentioned property is going to be mortgaged with Fed Bank Financial Services Limited. If any person/bank/financial institution having any claim/ right, lien, any objection whatsoever in regard to the above property, should notified to the undersigned/Adv. Vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110092 along with documentary evidence under address through registered within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which any claim, lien or objection shall be deemed to have been waived. Adv. Vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110092, Mobile No. 9811215181

NORTHERN RAILWAY
e-OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

No. - 128-W/280/Tender Notice/24-25/W/1 (NIT-43) Dated: 13.09.2024

Name of work with location, cost of work and Earnest Money Construction of a permanent relay hut building for existing relay hut no. 07 and 10 to enhance single reliability and safety in the section of SSE/W/SNP under ADEEN/PNP. **Approx. Cost :** Rs. 5632898.85/- **Earnest Money :** Rs. 112700/-, **Completion Period :** 06 Months

Date and time of submission of tender and opening of tender Upto 15.00 hrs on 08.10.2024 opening of e-tender at 15.00 hrs on 08.10.2024.

Website particulars, published-tender, location etc complete details of tender can be seen and web site where the tender form can be downloaded Above tender available on IREPS site i.e www.ireps.gov.in

Similar nature of work Supply and erection of prefabricated structure (Building, Cabin, Toilet, etc.)

NOTE : All attachments must be self attested by the tenderers and the affidavit should be submitted in the new format attached with tender conditions as per Annexure-XXII is compulsory. 2881/24

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

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

STATIONS	Existing		Revised	
	ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.
Gorakhpur Jn.	----	23:25	----	23:25
No timings change between Gorakhpur Jn.-Rewari Jn.				
Rewari Jn.	16:30	16:35	16:40	16:45
Mahender Garh	17:16	17:18	17:21	17:23
No timings change between Mahender Garh-Jodhpur Jn.				
Jodhpur Jn.	04:00	----	04:00	----

Rest of the information will hold good.

For any kind of information such as detailed Time-Table of other stations enroute and composition etc., passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website <https://enquiry.indianrailways.gov.in> or NTES App. Please join us on

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Faked video targeting France-UAE ties likely came from Russia post-Telegram CEO arrest

AP ■ DUBAI

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

Russian money has flooded into Dubai's booming real estate market since President Vladimir Putin launched his full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022. France, however, remains one of the key backers of Ukraine and its President Volodymyr Zelenskyy as the war grinds on. Meanwhile, Russia likely remains highly interested in what happens to Telegram, an app believed to be used widely by its military in the war and one that's also been used by activists in the past. And the move comes amid concerns in the United States over Russia, Iran and China interfering in the upcoming US presidential election. Russia's Embassy in Washington did not respond to a request for comment.

The fake video began circulating online August 27, bearing the logos of the Qatar-based satellite news network Al Jazeera and attempting to copy the channel's style. It falsely claimed the Emirati government had halted a previously announced purchase of 80 Rafale fighter jets from France worth 16 billion euros (USD 18 billion) at the time, the largest-ever French weapons contract for export. It also sought to link Dubai's ruler and his crown prince son to the decision, as Durov holds an Emirati passport and has lived in Dubai. Such a decision, however, was never made. The UAE and France maintain close relations, with the French military operating a naval base in the

country. French warplanes and personnel also are stationed in a major facility outside the Emirati capital, Abu Dhabi. Reached for comment, Al Jazeera told the AP that the footage was "fake and we refute this attribution to the media network". The network never aired any such claim when reporting on Durov's detention as well, according to an AP check. On the social platform X, a note later appended by the company to some posts with the video identified it as "manipulated media". The video also appeared to seek to exploit the low-level suspicion still gripping the Gulf Arab states following the years-long Qatar diplomatic crisis by falsely attributing it to the news network.

APPENDIX IV-A
Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property
E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to **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. 81,76,003/- (Rupees Eighty One Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Three Only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLK00100939, 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. 11.09.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from **AMIT KHURANA and SARIKA KHURANA**.
The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be **Rs. 1,24,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Four Lakh Only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be **Rs. 12,40,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Forty Thousand Only)** i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
FLOOR NO. E - 2164, GROUND FLOOR WITH BASEMENT, SOVEREIGN FLOORS, ALBA, SEC-67, ANSALENCIA, GURUGRAM - 122102, HARYANA.
For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.sammaancapital.com; Contact No : 0124-6910910, +91 7065451024; E-mail id: auctionhelpline@sammaancapital.com. For bidding, log on to www.auctionfocus.in.
sd/-
AUTHORISED OFFICER
SAMMAAN CAPITAL LIMITED
(Formerly known as INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD.)
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The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be **Rs. 14,00,000/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be **Rs. 1,40,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Forty Thousand Only)** i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
FLAT NO. SF - 4, 2ND FLOOR WITH ROOF RIGHTS, REAR RHS (G + UG + 2), M. I. G., PLOT NO. C - 9/4, DLF ANKUR VIHAR, LONI, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH - 201001.
For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.sammaancapital.com; Contact No : 0124-6910910, +91 7065451024; E-mail id: auctionhelpline@sammaancapital.com. For bidding, log on to www.auctionfocus.in.
sd/-
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SAMMAAN CAPITAL LIMITED
(Formerly known as INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD.)
Date : 10.09.2024
Place : GHAZIABAD

