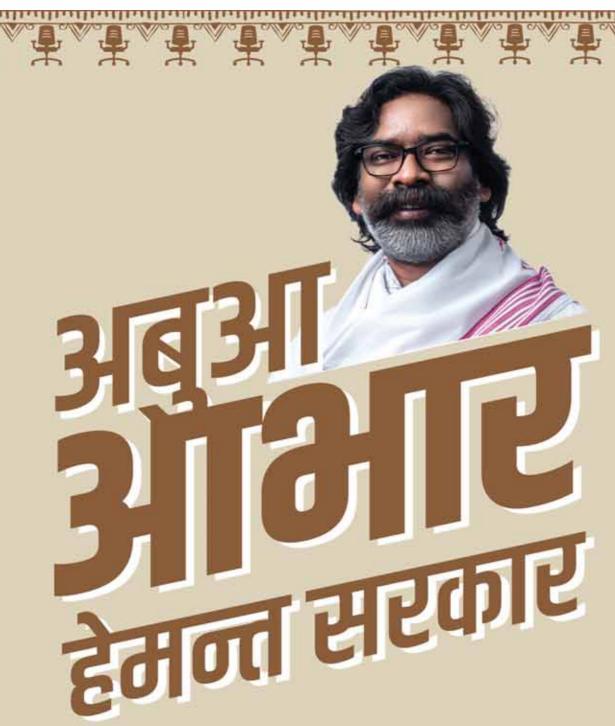
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Mainiyan Samman Yatra launched in East Singhbhum, BJP on target



→ he much-anticipated Mainiyan Samman Yatra was launched at the Bahragora branch ground on Thursday, attracting a massive crowd despite challenging weather conditions. The event, which focuses on empowering women under the Mainiyan Samman Yojana, was graced by Baby Devi, Minister of Women, Child Development, and Social Security for the Government of Jharkhand, as the chief guest. Other notable attendees included Gandeya Assembly MLA Kalpana Soren and Bahragoda MLA Sameer Kumar Mahanti, both of whom were special guests at the event. The program commenced with a formal ceremony where the MLAs honored the chief guest and other dignitaries with bouquets. This was followed by a procession of hundreds of vehicles, which began from under the Kaliadinga

overbridge and made its way to the meeting venue, moving through the entire market area. Despite heavy rains, thousands of women gathered under umbrellas, keenly listening to the addresses of the chief guest and other speakers. Opposition Criticism and Response Addressing the enthusiastic crowd, JMM's star campaigner and MLA Kalpana Soren emphasized the significance of the Mainiyan Samman Yojana. The scheme, under the Jharkhand government's initiative, provides a monthly allowance of ?1,000 to every woman aged between 18 and 50, amounting to ?12,000 annually. Soren took a dig at the opposition parties, stating that they were finding it difficult to accept the success of the welfare program. She further remarked on the solid footing of the grand alliance in Jharkhand. asserting that no opposition could halt its progress in the upcoming assembly

elections. Commitment to Women's

to the audience, reaffirmed the government's commitment to the wellbeing of mothers and sisters across the state. She acknowledged that a few women had yet to receive payments under the scheme but assured that the issue would be resolved swiftly. Baby Devi praised the govern-ment's continued efforts in securing financial independence and social security for women in the state.

Echoing similar sentiments, Bahragoda MLA Sameer Kumar Mahanti launched an attack on the BJP, claiming that the welfare schemes initiated by the Jharkhand government have ensured the safety and prosperity of the state's women. its soil, and its resources. Mahanti noted that the massive turnout at the Mainiyan Samman Yatra despite adverse weather was a testament to the people's support for the current government's initiatives.



SAIL's 52nd AGM: Chairman emphasizes stakeholder engagement and proactive growth strengthening engagement

PNS: BOKARO

Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) conducted its 52nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) today at the company's headquarters in Lodi Road, New Delhi. The meeting, held virtually, was presided over by Amarendu Prakash, Chairman of SAIL, who addressed the shareholders.

