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जोहार साथियों,

झामुमो-कांग्रेस के ठगबंधन की इस भ्रष्ट और जन विरोधी सरकार ने झारखंड की जनता को खून के आंसू रोने पर मजबूर कर दिया है। दलाल-माफिया और भ्रष्ट अफसर, घुसपैठियों के तुष्टिकरण में लीन परिवारवादी ताकतों के साथ मिलकर हमारी रोटी-बेटी-माटी की लूट मचा रहे हैं। प्रत्येक प्रदेशवासी के दिल में परिवर्तन की लहर गूंज उठी है। जन-आकांक्षाओं की आश बनकर भाजपा, परिवर्तन रैली के जरिए हर प्रखंड, हर घर, हर परिवार तक पहुंचेगी। हम हर एक झारखंडवासी को आश्वस्त करते हैं कि **रोटी-बेटी-माटी** को बचाने का

एक ही विकल्प है, भाजपा

आईए साथ जुड़ें, यात्रा को यशस्वी बनाएं और परिवर्तन का हिस्सा बनें।



जोहार साथियों,

हागा ओडो मीसी को नेन JMM ओडो काँग्रेस अ चकाओ ओडो भ्रष्ट जन विरोधी सरकार दो अबु झारखण्ड रेन जनता को के खून रेया आंसू राआ तेह मजबूर के बुअऐ दलाल ओडो माफिया ओडो भ्रष्ट अफसर को आबुआ <mark>रोटी-बेटी-ओडो</mark> आबुआ झारखंड रेया हसा को रेजबुआ को सोबेन परदेंसवार्सी कोआ दिल रे परिवर्तन रेया लहर गुंजाओ तना आबुआँ जरूरत रेया आशा बायी केते भाजपा परिवर्तन रैली ते मौसा केते हर प्रखंड ओडो सोबेन ओडाह सोबेन परिवार तोक बु तेबाआया आबुआ भाजपा पार्टी हर एक झारखंडवासी को भरोसा ओमाकोतनाऐ

ची रोटी-बेटी-ओडो आबुआ हासा को बचाव लगीद आबुआ मीयदगे विकल्प मेनाह भाजपा ऐनाते हीजुपे सोबेन जोडाओनपे ऐनाते यात्रा बु सफल बु बाइया ओडो परिवर्तन रेया हिस्सा बु बाइना



जोहार संगियारो,

झामुमो आरा कांग्रेस गही ठगबंधन ही भ्रष्ट आरा आलार गही विरोधी सरकार झारखंड ता आलार ही खेंस ही ख़ंजलखो चींखता गे लाचार नंजकी रई। दलाल आरा माफिया और भ्रष्ट अफसर ही तुष्टिकरण नू लीन एडपंता परिवारवादी ताकतन मिलाबआ की एम्हाय <mark>असमा- कूके</mark> ख़द्ध - ख़जेन बच्चा लग्नार। हुर्मि प्रदेश वासी ही जिया नू बदलारआ गे लहरे चोआ लगकी रई। आलार गही आसरा ही आस बनआ की भाजपा परिवर्तन रैली ही माध्यम ती हुर्मी प्रखण्ड, आरा एड्पा, आरा एड्पनता आलार हेदे अंड्सो। एम होर्मा ओंटा झारखंडी आलारिन भरोसा चीऽदम की असमा - कुके ख़द्द - ख़ज्जेन बछांबआ गे ओंटे केला आसरा रई, आद ही के भाजपा। बारआ होमें संगे मनोत की यात्रा रूपी डहरेन दव कमओत बदलरका हिस्सा बनओत।



## VBU celebrates 33rd Foundation Day with fervour

## Governor Santosh Gangwar for creating better educational environment

Bhave(VBU) University Hazaribagh celebrated its 33rd Foundation Day

occasion, Governor cum Chancellor Santosh Kumar Gangwar, as the chief guest, congratulated everyone on the foundation day of the university and said that it is the responsibility of all of us to take VBU Hazaribagh to a higher level in the Country.

Gangwar said that he was happy that in this university run in the name of Saint Vinoba Bhave, all the activities for the students are being conducted in a better way but a lot of work is still left in higher education. He said that there are immense possibilities of development in Jharkhand. "A better educational environment will have to be created here. Along with this, there is also a need to improve research. There should be 100 percent compliance of the academic calendar. There is a need to become competitive at the global level," he added.

"Only technical education will not suffice, along with practical and moral education, knowledge of social responsibility and sensitivity is also necessary. Education that teaches us to discharge our duties and responsibili-



ties towards society and

That is why Prime Minister

Government has come up

towards implementing it. NEP is a very flexible, inclusive, education that connects students with innovation," said the Governor.

Citing the example of the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Gangwar said that she is always concerned and working in that direction to improve educational institutions. "Taking inspiration from Saint Vinoba Bhave, the pioneer of Bhudan Yagna, we have to remain determined to build a better Nation. Wishing Prime Minister Narendra Modi a happy birthday, he believes that VBU will play an important role in the target set by Modi ji for the creation of a developed India by 2047. Modi has created a different identity for India on the global stage. From an economic point of view, India is ready to establish itself at the third position today and the world is also seeing India in this

form," he added. Earlier, Vice Chancellor of VBU cum Commissioner of North Chotanagpur Division Suman Kathleen Kispotta welcomed all the scholars and officials present in Vivekanand Auditorium including Gangwar and MP Manish Jaiswal and enumerated the countless achievements of the golden journey of 33 years of the university. She informed that 19 PG. 21

B.Ed, two law colleges, homeopathic, one Ayurvedic and one engineering college are run under VBU. In vocational courses. MBA, MCA, Bio-technology Yoga and other courses are offered. VBU has got 'B grade in NAAC.

Presenting the annual Registrar Mokhtar Alam informed that while expanding VBU, 1.79 acres of land has been received with the help of district administration. It is the only university in Bihar-Jharkhand which received a grant of 99.79 crores research under PM Pusa, he

# Jugsalai Nagar Parishad launches plantation drive



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As part of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0, the Swachhata Hi Pakhwada began today and will run until October 2, with the theme "Swabhaav Swachhata-Sanskar Swachhata." This year's campaign focuses on four key initiatives: Swachhata Ki Bhagidari, Sanitation Sanitation Targeted Unit, Swachhata Mitra Suraksha Camp, and the celebration of Swachh Bharat Diwas on

October 2. In line with the Swachhata Ki Bhagidari program, a plantation drive themed "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" was organized today at Jugsalai Nagar Parishad Groups Swachhata

Park. Women from Self Help Brand Ambassadors actively participated in the event, planting saplings of Gamhar and Sagwan trees. The participants also took a cleanliness pledge, reinforcing their commitment to maintaining a clean and green environment. City Manager Rajendra

Kumar, Rajiv Ranjan Singh, and community organizer Pushpa Tirki were among the prominent figures present at the event. Swachhata experts like Amrita Sakshi and Brand including Ambassadors Chandra Lata Jain and Sunita Sharma led the plantation drive with enthusiasm. Cleanliness supervisor Ajay Kumar Singh, along with other dignitaries such as Haseen Khan, Sahendra Kumar Singh, Arvind Kumar, and CRP members Aarti Devi. Sushma Devi, and Preeti Vishwakarma, contributed to the event's success

The Swachhata Hi Seva campaign aims to encourage community participation in cleanliness efforts, with a focus on environmental conservation and sustainable practices. The event highlighted the importance of planting trees and fostering a culture of sanitation, aligning with the broader goals of the Swachh Bharat Mission to create a cleaner and greener

### **Bokaro Prepares for Parivartan** Sankalp Sabha on Sept 26



Central Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Jamui MLA Shreyasi Singh will address the Parivartan Sankalp Sabha in Sector 1, Bokaro. Bokaro Biranchi Narayan shared the details in a meeting chaired by BJP District President Jaidev Rai. The focus was on organiz-

ing the Parivartan Yatra, which will begin Jharkhand Dham Mandir in Giridih and enter Dhanbad division. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and BJP state president Babulal Marandi will inaugurate the yatra, which arrives in Bokaro on September 26 at 6 PM. Narayan emphasized the public's growing disillusion-ment with the state government, citing corruption and unemployment. Parivartan Yatra, according

to BJP leaders, aims to expose these issues and bring a political shift in the state.

District President Jaidev Rai also provided a detailed schedule, stating that from September 25 to 27, various BJP leaders will address ralacross Jharkhand. Notably, leaders such as Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Adityanath Dhanbad MP Dhullu Mahto will speak in Bermo, while Suvendu Adhikari from West Bengal and Jharkhand opposition leader Amar Bauri will address the gathering in Chandankiyari.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Dheeraj Jha, coordinated by Sanjay Tyagi, and saw the participation of notable figures such as Rohit Lal Singh, Shashi Bhushan Ojha, Mukul Mukesh Rai, Kamlesh Rai, and several other prominent

## Govt accords approval for NPCIL-NTPC JV Company 'ASHVINI' to take up Nuclear Power Generation

Government September 11, 2024 accorded approval to the Anushakti Vidhyut Nigam Ltd. (ASHVI-NI), a Joint Venture (JV) of Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited - NPCIL (51%) and NTPC Ltd. (49%) to Build, Own & Operate nuclear power plants in India in accordance with provisions of the Atomic Energy Additionally Govt. of India has approved transfer of Mahi Banswara Rajasthan Atomic Power Project (MBRAPP) 4x700 MW based on indigenous PHWR technology, from NPCIL to the JV Company ASHVINI.

The Govt has also approved exemption to NPCIL to invest more than Rs.500 Cr. and exemption to

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Former MP and senior

Congress leader Dr. Ajoy

Kumar strongly condemned

the recent statements made

by BJP leader Rayneet Singh Bittu and Shiv Sena (Shinde

leader Rahul Gandhi. In a

press release issued on

Dr. Kumar asserted that

the inflammatory remarks

from Bittu and Gaikwad were

likely made at the behest of

BJP's central leadership,

pointing out that no action

has been taken against the leaders thus far. "This politi-

cal behavior by the BJP is an

example of barbarism in

Cr. in a single JV/Subsidiary Company. This will enable adequate financing for accelerated Nuclear Power capacity addition in

in different parts of the coun-This will pave the way for

Dr. Ajoy Kumar accuses BJP of

practicing 'Politics of Violence'

Kumar. He emphasized the

importance of preserving

non-violence and respectful

discourse in Indian politics.

which he stated is central to

the country's democratic val-

ues. He further urged for

strict legal action against the

leaders responsible for the

statements to prevent Indian

politics from further deterio-

India. In addition to MBRAPP,

ASHVINI shall also pursue

other Nuclear Power Projects

both NTPC & NPCIL, in terms of finances, technology & project expertise for the rapid expansion of nuclear power productivity in the country to meet the targets of Net Zero by 2070.

Department Energy formally handed over the Government approval to CMD, NPCIL and CMD, NTPC on 17.09.2024.

Highlighting the growing

support for Rahul Gandhi, Dr.

### Hindi Fortnight and Hindi Day-2024 inaugurated at NTPC CMHQ

Chief Executive Officer and Regional Executive Director (Coal Mining) Animesh Jain inaugurated Hindi Fortnight. at NTPC Coal Mining Headquarters in Ranchi on September 16.

During the inauguration, Regional Executive Director emphasized the use of Hindi in day-to-day office work, as this marks the 75th anniversary of the Hindi Diwas Celebration which makes it very special for us. Article 343 of the Indian

Constitution designates Hindi as the Official Language of India, with its script being in Devnagari. NTPC Coal Mining Headquarters will be observing Hindi Fortnight from 14th September to 28th September 2024 Jain shared that today we are using Hindi in computers, whereas it was previous-



ly conducted in English. In the Information Technology, we can utilize Hindi through various tools for accomplishing different departmental tasks. He also encouraged the use of Hindi across various mobile applications, email, WhatsApp, and social media alongside NTPC Paperless initiative "Pradeep" and Samvaad mobile app.

encouraged the employees to consistently use Hindi in their daily work and

to take pride in it. Throughout the programme, all the Heads of Departments and executives participated with great enthusiasm. Various competitions will be organised for promotion of Hindi language during the Hindi Fortnight Celebration. On this occasion Hindi Handwriting competition was conducted with good participation. A programme schedule for the next 15 days has also been prepared to ensure the success of this

### Vishwakarma Puja celebrated with fervour at Bokaro Steel Plant

Vishwakarma Puja, honoring the deity of machinery and tools, was celebrated with devotion at Bokaro Plant



september 17. Employees from various departments participated, offering prayers for the plant's safe and efficient operations. BSL's Director In-Charge Birendra Kumar Tiwari, Executive Director (Finance & Accounts) Suresh Rangani, Executive Director (Human Resources) Rajan Prasad, and Executive Director (Mines) J. Dasgupta, along with senior officials, visited several departments in the township and plant premises, participating in the rituals.

Departments including Aviation, Water Tower Sector-3, BGH, HRD Center Workshop, Finance & Accounts, and the Final Settlement Cell, as well as operational units like the Coke Ovens, Blast Furnace, Oxygen Plant, and Rolling Mills, actively participated in the celebrations.

As part of the celebrations, Birendra Kumar Tiwari inaugurated the new office of the Jharkhand Group of Mines at the BSL administrative building. Senior executives, along with their colleagues, offered prayers at various Vishwakarma Puja events and conveyed the message of embracing technical and human discipline as the guiding principles for the plant's operations on this auspicious day.

## democratic history," said Dr. Amit Shah to inaugurate BJP's

Chaurasia on Wednesday gave detailed information about BJP's upcoming Parivartan Yatra starting from September 20 at a press conference at Dhanbad Circuit House.

Chaurasia said that from Home Union Marandi Assembly of Giridih.

After offering prayers at the historic roofless Shiva meeting.

will cover a distance of about 700 kilometres, Dhanbad division.

The yatra to be held in Dhanbad, Bokaro and Giridih of Dhanbad division is the former state president and present HUDCO president Dr.

There would be several programs including eleven public rallies in the Yatra in which many prominent national and state leaders will take part . Prominent among them are Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Chauhan, Uttar Pradesh Minister Adityanath, Union Child Development Minister Dr. Annapurna Devi, Subhendu Leader Adhikari Opposition West Bengal assembly, Amar Bauri Leader of Opposition Jharkhand Assembly, former Union Minister Smriti Irani, MP Vidyut Baran Mahto, Dhullu Mahto, Uttar Pradesh Water Power Minister Swatantra Dev Singh, Jamui MLA Shreyas Singh, Rajya Sabha MP and state convener of the Yatra Deepak Prakash, former MP Yadunath Pandey,

former MLA Sita Soren. He said that for the last 5 years, the thug bandhan government has hurt the selfrespect, identity and identity of Jharkhand. The people of Jharkhand are known for their honesty, truth and hard work but today the Hemant government has defamed Jharkhand in the country and the world. Jharkhand has become known for looting, corruption and mountains of notes.

Kumar suggested that the BJP leaders' frustration stems from their party's electoral defeats and Rahul Gandhi's increasing popularity. "The BJP leaders have become increasingly frustrated with Rahul Gandhi's evergrowing support base, and that is why they are making such statements," Dr. Kumar said. He noted that these comments have sparked significant outrage among Congress workers nationwide, resulting in protests. Dr. Kumar concluded by warning the BJP that the peo-

ple of India are increasingly aware of the "true character and tactics" of the Modi government, predicting that this would have consequences for the BJP in the upcoming assembly elections.

**Police arrest Bihar** 

thief, recover stolen

solar plates batteries

#### Parivartan Yatra in Jharkhand PANKAJ: DHANBAD nator is Bharat Yadav. BJP State Spokesperson Bijay

20th to 26th September, BJP will organize Parivartan Yatra in Dhanbad division and It would be inaugurated Cooperation Minister Amit Shah and State President Babulal Jharkhand Dham, the holy place under

temple located in Jharkhand Dham, the Union Home and Cooperation Minister will also address a large public He said that this journey

through 14 assembly constituencies and 30 blocks in

There will also be 18 road shows in this yatra. This yatra will end in Dhanbad on 26 September.

Ravindra Rai and co-coordi-

PNS: DALTONGANJ After busting MP's Pardi gang and Odisha's gang, Palamu police's Hussainsbad police caught and jailed a Bihar thief today. The theft of the solar plates occurred on

> Kr Singh. Officer in charge of the Hussainabad police station Sanjay Yadav said the victim Singh tried finding it out on his own first in these two weeks but when he failed he reported it to the police station and FIR was duly regis-

7th of August. The solar

plates belonged to Mithilesh

tered on August 21. Yadav said police caught a 22 year old youth identified as Kundan Kumar. Kundan hails from Aurangabad in Bihar and recovered from him the stolen 10 solar plates.

Yadav further said there was a windfall gain of recovery of 2 truck batteries also stolen very recently.

"There are 4 thieves. Three have escaped. Once they are caught then only curtains on other thefts will rise. Police are trying to nab them" said Yadav. End



celebration.



BY GAURA GUPTA

T he last stage of the night before sunrise that is strikingly favourable and powerful, during Brahma Muhurta, a great shift in energies occurs. It is believed that spiritual activities accomplished during this time have a greater effect than in any other part of the

day.
The other day I was sitting with a friend who perennially complains of her kids not relenting to waking up timely, let alone early. This got me thinking of reaching out to Shri Guruji and seeking his guidance as to what our ancient texts consider about waking up before the day shines bright. And Shri Guru Rajan Ji, like the lighthouse of wisdom, pulled from his knowledge, the exact something that needed to

Brahmi Muhurta Uttistha Jirnajirna Niru Payan Brahmi comes of the Sanskrit word brahmik – the verb form of brahma.

'Ťhat which has Brahma', when placed before to the word muhurta, is explained as 'The time period that has the value of Brahma, or of creation'

Utishta means 'get up' + Jirna and Ajirna mean 'digestion and indigestion' +

Nirupayan means 'to judge'. Wake up in the brahma muhurta (the time of totality) and judge your state of diges tion or indigestion.

A night consists of 15 muhurthas. Each muhurta lasts 48 minutes, and therefore the Brahma muhurta is the 14th muhurtha kala of the night and begins 1 hour and 36 minutes before sunrise, and ends 48 minutes before sunrise. The time of the Brahma muhurta varies each day as the time of sunrise varies each day.

Ayurveda states that there are three kinds of Doshas in the human body known as: Y Vata (Air and Ether)

Ÿ Pitta (Fire and Water) Ÿ Kapha (Earth and Water) These Doshas have differ-

ent periods of predominance during 24 hours and each of the Dosha amplifies or mellows in the human body according as per the environment and time. Vata Dosha dominates the last part of the night that awakens in the morning with enhanced flexibility, well-functioning organs and body - mind equilibrium. Also, our body contains

three forms of Gunas: Rajo Guna, Satva Guna, and Tamo Guna. During Brahma muhurta, Satva Guna is active and benefits us with positive qualities.

Brahma Muhurta - an optimal period for harnessing knowledge, is the time of God, sacred time or the creator hour. Immensely powerful, the

last stage of the night before sunrise, during Brahma Muhurta, a great shift in energies occurs. The spiritual activities accomplished during Brahma Muhurta are optimally fruitful than in any other part of the day.

During the time of Brahma Muhurta, the concentration level is at peak Therefore, students are advised to study during Brahma Muhurat as this time

lucrative for attaining

Dhyana at this time improves

Brahm Gyan. Meditation or

mental performance, thus assisting in increasing Sato Guna, therefore diminishing mental irritation, hyperactivity or lethargy - effected by Rajo and Tamo Guna. At the time of Brahma Muhurta, peace is at its peak and that has a direct effect

on the body and mind. The environment is calm as everything is quiet, the day has not yet begun. We feel tranguility indide as around this time, the pineal gland is highly active. Synchronising our body-

clock with the rising and setting sun is the best way to reverse the ageing process. In the human body and mind, The pancha tattwa exist through the three

doshas: Vata (air), Pitta (fire) and Kapha (water). Balanced Doshas keep in harmony and good health, the body and mind. In the body, vata is related to gas, pitta to bile and kapha to mucus

Each dosha becomes predominant during certain periods of the day. In fact, the entire 24 hours of the day and night can be divided between periods of vata, pitta and kapha, in which the qualities of the predominant dosha prevail. The first period of Vata

sunrise, elevating midway thus, marking the beginning of Brahma muhurta, when vata is at its peak. As per Ashtanga Hridayam, "Brahmi Muhurtam

Uttishthet Swastho

lasts four hours and ends at

Rakshartham Ayusha: tatra sarvartha shantvartham smareccha madhusudanam". that means One should wake up during Brahma Muhurta for perfect health; and for achieving a life as long as one desires.