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given to public at large that my client Mr. Vinendra Kumar & Mrs. Sujata Sharma are purchasing the Second Floor, having area measuring 62.21 Sq. Yds. built on Property No. A-32, out of Kharsa No.680 & 881/1, situated in the block of GRI Mang. Mandawali Fazalpur, OP, A-Block, in the area of Village Mandawali Fazalpur, Shahdara, Delhi-110092 from 1) Mr. Chandrar Prakash, 2) Mr. Ram Prakash (Oja), 3) Mr. Vinod Aggarwal & 4) Mr. Disha Salmani who are owner of the entire property vide Sale Deed dated 07.10.2023 as doc no. 7384 and intend to get the financial assistance from **SFMG India Home Finance Limited**. If any person(s) (Institution has/have any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to the right, title or interest in the said property may please contact us within 07 days from the date of this notice on the address mentioned herein below, failing which my client(s) shall not be held responsible in any manner whatsoever.
Khalan & Khalan
A-38 Kalash Colony, New Delhi-110048, Ph. No. 011-4874545

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The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be **Rs. 10,80,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Eighty Thousand Only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be **Rs. 1,08,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Eight Thousand Only)** i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
FIRST FLOOR (WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS) IN PART OF PROPERTY BEARING NO. - R2 - D - 1A/129/B, LAND MEASURING 50 SQUARE YARDS, OUT OF KHARSA NO. 692/92, 93 AND 94 SITUATED IN VILLAGE NASIRPUR, IN COLONY KNOWN AS MAHAVIR ENCLAVE, GALI NO. - 05, NEW DELHI - 110045 ALONGWITH ONE BIKE PARKING SPACE WITH UNDIVIDABLE AND PROPORTIONATE COMMON RIGHTS IN THE LAND UNDERNEATH, ALONGWITH THE FREEHOLD RIGHTS OF THE LAND THERETO AND WHICH IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:-
EAST : OTHER'S PROPERTY NORTH : OTHER'S PROPERTY
WEST : GALI 12 FEET WIDE SOUTH : OTHER'S PROPERTY
For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.sammaancapital.com; Contact No : 0124-6910910, +91 7065451024; E-mail id: auctionhelpline@sammaancapital.com. For bidding, log on to www.auctionfocus.in.
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AUTHORISED OFFICER
SAMMAAN CAPITAL LIMITED
(Formerly known as INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED)
Date : 10.09.2024
Place : NEW DELHI

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
ICICI Bank
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited Plot No-23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005
The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.
Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.
Sr. No. Name of the Borrower(s)/Loan Account Number Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession Date of Demand Notice (Rs) Name of Branch
1. Kulbhushan Grover/ Usha Grover/ Abhishek Grover/ LBDEL00001379976/ LBDEL00001756635 Plot No- 876B, Block- A Sushant Lok Phase-1 Gurgaon Haryana/ September 12, 2024 Rs. 6,35,25,497/- Delhi/ Ncr
The above-mentioned borrower(s)/guarantor(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: September 13, 2024
Place: Delhi NCR
Sincerely Authorised Signatory For ICICI Bank Ltd.

राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, कुरुक्षेत्र
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
(Under the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)
KURUKSHETRA-136119 (HARYANA)
Advt. No. 78 /2024
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NIT Kurukshetra invites sealed tenders from the interested firms for leasing out various Shops/Canteen/Booth in the premises of the Institute for a period of two years on monthly rental basis. Interested firms are requested to submit their tender document as per the terms and conditions, which can be downloaded from the Institute website www.nitkkr.ac.in.
The tender document along with terms & conditions duly signed by the interested firms in sealed envelope alongwith Tender Fee & Earnest Money deposit(EMD) addressed to the Dean(Estate & Construction), NIT, Kurukshetra may be sent on or before 10-10-2024 upto 03.00 PM.
Registrar /C

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client Om Prakash Bhola and Mrs. Kailash Bhola (Husband-Wife) R/o-H.No.189, Sharad City, P.S.Loni, Gaziabad-201102 has severed/disowned their son Arun Bhola his wife Aashna Rathore and his children Aarush Bhola from his movable-immovable properties. My client shall not be responsible for any acts done by them.
Prakash Chand Kapoor
Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE
Information is given to general public at large that Beeta Devi W/o Sunil Kumar is the owner of House having area measuring 27.33 Sq. Yards, i.e. 21/12 Stn. Area, Kharsa No. 482 M, Situated in Indraprastha, Modinagar, Maukuba, Village Seokri Khurdh Paragana Jalalabad, Tehsil Modinagar, Distt. Ghazabad by virtue of Gift Deed dated 18.12.2023 (Doc. No. 21627) registered in SR-Modinagar, Original Deed called 'S-2007' (Doc. No. 11495) in favour of Beeta Devi W/o Man Chand in respect of above mentioned property have my client intend to mortgage the same against the financial assistance from **Subham Housing Development Finance Co. Ltd.** To comply the requirements of **BAK/NCRFC**, we give this public notice that if any person(s) having any objection regarding ownership and/or creating mortgage of the said property is/are hereby requested to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days at below address:
NCR LAW ASSOCIATES Advocates & Consultants A-96, Sector-8, New Vijay Nagar, Ghazabad, (U.P.)-201009.