During his address, Prakash highlighted SAIL's unwavering commitment to

with stakeholders and improving asset utilization. He emphasized that the company is taking proactive measures to remain ahead of industry challenges and opportunities. "SAIL will continue to engage with stakeholders, improve asset utilization, and proactively stay ahead of the curve," the Chairman remarked.

The AGM also served as a platform for the company to review its operational and financial performance over the past year. Amarendu Prakash further reassured shareholders of SAIL's focus on sustainability and innovation, which will drive the company's future growth.

In closing, Chairman Prakash reaffirmed that SAIL will remain dedicated to adapting to market dynamics, operational excellence, and delivering value to all its stakeholders.

Rising from the Ashes



challenges loomed, dark and vast, They shattered me, broke me fast. Yet deep within, a voice so small, Whispered, "Rise

again, stand tall." For my children, my family, my core, For the truth that I could't ignore. Though dungeons deep held me tight, But that flick-

er of faith refused to die. Slowly but surely, I found my way, With tiny steps forward, night to day.

With gratitude in every stride, I now stand strong, no need to hide.

From the ashes, I rise anew, With a heart resilient, although tired, yet true. Head held high, I face the sky, A warrior's spirit shall never die.

Varma Hitesh GM/HOD, Marketing and Sales BCCL.

CMPDI observes Special Campaign 4.0

PNS: RANCHI

Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI), a Subsidiary of Coal India Limited is observing Special Campaign 4.0 at its HQ and all its Regional Institutes all its Regional Institutes spread across 6 states. Special Campaign 4.0 aims to institutionalize Swachhata with focus on Enhancement of office spaces, Adoption of Environmental Friendly practices, Waste to Wealth cre-Scrap Disposal, Inclusivity etc.

Special Campaign 4.0 will be implemented in two phases i.e preparatory phase (16th-30th September) and Implementation Phase (02nd-



30th October, 2024). CMPDI till date identified

33 sites for Cleanliness Campaign which will clear 52764 sq.ft of area; 214 physical files to be weeded out; Closing of 824 e-files etc.

It is pertinent to mention here that CMPDI during

Special campaign 3.0 in 2023, cleaned 37 sites against a target of 32 sites; 1770 physical files were weeded out against a target of 100; and a record number of 12269 e-files were closed against a target of 700 thus exceeding all the targets by a huge margin.

S K Durga Puja Maha Samiti to take out grand Shobha Yatra

The Sri Kendriya Durga Puja Maha Samiti Palamu is to take out a grand Shobha Yatra on October 2 ahead of the sacred Kalash Sthapana.

Giving this information the president of the Sri Kendriya Durga Puja Maha Samiti Durga Johri said "This October 2 the beauty and elegance of the Shobha Yatra will be worth all time memory. It will be very

Johri is the president of the Sri Kendriya Durga Puja Maha Samiti for 10 consecutive years. On immersion Johri said "It has been unanimously decided to have immersion of the holy idols on October 12." There are mainly 4 loca

tions in Daltonganj including the bank of the river Amanat where the immersion of the idols is done. Johri said "There is much

water in both the rivers Koyel and Amanat. We urge

Sri Kendriya Durga Puja Maha Samiti holding press briefing in Daltonganj photo by PNS

the administration to have a safety line and local swimmers ready in the event of any mishap.

A 17 year old boy very recently lost his life in the river Koyel when he got swept away by the waters of the river. Johri added "There would be great many cautions on our side too. Immersion parties should have to be vigilant and

He said "We request the

faithful not to allow children to go into the river during the immersion. We can't afford any carelessness in the river

Last year there were 581 Puja pandals during the Durga Puja in Palamu. A few more may be expected to add to this figure. Close to Palamu, Garhwa district had 575 Puja pandals last year. There were just 146 Puja pandals in Latehar district last vear.