HAVE MY FRIEND MAKE HER KIDS MEET SHRI GURU RAJAN JI AND IN CASE. YOU WISH TO REACH FOR HIM IN ORDER TO HAVE YOUR KUNDLI (BIRTH CHART) ANALYSED VIVIDLY, HIS NUMBERS ARE : 9266514545, 9266524545.

I THINK I AM GOING TO

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# Centre approves 'One Nation, One Election' About 60 per cent voting in J and K This is first Assembly election after removal of Article 370

to realise the dreams of having simultaneous polls as it went ahead in approving the high-level panel's recommendations on one nation, one election plan for holding for the Lok Sabha, State Assemblies and Local Bodies elections simultaneously in a phased manner after a countrywide consensus-building exercise. The recommendations could

be tabled in the Winter Session of Parliament and sources indicate that the Government would implement it in its current tenure. Minister Prime

Narendra Modi said it was an important step towards making our democracy more vibrant and participative, Opposition parties shared a mixed response. The highlevel committee approached 62 political parties, of which 47 responded -- 32 voicing to holding simultaneous polls and 15 opposing it. Fifteen political parties did not submit a response. "I compliment ex-President Ram Nath Kovind for spearheading effort, expressed through social media after Cabinet nod for simultaneous polls

Among the national parties, the Congress, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and the

recommendation.



President Droupadi Murmu being presented a report on simultaneous elections in the country by former President Ram Nath Kovind who heads High-Level Committee (HLC) on 'One Nation, One Election', and Home Minister Amit Shah, at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi

(Marxist) opposed the proposal, while the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the National People's Party (NPP) supported it.

country simultaneous elections between 1951 and 1967 but thereafter, polls started getting dispersed due to various reasons, including mid-term elections. Holding all polls simultaneously will require a lot of manoeuvring, including advancing some

Communist Party of India elections and delaying some While the Lok Sabha polls

> were held in May-June this year, States like Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh also went to polls along with the parliamentary election. The Assembly election process for Jammu and Kashmir and Harvana is currently underway, while Maharashtra and Jharkhand are also scheduled to go to polls later this year. Delhi and Bihar are

among the States that are scheduled to go to polls in The terms of the current

assemblies in Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and Puducherry will end in 2026, while the terms of the Goa, Gujarat, Manipur, Punjab, Pradesh Uttarakhand assemblies will end in 2027. The terms of the State assemblies in Himachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Tripura and Nagaland, Telangana will end in 2028.

The terms of the current Lok Sabha and the State assemblies that went to polls together this year will end in

Asserting that several political parties are already on board, the Union Government said even those parties that are opposed to it may now feel pressure from within to change their stand due to the widespread support on the issue from the people of the

## This is first Assembly election after removal of Article 370

**MOHIT KANDHARI** JAMMU

lose to 14 lakh electorate ( around 60 per cent), belonging to different age groups and political beliefs, dressed in their traditional attire, demonstrated the superiority and priority of 'ballot over the bullet' on Wednesday as they queued up outside the polling stations. The voters exhibited the vibrant colors of Indian democracy, for the first time after the Abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, to elect their public representatives after a gap of 10 years in 24 Assembly constituencies spread across seven districts of Jammu and Kashmir unprecedented security arrangements. Barring a few incidents, the polling passed off peacefully

across Jammu and Kashmir. Briefing media persons, Chief Electoral Officer PK Pole said that approximately 60 per cent voter turnout was recorded till 6 pm

During the 2014 Assembly polls, Jammu and Kashmir witnessed 65.91 per cent voter turnout. PK Pole said overall polling percentage may witness marginal correction as several polling parties from remote areas were yet to report to their headquarters.
Overall voter turnout of

Shopian: Voters wait in a queue at a polling station during the first phase of Assembly elections, in Shopian district of south Kashmir, Wednesday 54.17

69.33 Kishtwar Kulgam Pulwama 46.03 2 67.71 Ramban Shopian 53.64

58.46 percent was recorded across five Parliamentary segments in Jammu and Kashmir in May 2024. CEO PK Pole said after the 2008 Assembly/ Lok Sabha polls, the voter turnout across 24 Assembly constituencies was the highest so far. Kashmiri migrants also participated in the voting across different polling booths in New Delhi

The fate of Iltija Mufti, daughter of PDP Chief and former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, Shagun Parihar, daughter of BJP leader Ajeet Parihar killed by terrorists in Kishtwar, former JKPCC Chief and Minister GA Mir from Dooru, Sunil Sharma, BJP general secretary contesting from Padder Nagseni is sealed in the EVMs.

NDRF and Fire personnel conduct rescue operation as a house collapsed at Bapa Nagar (Karol Bagh) in New Delhi, on Wednesday

## Four die, 14 injured as building collapses in Bapa Nagar

SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI

Four people died including two teenagers, two are in critical condition and 12 others suffered intimize following the reliable of the suffered in the suffered injuries following the collapse of a six-storey house in central Delhi's Bapa Nagar on Wednesday morning with the rescue operation lasting for more than eight hours.

Delhi Chief Minister-designate Atishi announced a compensation of Rs 10 lakh each for the families of the four people who died and visited the RML Hospital where the injured are

undergoing treatment.

During her visit, Atishi stated, "The families of the deceased will be provided a compensation of Rs 10 lakh by the Delhi Government," adding that the compensation will also be given to the injured based on the severity of their injuries. She said that strict action will be taken against those responsible for this tragedy. Meanwhile, New Delhi BJP MP Bansuri Swaraj also visited the

The rescue operations were initiated by local police and other agencies like Delhi Fire Services. However, later NDRF was also called to join the rescue operations which ended around 5:30 am. DCP M Harsh Vardhan said the building was old and located in narrow lanes of a residential locality in Bapa Nagar of Prasad Nagar.
"We cannot take heavy machines or

cranes inside for the operation but the teams of fire department, local police and NDRF are conducting the rescue work," he said.

## Government announces Chandrayaan-4, Venus Orbiter missions

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nuoved over the success of Bearlier Space missions, the Centre on Wednesday approved a new moon mission "Chandrayaan-4" to develop and demonstrate technologies needed for landing of Indian astronauts on the moon and safely bring them back to Earth. The Government also approved the development of Venus Orbiter Mission exploring and studying the planet. Chandrayaan-4 mission will

achieve the foundational technologies for the landing of Indian astronauts on the moon (planned by year 2040) and return safely back to Earth, a Government statement said. "Major technologies that are required docking/undocking, landing, safe return to earth and lunar sample collection and analysis would also be demonstrated," it said.



While the total fund requirement for technology demonstration mission "Chandrayaan-4" is Rs 2,104.06 crore, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has allocated Rs 1,236 crore for the mission, of which Rs 824 crore will be spent on the

development the of spacecraft by the Indian the Space Research Organisation.

ISRO will be responsible for development spacecraft and launch. The mission is expected to be completed within 36 months approval with the

participation of industry and academia. All the critical technologies are envisaged to be indigenously developed. The 'Venus Orbiter Mission' to be helmed by the

Department of Space will involve placing a scientific spacecraft in the orbit of Venus for better understanding of its surface processes and influence of the Sun on the Venusian atmosphere.

Venus, the closest planet to Earth and believed to have formed in conditions similar to Earth, offers a unique opportunity to understand how planetary environments can evolve very differently, a statement said.

The study of the underlying causes of the transformation of Venus, which is believed to be once habitable and quite similar to Earth, would be an invaluable aid in understanding the evolution of the sister planets, both Venus and Earth, it said.

### **Doctors refuse to work, say** two demands still not met

SAUGAR SENGUPTA

The junior doctors of Bengal refused to end their cease work even two days after their talks with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee bringing "fruitful results" that included among other things removal of two senior IPS officers and health department directors who allegedly misled the investigation in RG Kar Medical

College rape and murder case. The doctors's Wednesday morning demand of meeting with the State Government -- was readily granted by Chief Secretary Manoj Pant. Doctors said that the administration had not fulfilled all their demands including the removal of State Health Secretary NS Nigam and ensuring an atmosphere free of fear inside the Government hospitals and medical colleges.

A letter written to the Chief Secretary read, "We were assured in the meeting (held on Monday), that a special task force presided by you will be formed to address these



A delegation of junior doctors leaves for Nabanr (State Secretariat) by bus to meet West Bengal Chief Secretary Manoj Pant for a discussion on certain 'key unresolved issues' like security in hospitals, from their 'dharna' site outside Swasthya Bhawan in Kolkata. Wednesday

issues and further discussions with us would take place regarding its formulation and function. We would like to sit in a meeting with you and other members of the task force today regarding the same."

### **India serves notice to Pakistan** for review of Indus Water Treaty



India has served a formal Inotice to Pakistan seeking a review of the Indus Water Treaty inked in 1960, arguing "fundamental unforeseen" changes in the circumstances require

reassessment of the pact. The notice was issued to Pakistan on August 30 under Article XII (3) of the Indus (IWT), Water Treaty Government sources said on

Wednesday India and Pakistan signed the IWT on September 19, 1960 after nine years of negotiations, with the World Bank being a signatory to the pact, which sets out a mechanism for

cooperation and information

exchange between the two sides on the use of the waters of a number of cross-border

India's notification highlights fundamental and unforeseen changes in circumstances that require a reassessment of obligations under various articles of the treaty, the sources said. Among various concerns, the

important ones include a change in population demographics, environmental issues and the need to accelerate the development of clean energy to meet India's emission targets, they said. India has also cited the impact of persistent cross-border terrorism as one of the reasons for demanding the review.

prolonged controversy with respect to the Kishanganga and Ratle hydro projects," a source

"The notification was issued in the background of a separate

"In this regard, the World Bank has simultaneously activated the neutral-expert mechanism and the Court of Arbitration on the same set of issues," the source added

## **EAC** report on relative economic performance of states reflects Vaastu



**RAJESH KUMAR** ■ NEW DELHI ountry's Vaastu seems to be

Creflected in a report titled "Relative Economic Performance of Indian States: 1960-61 to 2023-24" by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) which clearly shows that western and southern Indian States are more prosperous. The report says western and

southern States Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka "performed notably better" than the rest of the

country in over six decades. Authored by EAC-PM member

Sanjeev Sanyal, the paper 'Relative

Economic Performance of Indian States: 1960-61 to 2023-24' said the development of eastern part of the country remains a concern. Ancient Indian tradition mentions

other periphery.

that south corner, even of the cities flourish more when compared to "Maharashtra and Gujarat have consistently demonstrated strong economic performance over the years. Goa's relative per capita income has doubled over the period of study. Additionally, the southern

States have significantly outpaced

others after economic liberalisation,

with the five States collectively accounting for approximately 30 per cent of India's GDP".

Haryana also stand out. Delhi has one of the highest per capita incomes throughout the study period. The divergent performance of Haryana and Punjab warrants further investigation to understand the underlying policy implications. Punjab's relative per capita income has declined after 2000s, while Haryana, which was once behind, has surpassed Punjab on both economic indicators. The eastern part of the country remains a concern", paper noted. To the much disappointment, West

"In the north, States like Delhi and

Bengal has experienced a continuous decline in its relative economic performance over several decades.

Although Bihar's relative position has stabilised in the last two decades. it remains significantly behind other States and requires much faster growth to catch up. Since the 2000s, Bihar's per capita income growth has slightly exceeded or matched the national average seven, leading to a relative per capita income that has remained relatively stable. Bihar will need to accelerate its economic growth considerably to make progress toward closing this gap, the paper noted.



### will meet him during US visit FORMER PRESIDENT

Donald Trump has said Prime Minister Narendra Modi will meet him next week during his upcoming three-day visit to the US. Speaking on Tuesday at his first public appearance following the recent apparent assassination attempt, Trump said Modi will meet him next week when he is in the US. PM Modi will be visiting the US from September 21 to 23.

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## CM gifts development projects worth Rs 875 Crore for Dumka and Jamtara

n the programme "Aapki Yojana- Aapki Sarkar-Aapke Dwar", Chief Minister Hemant Soren today gifted schemes worth Rs 875 crore to Dumka and Jamtara districts. Where various development schemes were inaugurated and assets worth about 30697.5 lakh rupees were distributed among 4,77,715 beneficiaries of both the districts. The Chief Minister directly communicated with the beneficiaries of various panchayats of both the districts through video conferencing. He inaugurated schemes worth 710 crore 57 lakh 23 thousand rupees and distributed assets among 263734 beneficiaries of Jamtara district.

The CM inaugurated schemes worth 164 crore 99 lakh rupees and distributed assets among a total of 213981 beneficiaries of Dumka district. In this, 275 schemes worth Rs 40428.98 lakh were inaugurated and foundation stone was laid



Chief Minister Hemant Soren receives a portrait from his supporters during the "Aapki Yojana- Aapki Sarkar- Aapke Dwar" program in Dumka on Wednesday. Nala MLA-cum-Assembly Speaker Ravindranath Mahato, Minister Satyanand Bhokta, Minister Dr. Irfan Ansari, MP Nalin Soren, are also seen in the picture. PNS

under Jamtara district and 23 schemes worth Rs 95.74 lakh were inaugurated and foundation stone was laid under Dumka district. Forest patta of 66 acres of land was distributed among the beneficiaries on the occasion.

"Jharkhand Mukhyamantri Mainiya Samman Yojana" is such a scheme for half the population of the state, it is such a step which is going to prove to be a milestone for this state in women empow-

erment. He said that our gov-

ernment is running from the

Headquarters. He was addressing people in the pro-gramme "Aapki Yojana-Aapki Sarkar-Aapke Dwar" organized at Dhanukdih ground under Kundhit block of Jamtara district today.

The CM said that 4 years

ago, very few people used to get pension in the state under social security, but our government made a law that all eligible beneficiaries should be linked to pension. Today no eligible needy person is left out of the scheme. He said that the work done by the present government in the last 4 years was not done in the last 20 years. Despite all the challenges, the state government has done the work of continuously bringing the development schemes on the ground. In the last 4 years, our government has drawn a long line of development in every

The CM said that 11 lakh ration cards were deleted in the state by the previous government. The present state



Young girls during the "Aapki Yojana- Aapki Sarkar- Aapke Dwar" program in Dumka on Wednesday. PNS

government made 20 lakh new green ration cards and distributed them among the poor. He said that our government also distributes ration by purchasing grains from the open market. We took a decision and now our government will provide Abua housing to the poor people of the state. Within the next 5 years, all 20 lakh poor people will

ing. The Chief Minister said that our government has made electricity free up to 200 units for electricity consumers in the state and has waived off the old outstanding electricity bills up to 200 units. The Chief Minister said that our government has worked to solve the problems and troubles of the employees working in various

Anganwadi Sahayika, Sevika, Jal Sahaiya.

On this occasion, energisation of 132/33 KV (2x50 MVA) grid sub-station Kundhit and related double path LILO transmission line was done. This grid sub-station has been constructed with the joint efforts of Chief Minister Shri Hemant Soren and Assembly Speaker Shri Rabindranath Mahato. Whose energizing capacity is 2 x 50 MVA (100 MVA) through which electricity is to be supplied to many electric power sub-stations respectively 33 KV Nala, Kundhit, Bamandiha, Fatehpur etc., so that electricity supply can be ensured to the residents of the benefiting blocks Nala, Kundhit, Bamandiha and Fatehpur area, these grid sub-stations are capable of bearing the electricity load for the next 15 to 20 years.

The construction of this project has cost approximately Rs 82.37 crore. Electricity supply to this newly constructed grid will be provided

tions located at Jamtara and Madhupur. After energizing this grid, about 80 MW additional electricity will be supplied, which will directly/indirectly benefit lakhs of people of various areas of Jamtara district like Nala, Kundhit, Bamandiha and Fatehpur etc. and will get rid of the problem of low voltage. This grid sub-station has been constructed with the aim of supplying quality electricity to the respected residents in view of the 30-year vision of the government. On this occasion, Nala

MLA-cum-Assembly Speaker Ravindranath Ministers Satyanand Bhokta Dr. Irfan Ansari, MP Nalin District Council President Joyce Radharani Commissioner Santhal Pargana Division, besides Commissioner Superintendent of Police of Dumka and Jamtara districts and district administration officials were present.

### Shah to kick off BJP's Parivartan yatra from Bhognadih



PNS: RANCHI

U nion Home Minister Amit Shah will flag off BJP's Parivartan yatra from Bhognadih, the birthplace of from the legendary brothers Sido and Kanu, who led the Santhal revolt in 1855, located in Santhal Pargana division on Friday. Shah will reach Bhognadih at 12 noon and after paying tributes to Santhal martyrs will also address a public rally. The party's upcoming "Parivartan Yatra," aimed at bringing change and addressing key issues in the state.

The yatra, which will begin on September 20 and will span all six organizational divisions of Jharkhand and cover a distance of 5,400 kilometers.

The yatra will run from September 20 to October 3, passing through over 200 blocks and covering all 81 assembly constituencies. There will be 80 welcome events and 65 public rallies, with more than 50 national and state-level leaders expected to participate.

### BJP hails one nation one election

BJP's state spokesperson Pratul Shahdeo posted on social media platform X and said that One Nation One Election was also on the agenda of the Bharatiya Janata Party. Now the cengovernment has approved its proposal. Pratul said that One Nation One Election will save time and resources on a large scale and development work will also be accelerated. The committee formed under the leadership of former President Ramnath Kovind had submitted its report of thousands of pages to the central government in March itself. The committee had held extensive discussions with the concerned

The yatra will held in Palamu division's from September Hazaribagh division from September 21 to 28, South Chotanagpur division from September 23 to October 1, Santhal Pargana from September 20 to Dhanbad from September 20 to 26 and Kolhan from September 23 to October 2.

The BJP has alleged the government of allowing illeimmigration Bangladesh and protecting Rohingya infiltrators, which has led to demographic changes in Santhal Pargana.

people across the country on this issue. Pratul said that it is true that elections are held in some state or some region in the country all the time. Development work remains hampered due to the imposition of Model Code of Conduct. One Nation One Election will solve this problem. Pratul said that One Nation One Election will prove to be a very important step in the election reform process. It is possible that the report of the Kovind Committee will be presented and discussed in the House in the coming session. He said that this is the Modi government. Whatever it says, it definitely does it.

Babulal Marandi has alleged that change in demography in Santhal is causing a decline in the indigenous population and a rise in the Muslim population.

He highlighted that over 1,800 acres of land have been illegally acquired, with financial deals worth more than 3,000 crore rupees, in violation of the Chotanagpur Tenancy (CNT) Act.

Marandi claimed that Jharkhand's youth and the Parivartan Yatra will give the people a platform to demand answers from the

## **Construction of Ram Mandir** puja pandal restarts



DIVYA MODI: RANCHI

A delegation of Ranchi District Durga Puja Committee (RDDPC) members met Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Wednesday and apprised him about the ongoing dispute between the district administration and the puja committee regarding the construction of a puja pandal at the Old Vidhan Sabha grounds in the State capital.

The members of RDDPC informed the CM that for the first time a grand puja pandal on the lines of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya is being constructed at the old Assembly grounds and for which land has been allotted from HEC. But due to not taking permission from the district administration, the organising committee has been facing some problems. The representatives sought permission from the CM to organise Durga pauja at the said venue and also urged the State government and district administration to cooperate for the same

It is worth noting that a replica of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya is being constructed by Shri Ram Lalla Puia committee at a whooping cost of Rs 98 lakh here. The construction work for the pandal began on September 1 while the district administration had stopped the work 12 days later on Friday, September 13 when about 60 percent of it was complete.

The CM has assured that the puja organising committees will get full support from the State government as well as the district administration this year as well and also directed the administration to establish better coordination with the members of RDDPC and to solve the problem by considering all the points positively soon.

"Keeping in mind the various points of organising Durga Puja, the members of the district administration and Puja organising committee should hold a meeting for better coordination and synergy and ensure that the Puja is performed in a peaceful and harmonious environment," said the CM.

During the meeting, the CM also stated that special emphasis needs to be given for environment protection. "In the coming times, we all should make such a system for idol immersion that along with the cleanliness of dams, ponds and rivers, the dignity of faith should also be preserved," added the CM.

"Members of the umbrella body of Durga Puja pandals- Ranchi District Durga Puja Committee met the Chief Minister today and put forth the problem being faced. We have been assured of full cooperation of conducting Durga puja at the Old Assembly ground. The construction work for the puja pandal has resumed. The organising committee has also received a go- ahead from the district administration," said RDDPC Convener, Ashok

"The organising committee had started the construction of the pandal without taking due permission from the district administration because of which the work had been stopped. Now permission has been granted and they can continue with the celebrations just like any other pandal in the City," stated a source from the district administration.