PUBLICATION OF FORM NO. 1 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, University Road, Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow
(Area of Jurisdiction, Part of Uttar Pradesh)
DRC NO. 25 OF 2024
Notice under Rule-2 of the 11nd Schedule of Income Tax Act, 1961, read with Section 29 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993
ICICI BANK LIMITED
VS
MALLIKA RAWAL & ORS.
To,
(1) Mallika Rawal W/o- Sri Jayant Sarjeet Rawal, R/o 195, SF Indraprastha Colony Sector-33-30, Faridabad-121003
(2) Jayant Sarjeet Rawal
(3) Sri Sarjeet Chandar Rawal, R/o- 195, SF Indraprastha Colony Sector-33-30, Faridabad-121003
(3) M/s Aadi Best Consortium Pvt. Ltd., Office: Cloud 9, Sector 1, Vasihali, Ghaziabad (U.P)
Through its director
A. This is to notify a sum of Rs. 1,04,74,813 (Rupees one crore four lakhs seventy-four thousand eight hundred thirteen only) along with interest @ 12% per annum with monthly rest from the date of filing of the original application i.e. 17-02-2022 till loan fully liquidated jointly and severally with its costs succeeds in its realization from the certificate debtor nos. 1, 2 and 3 as mentioned above.
B. You are hereby directed to pay the sum within 15 days of receipt of this notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993.
C. You are hereby ordered that declare on affidavit the particulars of assets on or before 11/12/2024.
D. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 11/12/2024 at 11 A.M.
E. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay the following:-
Application fees Rs. 1,10,000/-
Advocate fees Rs. NIL
Publication charges Rs. NIL
Miscellaneous expenses Rs. NIL
Given under my hand and seal at Lucknow on this 03rd September, 2024
Recovery Officer-I
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

APPENDIX IV-A
Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property
E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to **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. 36,94,638/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Eight Only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLNOD00363125, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 10.09.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 11.09.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from **Vikas Dhaka and Sunita Devi**.
The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be **Rs. 21,60,000/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Sixty Thousand Only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be **Rs. 2,16,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Sixteen Thousand Only)** i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
FLAT NO. S - 5 HAVING COVERED AREA OF 74.32 SQ. METRES ON 2ND FLOOR (WITHOUT TERRACE RIGHTS) ON THREE FLOOR BUILDING, SITUATED ON PLOT NO. B - 226, KHARSA NO. 1342/12 IN RAM PARK, LONI - 201001, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH. THE PROPERTY IS BOUNDED AS UNDER:-
EAST : 30 FEET WIDE ROAD NORTH : PLOT NO. B-225
WEST : FLAT OF OTHER SOUTH : PLOT NO. B-227
For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.sammaancapital.com; Contact No : 0124-6910910, +91 7065451024; E-mail id: auctionhelpline@sammaancapital.com. For bidding, log on to www.auctionfocus.in.
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Date : 10.09.2024
Place : GHAZIABAD