Former BJP State General **Secretary joined Congress**



PNS: RANCHI

Jharkhand Congress Bhawan Ranchi, member of Chaunpur royal family and former General Secretary of BJP Vivek Bhawani Singh joined Congress in the presence of Jharkhand Pradesh Committee President Keshav Mahato Kamlesh, leader of legislative party Dr. Rameshwar Oraon and former state president Rajesh Thakur.

Kamlesh expressed his desire to work in the organization unconditionally and his joining will further strengthen the organization as he said that there is a long queue of leaders coming from BJP to Congress, all of them are upset with the autocratic attitude of BJP and are ready to gradually Congress. Impressed by the ideology of Congress party and Rahul Gandhi ji's Bharat Jodo Yatra, he joined the party today and we welcome him, he said.

Leader of the Legislative Party, Dr. Rameshwar Oraon said that his joining the party will strengthen both Congress and the alliance. I personally know his family. I welcome those who are joining the party inspired by the policies, principles and ideology of the Congress party.

Vivek Bhawani Singh said that I have been in the BJP party for 20 years but I am very overwhelmed by the way they greeted me here and included me in the Congress family. "I have been in the BJP for 20 years. I did not suddenly decide to leave the party, especially

after 2014. I am not the only one, there are many people who are troubled by the dictatorial attitude of the BJP party and are affected by it. Everyone will join the Congress party one by one,' he said.

"Today the way Rahul Gandhi is constantly raising the basic problems of the common man like inflation, employment, GST, farmers, Rahul ji is the only leader in the whole of India who is constantly raising his voice and the leaders of BJP and all the constituent parties of India keep trying to corner him, but Rahul ji faces them equally strongly and works to raise the issues of the common man from the Parliament to the road, I was impressed by him and decided to join the Congress

Emergency Angioplasty saves life of 67-Year-Old

PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

Brahmananda Narayana Hospital, Jamshedpur has successfully performed an emergency angioplasty on a 67-year-old man suffering from a heart attack and severe heart disease

Karu Nandan Pathak, a resident of Bandpara, Chaibasa, West Singhbhum, was admitted with intense chest pain and difficulty eatning. Before coming to the hospital, he had visited several local doctors but found no relief. After hearing about the hospital's cardiology department from friends, he decided to seek help there.

Upon admission, Dr. Ajay Kumar Agarwal and his team conducted tests, including an ECG, which indicated a serious heart condition. Given the urgency of the situation, they performed a coronary angiography, revealing critical blockages in two of his heart's three vessels. After explaining the situation to Mr. Pathak's family, the team quickly proceeded with angioplasty on the affected arteries.

Dr. Agarwal emphasized, "Time is crucial when deal-

ing with heart attacks. If patients arrive at a cardiac facility during the critical early hours, their chances of survival increase significantly." Unfortunately, many people delay seeking help, which can worsen their con-

Following the procedure, Mr. Pathak's condition stabilized, and he was discharged two days later, feeling much better. Dr. Agarwal noted, When Mr. Pathak arrived, he was in a critical state. Our team acted swiftly to diagnose and treat him effectively.

Cases like these highlight the importance of seeking timely medical attention for symptoms like chest pain and breathlessness. Early intervention can be lifesav-

Commenting on the hospital's commitment patient care, the hospital's Facility Director stated, "At Brahmananda Narayana Hospital, we prioritize the well-being of our patients by offering comprehensive care across all specialties under one roof. This allows us to respond quickly and effectively in any medical emergency or for any health condition."

CMPDI inks MoA with RK Mission TB Sanatorium, Ranchi

CMPDI, RI-III, Ranchi signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Ramakrishna Mission TB Sanatorium, Tupudana, Ranchi for providing Financial assistance of Rs. Rs 55.86 Lakhs for the procurement of Medical equipment as part of CMPDI Corporate Social Responsibility. Shri Jayant Chakraborthy, RD, RI-III, Ranchi and Shri Swami Satsanganand, Secretary, RK mission TB sanatorium signed the MoA. This initiative will augment diagnostic and treatment capabilities at the Ramakrishna Mission TB Sanatorium, which will benefit the Marginalized community located in and around Ranchi.