At this pandal, the idol of Goddess Durga while that of Lord Shri Ram which will be made of silicon will be about 8 feet high. More than 200 artisans have been engaged in shap-

NTPC CMHQ

## **Pearl production to start** in reservoirs of Jharkhand

PNS: RANCHI

Under the leadership and guidance of Minister, Deepika Pandey Singh and Secretary, Bakar Siddiqui P Secretary, a new dimension has been added to the achievements of the Fisheries Department of Jharkhand. Now pearls will also be produced along with fish production in the reservoirs of Jharkhand.

cluster Under the approach, this scheme will start from Hazaribagh. In this regard, Director of

Fisheries Directorate, Jharkhand, Dr. HN Dwivedi said that Hazaribagh district has been declared the leading district in the country for pearl production cluster under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana. "Along with this, other neighboring districts including Ranchi district will also be developed for pearl cluster. Work will be done under the cluster scheme to make pearl farming / industry a sustainable ecosystem. This will be large scale," he added.

told Jharkhand has set a benchmark for the development of

fisheries. "This joint effort of the state and central government will undoubtedly pave the way for economic development. This will strengthen the blue economy," he added.

It is worth noting that in a program organized in New Delhi recently on the fourth anniversary of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, Hazaribagh district of Jharkhand was declared the leading district under the cluster approach for pearl production.

On this occasion, Union Minister of Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Rajiv Ranjan alias Lallan Singh gave a gift to Jharkhand for pearl production along with fish production with the aim of improving the condition and direction of the fishermen of Jharkhand.

### **Transactions** above Rs 10 lakhs to be mon-

itored closely PNS: JAMSHEDPUR

East Singhbhum: In preparation for the upcoming assembly elections, District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner Ananya Mittal convened a crucial meeting with all district enforcement agencies involved in election expenditure supervision. The meeting, held in the office the Deputy Commissioner, reviewed the roles and responsibilities of enforcement bodies during the election period.

Mittal emphasized the importance of real-time coordination among the agencies, urging officers to remain proactive in maintaining a temptation-free, fair, and fear-free election environment. He directed the officers to use the ESMS App (Election Caesar Management System) for monitoring election-related expenditures and required that all activities be promptly recorded online.

A key focus of the discussion was monitoring the transport of cash, liquor, narcotics, precious items, and any potential election The District freebies. Election Officer emphasized daily reporting on seizures and enforcement actions, which must be submitted online to the Election Office. He also instructed enforcement teams to enhance vigilance, particularly after the Model Code of Conduct comes into

### JSSPS Cadet Babulal wins Gold in Commonwealth Games CCL senior management congratulates Babulal for his success

Babulal Hembrom, who is young cadets of Jharkhand State Sports Promotion Society(JSSPS) Academy (Khelgoan) of the State Capital, which is joint initiative of Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) and Government of Jharkhand, won Gold Medal under 49 weight category in the ongoing Youth Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship at Suva Fiji. Babulal also set a new record in this Championship.

Sports Academy project, Hotwar Ranchi came into being with funding in the ratio 50:50 and operated through JSSPS- Local Management

Committee (LMC). LMC is manned by CCL officials from different departments, who look after the day-to-day operation and management of the Sports Academy. The main objective of opening Sports Academy, Khelgaon is to promote and encourage talented budding children of Jharkhand in the world of sports. Hembram is a resident of Hesa Garha village of Ramgarh district and his father Shri Kaila Majhi is labourer and mother Dheni Devi is working as a cook in Anganwadi in the same district. Hembram's journey of sports began after he was selected for Sports Academy, JSSPS in 2018. Babulal has

undergone rigorous training under

his Gurvinder Singh and won many medals in national and international events. At present, there are a total of 286 trainees in JSSPS Sports Academy who are being trained by

professional coaches in a total of 11



ing, cycling, boxing, wrestling etc. The higher management of CCL members of JSSPS, senior official PN Roy, coaches of various sports disciplines and others congratulated and wished Babulal for his excellent persports disciplines such as weightlift-

# Strict security measures for President's two-day visit to Ranchi

President Draupadi Murmu will reach Ranchi on her two-day visit to Jharkhand on Thursday evening. The preparations for her visit have been completed by the police administration. Ranchi Police has made tight security arrangements for the Country's first lady visit. Two thousand police personnel including 6 IPS have been deployed for her security.

President Draupadi Murmu on her two-day visit to Jharkhand will attend the program of Indian Council of Agricultural Research at Namkum, Ranchi on 20 For the September. President's visit the entire area from Ranchi Airport to Raj Bhavan and from Raj



Bhavan to Namkum program venue has been converted into a police cantonment.

The route through which the President's convoy will pass will have three layers of security. Apart from 6 IPS, 10 DSPs, 25 inspectors, 20 subinspectors, more than two thousand additional soldiers have been deployed for the President's security. Bomb

disposal squad, JAP, IRB, RAF and Jaguar teams will be deployed for security. Illegal parking will be prohibited around the venue. Only people with passes will be allowed to enter the venue.

Draupadi President Murmu will reach Ranchi airat 7:00 pm September 19 and will go straight to Raj Bhavan. The President will rest in the capital on the night of September 19. On September 20, around 10:00 am, the President will participate in the program of Indian Council of Agricultural Research at Namkum. At around 12.30 pm, the President will leave the venue at Namkum and reach Ranchi airport and then return from there. SSP Chandan Sinha has

instructed all the officers and personnel deployed for the security of the President to remain alert. The SSP has instructed the police station in-charges to conduct continuous anti-crime checking campaigns. Especially in the areas where the President's program is scheduled, the police station in-charge

places regularly. Check hotels and lodges. The SSP said that there should be no lapse in security under any circumstances. If anyone is negligent during duty, then direct action will be taken against such policemen. The tall buildings located

on the routes through which the President's convoy will pass have been identified. Police force will be deployed in tall buildings before the President's arrival. Along with this, the police team has also verified about the people living in the building. Complete information including everyone's name and address has been obtained. The police are constantly keeping an eye on those

#### helpful in empowering local enterprises from micro to Dwivedi

Cleanliness Fortnight begins at

NTPC Coal Mining Headquarters Ranchi is observing Swachhta Pakhwada 2024 from September 17 to October 2, a fortnight celebration under initiative of the Indian Government to promote cleanliness and sanitation across various sectors of society. With commencement of Swachhta Pakhwada today, Swachhta Pledge was administered by Regional Executive Director (Coal Mining) Chief Executive Officer (NML) Animesh Jain in the august presence of CGM (SSC - C&M), Naveen Jain, Heads of the Department, Senior Officials and employees. The pledge emphasized on voluntarily devoting 100 hours' time in a year and at least 2 hours in a week by everyone for promoting cleanliness and encouraging others to get involved in Swachhta Mission for making the Country clean. Various programmes like cleanliness drive at public places, poetry competition for school children, workshop on waste segregation and management, Street plays will be organised during Swachhta Pakhwada on cleanliness

### **DPS Ranchi shines in CBSE Chess Championship**

Public School Ranchi has qualified for the National Level in CBSE East Zone Chess Championship 2024.



Representing the state of Jharkhand, the Under - 17 Team (Anima Thakur, Aadya Ranjan, Ananya Jhawar and Kyna Malhotra) emerged as Champions and secured Gold Medal. Anima Thakur, Aadya Ranjan, Kyna Malhotra and Jaivardhan bagged "Board Prizes" as they defeated every opponent in their group. Total 07 teams participated in this event. The National Level of the competition is scheduled to be held in Punjab from 25th to 28th October.

### E-Waste Awareness Campaign at AUJ



OPPO India, in partnership with the All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), has extended the second leg of their 'Generation Green' campaign to Amity

Jharkhand (AUJ). This nationwide electronic-waste (e-waste) awareness drive recognizes Amity University Jharkhand, as an 'Eco-Conscious Champion Institute' under the programme. The ceremony at Amity University Jharkhand was graced by Dr. Ashok Kumar Srivastava, VC, Yatinder Kumar Das, IFS, Additional PCCF, Van Bhawan, as the Chief Guest. Other notable attendees included Rakesh Bhardwaj, Head of Public Affairs at OPPO India, Mahadev Toppo, Tribal Researcher and Social Activist, among other dignitaries. The students from Amity University Jharkhand and neighbouring schools were actively engaged in a diverse range of activities-such as Nukkad Natak, poster-making competitions, best-out-of-waste crafts, and other performances—to raise awareness about the responsible management of e-waste.

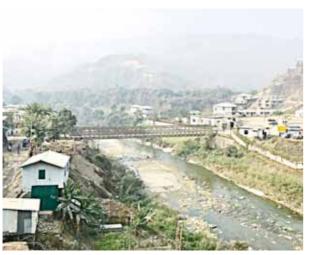


# India to spend ₹31,000 crore to fence entire India-Myanmar border

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**ा**he entire 1,643 km porous India-Myanmar border, known for the smuggling of arms, ammunition and narcotics, will be fenced at a cost of Rs 31,000 crore, officials said on Wednesday. On Tuesday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said fencing work had been completed in 30 km of the border, which he termed the root cause of the ethnic violence in Manipur.

The Cabinet Committee on Security has, in principle, approved the construction of border fencing and roads along the 1,643-km international border between India and Myanmar at an approximate cost of Rs 31,000 crore. About 10 km of fencing



Representative Photo

has already been completed km of the border in other near Moreh and work is areas of Manipur. underway to fence another 21 The India-Myanmar border

Central government has already scrapped the the India-Myanmar Free Movement Regime (FMR), which allows people residing close to the border to venture 16 km into each other's without territory documents. It implemented in 2018 as part of India's Act East policy. Home Minister Shah has been regularly reviewing the security situation in Manipur and necessary actions are being ensured, said officials. Two battalions of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) have already been deployed in Manipur. In addition, around 200 companies (about 100 personnel in one company) of central police

Nagaland

Arunachal Pradesh.

forces were deployed in the restive states.

The Manipur Government has started using 25 mobile vans as shops to provide essential commodities at fair prices to the general public. These shops on wheels are operating in all districts of Manipur sources said As a Manipur, sources said. As a new initiative, the Kendriya Police Kalyan Bhandars (KPKB, police canteens) have been opened from Tuesday to commodities to the people of

Manipur at fair prices, they In addition to the 21 existing such police canteens, 16 new

stores are being opened. Of the 16 new police canteens, eight will be in the valley districts of Manipur, and the remaining eight in hilly areas.

## Indian army inks MoU with TMR to boost rescue operations in mountains

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 $T^{
m he}$  Indian Army on Wednesday sealed a pact with a premier organisation as part of efforts to boost its rescue and survival operations in mountainous terrains. Memorandum

Understanding (MoU) was inked with Tiranga Mountain Rescue (TMR) at the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS) in the presence of Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi.

This understanding marks a pivotal step in advancing the Indian Army's rescue and survival operations in mountainous terrains," an official readout said. "The MoU stipulates that TMR will collaborate with the Indian conducting Army customised training programmes Army aimed instructors, improving their ability to mentor troops in avalanche rescue and survival skills," it

In his remarks, the Army Chief commended the efforts of TMR and appreciated its collaboration with his force. Dwivedi General acknowledged the TMR's efforts by awarding Chief of Army Staff Commendation Cards to two team members

of the organisation. This MoU builds on the initial agreement made with the Northern Command in 2016 that established dedicated avalanche and rescue support by the TMR.

Subsequent agreements with Eastern and Central Commands in 2021 and 2024 further expanded this collaboration, the Army said in the readout.

The latest MoU will further utilise the TMR's expertise to boost the Indian Army's capabilities in executing effective rescue operations under demanding conditions, it said."This partnership highlights a commitment to further enhance the readiness of personnel operating in mountainous terrain besides

enhancing the standards of training and rescue operations high-altitude environments," the Army said. General Major Manish Luthra, Additional Director General Military Operations, signed the MoU on behalf of the Army, while Hemant Sachdev, mountaineer inked it for the TMR. Lt Gen Tarun Kumar Aich, the Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy), lauded the collaboration as a advantageous agreement organisations. He further said for the past nine years, the TMR has done yeoman service in saving numerous lives by providing unwavering support in training and rescue efforts. In his remarks, Sachdev highlighted that 15 teams of TMR are already deployed in various regions alongside the Indian Army. He also mentioned that the rescue teams of TMR have been able to save a large number of precious lives in avalanche-prone areas.

## Centre created manmade flood in Bengal: Mamata

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Banerjee Wednesday slammed the Centre for creating a "man-made" flood in Bengal even as she complained how the Damodar Valley Corporation had released huge amount of water inundating several districts of South Bengal.

Banerjee who travelled extensively the Hooghly district said how, "the Centre is responsible for this man made flood I have repeatedly told them for dredging the river bed instead of doing that they release water when the barrages in Jharkhand brim over ... this time they have released 3.5 lakh cusecs of water which is unprecedented this is clearly a man made flood ... the lower regions of Hooghly, Howrah Burdwan are going under



water due to this.'

Many areas of Howrah, Hooghly, East and West Midnapore districts had been flooded following the release of water by DVC. The worstaffected blocks are Amta and Udaynarayanpur in Howrah, Pursura in Hooghly, Ghatal in Midnapore Panskura in East Midnapore, sources said.

Eastern parts of India Bengal including and

witnessing heavy rains for the past one week or so leading to the rivers and barrages in the higher regions in Jharkhand to brim over. As a result the DVC which controls a network of dams released 3.5

lakh cusec of water. Though the rains had stopped on Wednesday the waters continued to flood the Bengal districts. "I have requested the DVC to release water slowly when they 79 or 80 percent full ... but they wait till the waters rich the danger level and then release them at once without warning they save their own States but inundate Bengal," an angry Chief Minister said.

Meanwhile, several thousand people had been shifted to the safer areas including schools and other government offices, Chief Advisor to Chief Alapan Minister Bandopadhyay said.

## Yogi slams Congress, SP for dividing people on caste lines bhavishya ke saath khilwad karegi (And we have said this

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Wednesday slammed the Congress and the Samajwadi Party, accusing them of dividing people on caste lines for narrow self-interests and harbouring intention to trigger conflict among classes. Addressing a programme here, he also hit out at the two parties for being concerned about "families" at the cost of the country and its people.

"Be it Congress or Ŝamajwadi Party, they are neither bothered about the country nor the society. They are not concerned about your faith, or the youth, they are just concerned about families. These family-based parties have no responsibility left towards the country towards the society. They will divide the society, make people fight on the basis of caste just to secure their



Uttar Pradesh and they have forgotten the history of the last 10 years when 'gunda' and 'mafia raj' were prevailing in "Now UP is turning into a new Uttar Pradesh in which

the businessmen and women

talking about development in

are secured. Youths are getting employment. Now Ghaziabad has become a smart city having airport, metro, rapid rail and better atmosphere of security due to which mafias have left the district or hooliganism," he

The chief minister also accused the Samajwadi Party of cowing down to mafia and criminals during their rule in the state and "for calling religious leaders" as "mafia", referring to SP president Akhilesh Yadav's recent statement where he said "there is not much difference

between mathadheesh (head of a mutt) and mafia". "Samajwadi Party members

used to rub their noses in front of notorious mafias and criminals. As per their culture, they call religious leaders mafias... Look at their nature, Aurangzeb's spirit has literally entered inside them,' the CM said, addressing an event here. They exploited the youth,

suicide and traders were forced to migrate and incidents like the Kairana (exodus) happened because of them. Hindu traders had to move out of Kairana because of them. The safety of women was in danger," he added. But today, he said, the daughters and the traders are

forced farmers to commit

employment for youth and at the same time farmers are living with dignity.
"Aur humne pehle bhi kaha hai ki agar koi yuvaaon ke

bhavishya ke saath khilwaad

karega to Sarkar uske

while

there

in the past also, if anyone plays with the future of the youth, then the government will play with their future) Adityanath said. He said his government has started works to establish new

businesses in the state through initiatives like 'One District One Product'. "In the coming few years, the government will provide

interest-free loans of up to Rs 5 lakh and Rs 10 lakh to encourage businessmen," Adityanath said. He participated here in a programme as part of his government's 'Mission Employment' initiative and to district job letters to over 10.000 youth and distribute tablets, smartphones to 6000 others besides disbursing loans worth Rs 327 crore to 632 young entrepreneurs.

He also laid the foundation stone of 111 development projects worth Rs 757 crore,

## **Three BJP candidates in** never attended colle

PARVESH SHARMA

Three candidates fielded by the BJP from Gurgaon, Sohna and Pataudi assembly constituencies in Gurugram district have never attended college, according to the affidavits they submitted at the time of nomination. Also, two Congress party candidates from Sohna and Badshahpur have also not attended college, as per their affidavits.

A total of 47 candidates are now in the fray for four assembly seats in the upcoming Assembly elections in gurugram as 15 nominations were withdrawn on Monday. BJP candidates Mukesh Sharma from Gurgaon seat has only 12th pass, Tejpal Tanwar from Sohna seat in his affidavit that his highest educational qualification is class 10 from a govt school in Badshahpur and Bimla Chaudhary from assembly Pataudi constituency is also Metric pass from an open school. The trio candidate have never



attended college. Likewise, Congress candidate Vardhan Yadav from Vardhan Yadav from Badshahpur seat has 12th pass from DPS School and Rohtash Khatna from Sohna seat has only passed Class 9, which he completed in 1072 which he completed in 1973-74 at a govt school in Rithoj village. The main contest on the

Class 12, Mohit Grover of

Congress went overseas to

study MBA. While analysis of Gurgaon seat candidate affidavits found that six of them have master's degrees, five are graduates, and the remaining did not pursue higher education. Mukesh Sharma a native of Dundahera village here in Gurgaon is the co-convenor of Haryana BJP's sports cell. Gurgaon seat between BJP's Mukesh Sharma who is a Sharma's key rival and Congress candidate Mohit Grover (31) has a postgraduate degree in business management from dropped out after passing

International Management Institute of Brussels, Belgium. Grover's affidavit showed that he got the degree in 2014.

the degree in 2014.
Naveen Goyal who quits BJP over denial of ticket and contesting the elections as an Independent from Gurgaon seat is a graduate from the University of Rohtak. Among others candidates Ankit Alag of Jan Sewak Kranti Party holds an MBA degree from holds an MBA degree from the Indian Institute of Planning and Management (IIPM) and Independent candidate Akshat Gait is also an MBA postgraduate from Management Development Institute (MDI) in the city. Independent, Another Narender Kumar, is a retired post-graduate teacher (PGT). Sanjay Lal, an Independent who is fighting the election on behalf of a group of RWAs. Lal has a master's degree in history from the University of Mumbai. He is an entrepreneur and consultant. However, there is no law that the candidates have higher education qualification to

elections but people said parties should consider and check candidates past before selecting a candidate for an urban seat. Residents have expressed concern over the candidates' educational

qualifications. "The Gurgaon city also known is cyber hub which also have offices of several IT companies, startup, corporate sectors and export houses. The city has also represented several international events here in the city. If a candidate who is not even a graduate how he can represent the city in future. Parties should check qualification before finalising candidates ticket," Nishant Verma, an IT professional said. "Education is instruction in the content of the is important in life no doubt. is important in life no doubt. BJP and Congress has fielded candidates which having never been to college and studied only upto school level which is quite shocking. Gurgaon district is much developed then other districts in Haryana here educated candidates should represent assembly constituencies." said assembly constituencies," said Yug Vyas, a resident.

## Indian scientists develop sustainable pheromone dispenser for pest control

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Indian scientists have developed a sustainable pheromone dispenser with a controlled release rate which could act as an innovative solution to substantially reduce the costs of pest control and management. To ensure that the innovation

benefit farmers directly on a large scale, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research JNCASR, Bengaluru and ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources

(ICAR-NBAIR) have entered

into a Know-how license pact with Krishi Vikas Sahakari Samiti Ltd. (KVSSL), (KVSSL), Haryana, recently.

JNCASR is an autonomous

institution under the Department of Science and Technology.
Prof. M. Eswaramoorthy from JNCASR and Dr. Kesavan Subaharan from ICAR–NBAIR led the signing

of the pact.
Prof. Eswaramoorthy said,
"This exercise will enable the

spread of technology across the country and at global level too. The benefit of the research moves from the lab to the field to benefit the farming community for pest

"Currently, emphasis is laid on developing technologies that are clean and green. On this line, the technology developed on controlled release of semiochemicals (signalling substances such as pheromones) on transfer to firms will enable to scale up the production to cover a large area," Dr. Subhaharan

management."

added. Sustainableorganic pheromone dispensers are not a new concept. In fact, polymer membrane or polypropylene dispensers that release pheromones already

dominate the market. The released pheromones alter the behaviour of the target insect species and attract them to sticky traps. Their main drawback however, is that the rate at which the pheromones are released into the air is not stable, said a statement here.