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E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to **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. 25,02,082/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Two Thousand Eighty Two Only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLDCP00368041, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 10.09.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 11.09.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from **JYOTI, MITHLESH, MADAN KUMAR and BEANT SINGH**.
The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be **Rs. 14,00,000/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be **Rs. 1,40,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Forty Thousand Only)** i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
FLAT NO. FF - 04, PLOT NO. C - 198, FIRST FLOOR, REAR RHS, VILLAGE SADULLABAD, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH - 201102.
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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to **Sammaan Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.)** [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. 15,92,354/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Four Only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLK001172740, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 10.09.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 11.09.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from **SATISH SINGH and SONI**.
The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be **Rs. 5,50,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be **Rs. 55,000/- (Rupees Fifty Five Thousand Only)** i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
FLAT NO. GF - 3, GROUND FLOOR REAR RHS, PLOT NO. B - 6/14, DLF ANKUR VIHAR, LONI, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH - 201001.
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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to **Sammaan Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.)** [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. 18,47,157/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Ninety One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Five Only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLDCP00499851, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 29.08.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 30.08.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from **MANISH CHOPRA, SANDEEP CHOPRA and CHANCHAL CHOPRA (GUARANTOR)**.
The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be **Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be **Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only)** i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
FLAT NO. FF - 02 (MIG), ADMEASURING 540 SQUARE FEET I.E. 50.166 SQUARE METERS ON FIRST FLOOR (WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS), (FRONT LAL), CONSTRUCTED UPON PLOT NO. - B/35, KHARSA NO. 217, SITUATED IN RAIL VIHAR, VILLAGE SADULLABAD, LONI, GHAZIABAD - 201102, UTTAR PRADESH.
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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to **Sammaan Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.)** [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. 21,79,669/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Nine Only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLNOD00332058, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 10.09.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 30.08.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from **PRADHEEP KUMAR UPADHYAY, SHASHI SHUKLA, PARVEJ and PREMRAJ BANSAL**.
The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be **Rs. 10,50,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be **Rs. 1,05,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Five Thousand Only)** i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
FLAT NO. FF - 2, FIRST FLOOR, FRONT RIGHT HAND SIDE, PLOT NO. B - 5/12, DLF ANKUR VIHAR, LONI, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH - 201014.
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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to **Sammaan Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.)** [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. 30,48,706/- (Rupees Thirty Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLNOD00267228, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 10.09.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 11.09.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from **SUMAN KUMAR JHA, SHIKHA JHA and PRABHU JEE PRASAD**.
The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be **Rs. 12,50,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be **Rs. 1,25,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only)** i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
FLAT NO. UGF - 4, UPPER GROUND FLOOR, REAR LHS, PLOT NO. C - 1/16, DLF ANKUR VIHAR, VILLAGE - LONI, GHAZIABAD - 201012, UTTAR PRADESH.
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The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be **Rs. 13,00,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be **Rs. 1,30,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Thirty Thousand Only)** i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL BUILT - UP MIG FLAT NO. UGF - 04, ON THE UPPER GROUND FLOOR (BACK RHS), WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS, AREA MEASURING 52.67 SQ. METRS, BUILT ON PLOT NO. D - 93, SITUATED AT S. L. F. VED VIHAR, HADABAT VILLAGE SADULLABAD, PARGANA AND TEHSIL LONI, DISTRICT GHAZIABAD, GHAZIABAD - 201102, UTTAR PRADESH.
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JM FINANCIAL
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T: +91 22 6630 3030 F: +91 22 6630 3223, www.jmfinancial.com
DEMAND NOTICE
Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act



AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED (A SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANK)

Regd. Office: 19-A, Dhuleswar Garden, Ajmer Road, Jaipur - 302001, Rajasthan, (India). (CIN:L36911RJ1996PLC011381)

APPENDIX-IV-A- [See proviso to rule 8(6)] Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s)/ Co-Borrower (s)/Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/symbolic possession of which has been taken by the authorised Officer of AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank), the same shall be referred herein after as AUSFB. The Secured Assets will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis through E-Auction for recovery of amount mentioned in the table below along with further interest, cost, charges and expenses being due to AUSFB viz. Secured Creditor.

It is hereby informed you that we are going to conduct public E-Auction through website <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net>