It is peritent to mention here that, CMPDI under CSR has donated an Ambulance and installed Ultrasound Machine-Colour Doppler system facility at Ramakrishna Mission TB Šanatorium, Ťupudana, Ranchi in 2022.

In another development CMPDI, RI-III, Ranchi signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Yathasambhav Prayas Sampurna Vikas (YPSV) to support the installation of 20 water coolers with Reverse Osmosis (R.O.) systems at 04 Panchayats of Ranchi district, Jharkhand. Jayant Chakraborthy, RD, RI-III,



Ranchi and ndrajeet Kumar, Secretary, (YPSV) signed the MoA. This CSR initiative is aimed at enhancing access to safe drinking water.

Water cooler will be installed at Makka Panchayat; Murupiri Panchayat; Chakme Panchayat (Burmu Block); Boreya Panchayat (Kanke Block) panchayats of Ranchi District, Jharkhand:

Through this Initiative, CMPDIL is committed to improving the quality of life in these communities as part of its ongoing efforts under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

CMC launches cleanliness drive at religious sites, community toilets

PNS: BOKARO

Under the leadership of AMC Anant Kumar, a special cleanliness drive was organized as part of the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign within the Chas Municipal Corporation area. The drive primarily focused on maintaining cleanliness at religious sites, including Shiv Mandir at Talgharia More, Gurudwara, and Durga



Mandir in Chira Chas. These important spiritual locations were meticulously cleaned with the active participation of officials, staff members, and sanitation workers from all zones of the corporation. Simultaneously, a cleanliness drive targeting community toilets in the area was also undertaken. The initiative witnessed the joint efforts of municipal officials, staff from Sulabh International, and local sanitation workers. The campaign aimed to reinforce the importance of public hygiene and ensure a cleaner, healthier environment for the community.

AMC Anant Kumar praised the collective effort and emphasized the need for regular maintenance of public spaces, particularly during the festive season, to promote a culture of cleanliness and public health. The 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign continues to be a pivotal part of Chas Municipal Corporation's commitment to making the city cleaner and more livable.

PNS: JAMSHEDPUR Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) -National Metallurgical Laboratory (NML) marked its 83rd Foundation Day

with a grand celebration at the NML Auditorium. The event was graced by distinguished guests, including Chief Guest Dr. Shankar Venugopal, Vice President of Mahindra Research Valley, Chennai; Dr. Sandip Ghosh Chowdhury, Director of CSIR-NML: and Aditva Mainak, Administrative Officer of CSIR-NML. The ceremony commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by a welcome address from Dr. Chowdhury, who greeted the dignitaries, NML retirees, scientists, and

other invitees.

The highlight of the event was the CSIR Foundation Day lecture delivered by Dr. Shankar Venugopal, who spoke on "The New Materials that are Shaping the Future of Mobility." In his insightful talk, Dr. Venugopal emphasized the importance of introducing cutting-edge technologies that are accessible to Indian farmers, aligning with Mahindra's mission to make technology affordable and impactful. He also discussed the exciting potential of Deep Sea Mining, which contains critical materials like manganese (Mn), cobalt (Co). nickel (Ni), and neodymium (Nd), essential for the electric vehicle (EV) industry.

Dr. Venugopal touched upon the significance of India's lithium reserves,



NML celebrates 83rd CSIR Foundation

Day with focus on future of mobility

estimated at 5.9 million tons, and highlighted the 90% price drop in lithiumion batteries over the past decade, underscoring the rapid transformation in battery technology. He also

noted the challenges India faces in securing critical metals, such as lithium and cobalt, which are vital for producing EV batteries. As a solution, he urged a focus on technology development

materials from end-of-life EV batteries to ensure sustainability in the long run.

for recycling these critical

In keeping with the tra-dition of celebrating excellence, the event also featured awards for various competitions and achievements. Dr. Venugopal presented awards for the essay and quiz competitions, held in honor of the Foundation Day, along with meritorious student awards for the wards of CSIR-NML employ-