## Thrissur's tiger dance: A visual feast for Onam

assembly

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

The main thoroughfare in Thrissur, Kerala's cultural capital came alive on Wednesday evening as hundreds of artists artists hundreds of artists masquerading as tigers danced to percussion instruments to mark the grand finale of Onam 2024. Pulikali (tiger dance) is the iconic art form of Thrissur and it matches the splendor of Thrissur Pooram, the biggest cultural extravaganza of the State held in the month

elephants that enthrall the Pooram, Pulikali, a visual treat makes Onam in Thrissur unique. There are many Pulikali Sanghams in Thrissur and suburbs. What made the Tiger Dance 2024 unique is the participation of women dressed up as tigresses, described as the first such incident in the 300 first such incident in the 300 year old history of Pulikali. R Bindu, Kerala minister for of A Vijayaraghavan, polit government's

of May every year. If it is CPI(M) claims it was she who played a major role in elevating Pulikali to the global arena. Bindu herself is

and celebrations this time on account of the Wayanad natura disaster, by the time higher education and spouse Onam festivities began the decision bureau member of the ruling vanished into thin air. The



tigers who started their historian. make- up by 7 am showed no signs of exhaustion and like tiger tiredness when they hit the yellow, re roads accompanied by percussionists. "Pulikali has nothing to do with Onam. It is an art form imported into Thrissur by Islamic soldiers of the British army.
The region's residents assimilated the same as their

own. Now you cannot visualize a Thrissur sans Pulikali," said Nandakishor, film artist, stand-up humorist and the local

The artists paint their bodies like tigers with stripes of yellow, red and black and dance to the rhythm of traditional percussion traditional percussion instruments such as thakil, udukku and chenda. Raju Raphel, media person

who is a movie maker says it is Pulikali which makes Thrissur distinct from other places in the State.

By 8 pm, the tigers retreated to their dens, only to reappear for next year's www.dailypioneer.com

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-PAPER WITH PASSION-

## The next gen chief minister

By naming Atishi as Delhi's new CM, Kejriwal seeks to appeal to women voters and refresh the party's leadership

■ n a surprising but strategic political manoeuvre, Atishi, the dynamic and well-regarded education reformist, has taken over as the youngest Chief Minister of Delhi. This shift marks a significant moment not only in Delhi's political history but also in the larger context of Indian politics. Arvind Kejriwal's decision to pass the baton to Atishi is being viewed as a calculated move, one that signals both a generational shift and a fresh approach to governance. Kejriwal's choice of Atishi is rooted in multiple factors, each with its own political and administrative logic. Atishi has been one of the brightest stars in the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) since its inception, known for her innovative ideas and hands-on approach to public administration, especially in the education sector. Her work as the education minister has drawn national attention, with Delhi's government schools undergoing a transformative makeover under her leadership. Kejriwal's decision to elevate her comes at a time when AAP is facing multiple challenges. From managing Delhi's



growing urban infrastructure needs to balancing the delicate relationship with the central government, the city requires fresh energy and innovative solutions. Atishi, with her administrative experience and public image as a reformer, presents a candidate who is capable of steering Delhi through these complex issues. Moreover, Kejriwal's move signals his willingness to let the younger generation of AAP leaders take charge. By elevating Atishi, he is not just preparing for Delhi's immediate future, but also laying the groundwork for the party's long-term vision, positioning AAP as a progressive and youth-centric force in Indian politics. Atishi's rise to the position of Chief Minister brings with

it a new wave of expectations. Her track record suggests that education and public welfare will remain key priorities. Delhi's residents can expect an expansion of the initiatives that have already borne fruit, such as the Mohalla Clinics, water and electricity schemes and the focus on improving healthcare and education. One of the most significant aspects of Atishi's leadership could be her ability to bring a new perspective to governance-one that is less confrontational and more collaborative. Atishi's rise to the highest political office in Delhi is a momentous event. But make no mistake, the real power still remains with Arvind Kejriwal. He is the one who would be making all the key decisions. But Atishi's rise in the party is for real. It does not matter that she would be the chief minister for only few months as Delhi elections are round the corner and her tenure would be a talking point with women voters. Besides, for Delhi, it signals a continuation of the reforms initiated over the past decade, with the added promise of new energy and ideas that could redefine the city's future. It would indeed be a test of Atishi's leadership quality as she will be under constant scrutiny, with both her supporters and detractors closely watching her every move. Her ability to navigate these pressures will be crucial in determining the success of this bold experiment by Kejriwal.



People perform 'pind daan' rituals at the bank of Falgu river on the first day of the Pitra Paksha, in Gaya

## Showdown over Rahul's remarks in the US



KALYANI SHANKAR

Rahul Gandhi's recent trip to the US has reignited the debate over whether Indian leaders should criticise their government while abroad



ongress leader Rahul Gandhi's recent he United States has provoked a war of words between the ruling BJP and the main opposition Congress in India. Should the Indian leaders refrain from badmouthing the ruling BJP while abroad? Is there a red line, and has Rahul crossed it while he was in the US? The BJP claims yes, and the Congress says no.Gandhi has taken potshots at the Indian government and PM Modi. Congress claims that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also badmouthed the Congress not once but continuously since he took over in 2014 and visited over 80

The Congress cites many examples. Also, the BJP has misrepresented Rahul's statements.Rahul aims to engage the Diaspora through programs with the Diaspora, students, officials, and lawmakers in the US, demonstrating the strategic nature of his approach. Why does he want to woo the Diaspora? Modi also has never missed an opportunity to address the Diaspora in whichever country he visits. Rahul, too, wants to connect with the Indian American community. The influence of the Indian American

A decade ago, there was one Indian-American in the House of Representatives; now, there are India's population, including five and one senator. The US has OBCs, Dalits, and Adivasis, are

an Indian-origin Presidential nominee Vice President Kamala Harris, and a vicepresidential candidate, JD Vance, who has an Indian wife.Education, affluence and awareness of the influence in the past two decades are behind the rise of Indian Americans, whose population is one per cent, and their representation in US Congress is now one per cent.Rahul commented on the RSS, India's democracy, Modi's China policy, and religious freedom in India, among other things. On the RSS, Gandhi said that the BJP's parent organisation believes India is "one idea", but the Congress considers it a "diversity of ideas.

This criticism of the RSS, a critical ideological force behind the BJP, upset the BJP. In India, the BJP slammed Rahul's adverse comments and meeting with anti-India US Congresswoman Ilhan Omar. The BJP claims that it can be used for anti-India propaganda. Gandhi counters that she was part of the lawmaker's delegation, and how he could have declined to meet with the delegation. Rahul noted that Indian democracy has struggled for the past ten years but is improving. He also observed that 90% of



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not able to take an active part in the democratic process. This has upset the BJP.While Rahul agreed with Modi's policies on Pakistan and Bangladesh, he felt Modi's China policy was flawed. Rahul pointed out," We've got Chinese troops occupying land the size of Delhi in Ladakh. I think that's a disaster."

The BJP fielded top leaders to refute Rahul's allegations, with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh leading the response. He rubbished Rahul's claim on China policy. He observed it was "extremely shameful" that the LOP is hurting the dignity of India by saying "misleading, baseless and factless things."Another controversial subject was the caste census. Rahul Gandhi supported the caste census and claimed that BJP was trying to end the reservation. Union Minister Amit Shah quickly responded that they would not allow anyone to abolish reservations or undermine the nation's security. Countering his remarks about the status of Sikhs in India, Senior Minister Hardeep Puri said, "I am a proud Sikh. I have been wearing a turban for over six decades and a kada for even longer..." The BJP takes Rahul's statements seriously, given that he is the LOP. His increased

Jodo' yatra and the Leader of the Opposition cannot be wished away.

In the 2024 elections, much to the dismay of the BJP, Congress doubled its number.Second, after the 2024 polls, the opposition coalition INDIA was strengthened. The BJP had to form the government with the help of allies. Third, Rahul visited the US before Modi's scheduled visit on September 22. His trip was well received, which did not please the BJP. But Modi would have a grand welcome at the official and the commu-

nity levels. At the end of his visit, Rahul clarified, "The fight for democracy in India is an Indian fight. It has nothing to do with anybody else. It's our problem. And we'll take care of it. We will make sure that democracy is secure." This clarification prevented the idea that he was inviting a foreign power to resolve Indian problems. There is some merit in the BJP saying dirty linen should not be wasted abroad. On an earlier occasion, foreign minister S. Jaishankar said, "I don't think taking national politics out of the country is in the national interest. But this is good to both sides, and both should

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## Ozone: The earth's protective shield but also a threat



Ozone is a paradoxical element — it shields life from harmful UV radiation in atmosphere but is also a big pollutant on the ground

Deople often think of two different things when L they hear the word "ozone": on the one hand, an essential shield in the atmosphere that protects life on Earth from the Sun's dangerous ultraviolet radiation; on the other, a pollutant that causes health problems and damage to the environment. Ozone is indeed a doubleedged sword because its effect on human life depends on where it is and how much of it there is.

The "good" ozone in the upper atmosphere is significant, but the "bad" ozone at ground level is very bad for people and the world. This dual nature needs immediate care, new ideas, and cooperation worldwide so that people can continue to live.Ozone creates the well-known ozone layer high in the stratosphere, between 10 and 30 miles (16-48 km) above the surface of the Earth. This protective layer absorbs the bulk of the Sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation UV-C and UV-B. Ecosystems would almost certainly be unable to survive as they do now without this natural shield, which exposes life on Earth to haz-



ardous radiation levels. Although life depends on the ozone layer in the stratosphere, ground-level ozone, found in the troposphere, is a hazardous contaminant. This ozone, created by sunlight-induced chemical interactions between nitrogen oxides (NOx) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), is mainly caused by human activity, including certain chemicals, industrial processes, and automobile emissions. This ozone will affect crop productivity and ecosystem dynamics. In the mid-20th century, scientists discovered that chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) were causing the systematic depletion of the ozone layer. In response to the pressing need, a global accord, the

Montreal Protocol, was

adopted in 1987 to gradually eliminate the manufacturing of chemicals that cause the depletion of the ozone layer. The main objective of this accord was to eliminate progressively chemicals that cause erosion of the ozone layer, notably chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), which are extensively used in refrigeration, aerosols, and other industrial uses.

India is also a signatory to this accord. Indian industries, especially those in the refrigeration, air-conditioning, and foam production sectors, were compelled to transition to ozone-friendly alternatives. The phasing out of CFCs initially led to the adoption of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), but attention soon shifted toward more environmentally friendly solutions, such as natural refrigerants, hydrofluoroolefins (HFOs), with lower global warming potential.

Since the implementation of the Montreal Protocol, global emissions of ozone-depleting substances (ODS) have dramatically decreased. The ozone layer has shown signs of recovery, particularly over Antarctica, where the famous

"ozone hole" is gradually closing. This recovery is essential for shielding the planet from harmful UV radiation.

In addition, the phase-out of CFCs and other ODS has had a measurable impact on global temperature regulation. This is significant when considering the urgency of limiting temperature rise to avoid catastrophic climate impacts. The Protocol has become a symbol of what international cooperation can achieve if people unite and work together to protect the environment. The illegal production of CFCs and incomplete phaseouts in some regions could slow progress. While ozone protects life and poses risks, its dual nature demands vigilant global action. Striking the right balance between preserving the protective ozone layer and mitigating harmful ground-level ozone is essential for humanity's and the planet's health. We can ensure a safe future only through international cooperation and innovative solu-

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#### **MYANMAR: CHALLENGES FOR INDIA** Madam — Apropos of the well analysed

article 'Myanmar Junta on the Blackfoot' (18th Sept), India faces multiple challenges in the existential crisis of the military junta in Myanmar for more than a decade. The worst crisis of refugee influx, the consequential fallout, unrest and instability in North Eastern states particularly Manipur and security threats from China along its North-eastern borders need top priority from security angle as diplomatic channels with the National League for Democracy or the Junta have not served our country's strategic interests. UNO does not appear and is no more an International Organisation capable of dealing with the crises in the countries having multiple stake holders.

All its permanent members in Security Council have substantial stakes in all the wars and coups presently. \The refugees crisis emanated from Myanmar is the most disturbing and destabilising factor for India. India is not party to the 1951 Refugee Convention or its 1967 Protocol. India has chosen not to sign the refugee conventions and protocol, and has historically cited national security interests and challenges to its sovereignty as key con-

India, along with the governments of other South Asian countries, asserts that migration is a matter of bilateral and not multilateral relations, which should not be governed by international agreements. Sometimes it appears that refugee influx in India is a deliberate outcome of military coup in neighbouring countries. Peace and political stability in Myanmar appears a distant possibility and multiple stake holders namely China, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Myanmar itself know the vulnerability of Indian borders and some strategic areas sandwiched between some of these countries. Therefore, for the time being till political normalcy is restored in Myanmar, military options should be prioritised over

diplomatic adventures. Vinod Johri | Delhi

stature after leading the 'Bharat



he selection of Atishi Marlena Singh as Delhi's new chief minister does not come as a surprise. Infact, any name as chief minister would not have turned heads because it is amply evident that the man holding all the aces, is still Arvind Kejriwal. Make no mistake, Kejriwal may have just returned from prison, but the clever former bureaucrat intends to turn the politically tricky situation into a massive support of strength. Since the Delhi assembly elections

### ONE HUNDRED DAYS OF MODI GOVT

Madam— For a government in power for the past 10 years now talking about its feats in 100 days is incorrect. It gives room for posing questions like why such actions were not done in the last 10 years and how just allocation of funds can be claimed as a feat and so on. If any assessment be made on the performance of the present government it should be for the period in power since 2014. Because nothing could be achieved in a short period of time like 100 days. In the case of the present government the claim on employment is not correct. Because it is only a matter of allocation of

funds and announcement of a project. The working and success of the project needs to be assessed only after its completion. It is also to be noted that it is only a project to improve the skill and not a project to provide employment. Farmers' basic woes are not addressed and they continue to feel let down and the consumers also feel the same with the growing food inflation. Healthcare continues to be a com-

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follow it.

#### Atishi is the new Delhi CM are only a few months away, Kejriwal aims to divert the excise policy corruption issue by pitchforking a party leader, with no real mass base,

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as the executive head of the state.

However, Atishi's comparatively clean image administrative experience and fighting spirit should come in handy for the AAP supremo who is sure to go the whole hog to retain power for the party in Delhi. That way, Kejriwal can intensely focus on the election campaign with little to answer on a "corrupt chief minister" holding on to his chair. Of course, the opposition will vociferously target the former chief minister who is perhaps the principal vote- getter for his party besides a handful of leaders like Manish Sisodiya. The chief minister's seat will beckon Kejriwal if the party wins, and Atishi shall be relegated to the list of those chief ministers who held the post of chief minister for a few months. Ganpathi Bhat | Akola

### TRAGEDIES AT GANESH VISARJAN

Madam — Ganesh immersion in the country turns tragic in several parts of India. Similar incidents have occurred throughout the country. While immersing an idol of Lord Ganesha, devotees got swept away by the river's powerful currents. Divers recovered his body afterwards but it was a sad end to a religious celebration. In another incident in Gujarat's Gandhinagar, eight people drowned while taking a dip in the Meshwo River. It is time for the people to exercise caution during religious events like Ganesh Visarjan. This tragic series of events serves as a reminder of the importance of safety precautions during religious ceremonies. It is crucial to take necessary measures to avoid such incidents in the future. Let us not take undue risks in the name of God and pay heavy price for that. Besides, there must be adequate security arrangements by the government to avoid such accidents

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### **EMBRACING DIVINE SHELTER**

God can help us succeed in life but we must seek his shelter by adhering to dharma



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

hat a wonderful prospect! Yes, it is possible, if we take shelter of God and remain in it. Because God is everything. (Lord Krishna in the Bhagavad-Geeta 7.19) For that, we have to be engaged in activities according to the instructions of God. And we will benefit in many ways. How else can one remain motivated to pursue the spiritual path? In this process, God is pleased but does not benefit personally in any way, because God is 'purna' (complete in all respects).

I will cite three examples and a few reasons to substantiate this. But I will begin with some of the benefits of taking shelter from God and remaining there. God's instructions promote 'dharma' (highest moral and religious principles). Because dharma is the bedrock upon which the Creation is based. God even incarnates when there is a decline in dharma. (4.7) Those, who follow dharma in their behavior are rewarded by God's Divine Authority.

This is done according to the 'Karmaphala Principle', which is: "What we sow we reap." If one pleases God by spiritual practices additionally, God gets personally involved in the life of His devotee. His very first act is to begin guiding. I am experiencing it. It is simple. I face a challenge /problem. I pray for guidance and help. God gives me intuitions. As the connection with God becomes stronger, God begins helping too. This is a quantum jump because God is omnipotent. Problems get solved and life can go on smoothly. (18.58) Sometimes, we face non-cooperation from others; God even changes the hearts of people. Further progress on the spiri-



tual path helps us to qualify for becoming 'nimitta' (instruments) of God, as Arjuna did in the Mahabharata. (11.33) God, as Karta, begins to micromanage the lives of His dear devotees. Reformations begin; because we must help ourselves. And credit for success must also come to us; God does not need it.

Only rarely did God intervene directly, as Lord Krishna did to protect Draupadi from getting humiliated; no one had come forward. Similarly, Lord Krishna had to protect His devotee and friend (4.3) Arjuna after he was about to enter the fire for not being able to kill Jayadratha before sunset, as vowed him.

Lord Krishna brought the sun back and Arjuna was able to kill Jayadratha before the sunset. In these two instances, though the Lord got credit, He did not gain anything, Draupadi and Arjuna gained. God has a plan for whoever takes His shelter. How did the Lord help Goswami Tulsidas? His wife opened his eyes when she told him, "You will attain success in life if you become devoted to Shri Rama instead of to me." Because Tulsidasji was at the threshold of becoming great by writing epics like Ramacharitmanasa. The conclusion is: get linked with God urgently.

There is so much to gain from God, who has plenty to give. Isn't God the owner of everything? God is self-sufficient. He creates without any help from anyone. God never gets attached to anyone. If He did, God would become dependent on others to do what He must to keep the Creation going.

I am gaining everything desirable. I could not have imagined what God can and does for me. The quality of my life is steadily improving. Please get started on the spiritual journey; you will never look

(The writer is a spiritual guide; views expressed are personal)

# Reclaim water bodies to ward off water crisis



SRIRAJ KOTA

India's lakes and wetlands, once lifeline for its cities, are vanishing at an alarming rate, driven by rampant corruption and unchecked construction



rban lakes and wetlands are an integral part of our ecosystem. They perform critical environmental, social, and economic functions as they are a source of drinking water, recharge groundwater and support biodiversity besides providing livelihoods. But the life of these indispensable water bodies is ebbing under the relentless onslaught of population, corrupt administrations, and construction mafia. A study by Wetlands International has shown that two out of every five wetlands in India have been lost in the last 30 years, and of the remaining water bodies 40% are unable to support aquatic life due to loss of water quality. But this plunder of water bodies of India did not happen overnight but over some time.

Take the case of Bengaluru for instance. In the late 18th century, a British expedition tasked by Governor General PALE VERSION OF Cornwallis to find an alternative route between Madras and Srirangapatna stum-bled upon Bengaluru which was full of lakes and water bodies.

The captain heading the expedition thereafter referred to it as the Land of Thousand Lakes in his reports. However, today Bengaluru is a pale version of its once illustrious past. In 1960 Bengaluru had 262 lakes but today only 10 of them hold water.

The city saw a shocking decline in its water bodies as exploitation and population grew in equal measure. Lakes and water bodies are disappearing at an alarming pace at the city level and state level as well. According to the Union Jal Shakti Ministry report, Karnataka lost an astounding 13,000 water bodies in just one year between 2021 and 2022.

This is the case with every city in India. Ahmedabad for instance had 137 lakes in 2001 but as per recent reports, construction has been seen on 65 of them now. The national capital Delhi too is being robbed of its water bodies. According to a Delhi government report, nearly half



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**ILLUSTRIOUS** PAST. IN 1960 262 LAKES BUT TODAY ONLY 10 OF THEM HOLD WATER

(49.1%) of Delhi's official water bodies do not exist anymore – they have either gone "missing" or have been encroached upon.

The entire nation more or less presents the same depressing scenario. But recently a state government sat up, took notice, and acted.The Telangana state government's Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) initiative to reclaim encroached land of water bodies in Hyderabad and surrounding areas has made national headlines. The HYDRAA team created in July this year and headed by an IPS officer was given a clear-cut mandate by the state chief minister Revanth Reddy to free the city water bodies of illegal encroachments and construction.