Loan A/C No./ Name of Borrowers/Co Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantor	Date & Amount of 13(2) Demand Notice	Date Of Possession	Description of Property	Reserve Price For Property	Earnest Money For Property	Date & Time Of E-Auction	Date of Bid Submission	E-Auction Place of Tender Submission	Contact Person and Property Visit Date	Loan A/C No./ Name of Borrowers/Co Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantor	Date & Amount of 13(2) Demand Notice	Date Of Possession	Description of Property	Reserve Price For Property	Earnest Money For Property	Date & Time Of E-Auction	Date of Bid Submission	E-Auction Place of Tender Submission	Contact Person and Property Visit Date
(Loan A/C No.) L9001061124690415 & L900106115729474, Kamlesh Kumar Tandani S/O Ramanand Tandani (Borrower), Ramanand Tandani S/O Lt Hariram (Co-Borrower)	14-Mar-23 Rs. 3,23,136/- Rs. Three Lakh Twenty-Three Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Six Only & Rs. 16,42,428/- Rs. Sixteen Lakh Four Hundred Twenty-Eight Only As On 13-Mar-23	16-Jun-23	Property Situated At Sakti Ward No.1, Sakti (M) Janjgir Champa, Chhattisgarh, 495001 Admeasuring 193.7 Sqyds	Rs. 31,60,000/- Rs. Thirty-One Lakh Sixty Thousand Only.	Rs. 3,16,000/- Rs. Three Lakh Sixteen Thousand Only.	06-Nov-24 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM with unlimited extension of 5 minutes	On or Before 04-Nov-24	AU Small Finance Bank Ltd., Branch Address :- Plot No. 22, Sheet No. 9, Near Daga Petrol Pump, Fafadik Chowk, Raipur CG 492001	Ravi Singh & Dhiraj Pandey 9773306876 7389923795 auctions@aubank.in 23-Oct-24	(Loan A/C No.) L9001060116915281, Suresh Bhardwaj S/O Komal Prasad (Borrower), Komal Prashad S/O Kunjum Bhardwaj (Co-Borrower)	07-Jun-23 Rs. 7,07,943/- Rs. Seven Lakh Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Three Only As On 06-Jun-23	16-Dec-23	Property Situated At- Kh No-196/1, Ph No- 61, Vill-Godadihi, Tehsil-Masturi, Dist-Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh Admeasuring 0.113 Hect.	Rs. 12,75,000/- Rs. Twelve Lakh Seventy-Five Thousand Only.	Rs. 1,27,500/- Rs. One Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only.	06-Nov-24 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM with unlimited extension of 5 minutes	On or Before 04-Nov-24	AU Small Finance Bank Ltd., Branch Address :- 1st Floor, Shop No. 4, 5, 6, Mittal Chambers, Main Road, Vyapar Vihar, At & Post-Bilaspur, C.G. 495001	Ravi Singh & Dhiraj Pandey 9773306876 7389923795 auctions@aubank.in 23-Oct-24
(Loan A/C No.) L9001060123793542, M/S Namrata Hotel And Sweets Through It's Proprietor Ghanshyam Singh (Borrower), Ghanshyam Singh Chandrakar S/O Rup Singh Chandrakar (Co-Borrower) Smt. Sunita Chandrakar W/O Ghanshyam (Co-Borrower)	14-Mar-23 13,21,131/- Rs. Thirteen Lakh Twenty-One Thousand One Hundred Thirty-One Only As On 13-Mar-23	15-Feb-24	Property Situated At Gram Panchayat Ph No 35, Khasra No 993, Plot No 34 And 37, Anda, Tehsil & Dist - Durg, Chhattisgarh Admeasuring 681.44 Sqyds	Rs. 11,60,000/- Rs. Eleven Lakh Sixty Thousand Only.	Rs. 1,16,000/- Rs. One Lakh Sixteen Thousand Only.	06-Nov-24 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM with unlimited extension of 5 minutes	On or Before 04-Nov-24	AU Small Finance Bank Ltd., Branch Address :- Plot No. 22, Sheet No. 9, Near Daga Petrol Pump, Fafadik Chowk, Raipur 492001	Praveen Yedla & Dhiraj Pandey 7389949287 auctions@aubank.in 23-Oct-24	(Loan A/C No.) L9001061017191222 & L9001061121456873, Gudiya Readymade Through It's Proprietor Vijay Kumar Parpyani (Borrower), Classic Garments Through It's Proprietor Kapil Parpyani (Co-Borrower) Vijay Kumar Parpyani S/O Late Shri Brij Lal Parpyani (Co-Borrower & Legal Heir Of Late Shri Brij Lal Parpyani - Co-Borrower), Amit Kumar Parpyani S/O Late Shri Brij Lal Parpyani (Co-Borrower & Legal Heir Of Late Shri Brij Lal Parpyani - Co-Borrower), Kapil Parpyani S/O Late Shri Brij Lal Parpyani (Co-Borrower & Legal Heir Of Late Shri Brij Lal Parpyani - Co-Borrower)	13-Jun-23 Rs. 40,24,997/- Rs. Forty Lakh Twenty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Seven Only As On 12-Jun-23	02-Mar-24	Property Situated At Mig 578, Padmanbhupur, Te. & Dist.- Durg, C.G Admeasuring 144 Sq. Mtr.	Rs. 43,10,000/- Rs. Forty-Three Lakh Ten Thousand Only.	Rs. 4,31,000/- Rs. Four Lakh Thirty One Thousand Only.	06-Nov-24 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM with unlimited extension of 5 minutes	On or Before 04-Nov-24	AU Small Finance Bank Ltd., Branch Address :- Ward No 5, Plot No 7, GE Rd, near Ghadi Chowk, Dakshin Gangotri, Supela, Chhattisgarh 490001	Vikas Dubey & Dhiraj Pandey 7389923795 auctions@aubank.in 23-Oct-24
(Loan A/C No.) L9001060122710071, Upendra Kumar Sahu S/O Dhaneshwar Sahu (Borrower), Smt. Manisha W/O Upendra Kumar Sahu (Co-Borrower), Dhaneshwar Lal Sahu S/O Purshotam Sahu (Co-Borrower)	14-Mar-23 12,60,871/- Rs. Twelve Lakh Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-One Only As On 13-Mar-23	15-Jun-23	Property Situated At Ph No 33, Kh No 4240, Kopra, Teh Rajim, Dist.- Gariaband, Chhattisgarh Admeasuring 0.04 Hect.	Rs. 12,90,000/- Rs. Twelve Lakh Ninety Thousand Only.	Rs. 1,29,000/- Rs. One Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Only.	06-Nov-24 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM with unlimited extension of 5 minutes	On or Before 04-Nov-24	AU Small Finance Bank Ltd., Branch Address :- Plot No. 9, Near Daga Petrol Pump, Fafadik Chowk, Raipur 492001	Praveen Yedla & Dhiraj Pandey 7389949287 auctions@aubank.in 23-Oct-24	(Loan A/C No.) L9001060117919222 & L9001061121456873, Gudiya Readymade Through It's Proprietor Vijay Kumar Parpyani (Borrower), Classic Garments Through It's Proprietor Kapil Parpyani (Co-Borrower) Vijay Kumar Parpyani S/O Late Shri Brij Lal Parpyani (Co-Borrower & Legal Heir Of Late Shri Brij Lal Parpyani - Co-Borrower), Amit Kumar Parpyani S/O Late Shri Brij Lal Parpyani (Co-Borrower & Legal Heir Of Late Shri Brij Lal Parpyani - Co-Borrower), Kapil Parpyani S/O Late Shri Brij Lal Parpyani (Co-Borrower & Legal Heir Of Late Shri Brij Lal Parpyani - Co-Borrower)	14-Jul-23 Rs. 11,80,840/- Rs. Eleven Lakh Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Only As On 11-Jul-23	16-Feb-24	Property Situated At P.H.No.30 K.H.No 632 Middle Rajnandgaon Balod Tehsil-Daudilohara Dist.-Durg, C.G Admeasuring 0.04 Hectare	Rs. 19,15,000/- Rs. Nineteen Lakh Fifteen Thousand Only.	Rs. 1,91,500/- Rs. One Lakh Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred Only.	06-Nov-24 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM with unlimited extension of 5 minutes	On or Before 04-Nov-24	AU Small Finance Bank Ltd., Branch Address :- Ward No 5, Plot No 7, GE Rd, near Ghadi Chowk, Dakshin Gangotri, Supela, Chhattisgarh 490001	Praveen Yedla & Dhiraj Pandey 7389949287 auctions@aubank.in 23-Oct-24
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AN ENCHANTING EVENING OF INDIAN 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



PHOTOS: PNKAJ KUMAR

The 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 Sabha), celebrated for her lifetime contributions to Indian classical dance.

The highlight of the evening was Dr. Sonal Mansingh's performance, Natya-Katha KRSHNA, which enthralled the audience with episodes from Lord Krishna's life. From the divine child Krishna stealing butter and teasing the gopis, to the epic moment where he lifted Mount Govardhan to protect the people of Gokul from Lord Indra's wrath, each episode was a showcase of Mansingh's unmatched abhinaya (expressive acting) and narrative brilliance. Her performance also brought to life Krishna's encounter with the Kaliya



serpent, his slaying of his uncle Kansa, and his eventual move to Dwaraka, ending with the poignant story of his reunion with his childhood friend, Sudama. The stories, steeped in lessons of duty, trust, and friendship, were presented with grace, wit, and emotional depth. Dr. Mansingh's command over multiple languages—Hindi, Gujarati, Marathi, Oriya, and English—added further layers to the performance, as she effortlessly weaved bhajans, shlokas, and poems into the narrative. Her disciples accompanied her with striking dance interludes, and the visual richness of miniature artworks projected on-screen enhanced the audience's immersion in the tales of Krishna. Vocal and instrumental support from a talented ensemble of accompanists elevated the experience further, creating a seamless blend of music, dance, and storytelling. The performance left the audience in awe, who responded with a thunderous standing ovation. The event concluded with a felicitation ceremony, where Dr Sonal Mansingh was honored by Former President on India, Hon'ble Shri Ram Nath Kovind. Dr Upasana Singh, Founder of Human Touch Foundation, expressed her

gratitude to the distinguished guests and audience, 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."

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 foundation aims to promote Indian art and traditions while working on key societal issues such as workplace inequality, 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 reviving the rich cultural

heritage of the country and 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.

JOURNEY INTO THE SOUL OF JAPAN

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



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

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

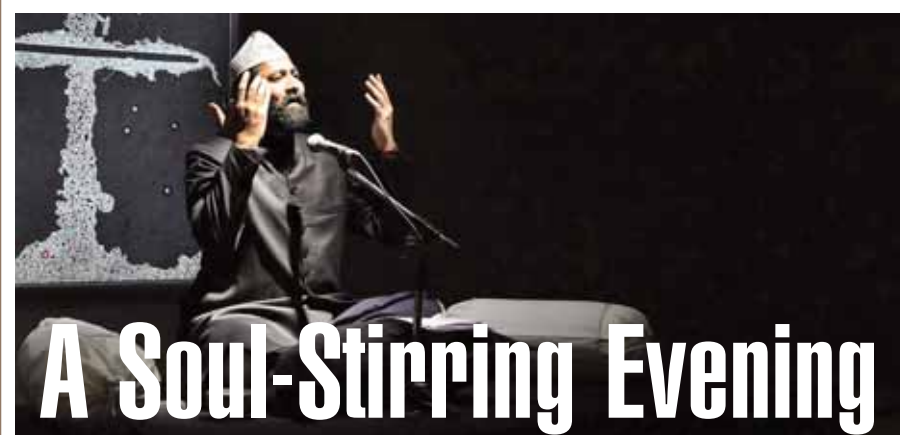


There is a profound sense of patience in Tuli's work, showcasing his dedication to waiting for the perfect moment that reveals a deep respect and understanding of his subject. His work is about more than just capturing beautiful scenes, it's about finding the extraordinary in the ordinary. In "Moments,"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