HYDRAA and any construction rest of the nation to wake up resor encroachment within 30 cue and reclaim its water bodies. meters of FTL was made subject to demolition. The agency has been given a free hand and made immune to political pressures with zero tolerance being practiced even if the encroachment belongs to prominent politicians or businesspeople of the city. Notably, even the chief minister's brother was served notice for demolition.

This drive conducted diligently and without bowing to any pressure was able to remove 262 unauthorised encroachments built-in water bodies, government lands, urban canals and parks in 23 locations in the city have been removed and 111.72 acres of land have been reclaimed to date. The state government has ing it compulsory to take also have an enabling role that is

HYDRAA NOC before commencing any construction near

The actions of HYDRAA have instilled a sense of confidence among the environmentalists not only in Telangana but also across India and are being seen as a case study in governance especially about safeguarding environmental assets such as water bodies. But as is expected with any groundbreaking initiative, the step taken by the Telangana government too has off late been soundly criticised for being inhuman due to the demolishing of houses of the poor and those who were paying loans for the same. Given this adverse feedback, the state government has issued clarifications to the effect that occupied houses will not be demolished.

The Full Tank Level (FTL) was The HYDRAA initiative is an example and a clarion call for the This is crucial in light of reports released by the United Nations and Niti Áyog which state that water demand will reach twice the available supply, and 40 per cent of India's population will not have access to clean drinking water by 2030. To prevent a grim and parched future, the central government in collaboration with state government and local environmental groups must establish a Wetland Task Force for every

state. The state-specific task force must have a clear mandate to reclaim every water body in its jurisdiction by clearing out encroach-ments, demolishing illegal construction and preventing changes in land use. Apart from enforceissued further instructions mak- ment duty, the task force must

focused on replenishing and rejuvenating the wetlands and water bodies in its jurisdiction. For instance, the task force can encourage urban households and businesses to implement rainwater harvesting practices on their premises. The water harvested can be channelled towards improving the groundwater table and recharging the aquifers. Additionally, the government can, through the task force regulate the borewells in the urban areas.

Indiscriminate and unregulated drilling for water in metropolitan areas has caused the drying up of the groundwater table. The task force team can save the city's water resources by ensuring that prior permissions are taken to drill borewells. Furthermore, the task force team

can install water meters to ensure that water extraction is done in a measured and quantified manner.Currently, there have been many instances where local leaders, with political affiliations "adopt" lakes and water bodies in the name of preserving them and slowly encroach the property. After that, in connivance with builder mafia construction is

done on the property which is then sold to unsuspecting citizens. The wetland task force can prevent this and play a pivotal role in ensuring that no individual or commercial company is entrusted with safeguarding the lakes and water bodies as this can result in manipulation.

Water bodies are India's lifelines. Reclaiming the lost ones and preserving the remaining can alone ensure a water secure future for our nation.

(The writer is a policy analyst, views expressed are personal)

## India's untapped ocean energy: A blueprint for powering the future

### India's 8,000 km coastline holds the potential to generate a staggering 9.2 lakh TWh of clean energy annually

Kumar, director, of INCOIS,

said that the atlas would serve as a key resource for

guiding policy and invest-

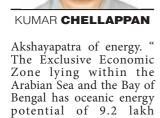
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⊣he 8000 km long Indian coastline has the potential to generate 9.2 lakh Trillion Wats (TWh/annum) electricity, which is a manifold of what is generated as of date. This is at a time when India is struggling to meet its requirement of 4.5 Lakh MW power utilizing all sources of energy produc-

According to Ocean Energy Atlas prepared Hyderabad-based Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), a premier research and development organization under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, the Bay of Bengal and



TWh/annum. This is the first time in the history of India the oceanic energy potential has been assessed and an atlas of this kind has been prepared," Dr T M Balakrishnan Nair, to set up renewable energy

entist, INCOIS, told The ty gradients. Dr. T. Srinivasa A bouquet of offshore renewable, offshore solar, offshore wind, wave, tidal, ocean thermal energy conversion, and salinity gradient represent the hitherto untapped potential of renewables. India's Ocean Energy Atlas has been released following the International Renewable Energy Agency's finding that the G-20 countries collectively account for 81 per cent of total renewable energy and about 100 per cent of ocean energy. India's offshore wind energy

tion is that there would not be any kind of apprehension in the minds of the people about land acquisition, pollution and discharge of effluents. "This is the cleanest form of energy and many public and private sector enterprises have shown their remains untapped even as interest in setting up renewcountries like Denmark, able energy units," said M Britain and China have made Ravichandran, secretary, giant strides in this sector. Dr ministry of earth sciences, Nair says there is wide scope

gy sector.

Govt of India. INCOIS is playing a major



economy sector by providing information to fishers about potential fishing zones and sharp weather forecasts. Dr Srinivasa Kumar and his team have developed a stateof-the-art tsunami warning system with which they alert Indian Ocean. Since its has been contributing to India's blue economy Arabian Sea are the nation's Group Director and lead sci- power stations to tap salini- role in the country's blue through its flagship pro- made the job of fishermen Gujarat but the solar power

grams like Potential Fishing Zones (PFZ), Ocean State Forecasts (OSF) and Tsunami Early Warning Services (TEW). INCOIS has also been the national and regional warehouse for oceanographic data spanning in-situ platforms, satellite sensors, and model-simulated prod-

Taking advantage of the availability of such long-term scientific datasets, INCOIS has taken up the challenge of estimating the ocean energy potential from the Indian EEZ and prepared an Atlas for the first time in the councountries along the rim of the try. The satellite data collected through hi-tech sensors inception in 1999, INCOIS about the regions where there are good catches are disseminated to fishers and this has

quite easy. All they have to do is rush to the areas identified as fishing zones by the INCOIS scientists. The Integrated Ocean Energy Atlas prepared by Team INCOIS is the first of its kind in the world.

Ocean energy assumes significance as scientific reports are galore about the fluctuations in solar power generation capabilities because of climate change. G M Pillai, director general, of the World Institute of Sustainable Energy (WISE), Pune, says that as of this date, solar power output is not encouraging because of changes in rain patterns. "The Rajasthan deserts could have been the powerhouse of states like Rajasthan, Punjab,

potential has come down and the deserts are becoming evergreen garden," said Pillai. The thorium-based nuclear reactor is yet to take off and the picture from nuclear power reactors is dismal. There was a time when former directors of the Indira Gandhi Center for Atomic Research (IGCAR) at Kalpakkam had claimed that India was the world leader in Fast Breeder Reactor technology, it all ended up as chest beating. The only hope is integrated ocean energy. India has a vast coastline of nearly 8000 km and this could offer a permanent solution to our energy needs.

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## 'Exploding pagers were manufactured in Hungary'

based in company AHungary was responsible for manufacturing the pagers that exploded in Lebanon and Syria in an apparent Israeli operation targeting Hezbollah's communications network, another firm whose brand was used on the devices said Wednesday. Pagers used by the militant group Hezbollah exploded near-simultaneously a day earlier in Lebanon and Syria, killing at least 12 people, including two children, and wounding nearly 3,000. Hezbollah and the Lebanese government blamed Israel for what appeared to be a sophisticated remote attack. An American official said Israel briefed the United States on Tuesday after the attack, in which small amounts of explosive hidden in the pagers were detonated. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to discuss the information publicly. Hezbollah and Israeli forces have exchanged fire nearly daily since Oct 8, the day after a deadly Hamas-led attack in southern Israel triggered a massive Israeli counteroffensive and the ongoing war in Gaza. Since then, hundreds have been

killed in the strikes in Lebanon

tens of thousands on each side of the border have been displaced. Tuesday's attack — and the fact that Hezbollah blamed Israel — renewed fears that the two foes could lead to all-out war. Despite periodic cycles of escalation, the two have carefully avoided that so far, but Israeli leaders have issued a series of warnings in recent weeks that they might escalate operations against Ĥezbollah in

The AR-924 pagers used the attack were manufactured by BAC Consulting KFT, based in the Hungarian capital of Budapest, according to a statement released by Gold Apollo, a Taiwanese firm that authorised the use of its brand on the

BAC appeared to be a shell

company.
"According to the cooperation agreement, we authorise BAC to use our brand trademark for product sales in designated regions, but the design and manufacturing of the products are solely the responsibility of BAC," Gold Apollo said in a statement. The company's chair, Hsu Ching-kuang, told journalists Wednesday that the firm has had a licensing agreement with BAC for the past three years. BAC Consulting

ny, was registered in May 2022, according to company records. It has 7,840 euros in standing capital, the records showed, and had revenue of \$725,768 in 2022 and \$593,972 in 2023. At the headquarters in a building in a residential neighbourhood of Budapest, Associated Press journalists saw the names

of multiple companies, including BAC Consulting, posted on pieces of paper on a window. A woman who emerged from the building and declined to give her name, said the site provides headquarter addresses to various companies. BAC is registered to Cristiana

Rosaria Bársony-Arcidiacono, who on her LinkedIn page describes herself as a strategic advisor and business developer. Among other positions, Bársony-Arcidiacono says on the page that she has served on the board of directors of the Earth Child Institute, a sustainability group. The group does not list Bársony-Arcidiacono as among its board members on its website. The AP has attempted to reach Bársony-Arcidiacono via her LinkedÍn page and has been unable to establish a connection between her or BAC and the exploding pagers.The attack in Lebanon started Tuesday afternoon,

### China sanctions **US** firms selling arms to Taiwan

Beijing (AP): China on Wednesday announced sanctions on American companies selling arms to the self-ruled island of Taiwan, which Beijing claims as its own territory and threatens to annex bv force.

hands or pockets started heat-

ing up and then exploding -

leaving blood-splattered scenes

and panicking bystanders. It

appeared that most of those hit

were members or linked to members of Hezbollah —

whether fighters or civilians -

but it was not immediately clear

if people with no ties to

Hezbollah said in a statement

Wednesday morning that it

would continue its normal

strikes against Israel as part of

what it describes as a support front for its ally, Hamas, and

Palestinians in Gaza."This path

is continuous and separate

from the difficult reckoning

that the criminal enemy mus-

await for its massacre on Tuesday," it said. "This is anoth-

er reckoning that will come, God willing. At hospitals in Beirut on Wednesday, the chaos of the night before had largely subsided, but relatives of the wounded continued to

wait. Lebanon Health Minister

Firas Abiad told journalists

during a tour on hospitals Wednesday morning that many

of the wounded had severe injuries to the eyes, and others

had limbs amputated.

Journalists were not allowed to

enter hospital rooms or film

Former president Donald Trump has said Prime Minister Narendra Modi will

meet him next week during his

upcoming three-day visit to the

US. While the Republican pres-

idential candidate slammed India as an "abuser" on the issue of import tariffs, he described

PTI ■ WASHINGTON/

Hezbollah were also hit.

Chinese state media made the announcement, citing the Foreign Ministry, but gave no details on the companies involved. Taiwan is awaiting deliveries of F-16 fighter jets, Abrams tanks and a range of missiles from the US.

China has been upping its threats to attack Taiwan, whose 2.3 million citizens overwhelmingly favour their current status of de-facto independence. Despite their lack of formal diplomatic ties, the US has long been a key provider of armaments and is legally bound to ensure the island can defend itself. Along with buying weapons from the US, Taiwan has also been reviving its domestic arms industry. A fleet of submarines is underway, while mandatory military service for men has been extended to one year.

China has previously demanded US companies end cooperation with Taiwan's armed forces, with no appar-

## **Portugal declares calamity** as wildfires spread

**AP** ■ LISBON

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m ore\ than\ 100\ wildfires}$  stretched thousands of firefighters to the limit in northern Portugal on Wednesday, with seven deaths since the worst spate of fires in recent years spread out of control over the weekend. Portuguese Prime Minister Luís Montenegro declared a state of calamity for the hardest-hit areas late on Tuesday. invoking powers to mobilise more firefighters and civil servants. He also called on police investigators to redouble their efforts to find those who started the fires and pledged help for those who have lost their homes or have been evacuated. We are well aware that these difficult hours are not over yet," Montenegro told the nation in a televised address. "We have to continue to give everything we have and ask for help from our partners and friends so that we can reinforce the protection of our people and property." The hot, dry conditions behind the outbreaks in Portugal coincided this week with flooding in central Europe. The Union said European Wednesday that the juxtaposed extreme weather phenomena are proof of a "climate break-

Fellow European Union members Spain, France, Italy and Greece have committed two water-dropping aircraft each to



help Portuguese firefighters. Spain's military is also sending 240 soldiers and vehicles from its emergency response battalions specialised in combating fires across the border to its neighbour.

Montenegro made a special call for security forces to pur-sue both arsonists and any individuals who started a fire out of negligence. Portuguese national police said that they have arrested seven men suspected of having started wildfires in recent days. Authorities have prohibited the use of heavy farming equipment to reduce the risk of inadvertently starting a blaze.

Among the hardest hit areas is the district of Aveiro, south of the northern city of Porto, but several major blazes were also raging out of control in other wooded areas. Authorities have yet to release figures for property damage or the number of

evacuees, but Portuguese state broadcaster RTP has shown charred houses in rural villages and local residents trying to battle flames with buckets of water, hoses, and even large tree branches. Other televised images showed visibility reduced to a few metres as orange smoke enveloped the terrain. Three firefighters died in their vehicle on Tuesday. while another had succumbed to what authorities called a "sudden illness" while on duty over the weekend. Three civilians have also perished, according to civil protection author-

Portugal was devasted by massive fires in 2017 that killed over 120 people. Experts link the fires to both climate change and the abandonment of traditional farming and forestry professions that helped keep rural areas clear of underbrush that is now fuel for fires



Democratic presidential nominee Vice President Kamala Harris is greeted as she during an unscheduled stop to make remarks at Community College of Philadelphia, Tuesday in Philadelphia

## **US** confirms Houthi rebels shot down 2 MQ-9 Reaper drones

7emen's Houthi rebels shot down two American MQ-9 Reaper drones in under a week, the United States military acknowledged Wednesday, further highlighting the regional spread of the Israel-Hamas war. As the one-year anniversary of the war approaches, Houthis continue a campaign to target ships travelling through the Red Sea as US-led airstrikes pound their positions in Yemen. That's imperiled a waterway that typically sees USD 1 trillion of trade pass through it, as well as crucial shipments of aid to war-torn Sudan and Yemen. The US military said Houthis shot down the first Reaper on September 10, and the second on Monday. Online video showed the downing and the flaming wreckage on the ground afterward in Yemen's Dhamar province.

General Atomics Reapers, which cost around USD 30 million apiece, can fly at altitudes up to 50,000 feet (15,240 metres) and have an endurance of up to 24 hours before needing to land. The aircraft have been flown by both the US military and the CIA over Yemen for years. US Air Force Maj. Gen. Pat Ryder, the Pentagon's press secretary, said authorities continue to investigate Monday's downing, but declined to elab-

orate. He added that a claim by the Houthis that they shot down 10 Reapers since the start of their campaign in November over the Israel-Hamas war was "not accurate." "For operation security reasons, I'm not going to be able to provide ı specific number," Ryder said Tuesday. Since Houthis seized the country's north and its capital of Sanaa in 2014, the US military has seen Reapers shot down in Yemen in 2017, 2019, 2023 and 2024. Houthis have targeted more than 80 merchant vessels with missiles and drones since the war in Gaza started in October. They seized one vessel and sank two in the campaign that has also killed four sailors. Other missiles and drones have either been intercepted by a USled coalition in the Red Sea or failed to reach their targets, which have included Western military vessels as well. The rebels maintain that they target ships linked to Israel, the US or the United Kingdom to force an end to Israel's campaign against Hamas in Gaza. However, many of the ships attacked have little or no connection to the conflict, including some bound for Iran. Those attacks include a barrage that struck the Greek flagged oil tanker Sounion in the Red Sea. Salvagers have towed away the burning oil tanker, hoping to avoid a catastrophic leak of its 1 million barrels of oil on board

#### Modi as a "fantastic man". PM Modi will be visiting the US from September 21 to 23. Speaking on Tuesday at his first public appearance following the recent apparent assassination attempt, Trump said Modi will meet him next week when he is in the US. "So when India, which is a very big abuser. He (Modi) happens to be coming to meet me next week, and Modi, he's fantastic. I mean, fantastic man. A lot of these leaders are fantastic," Trump said, reiterating that India imposes heavy tariffs on imports.

the information as he spoke about trade and tariffs while responding to a question at a town hall meeting in Flint, Michigan.

He went on to say, "These people are the sharpest people. They're not a little bit backwards...You know the expression, they're at the top of their game, and they use it against us. But India is very tough. Brazil is very tough....China is the toughest of all, but we were taking care of China with the tariffs." "So we're going to do a reciprocal trade. If anybody charges us 10 cents, if they charge us USD 2, if they charge us a hundred per cent, 250, we charge them the same thing. And what's going to happen? Everything's going to disappear, and we're going to end up having free trade again. And if it doesn't disappear, we're going to take in a lot of money," he said.In New Delhi, when asked about Trump's comment, the Ministry of External Affairs did not respond. Modi will begin his trip with the Quad Leaders' Summit being hosted by President Joe Biden in Wilmington, Delaware.

## Donald Trump calls Modi 'fantastic' Secret Service again faces scrutiny after another gunman targets Trump

**AP** WASHINGTON

 $\Gamma$  or the second time in more than two months, the Secret Service that protects the highest echelon of American leaders is under scrutiny - this time after a gunman hid in the shrubs along the fence of former President Donald Trump's golf course for 12 hours. The man didn't get a shot off, but critics question how he could be just several hundred yards away from Trump - especially after the Republican presidential candidate's security was beefed up after his near-death experience in July. Biden administration officials praised the agency's response, and former Secret Service agents say there are key differences between what rity lapses at an outdoor rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, when a gunman climbed onto an unsecured roof nearby and opened fire, clipping Trump's ear and leaving a spectator dead.

Authorities say Ryan Wesley Routh camped with food and a rifle just outside the 27-hole Trump International Golf Course in West Palm Beach, Florida where the former president was playing Sunday. A Secret Service agent ahead of Trump spotted the rifle's muzzle poking through the fence and opened fire. Routh fled and was later apprehended.

It's long been known to law enforcement that places along the edge of the property leave Trump visible to those behind the fence, and some have questioned why it was not protected. But a sprawling golf course poses specific challenges, especially for a lastminute round, even with Trump's bolstered security, former Secret Service agents say

"A 400-acre golf course with miles of fence line is breachable. And the systems put in place to mitigate those threats worked. That's not to say they couldn't do more. But there are limits to what

### Ex-US Pres holds first event post-assassination attempt; Harris gives rare interview

Flint (AP): Former President Donald Trump on Tuesday made his first public appearance since Sunday's second apparent assassination attempt against him with an overflow crowd chanting "God bless Trump!" and "Fight, Fight," as US Secret Service agents surrounded the stage to protect the Republican presidential nominee. "It's been a great experience," Trump said in an evening town hall in Flint, Michigan, about holding events with thousands of supporters. But he also went on to call running for president "a dangerous business" akin to car racing or bull riding. "Only consequential presidents get shot at," he said. Earlier in the day, Vice President Kamala Harris struck a measured tone, even steering clear of mentioning Trump by name in an interview with Black journalists that starkly contrasted with the forsame group. The two candidates briefly put their differences aside in a phone call Trump described as "very, very nice" even as crowds booed when he mentioned Harris by her first name. "It was very, very nice, and we appreciate that," Trump told his supporters. Harris said earlier in the day that she told Trump "there's no place for political violence in our country.

Both sides are ramping up campaigning with no changes to Trump's calendar despite the apparent assassination attempt at one of his Florida golf courses, which has renewed accusations by Republicans that Democrats' criticism against Trump is inspiring violent attacks. Democrats have accused Trump in the past for his long history of inflammatory campaign rhetoric and advocacy for jailing or prosecuting his political enemies.

is possible," said Paul Eckloff, a retired Secret Service agent who served on details protecting three presidents during his 23-year

The Secret Service is trying to protect a growing number of nigh-profile people, from presidents to visiting dignitaries, in a vitriolic political environment. President Joe Biden and some Republicans are pressing for more resources for the agency still facing several investigations and whose director resigned after the first attempt on Trump's life. Acting Secret Service Director

Ronald Rowe Jr. said Sunday's golf game was not on a formal schedule or advertised ahead of time. That means agents may find out about it the day before or even minutes before it hap-

Rowe emphasized that the gunman never had a line of sight on the former president and that security worked as it should. He said the edge of the property wasn't monitored ahead of time because Trump "wasn't supposed to have gone there in the first place." Rowe described how agents spread out in front of and behind Trump, looking for threats.