"Smoke and Steel" uses monochrome to turn a simple plume of smoke into something almost divine. One of the highlights of the exhibition is "Whisper," a rare coloured photograph that breaks the monochrome theme, adding a burst of vibrancy and offering a fresh perspective. Each piece is more than just a photograph, it's a story waiting to be told, a moment captured in time that invites viewers to step inside and feel what it's like to be there. Visions of Japan: Cultural Mosaic serves as a reminder of the transformative power of art. It demonstrates that

photography, at its best, is not just about capturing a scene but about revealing its essence. Tuli's work invites viewers to look beyond the surface and find beauty in places they might otherwise overlook. It's a call to slow down, appreciate the small details and find meaning in moments that often pass unnoticed. In a world that frequently favours the bold and the obvious, Tuli's exhibition offers a quiet, gentle reminder of the power of subtlety and grace. It's a journey worth taking, not only for lovers of photography but for anyone who seeks to see the world a little differently. The exhibition features 40 stunning black-and-white photographs, each a limited-edition piece that will never be reproduced. Every image is carefully composed, capturing the spirit of Japan in a way that feels both timeless and immediate. Through his lens, Tuli explores the beauty of Japan's streets, the mystery of its public spaces and the vibrancy of everyday life. His work is inspired by wabi-sabi, a Japanese concept that finds beauty in imperfection and the fleeting moments of life. Walking through the exhibition feels like stepping into Japan itself. Each photograph tells its own story—stories that are intimate yet speak to something larger

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

Some evenings stay in the mind long after they're over, moments that leave a mark on the heart. The recent *Soz Khwani* performance by Askari Naqvi at the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art was one such evening. From the moment the audience settled, there was a visible sense of anticipation, a shared expectation of something extraordinary. Naqvi took the stage with a quiet, humble presence, his demeanor reflecting the deep responsibility of carrying forward a tradition so rich and meaningful. As he began to sing, it became immediately clear this was more than just a performance. *Soz Khwani*, with its melodies and poetic verses, is an ancient practice of remembering grief, a way of turning sorrow into something sacred. Naqvi's voice seemed to carry not just notes, but stories, memories and emotions, each phrase a bridge connecting the audience to the distant, tragic fields of Karbala. There was a depth in his voice, a gravity that pulled everyone into a shared experience of loss. This was not just a musical event; it was a collective meditation on the nature of grief and remembrance. The room seemed to hold its breath, each note touching something deep and universal within every listener. For 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

TEAM INDIA BEGINS PRACTICE IN CHENNAI FOR FIRST TEST AGAINST BANGLADESH

PTI ■ CHENNAI

It 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. With the first Test against Bangladesh scheduled here from September 19, the entire squad, including Rohit and batting stalwart Virat Kohli, assembled at the MA Chidambaram Stadium with new bowling coach, South African great Morne Morkel, and batting coach Vikram Rathour also in attendance. BCCI posted images of the first day of practice and wrote, "The countdown starts as Team India begin their preps for an exciting home season." The images showed the entire squad listening attentively to Gambhir, his support staff and



skipper Rohit. Earlier, India skipper Rohit arrived in Chennai on Thursday, while Virat flew in directly from London for the opening Test. Wearing a yellow jersey, Rohit was seen emerging from the airport escorted by security

personnel, in a PTI Video on Thursday night, while Kohli came from London in an early-morning flight. The likes of India pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah, KL Rahul and wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant had earlier reached the city on Thursday.

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

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

Vital World Test Championship (WTC) points are at stake in the two-match series as India get ready for a gruelling 10-match Test season, which also includes a three-Test series at home against New Zealand and the five-match Border-Gavaskar series later this year in Australia. India are currently heading the table with 68.52 percentage points, while Australia are a close second with 62.50 percentage points. Bangladesh have jumped to fourth spot with 45.83 percentage points following their 10-wicket win against Pakistan in the opening Test and their amazing fight-back in the second Test where wicketkeeper-batter Litton Das scored a century to singlehandedly guide the side to a series triumph. The second Test of the India-Bangladesh series will be played in Kanpur from September 27.