Trump and his campaign have routinely praised the agents pro-

ecting him while expressing concerns about the agency more broadly, including that his detail isn't large enough given the

But some have raised questions. During an interview Monday on Sean Hannity's Fox News show, Trump's son Eric questioned how the gunman was able to stay in that location for so long without being detected.

Those agents on the ground, they are remarkable," he said. "But there is a breakdown."

Rowe a day earlier said, "The agent's hypervigilance and the detail's swift action was textbook." It's not possible for the Secret Service to shut down all traffic around the golf course, said Eckloff, who protected Trump ing at two of his golf courses in Florida. This course is in the middle of the city and taking such a step would have huge effects on

residents.

Trump loves to golf and owns three courses in Florida. Trump International is closest to his Mara-Lago home and is a place he likes to go with friends. While Trump was president, news photographers were often able to capture images of him on the green by finding gaps in the shrubbery Security around Trump was dramatically beefed up after the July shooting. Trump now speaks from behind a bulletproof glass enclosure at outdoor rallies, and long guns are often spotted near locations where he's staying.

The agency doesn't release specific information about his protection but Secret Service spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said Trump's detail now includes countersurveillance, a countersniper and counterassault resources. Before the Pennsylvania shooting, some of those assets were used depending on the event but now they're permanently part of his detail, Guglielmi said.

## Trudeau: More work to do, after by-election loss

**AP** VANCOUVER

anadian Prime Minister Tuesday he's focused on the work ahead after the ruling Liberals lost in another byelection, raising more questions about his ability to lead the party into the next federal election. For the second time in recent months the Liberals lost in a former stronghold when the Bloc Quebecois won the vote in the electoral district of LaSalle-Emard-Verdun Monday in Montreal in a tight three-way race with the New Democratic Party. "Obviously it would have been nicer to be able to win . . . but there's more work to do," Trudeau said in

"The big thing is to make sure that Canadians understand the choice they get to make in the next election," Trudeau said. "That's the work we're going to continue to do.

Election Canada results show the Bloc candidate Louis-Philippe Sauve finished with 28% of the vote. Liberals' candidate Laura Palestini collected 27.2% and finished just 248 votes behind the winner. The NDP collected 26.1% and was about 600 votes behind the

It's the second time in three months that Trudeau's party has lost a by-election in a riding they held for years. In June, the Conservatives narrowly defeated the Liberals in Toronto-St. Paul's.

The Liberals won every seat in Toronto and almost every seat on the Island of Montreal in the last election. Monday's loss "is a major blow

for the Liberals," said Daniel Beland, a political science professor at McGill University in Montreal. This is a riding we would

expect them to win under normal circumstances," Beland said in an email. "Not only did this not happen, they lost by nearly 16 percentage points in popular votes compared to their score in the riding back in 2021, when they had easily won there?

Andrew Perez, a longtime Liberal supporter and strategist, posted on social media that the loss is "yet another nail

in Justin Trudeau's coffin.""If Trudeau's Liberals can't hold this safe seat, it will spell even bigger trouble for the party's prospects in Quebec and across Canada in a critical election year," Perez said in a statement before the final vote.Beland doesn't believe Trudeau will step down as party leader before the next election, which is scheduled for next fall. "Some Liberals might try to convince him to step down but it's not sure at all he would," said Beland. Industry Minister François-Philippe Champagne was asked Tuesday if Trudeau should remain as prime minister. Champagne said there is "concern, there's anxiety" among Canadian voters. "They're ready for a positive vision of the country," he said. "I think if there's someone who can really inspire Canadians, it's Justin Trudeau. Most polls show the federal Conservatives well ahead of the Liberals. Trudeau is also very unpopular with many Canadians. The NDP recently ended its supply and confidence agreement with the Liberals that helped keep the minority government in power.

That led to speculation there could be an early federal election. Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre has said his party plans to put forward a non-confidence motion "at the earliest possible opportunity" in hopes of bringing down the Liberal government.

#### Dutch govt, led by hard right, seeks to opt out from EU migration rules asylum policy again!" Faber approach wouldn't work. "We

Brussels (AP): The new Dutch government dominated by the far-right party of Geert Wilders officially asked the European Union for an exemption from its migration obligations on Wednesday, seeking to fulfil a campaign promise to drastically reduce the number of immigrants in the nation.

Dutch Migration Minister Marjolein Faber of Wilders' party wrote to the European Commission that the Netherlands wants out of regulations for accepting refugees "I have just informed the EU Commission that I want a migration opt-out within Europe for the Netherlands. We

need to be in charge of our own

wrote in a letter Ylva Johansson, the European Commissioner for Home Affairs, posted on social media. On Tuesday, the government, which came to power in July, announced its policy blueprint for the coming year, including stricter policies to hold back or kick out migrants who don't qualify for asylum.

The announcement came just a day after party leaders were publicly bickering over their plans, underscoring divisions within the four-party governing coalition. Even before the plan was made public, the European Commission warned the Dutch government that its

have adopted legislation. It's adopted. You don't opt out of adopted legislation in the EU," spokesman Eric Mamer said last Friday. Earlier this week, the Dutch refugee settlement agency COA announced it was expecting a shortage of beds at the overcrowded asylum centre in the tiny village of Ter Apel in the northeastern Netherlands.

The government is planning to declare an "asylum crisis" to pave the way for tougher measures, including reining in visas for family members of people granted asylum and making it easier and quicker to deport

## Imran's crime enough to keep him jailed: Khawaja Asif

**T**mran Khan's crimes alone Lare enough to keep him behind bars, Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has said, as he dismissed the former prime minister's accusation that the government was pushing to amend the constitution to keep him in prison.

Kĥan, 71, has been in jail since August last year after being convicted in some of the nearly 200 cases slapped on him since his ouster in April 2022. The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf

(PTI) founder on Monday rejected the anticipated constitutional changes, claiming that it was an effort to keep him in prison by controlling the judiciary.

Responding to the allegation, Asif on Tuesday said, "Given PTI founder's long list of crimes, constitutional amendments won't be necessary."

'The incarcerated former premier wants to attach himself not just to constitutional amendments but to everything (that's happening) in Pakistan as he considers himself the centre of everything,

Geo News quoted Asif as say-

Khan should reflect on what chaos he created in the last four years, he said, adding there was an attempted rebellion against the state on May 9 last year.

Khan is facing several cases in connection with the May 9 violence in which supporters of his party allegedly attacked military installations following his arrest.
Asif said: "Since the PTI

founder has been in custody, he has repeatedly — like three to four thousand times— said that he will talk to the establishment."

He also rejected the opposition parties' allegations of keeping the constitutional amendments under wraps, saying that the draft legislation was "a public document whose contents are not a secret".Despite Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif-led coalition government's failure to get the required number to pass the amendments which led to the indefinite postponement of its tabling on Monday, Asif was optimistic about the passage of new legislation through the parliament, come

Defending the coalition government's move to make judiciary-centric constitutional amendments, Asif said that the changes are aimed at maintaining a balance of power among institutions, not just at ensuring accountability. Claiming that the PTI

was willing to support the constitutional package, he said that "the former ruling party has requested the government to postpone the amendment until December." In response to Asif's statement, PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan said: "Neither have we been involved in any discussions with Asif, nor has PTI assured support for the government's constitutional amendments until December," he said. He categorically rejected Asif's claims, asserting that any statement about PTI's approval would be false, as the "draft, suggestion, or package has not yet been disclosed.

ISSUING VERDICT AGAINST IMRAN, WIFE

A Pakistani high court on Wednesday restrained a trial

court from delivering its verdict in a case of alleged corruption against former prime minister Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi. The move comes after Khan and his wife petitioned the Islamabad High Court to stay the proceedings of the Al-Qadir Trust case and acquit them. An anti-corruption court has been hearing the Al-Qadir Trust case against the former first couple which is based on the charges that Khan caused a loss of over Rs 50 billion to the national exchequer. During the hearing, a two-

member bench headed by Chief Justice Amir Farooq rejected the plea to stay the legal proceedings against Khan and his wife. However, in a relief to them, the High Court restrained the accountability court hearing the case from delivering its final verdict. The lawyers of the accused had taken a position in the court that after the amendments in the anti-corruption laws, the case of alleged corruption against the former prime minister and his wife did not arise. They argued that the approval of the federal cabinet was taken

clear in the new amendments that the Accountability Bureau cannot investigate the decisions made in the federal cabinet. The lawyers of Khan and Bibi said that they should be acquitted from the case on which the court has issued notices to the parties made in these petitions. The trial of the case is currently in progress and so far statements of 35 witnesses have been recorded in the case and only the investigating officer has to be cross-examined by the accused's lawyers. The case is based on a probe by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) into the Al-Qadir University Trust in March 2023. It accused that Khan and his wife acquired substantial sums of money and large tracts of land for real estate tycoon, Malik Riaz Hussain of Bahria Town, in exchange for Rs 50 billion. The amount had been paid as part of a settlement with the UK's National Crime Agency (NCA) and was subsequently adjusted against a fine imposed on

Riaz by the Supreme Court.

## Bangladesh's interim govt gives Army magisterial powers

Bangladesh's interim government has granted magisterial powers to the Army for two months to improve law and order in the violence-hit country and prevent "subversive acts".

The Ministry of Public Administration issued a notification on the government's decision on Tuesday, saying it will be applicable with immediate effect.

The powers will be given to commissioned officers of the Army. The order will remain in force for the next 60 days. Home Adviser Lt Gen (retd.)

Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said on Wednesday that the people will get the benefit of bestowing magistracy power upon the army, state-owned BSS news agency reported.

"Police officials who are yet to join the services, won't be allowed to join anymore," he said, adding that the "people of Bangla (Bangladesh) will reap the benefit of bestowing the magistracy power upon the commissioned officers of Bangladesh Army."Responding to questions from the media after the closing ceremony of the basic training for 40th BCS

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(Ansar) officers and 25th batch sepoy recruits at the Bangladesh Ansar and VDP Academy in Safipur, Chowdhury said, "The Army Safipur, has been given the magistracy power to ensure public service and maintain the law and order." He said that the law enforcement agencies lack manpower and the magistracy power has been given to the Army to fill up the gap.

"Bangladesh Army is a disciplined and people-friendly force. The commoners have no problem communicating with them as well as taking help from them," he said in response to another question. Section 17 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, or CrPC, which awards Army officers the status of special executive magistrates, says these officers shall be subordinate to the district magistrates, or deputy commissioners, bdnews24.com reported.This authority including arrest and dispersal of unlawful rallies has been conferred upon commissioned officers of

the Army. In self-defence and extreme need, the officer can open fire, said an adviser to the interim government on Tuesday, The Daily Star newspaper reported. "We are witnessing subversive

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acts and disrupted stability in several places, especially in the industrial areas across the country. Given the situation, Army personnel have been given magistracy power," Law Adviser Asif Nazrul said.

He added that he believed the army personnel would not misuse this authority.

Another adviser, requesting anonymity, said, "Police are yet to be properly functional. Subversive activities are taking place..." Many police personnel in Bangladesh have been absent on the streets since the fall of the Sheikh Hasina-led government on August 5 amid a mass

uprising. Before and immediately after the ouster of Hasina, police faced unprecedented public fury as mobs set fire to their vehicles and properties and ransacked police facilities in reprisal for the law enforcers use of excessive force on demonstrators. Following the attacks, Bangladesh Police Subordinate Employees Association announced an indefinite strike on August 6. The strike was withdrawn on August 10, following a series of meetings with the then adviser to the home ministry Brig Gen (retd) M Sakhawat

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## Chinese aircraft carrier comes closer than ever to Japan

Tokyo (AP): A Chinese aircraft carrier entered Japan's contiguous waters for the first time on Wednesday, leading Tokyo to convey its "serious concerns" to Beijing over China's increasingly assertive military actions around Japan, officials said.

The Chinese carrier Liaoning, accompanied by two destroyers, sailed between Japan's westernmost island of Yonaguni and nearby Iriomote, entering the country's so-called "contiguous zone," the Defense Ministry said. That's an area of sea beyond a country's territorial waters in which it can still exercise some control over maritime traffic, reaching up to 24 nautical miles offshore. The Liaoning's transit was part of a fleet movement Tuesday and Wednesday, during which Chinese warships also passed off the western

coast of the disputed Japanesecontrolled islets it calls the Senkakus, the ministry said. China claims the same islets. calling them the Diaoyus. Japan's Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroshi Moriya told reporters that "the latest incident is absolutely unacceptable from the perspective of the national and regional security." Last month, Japan said that a Chinese Y-9 reconnaissance airplane violated Japanese airspace. Days later, a Chinese survey ship breached the Japanese territo-rial water just off the southern prefecture of Kagoshima. Moriya said the Japanese government expressed "our seri-ous concerns" to China through diplomatic channels on Wednesday. "China has

### Russia's Dy PM Overchuk in Pakistan on two-day visit

Islamabad (PTI): Russia's Deputy Prime Minister Alexei Overchuk on Wednesday arrived in Islamabad on a twoday visit during which he will hold talks with Pakistan's top leadership and discuss ways to enhance bilateral ties. According to the Foreign Office, a highlevel delegation is also accompanying the Deputy Prime Minister during the visit on September 18-19. It said that Overchuk will hold meetings with President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar. The discussions will centre on boosting cooperation in various critical sectors, reflecting the growing trust and goodwill between the two nations. Pakistan and Russia enjoy cordial relations based on goodwill,



A supermoon rises behind a horse statue atop of Triumphal Arc during a partial lunar eclipse in Moscow, Russia, Wednesday

## SL's bankruptcy officially to end today, says President Wickremesinghe

Colombo (PTI): Sri Lankan President Wickremesinghe

Wednesday said that the island nation's bankruptcy is officially due to end on Thursday, remarks aimed at boosting his re-election chances on the last day of the presidential election campaign

A discussion between the government and international sovereign bondholders would take place on Thursday following which Sri Lanka's bankruptcy will officially end and support from all countries will be restored, he said while addressing a rally at Matara, a southern town."We have given light to the country which was in darkness, eradicated the hunger of the people and restored our beloved motherland...So give me your valuable vote," he said in a post on X.As many as 38 candidates have been contesting the election, with over 17.1 million registered voters eligible to elect a president for five

years. The campaigning for the

and no election propaganda work would be permitted from midnight in terms of election laws. The Election Commission has said that this would mark the beginning of a silent period that will last until the elec-

tion day on September 21. All candidates are having a series of rallies in different parts of the island leading to the grand finale of campaigning.Wickremesinghe is entangled in a three-way contest with his main challengers Marxist JVP leader Anura Kumara Dissanayake and main opposition leader Sajith Premadasa, putting up impressive shows. Speaking at a campaign rally, Premadasa pledged to bring those responsible for the Easter Sunday attacks to justice, if elected. "We are committed to finding the truth about the

Easter attacks. Not only the

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the Easter attack will be

brought to justice," said cessive minus growth.

election would end tonight Premadasa, the presidential candidate of Samagi Jana Balavegaya (SJB).He assured the bishops' conference, led by Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, that his government would impose the maximum punishment on those responsible.Premadasa criticized the spread of misinformation for political gain, particularly during the election period. He condemned the use of "dirty politics" and urged the public not to be misled by false accusations.

Wickremesinghe became the crisis prime minister in May and when a popular uprising ousted the incumbent Gotabaya Rajapaksa he became the president for Rajapaksa's balance term in July 2022.He steered the economy through the IMF bailout ended long lines for fuel and essentials and ended long hours of power cuts. He engineered reforms based on recovery by recording positive growth for the first time after six quarters of suc-

## Maldives' ruling party team embarks on China visit

Male (PTI): A delegation of the Maldives' ruling party on Wednesday embarked on an eight-day visit to China to seek the strategies utilised by the communist state to achieve its current economic development and enhance bilateral ties. The team from the People's National Congress (PNC) is visiting on the invitation of the Chinese ruling party, the Communist Party of China (CPC), state-run Public Service Media (PSM News) said. The PNC team, which will be led by Transport and Civil Aviation Minister Mohamed Ameen and includes ministers, MPs and officials of the President's Office, will meet Liu Jianchao, China's Minister International Department of the CPC.

Ever since President Mohammad Muizzu assumed charge in November last year, China has increased its stake in the archipelagic nation. Muizzu himself visited China in January going against the dent making India as the first

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port of call, "PNC revealed that the primary objective of the trip is to seek the strategies utilised by China, to achieve its current economic development, all while enhancing the bilateral ties between the two countries," the PSM News said. The team will visit five Chinese cities and hold talks with senior officials of CPC and will observe the developmental works of the cities. PNC's secretary general Zeenaz Adnan and Mohamed Firzul, Under Secretary for Public Policy at the Presidential Office are also part of the delegation that has over a dozen

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I, Mrs. Santosh Kumari W/o

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Mr. Manohar Lal has to inform that I have misplaced the Original Share Certificate of 56, Sudarshan Apartments, Plot No.82, I.P. Extension, Patparganj, Delhi-110092 and is not traceable by my best

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Notice is hereby given that our client Sh Amol Goyal has paid off all dues towards home loan availed from Piramal Capital & Housing Finance LTD (formerly known as Driffc LTD). Home loan account number UID 12900001272, App number 09816047. The above mentioned Home loan was taken for property booked in Gurgaon-Fiat No 1202, 12th Hoor, Tower 18, Spire Woods, Sector-103, Gurgoan, Haryana 122055. Mr. Amol Goyal was a coapplicant both in the property and home loan application along with his father Late Sh Arun Kuma Goyal. His father had died on 09-09-2013 at Delhi As per surviving member certificate no 90660000245478 the only heirs are Suman Goyal Amol Goyal and Divya Goyal, & Death was registered at MCD bearing regd no. MCDOLIR-213-004601629. Deceased was known by two names i.e. ARUN KUMAR GOYAL AND ARUN GOYAL OND ARUN HOR STANDARD ARUN HORS AND ARU

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# PM-AASHA scheme extended with ₹35,000 crore outlay

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved continuation of the PM-AASHA scheme, with an outlay of Rs 35,000 crore, to provide better prices to farmers and also control price consumers more efficiently. of essential commodities for consumers. 'The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the continuation of schemes of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) to provide remunerative prices farmers and to control price essential commodities for consumers," an official statement said PM-AASHA is an umbrella scheme to ensure MSP (minimum support price) to

The total financial outgo will

15th Finance Commission Cycle up to 2025-26, it added. The government has converged the Price Support Scheme (PSS) and Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) schemes in PM-AASHA to serve the farmers and

Union Agriculture Minister Singh Chouhan welcomed the Cabinet's approval to continuation of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) scheme till 2025-26 with an outlay of Rs  $\,$ 35,000 crore. Welcoming the decision of subsidy on P&K nutrients, Chouhan said in a social media post on 'X', "this will ensure availability of fertilisers to farmers at affordable rates".

"The Integrated scheme of PM-AASHA will bring in more effectiveness in the implementation which would Price Deficit Payment Scheme



not only help in providing remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce but also control the price essential commodities by ensuring their availability at affordable prices to consumers," the government said.

PM-AASHA will now have the components of Price Support Scheme (PSS), Price Stabilization Fund (PSF),

for 2024-25 season as there will be a 100 per cent procurement of tur, urad and masur during in 2024-25 season as decided earlier," the government said. The Centre has renewed and

enhanced the existing government guarantee to Rs 45,000 crore for procurement of notified pulses, oilseeds and copra at MSP. This will help in more procurement of pulses, oilseeds & copra whenever prices fall below MSP in the market.

The purchases will undertaken Department of Agriculture from farmers at MSP including pre-registered farmers on eSamridhi portal National Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Federation of India (NAFED) and eSamyukti portal of National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF).

# Indian economy size will double by 2030: NITI Aayog CEO

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India could easily double the size of its economy by 2030, NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam said on Wednesday.

At an event organised by the Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI), Subrahmanyam added that climate change is an opportunity for India to become a leader is all the property of the company of the compan

to become a leader in climate technology.
"Our economy should easily double by 2030...India's ambition to become the third-largest economy by 2026-2027 necessitates a cohoring grand attack..." cohesive grand strategy," he said. Currently, in US dollar terms, India is the fifth

largest economy with a size of about USD 3.7 trillion in nominal terms. "India will be a big dominant player, it already matters and it will matter much more in global affairs, by 2047,"

Subrahmanyam said by 2047, India will be among the world's youngest nations demographically, poised for prosperity, with a projected per capita income of around USD 18,000 to USD 20,000. "This growth is significant as India is expected to emerge as a major global player, building on the substantial progress made over the past decade in addressing challenges such as natural disasters and poverty," he said.



Further, he said that there is a need to look at the green economy, and the Aayog is working on developing a pathway for net zero carbon emissions by 2070. "We have formed a task force and are working with the Central and state governments to achieve our targets," he added. The CEO of NITI Aayog stressed the importance of Global Value Chains (GVCs). He said that the government is working across sectors and services to build better strategies. Subrahmanyam added that urban development and infrastructure are crucial, with cities designed as economic hubs to drive growth. According to him, the private sector must lead in innovation and investment, supported by an enabling environment that attracts both portfolio and direct investments.

## **Diamond industry** faces severe crisis

India's diamond sector is facing a severe crisis as both imports and exports have sharply declined in the past three years, which has triggered defaults, factory closures, and widespread job losses, think tank GTRI said on Wednesday.

It said that while export returns have surged, a large inventory of unprocessed rough diamonds is piling up due to reduced orders and growing competition from lab-grown diamonds.

"This has triggered defaults, closures, losses. widespread job Tragically, more than 60 people in Gujarat's diamond have committed suicide, reflecting the severe financial and emotional strain India's diamond sector is Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) Founder Ajay Srivastava said. He said that immediate action is essential to address these

future of the sector. According to the think tank data, a 24.5 per cent drop in rough diamond imports from USD 18.5 billion in 2021-22 to USD 14 billion in 2023-024 shows weaker global markets and fewer processing orders.

After adjusting for re-exported rough diamonds, net imports declined by 25.3 per cent, from USD 17.5 billion to USD 13.1 billion, indicating reduced demand

for processing in India. Exports of cut and polished diamonds fell by a higher

margin of 34.6 per cent, from



USD 24.4 billion in FY 2022 to USD 13.1 billion in FY 2024, it said. "Additionally, the share of

unsold diamonds returned to India increased from 35 per cent to 45.6 per cent during this period," it said adding the net exports of cut and polished diamonds dropped by 45.3 per cent, from USD 15.9 billion to USD 8.7 billion, reflecting a weak market and rising unsold inventory.

The gap between net rough diamond imports and net cut polished diamond exports widened significantly, 2022 to USD 4.4 billion in FY2024, signalling a large inventory buildup and a lack of sufficient export orders. It added that some challenges

of the sector stem from regulatory issues and internal inefficiencies within the industry

the demand for It said diamonds has polished dropped sharply in key markets like the US, China, and Europe due to economic uncertainty, inflation, and geopolitical tensions, leading consumer reduced spending on luxury goods,

including diamonds. 'Fluctuations in global diamond prices have caused uncertainty, with buyers hesitant to purchase rough diamonds in anticipation of further price drops, Srivastava said.

He added that the Russia-Ukraine conflict has also disrupted the global diamond supply chain, with sanctions on Russia, a major rough diamond producer, further complicating trade and slowing down the global diamond trade.

Shifting the consumer preferences towards labgrown diamonds, which are more affordable, ethical, and sustainable, are also impacting the demand for natural diamonds.

On internal factors, the think tank said that many polishing units have large unsold inventories of polished diamonds, which discourages them from importing fresh rough diamonds as they cannot afford to take on more existing inventory.

"Rising operational costs, including labour, energy, and materials, along with reduced margins in the global diamond trade, have made it difficult for many polishing units to remain viable, leading to shop closures and layoffs, especially in Surat," he said.

The industry also heavily depends on financing, but tighter credit conditions and reduced lending from banks have made it difficult for companies to purchase rough diamonds, further stalling production, he said.

## Food ministry to boost wheat allocation under PMGKAY

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

government Wednesday announced an increase in wheat allocation to beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) from October onwards, in a

and

Intervention Scheme (MIS).

procurement of notified

pulses, oilseeds and copra at

MSP will be 25 per cent of

national production from

2024-25 season onwards. This

would enable states to

procure more of these crops at

MSP from farmers to prevent

distress sale. "However, this

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the PSS,

Market

bid to stabilise prices.
Food Secretary Sanjeev
Chopra, while highlighting
achievements in 100 days of Modi 3.0 government, said a committee of ministers has approved an additional 3.5 million tonne of wheat under PMGKAY

This increased allocation will continue until March 2025, potentially making efforts to restore the wheat-rice ratio under the scheme, he said at a press conference. Asked if this increased

quantity restores the wheatrice ratio, the Secretary said, "It will still be lower by 1-2 million tonne from the normal quantity.

Food Secretary Sanjeev Chopra on Wednesday said prices of essential commodities like sugar and edible oils are stable, and no spike is expected during the upcoming festival season.

Chopra assured consumers that the recent hike

in basic customs duty on some edible oils, aimed at supporting domestic oilseed farmers,

"We have been able to maintain prices at a

reasonable level for consumers," Chopra said at a press conference. "The upcoming festival season is looking good. We are not anticipating

would not lead to significant price rise.



He also stated that the allocation could be reviewed on developments.

In May 2022, the government reduced wheat allocation to 7.1 million tonne from 18.2 million tonne and increased the rice allocation under PMGKAY because of tight supplies due to lower domestic production. Chopra highlighted the

"ample wheat" availability, citing last year's

Food secretary assures stable food prices during festive season

bumper production of 112.9 million tonne. "Even by conservative and industry estimates, it was at least 40-50 lakh tonne higher than the previous year," he noted. government's procurement stands at 26.6

million tonne against the actual production of 112.9 million tonne last year. Addressing market concerns,

Chopra said there are no immediate plans to sell wheat under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS), given the stability in wheat and wheat product prices. However, he didn't rule out future OMSS sales.

PMGKAY, which covers 80 crore poor beneficiaries, provides 5 kg of free foodgrain per monthly.

This enhanced allocation aims to address issues faced by beneficiaries following the previous reduction in wheat

any kind of spike in prices of essential commodities." Effective September 14, the

government raised the basic customs duty on

crude soyabean oil, palm oil, and sunflower oil

The duty on refined variants was increased to

32.5 per cent from 12.5 per cent. Chopra

explained that 1.3 million tonne of edible oils

imported at zero duty are still in stock. The

industry has been directed to sell this inventory

at current prices until exhausted. "Even after

this stock exhausts, the prices need not rise by

20 per cent with an increase in duty. International prices will come down slightly,"

to 20 per cent from nil.

Chopra added

## cut interest rate in 2024: SBI Chief below the RBI's median target

RBI unlikely to

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Reserve Bank is unlikely to ease the benchmark policy rate during 2024 given the uncertainty over food inflation, State Bank of India (SBI) chairman C S Setty has said.

The US Federal Reserve's first cut in interest rates in more than four years is expected soon, triggering central banks in other economies to follow

"On the rate front, a lot of central banks are taking independent calls. While Fed rate cut would influence everyone, RBI would be mindful of the food inflation before taking a call on interest rate cut," Setty, who took over the reins of the bank recently, told PTI in an interview.

"That is what our view is, and our view is also that the rate cut during the current happen, probably we may have to wait for Q4 (January-March 2025) unless there is a good improvement in terms of food inflation," he said. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) headed by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das is scheduled to meet during October 7-9 and take a call on interest rate. Retail inflation, which is being taken into consideration by the ratesetting panel MPC for its decision, rose marginally to 3.65 per cent in August, from 3.54 per cent in July. While the overall inflation is

of 4 per cent, the rate of price rise in the food basket was 5.66 per cent in August.

The RBI kept the repo rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent in its August bi-monthly review amid risks from higher food inflation.

This was the ninth consecutive MPC meeting which decided to maintain the status quo on the rate front. The Reserve Bank has kept the benchmark repo rate unchanged since February

In the last meeting, four of six MPC members voted in favour of the status quo while external members pitched for a rate cut.

Earlier this week, Reserve Bank Governor Das also said the decision on interest rate moderation will be based on long-term inflation trajectory and not on the basis of

On monetisation of SBI's stake in some of its subsidiaries, Setty said, there was no thinking in terms of divestment of stake of any of the subsidiaries presently.

"If these subsidiaries require (growth) capital, we will definitely examine," he said. At this point in time, he said, none of the large subsidiaries require capital from the parent to scale up their operations. The bank in fiscal 2023-24 had infused an additional capital of Rs 489.67 crore in SBI General Insurance Company Ltd.

## **IP** university identifies **Indian rice varieties**

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI** 

Scientists of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha (IP) University have identified Indian rice varieties and their phosphorus(P) nitrogen(N) use efficiency. Finding one variety for both N and P use efficiencies is a great advantage, as farmers prefer all efficiencies to be delivered together in the same crop variety.

A press statement by the IP University on Wednesday said in a discovery that could help save both fertilizer costs and pollution due to leftover fertilizers in croplands, Indian biotechnologists have identified rice traits and genes for both phosphorus (P) and nitrogen (N) use

efficiency (PUE and NUE). They compared three popular rice varieties from different parts of India for both NUE and PUE and found common 'phenotypic' traits and 5 common genes for both, facilitating crop

improvement. They also found that CR Dhan 301 from Eastern coastal India has the highest NUE and PUE, followed by Panvel1 and Samba Mahsuri (BPT 5204) from Western coastal and Southern India respectively.

This research was carried out by Bhumika Madan and led Professor Nandula Raghuram, founder-Head of the Centre for Sustainable Nitrogen and Nutrient (CSNNM), Management School of Biotechnology, Gobind Guru Singh Indraprastha University, New

Their findings have just been published as a research article in the international peer reviewed journal,

Their novel finding that over half of all the phenotypic traits are common for PUE and NUE is good news for anyone interested in crop improvement for sustainable agriculture, they informed. N and P are the largest and most expensive components of NPK fertilizers and cereals

consume most of them in

NUE or PUE in cereals is measured as the grain yield per kg of N/P fertilizer supplied.

India spends about Rs two lakh crores on NPK fertilizers, most of which being government subsidy. "Only 25-30% of the applied fertilizers are converted into harvested outputs, while the rest are lost to air and water pollution, affecting our health, biodiversity and climate change threatening our planet" said Professor Raghuram.

While some of this wastage can be reduced by legumebased crop rotations and better manure management, we must also undertake genetic improvement of the crop for nutrient use efficiency.

India being a centre of origin of rice biodiversity, we have tens of thousands of rice varieties and our findings help in developing better cultivars through selection and breeding", he added.

### Steel Ministry to curb steel imports, in talks with Finance Ministry: HD Kumaraswamy



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The steel ministry is in discussions with the finance ministry to explore policy measures aimed at curbing the rising imports of steel, including imposition of a minimum import price and protecting the domestic industry, Union Minister H D Kumaraswamy said on Wednesday. Acknowledging that tackling imports of steel was the "main issue", the steel minister said efforts are also being made to strengthen the domestic alloy industry. Asked if we can expect a

Minimum Import Price on

steel, the minister said:

"Definitely, we will convince

the finance ministry. Already

preliminary discussion is

going on. I have confidence will convince. strengthen (the industry) how we have to implement the duties that (decision) we will take".

He also asserted that he is determined to breathe life into Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited, which has been facing protests from various parties against the proposed privatisation Visakhapatnam steel plant. "RINL challenge is there.

The protest is going on in RINL since last 1.5 years but I'm trying to give re-life to RINL. I am not going to let down," said Kumaraswamy. The minister for steel and heavy industries was speaking on the sidelines of an event

## CIABC calls for Government aid to boost alcohol exports

PTI NEW DELHI

Support from the Centre and state governments will help the country to achieve USD 1 billion worth of alcoholic beverages exports in the coming years, the Confederation of Indian Beverage Alcoholic Companies (CIABC) said on

Wednesday.
CIABC Director General
Anant S Iyer also said that promoting ease of doing business for the sector is key at both the Central and state government levels.

Easy and timely permissions for bottling and branding; transport permits; and promoting online paperwork are some of the areas which need special attention for the

growth of the sector. We need ease of doing business across operations, besides easy tax structures and marketdetermined prices to boost the exports.

### **INBRIEF**

### **HUBNER'S NAMMA FACTORY ACHIEVES MILESTONES**

BENGALURU: HÜBNER Group has today announced that its Namma Factory in Bengaluru has achieved a milestone of the production and delivery of 2,000 gangways since the factory was commissioned at the beginning of 2023.



### **GOVERNMENT ACCORDS APPROVAL FOR ASHVINI**



NEW DELHI: The Government accorded approval to the Anushakti Vidhyut Nigam Ltd. (ASHVINI), a Joint Venture (JV) of NTPC Ltd. to build, own & operate nuclear power plants in India in accordance with provisions of

NEW DELHI: The Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, in collaboration with National Design Centre (NDC), is organizing the "Special Handloom Expo" themed "Sutraratnam - Gems of Threads" at Handloom Haat, Janpath,



PFC RECEIVES RECOGNITION FROM UNION MINISTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

**NEW DELHI:** Power Finance Corporation (PFC) received notable recognition from Shri Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy at RE-INVEST 2024 for its outstanding contribution to India's renewable energy sector



## UNIT OF INDIAN TEAM HELPED THEM PREVAIL IN **ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY FINAL: HARMANPREET**

Singh credited India's recent success to strong camaraderie, emphasising that their deep bond and willingness to "die for one another" helped them

overcome China to win the Hero Asian Champions Trophy for a record-Trophy extending fifth time. India rode on Jugraj Singh's

late strike to defeat China 1-0 in a tense final in Hulunbuir on Tuesday. Pakistan won the bronze medal with a 5-2 win over South Korea

"The final was really intense; the Chinese were breathing down our necks throughout the game and made it really difficult for us to create a clear goal scoring chance," Harmanpreet said in a

Hockey India release. "But the team over the last year has built immense trust in each other. We are willing to die for one another. It was this sense of unity reassuring us that we will find a way to win the game together."

Harmanpreet said India's successful run in last one year has instilled a strong belief among players.

"The gold medal in last year's Asian Champions Trophy in



Chennai, the gold medal in the Hangzhou Asian Games and the bronze from the Paris

a deep camaraderie within the team.

scoring 10 goals at Paris, once Harmanpreet, who has been again led from the front as the

of-the-Year Award after Out of India's 26 goals in the competition, Harmanpreet

Harmanpreet said it is now crucial for India to keep building on the success. 'We are proud to have retained our title but the work doesn't stop now," he said.

We have areas we need to improve; we need to build depth in our squad as well. The team will head back to camp after a short break and start preparing for the tournaments ahead to make our supporters proud again," he added.

India vice-captain Vivek Sagar Prasad said the Olympics bronze medal made India the "team to beat" in the tournament

"All the teams in the group stage were tough to play against. The bronze medal from the Olympics painted a target on our backs; we were the team to beat," he said.

"But every single person on the team stepped up to make it seem like we were cruising past our opponents. The youngsters slotted in seamlessly, Krishan and Suraj alternated to bail us out of tricky situations."

'The defenders remained reliable, and the midfielders and forwards ran riot on the pitch. All in all, it was very enjoyable," he added.

## Man United routs third division Barnsley 7-0 in English League Cup

Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag savored the "perfect night" after routing third-division Barnsley 7-0 in the English League Cup.

It was United's biggest margin of victory under the Dutchman, who has been in charge for more than two vears.

Marcus Rashford, Alejandro Garnacho and Christian Eriksen all scored two goals each in the third round match at Old Trafford, with Antony also on target.

"Not for me, but for the team, this is the perfect night. I think we could do everything that we planned to do. We won, (we are in) next round, scored some great goals, entertained the fans and we worked on our game model, so we are happy," Ten Hag said.

The size of the victory surpassed United's previous best under Ten Hag: 4-1 wins against Real Betis and Chelsea in his first season at the club. It was the biggest since a 9-0 win over Southampton under former manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer in 2021.

Encouragingly for Ten Hag, Rashford's scoring touch appears to have returned after a troubled season last year when he managed just nine goals. Rashford's double came after

he ended a 12-game barren run with a goal against Southampton over the weekend. "Football is football. Sometimes you have ups and sometimes downs, but we have to use these games to get momentum and consistency," Rashford said

Garnacho also scored in that 3-

0 win in the Premier League and emulated Rashford by making it three goals in his last two games.

Eriksen struck twice late on. Rashford blasted United in front after cutting inside Marc Roberts in the 16th minute. Antony doubled the lead when winning and then converting a penalty in the 35th.

Garnacho poked home from close range in the second minute of first-half stoppage

United overpowered Barnsley after the break with Garnacho scoring his second when racing through on goal in the 49th. Rashford scored again in the 58th.

It was the first time Rashford has scored more than one goal in a game since February 2023. Eriksen's double came in the 81st and 85th.

Bottom of the Premier League and without a point, Everton's troubled campaign went from bad to worse after it was eliminated by second-to-last Southampton - losing 6-5 on penalties.

The Merseyside team had taken the lead through Abdoulaye Doucoure in the 20th at Goodison Park, but Taylor Harwood-Bellis evened the game in the 32nd.

Southampton goalkeeper Alex McCarthy saved Ashley Young's penalty in sudden death to seal Everton's fate.

Eberechi Eze struck the winner as Crystal Palace beat seconddivision Queens Park Rangers 2-1 and Brentford survived an early scare against third-tier Leyton Orient to win 3-1.

Brandon Cooper fired Orient ahead in the 11th, but Fabio Carvalho, Mikkel Damsgaard and Christian Norgaard eased Brentford to victory.

## 2024 Olympics have instilled shortlisted for FIH's Playergoals in Bayer

**AP** MUNICH

Harry Kane broke Wayne Rooney's record for the most Champions League goals by an English player when the Bayern Munich striker scored four times against Dinamo

It was one of several records broken as Bayern routed Dinamo Zagreb 9-2 in one of the highest-scoring games in Champions League history — and an emphatic start to European competition for new coach Vincent

"Amazing game, a bit of a crazy game for sure," Kane told broadcaster DAZN. "To score all those goals in the " Kane told broadcaster

end was a great night." Kane took his tally to 33 in the competition by scoring in the 19th, 53rd, 73rd and 78th minutes - three of the goals were penalties - to surpass

Rooney's record of 30. "To be honest, after the second (penalty) I didn't really know what to do with the third one, but thankfully I was able to put it away," Kane said.

Kane opened the scoring from the penalty spot to give Bayern the lead over the Croatian club after his teammate Aleksandar Pavlovic was fouled by Ronaël Pierre-Gabriel. That drew Kane level with Rooney's

record of 30, and he scored his 31st on a rebound after goalkeeper Ivan Nevistic parried Joshua Kimmich's shot in the 57th. Kane scored two more from the penalty spot to extend his record. Four other Bayern players scored in

the emphatic win and there were two

goals for new signing Michael Olise

on his Champions League debut after

signing from Crystal Palace. Leon Goretzka's header in stoppage time made Bayern the first team to score nine goals in the Champions League era. Some teams, including Bayern, achieved that feat in the old



European Cup. It was the highest-scoring game in the competition in terms of total goals since Borussia

Dortmund beat Legia Warsaw 8-4 in 2016, according to UEFA.

The 31-year-old Kane has scored 12

Kane has scored nine goals in his last three games for club and country including two for England against Finland in his 100th international game and a hat trick Saturday for

Champions League goals since

moving to Bayern a year ago and

Kane now has 53 goals in 50 games in

all competitions since moving to

scored 21 before that for Tottenham.

Bayern against Holstein Kiel in the Bundesliga Kane and Kylian Mbappé were joint top scorers in last season's Champions League with eight goals each.

Another record was broken when Thomas Müller came off the bench to play his 152nd Champions League game for Bayern. That's the most for a player for one club, breaking a tie with former Barcelona player Xavi Hernandez. Müller has made the joint fourth-most appearances in the competition of any player.

## Asian Games medallist Kiran fails dope test



### Punia missing from latest list of suspended athletes

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Asian Games bronze-winner shot-putter Kiran Baliyan has been provisionally suspended by the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) for testing positive for a banned substance as a slew of athletes across sports figured in the latest list of dope offenders.

Surprisingly, Olympic medallist Bajrang Punia's name is missing from the latest update though he figured in a previous list issued by the NADA recently. The NADA had, on June 23,

suspended Punia for a second time, three weeks after its Anti-Disciplinary Doping panel (ADDP) had revoked his suspension on the grounds that he was not served a "notice of charge" by the

national body.

NADA had on April 23
suspended the Tokyo
Olympics bronze-medallist wrestler for his refusal to give his urine sample for dope test during the selection trials held in Sonepat on March 10. The sport's global governing body United Wrestling World (UWW) had also suspended

him.