ACT hockey: Favourites India look to continue supremacy over Pakistan

PTI ■ HULUNBUIR (CHINA)

A semifinal 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. With four wins out of as many games, defending champions India are leading the points table, followed closely by Pakistan. 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, have been resilient in the campaign. Playing under the guidance of legendary forward Tahir Zaman, the Ammad Butt-led side has improved with every passing game. Pakistan drew 2-2 against Malaysia and Korea, before beating Japan and China 2-1 and 5-1 respectively to climb to the second spot. Going by recent results, India enjoy an upper-hand over Pakistan. In their last meeting at the Hangzhou Asian Games last year, India thrashed Pakistan 10-2. A few months before 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 draw while at the 2021 ACT in Dhaka, India beat Pakistan 4-3 to clinch the bronze medal. India captain Harmanpreet Singh, regarded as one of the best drag-flickers in the world, is continuing his good form from Paris, and is excited to resume the rivalry against Pakistan. "I have been playing with some of the players in the Pakistan team since my junior days and we share a special bond with them. They are like my brothers. Of course, on the field, we will go about the match like we would against any other opponent and make sure we keep our emotions in check," he said. "In world hockey, the rivalry the two teams share is unparalleled and I am sure fans across the globe will be waiting for an India-Pakistan match." Though India enjoys an edge over Pakistan, Harmanpreet is least bothered about past results. "Past results will not matter when we take on a team like Pakistan. They are a tough side and have the potential to bounce back at any stage in the 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 undoubtedly 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, Pratham give India A edge after Devdutt makes 92 for India D in Duleep Trophy

PTI ■ ANANTAPUR

Half-centuries by skipper HMayank Agarwal and Pratham Singh helped India A reach 115 for one in their second innings and extend their hold over India D after second day's play of the Duleep Trophy here on Friday. India A, who made 290 in their first innings, earlier bowled out their opponents for 183 despite India batter Devdutt Padikkal's valiant 92 to gain a lead of 107 runs. Now, India A have an advantage of 222 runs, with Agarwal (56, 87b, 8x4) and Pratham (59 batting, 82b, 6x4) leading their run glut in the second innings. However, Agarwal, who is eager to chart his way back into selectorial reckoning, will be kicking himself for falling on the last ball of the day to part-time spinner Shreyas Iyer, spooning a simple return catch. But till that point, Agarwal and Pratham 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

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 his 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 Kushagra. The 11-4-30-1 figures do not fall under the hallow-spell category, but for Prasidh it was important in his comeback journey. This was the pacer's first outing in competitive cricket since Karnataka's Ranji Trophy game against Gujarat in January this year. Since that match, the 28-year-old was recuperating from a quadriceps 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.

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 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



make a lot of runs, if not both of them, and it's going to be pretty exciting to watch the two of the finest players of our generation go head-to-head,"

he added. Both Kohli and Smith are former captains, and have indulged in fiery on field exchanges early in their careers

but their relationship has evolved in recent times. Smith recently said that Kohli was an Australian amongst the Indian players in terms of attitude. "I believe Virat Kohli is Australian in thoughts and action. The way he gets into a battle, the way he gets into the challenge and tries to get on top of the opposition. He's probably the most Australian of the Indian players, I'd say," Smith had said. India travel to Australia for the marquee five-Test series, starting in Perth on November 22. Since 2014-15, Australia have failed to lay their hands on the Border Gavaskar Trophy, with India winning four consecutive series including the historic triumphs Down Under in 2018-19 and 2020-21.

Verstappen faces challenge in Baku as Red Bull's F1 dominance under threat

AP ■ BAKU (AZERBAIJAN)

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 Verstappen or Red Bull to overhaul the Dutch driver's 62-point lead in the last eight races of 2024. The target is much closer in the constructor's standings, with the McLaren team just eight points behind Red Bull, so that lead could change hands in Azerbaijan on Sunday. New rivals to Red Bull are emerging, powered by Red Bull expertise. The departure of Red Bull's car design guru Adrian Newey to Aston Martin is a sign of



the long-term ambition of a team backed by billionaire Lawrence Stroll. Dubbed "the team of the future" by driver Fernando Alonso, they have an eye on designing a car to exploit the new F1 regulations in 2026 - just like Newey did for Red Bull in 2022. Aston Martin has even signaled it would be open to signing Verstappen, who has a Red Bull contract through 2028. 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 one-dominant car. McLaren and Mercedes seem to have more stable, adaptable designs. The car "was basically on rails and I could do whatever I wanted," enthused Verstappen after winning the Chinese Grand Prix in April, his fourth in five races at the start of the season. Each upgrade seems to have made the car less stable and increased tire wear. "We basically went from a very dominant car to an undriveable car in the space of, what, six to eight months?" he said in Italy. Papaya rules' confusion The confirmation that McLaren will have a "bias" toward Lando Norris over his teammate Oscar Piastri from now on should boost Norris' title challenge. But key questions remain unanswered. Racing under the team's vaguely defined "papaya rules" - named for McLaren's orange color - at the Italian Grand Prix, Norris and Piastri started first and second but neither got the win.

Rafael Nadal withdraws from Laver Cup in Berlin

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-year-old 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



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.

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

AP ■ LIVERPOOL

Liverpool has yet to allow a Lgoal this season and Mohamed Salah has scored in each of the three games - all victories. If this is what contract distractions look like at Anfield, new manager Arne Slot is fine with it. Salah, captain Virgil van Dijk and right-back 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." The transition from Jurgen Klopp has been seamless. Slot is the first manager to win his first three Premier League games without conceding a goal since Sven-Goran Eriksson at Man City in 2007.

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