Bajrang, who, along with Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik, spearheaded a long protest against ousted Wrestling Federation of India President Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh for allegedly sexually harassing women grapplers, had appealed against the provisional suspension and the ADDP had revoked it on May 31 till NADA issues the notice of charge. The 25-year-old Baliyan, who

had become only the second Indian to win a medal in women's shot put in the Asian Games at Hangzhou last year, returned positive metandienone, an anabolic androgenic steroid banned at

all times. She had won gold at the 2023 Inter-State National

Championships and a silver in the 2024 Federation Cup. She stares at a maximum ban period of four years, if she is proven guilty. Hammer thrower Maniu Bala.

who had won a bronze in 2014 Incheon Asian Games, also figured in the list. She tested positive dehydrochloromethyltestosterone (steroid) and SARMS LGD-4033

(ligandrol).

Shalini Chaudhary, who won silver at the Federation Cup this year, also tested positive for the steroid metandienone. Long-distance runner Chavi Yadav tested positive for drostanolone, an anabolicandrogenic steroid. Other top Indian track and

field athletes like javelin thrower D P Manu, quartermiler Deepanshi and middledistance runner Parvei Khan have been serving provisional suspensions.

In wrestling, 2023 U20 World Championships bronze medallist Arju tested positive for stanozolól.

Badminton makes a rare entry with doubles player Krishna Prasad Garaga, a member of the Indian team that won gold in 2022 Thomas Cup, testing positive for Human Chorionic Gonadotropin (HCG). Wushu players T Menaka

Devi, Manjinder Singh and Goutam Sharma figured in the list as the sport has seen a surge in doping cases recently. Bhupendra Singh Byadwal (pencak silat), Ashish Phugat (rowing) and Ribason Singh Ningthoujam (canoe) are also among those who have been provisionally suspended by the NADA.

## Tvesa, Pranavi lead Indian challenge in Spain PTI ■ DÉNIA (SPAIN)

Tvesa Malik and Pranavi Urs will spearhead the Indian challenge at the La Sella Open, starting Thursday, as the Ladies European Tour (LET) resumes action after a break for the Solheim Cup.

Tvesa and Pranavi, who have had modest seasons, will be joined by Ridhima Dilawari and invitee Seher Atwal. Diksha Dagar has taken a break while Vani Kapoor and Amandeep Drall are playing on the domestic Hero WPG

Seher, a winner on the domestic Hero WPGT like Tvesa, Pranavi and Ridhima, will go out with April Angurasaranee of Thailand and Emily Penttila of Finland, while Tvesa plays with Blanca Fernandez of Spain and Tiffany Chan of Hong Kong at the La Sella Golf Resort.

Pranavi tees off with Dorthea Forbrigd of Norway and Agathe Sauzon of France from the first tee as will Ridhima Dilawari with Linda Osala of Finland and Kim Metraux of Switzerland.

After the Solheim Cup took place at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Gainesville, in the United States, the Tour returns to Europe.

La Sella Open came on the LET calendar in 2023 and returns this year with the 72hole stroke play competition taking place at La Sella Golf

A field of 132 players will be teeing it up with a cut to the top 60 professionals and ties at the end of the second round. Defending champion Nuria Iturrioz returns to the tournament where she won her fourth LET title in 2023. Iturrioz, one of 15 Spanish players in the field this week, is joined by fellow LET winners Martin, Ana Peláez Trivino. Carmen Alonso and Maria Hernandez. The field includes former LET Order of Merit winners Trichat Cheenglab of Thailand and Lee-Anne Pace of South Africa.

Nine winners from the 2024 LET season are in town, including Order of Merit and Rookie of the Year leader Chiara Tamburlini.

England's Annabel Dimmock won her last start at the KPMG Women's Irish Open and will be hoping to continue her form. Germany's Helen Briem is an invite this week and the teenager has already made history winning four times on the LET Access Series in 2024.

### Roma fires Daniele De Rossi after going winless in its opening 4 Serie A matches who was fired for his ugly outburst toward

Roma fired coach Daniele De Rossi on Wednesday in a move that was surprising despite the Giallorossi going winless in their opening four Italian

league matches. De Rossi, a former Roma captain, was hired

in January to replace the fired Jose Mourinho and impressed so much during the second half of last season that he was given a contract extension in June through 2026-27

'The club's decision is made in the best interests of the team, to get back on the desired path as soon as possible at a time when the season is still in its early stages," Roma said. "A heartfelt thank you to Daniele, who will always be at home at the Giallorossi club, for the work done in recent months with passion and dedication.

Roma added that "communication regarding the team's technical guidance will follow. Roma hosts Serie A leader Udinese on Sunday. One possible replacement for De Rossi could be former Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri,

the referees in the Italian Cup final at the Stadio Olimpico in May. Former AC Milan coach Stefano Pioli, who was reportedly close to signing with Al-Nassr

— the Saudi Arabian club that Cristiano

Ronaldo plays for could be another option. After opening with a scoreless draw at Cagliari, Roma was beaten 2-1 at home by Empoli. Draws at Juventus (0-0) and Genoa (1-1) followed - leaving Roma with only three points and in 16th place.

De Rossi had transformed Roma into a better attacking unit than Mourinho's defensive teams but this season has produced only two goals. Next week, Roma opens its Europa League campaign against Athletic Bilbao at the Olimpico. Romelu Lukaku's loan spell at Roma ended after last season but talented striker Paulo Dybala stayed with the club after considering a move to Saudi Arabia.

Roma's American owners Dan and Ryan Friedkin have often made surprising decisions.

## FIFA teams up with UN health agency for campaign to educate world soccer about concussion

**AP** ■ GENEVA

 $F^{\rm IFA\ teamed\ up\ with\ the}_{\rm World\ Health\ Organization}$ on Wednesday for a campaign to educate the soccer industry about the risks of concussion injuries.

"Concussion is a public health issue of concern at all levels of football, and many other sports, requiring greater levels of awareness and action, WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said in a statement.

Ten years after the alarming case in the 2014 World Cup final of Germany player Christoph Kramer, world soccer governing body FIFA is sending a toolkit to each of its 211 national federations to help teach at all levels of soccer

that symptoms of a head injury can take up to 72 hours to appear. Kramer continued to play in

the final against Argentina for 14 minutes after being injured despite being in clear distress. Match referee Nicola Rizzoli later said he alerted Germany players after Kramer asked if he was playing in the final. At the 2022 World Cup, Iran

goalkeeper Ali Beiranvand was treated for several minutes on the field after clashing heads with a teammate, then continued to play on against England before finally being replaced. FIFA favors letting teams

make an extra substitution to

remove immediately a player with a suspected head injury.

That lets team medical staff

without the pressure of trying to send players back into the soccer's rules-making

evaluate injuries at length

panel, known as IFAB, FIFA has consistently blocked proposals to allow temporary substitutions that would let injured players with a suspected concussion be assessed just for several minutes before potentially returning to the game. FIFA medical advice is that symptoms can take up to 72 hours to develop. of "The symptoms

concussion can change or evolve within the minutes, hours, days and even weeks after the traumatic event, FIFA said of the new "Suspect and Protect" campaign.

## India look to spin a new story but tricky Bangladesh no pushovers

largely ittered lopsided contests, India's

hopes of walking down that familiar path will hinge on sorting an uncharacteristic batting infirmity against spin when they face Bangladesh in a two-Test series starting here from Thursday.

Bangladesh, who are fresh from a recent 2-0 drubbing of Pakistan, are no pushovers this time and this will add to India's list of concerns as they look to take that bold first step into a long season that features 10 Tests, including a possible berth in the World Test Championship Final.
India's 40-4 (win-loss) home

record in the last decade is awe-inducing but there is an ever-little crack, which is getting more pronounced in the past three years, the past three years, particularly in the case of star batter Virat Kohli.

Kohli was a constant in India's bull run at home since 2015, crunching runs for fun against all comers. But since 2021, his numbers against spin have dipped -an average of 30 in 15 Tests in this period.

This is not to hold against

Kohli's extraordinary qualities as a batter, but it's an area that the champion cricketer himself will certainly want to improve

Skipper Rohit Sharma has also been prolific in dismantling spin, especially since his promotion as an opener in 2017 against South Africa. He averaged over 90 against

But since 2021, it has come down to a less flashy 44 in 15 matches. KL Rahul, a batter who is backed by Rohit as equally proficient against spin and pace, offers a slightly bleaker picture.

In the last three years, he has played five Tests at home but against the slower kind, the elegant right-hander's average has taken a beating and stands at 23.40.

Collectively, these stats need to be taken as an indication of waning skills but, perhaps, also as a reminder to refocus on perfecting the art of playing spin, often the core strength of batters from this part of the

Assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate had stressed on this point recently after India's debacle against Sri Lankan average 70), Shubman Gill (10



spinners in a three-match ODI series which they lost 0-2. There are bright points too in Rishabh Pant (five matches,

matches, average 56) and Yashasvi Jaiswal (five matches, average 115).

However, the numbers of

by their breakaway series In contrast, Bangladesh have against England earlier this year, but the Three Lions did not have an experienced spin

much more potent spinners in left-armers Shakib Al Hasan, Taijul Islam and off-spinner Méhidy Hasan Miraz, who can

day. Here, India will bank on the firepower and innovative approach of Pant to unsettle and eventually take down the visiting spinners as the Delhiite is expected to return to Test cricket for the first time since his horrific car accident in

In the bowling department, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, R Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja are certain to figure in the first eleven, and it's as formidable a unit as one would

get irrespective of conditions. India will ponder over whether to go with a third seamer in either Akash Deep or Yash Dayal, considering that the MA Chidambaram Stadium may offer a red-soil pitch or may offer a red-soil pitch, or field a third spinner in Kuldeep Yadav as is the prevailing trend in a home Test.

India can also consider the option of giving another run to Axar Patel as it can give a fillip to late order batting against a Bangladesh attack that also has two express quicks in Nahid Rana and Hasan Mahmud.

New head coach Gautam Gambhir too might have a small but significant personal goal in front of him, that is to

start the first Test series under his tutelage on a winning note, after returning from Sri Lanka with a tad underwhelming 1-1 record from a white ball tour.
An obsessed pursuant of victory, he will want to set it right. Rohit might carry a contrarian view on such individual targets and dress rehearsals, but India's effort in this series, first in six months for them in the traditional format, will certainly be a strong pointer to the course for the season ahead.

TEAMS (FROM):

India: Rohit Sharma (C), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, KL Rahul, Sarfaraz Khan, Rishabh Pant (WK), Dhruv Jurel (WK), R Ashwin, R Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohd. Siraj, Akash Deep, Jasprit Bumrah, Yash Dayal.

Bangladesh: Najmul Hossain Shanto (C), Mahmudul Hasan Joy, Zakir Hasan, Shadman Mominul Haque, (wk), Litton Mushfiqur Rahim Shakib Al Hasan, Kumer Das, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Taijul Islam, Nayeem Hasan, Nahid Rana, Hasan Mahmud, Taskin Ahmed, Sved



## Rishabh Pant braces for Test return after 632 days

Aharsh sun beating down on him, Rishabh Pant was engrossed preparing for his first Test in two years, taking down net bowlers in that unmistakably Pant-ish way.

From getting tossed up some 40m into air off a toppled car to getting back to cricket field at the highest level is nothing less than extraordinary

It was hard to believe that 632 played a Test match, and, coincidentally, his last five-day game was also against Bangladesh in

Now, the same opposition awaits him on his return to Test cricket come Thursday at the MA Chidambaram Stadium, and while the cricketing landscape around him remains largely unchanged, though some worthy contenders have come up in the interim.

Dhruv Jurel has impressed all with a gritty outing in front and behind the stumps during the home series against England earlier this year.

None could have faulted the team management if they continued with Jurel for this match, but head coach Gautam Gambhir underlined the value Pant brings to the table.

"We all know how destructive he can be (as a batter) and what he can do in Test cricket. Obviously,

it gives him the freedom to go a telltale sign of a wicket-keep-out there and express himself. at telltale sign of a wicket-keep-er's anticipation and agility, and He has got runs everywhere

around the world.
"It is always good to have someone like him who can open the game for us and more importantly can bring a lot of impact as well," Gambhir said in the prematch press meet here.

Of course, Pant has made his return to international cricket through the white ball formats, and was a part of India's T20 but the long-format matches offer a vastly different challenge in terms of skills and the duration of concentration.

Pant showed his readiness for the grind of red-ball cricket while playing for India B in the recent Duleep Trophy match at Bengaluru.

After a rather nervy 10-ball seven in the first innings against India A. Pant showcased his full range with a 47-ball 61 that contained nine fours and two sixes. He tumbled, shuffled across and went deep into crease during that knock, but the management could have been more eager to see how he responded to the task of wicket-keeping. Pant aced that test with flying colours, taking seven catches, five alone in the second innings, in that match.

The 26-year-old flew around behind the stumps to latch on to er's anticipation and agility, and was in the right position when

the spinners operated.

Jurel played for India A, but it was clear that the match was more of an audition for Pant ahead of his reintegration into Test cricket, which was supported by a quick assessment by the NCA physios.

Gambhir delved on Pant's role as a wicketkeeper.

"Not only with his batting, he stumps as well. Probably his batting overshadows his keeping many times.

"But actually, see what he has done in Indian conditions...it is never easy to keep against people like Ashwin, Jadeja and Kuldeep. So, what he has done behind the stumps has been remarkable. "Obviously, he brings a lot of good things to the Test side. Not only from the batting point of view, but from the keeping point of view as well,"

Gambhir detailed. Above all this, Pant gives a different angle to the whole game of cricket with his attitude. Ricky Ponting, who worked with Pant at Delhi Capitals, gave an insight. "He's an infectious character to have around the group. He loves his cricket. He's a winner. He doesn't just play to make a few runs and be out there for the fun of it," catches way down the leg side, Ponting recently told Sky Sports.

## Important to build relationship with seniors to take Indian cricket forward: Gambhir

Head coach Gautam Gambhir on Wednesday underlined the significance for him to build on the existing cordial relationship with the senior players like skipper Rohit Sharma and batting talisman Virat Kohli to take Indian cricket forward. Gambhir, who took over from Rahul Dravid after the T20 World Cup, has shared the Indian dressing room with the likes of Kohli, Rohit and Ashwin in the not-so-distant past.

"It's still early days (for him as coach). But the good part is that I have played with those guys (seniors). At one stage we were sharing the dressing room as players, when they were younger, who

have now become experienced guys," Gambhir said in the pre-match press meet here.

'When you have that kind of a relationship, sometimes it gets much easier than building a relationship. Obviously, now the roles are different. "The relationship we can build over a

period of next couple of years. It's going to be very important, and now we should keep taking it a little bit forward because we've got massive challenges coming our way," he added. The spat between Gambhir and Kohli after an IPL match at Lucknow has

often been portrayed in social media as an example of strained relation between

But Gambhir did not buy those



'Sometimes people have made a lot of hue and cry about these things. But that's not true. My relationship with everyone in the dressing room team has

been really, really good.
"More importantly I think the heart needs to be in the right place. When the passion is there, I think a lot of things can ease. I think the desire to win each and every time when we walk onto the cricket field, it's there. So, I think we've started off really well," said Gambhir. To buttress his argument, the 42-year-old explained his rationale behind

selecting the eleven for a particular Communication, for him, is the watch

word here. 'I think the most important thing is

clear communication. See, we don't drop anyone. We only select the best playing 11. We think and do the job for that particular Test match."

## Ponting joins Punjab Kings as head coach on four year contract

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Australian great Ricky Ponting was on Wednesday appointed head coach of Punjab replacing Bayliss in the underperforming IPL franchise.

The former Australian captain has made the switch to Punjab Kings from Delhi Capitals, a team he was part of for seven years.

"We are delighted to have Ricky on to guide and build our team for the next four seasons. His experience is crucial to help us develop a squad

to deliver on-field success," franchise CEO Satish Menon said. An IPL source added that Ponting will take a call on the rest of the support staff.

Under Ponting, Delhi Capitals became a force to reckon with though the elusive title never came. The team reached the final in 2020. He has also coached Mumbai Indians.

Punjab too have never won the IPL since the league's inception in 2008 and the four coowners will be hoping the World Cup-winning captain takes them all the way.

Punjab's sole final appearance came way back in 2014 and they are one team which is often criticised for frequent chopping and changing. They have failed to finish even in the top five in

the last seven editions and ended ninth out of 10 teams earlier this year. In a team statement, Ponting promised a different style of play going forward. the new challenge. I had

management about the way forward and was truly elated to see the alignment of our visions for the team.

great conversations with

the owners and the

We all want to repay the fans who have stayed with the franchise over the years and we promise that they will see a much different Punjab Kings going forward," he said. Bayliss was in charge of the side for the past two

seasons with now-retired Shikhar Dhawan as its Sanjay Bangar was head of cricket development,

Charles Langveldt, the fast bowling coach, and Sunil Joshi took care of the spinners

Prior to Bayliss, Anil Kumble coached Punjab Kings but success eluded them.

Punjab have had a strong core including Arshdeep Singh, Jitesh Sharma, Kagiso Rabada, Liam Livingstone, Sam Curran and Jonny Bairstow but the results have not come.

Uncapped Shashank Singh and Ashutosh Sharma were the standout players for Punjab Kings in an otherwise forgettable season this

## Samson, Parag enter final round with point to prove been able to lead from the front

Duleep Trophy: Iyer,

PTI ANANTAPUR

The likes of Shreyas Iyer, Sanju Samson, Riyan Parag and Rinku Singh will get enhance their red-ball when the final credentials round of Duleep Trophy matches begin here Thursday.

No knockout games are scheduled for the season opening event and the team with maximum points will lift the trophy. With nine points from two games, India C sit at the top of the points table, followed by India B (7), India A (6) and India D (0). Table leaders India C

captained by Ruturaj Gaikwad, will take on Mayank Agarwal led India A, while Abhimanyu Easwaran led India B will face India D, whose captain is under-pressure Iyer.

After being ignored for the Bazar Ps-Barhet Sahebganj-Bangladesh series, Iyer had a 816102 changed my name to point to prove but he has not

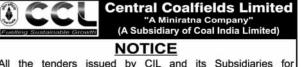
thus far in the competition. With his team yet to earn a point in the tournament, he will be fired up to put an

The performance of India D batter Samson and pacer Arshdeep Singh will also be tracked by the selectors. In the India B camp, Rinku will be aiming to get big runs after low returns in the previous



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### Malvika stuns Paris Olympics medallist Tunjung in China Open badminton tournament world's top 50. She has played

PTI CHANGZHOU (CHINA)

India's Malvika Bansod pulled **L**off a sensational straightgame victory over Paris Olympics bronze medallist Gregoria Mariska Tunjung of Indonesia in the women's singles opening round of the China Open Super 100 badminton tournament here on Wednesday

The 22-year-old Indian, ranked 43rd in the world, displayed immense grit as she saved three game points in the opening game to defeat the world No. 7 Indonesian 26-24 21-19 in a 46-minute match, marking the biggest win of her Malvika, a B. Tech graduate in

computer science from SRM University in Chennai, will next take on Scotland's Kristy Gilmour, two-time Commonwealth Games medallist.

She was the sole Indian bright spot in the women's singles as compatriots Aakarshi Kashyap and Samiya Imad Farooqui exited in the first round. 21 in a one-sided contest.

Aakarshi lost to Chinese Taipei's Chiu Pin-Chian 15-21 19-21, while Samiya was outplayed by Gilmour 9-21 7-In other Indian results, the women's doubles pair of Treesa

Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand

went down 21-16 15-21 17-21

to Chinese Taipei's Hsieh Pei

Shan and Hung En-Tzu.



The mixed doubles duo of B Sumeeth Reddy and N Sikki Reddy lost 10-21 16-21 to Malaysia's Tan Kian Meng and Lai Pei Jing.

left-handed shuttler, Malvika, Nagpur,

transitioned to the senior international circuit in 2019, winning the Maldives International title finishing runner-up at the 2022 Syed Modi International. She has been in good form this

year, claiming the Azerbaijan International title. Malvika, once coached by

former India junior chief coach Sanjay Mishra, made headlines in 2022 when she defeated Olympic bronze medallist Saina Nehwal at the India Open, breaking into the world's top 30.

However, her progress was hampered by health issues as she contracted dengue and typhoid following participation in the Hangzhou Asian Games last year.

players in early rounds of

world tour events. Despite

early exits, she managed to

maintain her position in the

game forward. This is her biggest win, and she is extremely happy. She has been performing well, but lacks experience, and hasn't sometimes luck favoured her," her mother After her recovery, Malvika Trupti told PTI. consistently faced top-ranked

Sanjay sir was like a father figure to her, but once he took up his role as BAI secretary, we struggled to find replacement."

close matches against the likes of world No. 1 Akane

Yamaguchi and former world

Currently training under coach Shrikant Vad at the

Thane Badminton Academy,

Malvika continues to push her

champion Nozomi Okuhara.

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