In recognition of academic excellence, a onetime cash award of Rs. 3,000 was given to students who secured 90% or more in at least three science subjects in the Senior **Secondary Examination** (12th class) of 2024. This year's recipients were:

Employees who had completed 25 years of service with CSIR were honored for their dedication, while those who retired between September 30, 2023, and August 31, 2024, were also recognized for their contributions to the organization. The celebration conclud-

ed with a vote of thanks by Aditya Mainak, Administrative Officer of CSIR-NML, who expressed gratitude to the dignitaries, participants, and attendees for making the event a suc-cess. The 83rd Foundation Day of CSIR-NML highlighted the continued commitment of the laboratory to scientific and industrial innovation, along with its contributions to the development of future technologies, especially in the mobility and materials sectors.



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Police altered documents in RG Kar case, claims CBI



Activists of various left wing parties clash with police personnel during a protest march against the alleged sexual assault and murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, in Kolkata, Thursday

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

he Central Bureau of Investigation reasons to believe that a section of Kolkata Police officials had tried to create fake documents in the Kolkata lady doctor rape and murder case. In its remand letter submitted before Court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Sealdah the CBI has said that the officials at Tala Police Station which has jurisdiction over the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital where the August 9 rape and murder took place had tried

to "create" and "alter" certain documents that could change the direction of the case.

Hearing a writ petition the Calcutta High Court had transferred the case to the CBI following allegations that the Kolkata Police was trying to suppress facts.

While seeking an extended remand for former Officer incharge of Tala Police Station Abhiiit Mondal and arrested former RGKMCH Principal Sandip Ghosh the CBI has told the Court that some additional facts had surfaced during the investigation of the two accused persons.

"During

the CBI letter said. The agency also told the court that the CCTB footages of the said police station had been confiscated and handed over to the Central Forensic Laboratory for analysis. The parents of the victim had

custodial interrogation of both the accused persons, new/additional facts have emerged to the effect that some false records pertaining to the instant case were created/ altered in the police station,"

also alleged similar things before the media. "We had told repeatedly how we were

sudden illness, suicide and then death over telephone before we rushed to the hospital ... then in the hospital we were made to sit for three hours while her mother literally held their feet to let her see her daughter's face once," said the father of

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The ordeal did not end there as the old parents were made to sit in the Tala Police Station for more than an hour and were repeatedly monitored while they wrote the FIR. "They also forcefully cremated my daughter without our wishes ... as we wanted to get a second postmortem conducted" as the autopsy was done post sundown defying the general protocol in the Kolkata Police manual, they alleged.

the victim.

was done not on the request of a DCP but that of a subinspector, a letter recovered by the CBI showed. The CBI has been trying to find out who was instructing Mondal and also who was instructing the person and who was instructing the arrested police officer and for what reason, sources said adding "everything will become clear adding sources in the coming weeks when the call details and forensic reports come up."

Incidentally, the postmortem

Domestic Violence Act applicable to all women: SC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

In a significant verdict, the Supreme Court on Thursday ruled that the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, is a civil code that is applicable to every woman in India irrespective of her religious affiliation irrespective of her religious affiliation or social background. A bench of Justice BV Nagarathna and Justice N Kotiswar Singh said the 2005 legislation was applicable to all women for more effective protection of their rights guaranteed under the Constitution.

"The Act is a piece of civil code which is applicable to every woman in India irrespective of her religious affiliation and/or social background for a more effective protection of her rights guaranteed under the Constitution and in order to protect women victims of domestic violence occurring in a domestic relationship," the bench said. The apex court delivered its verdict on an appeal filed by a woman challenging an order of the Karnataka High Court in a matter related to the grant of maintenance and compensation.

The woman had earlier filed a petition

under section 12 of the Act which was allowed by a Magistrate in February 2015 granting Rs 12,000 as monthly maintenance and Rs 1 lakh towards compensation to her.

The top court noted that the husband had filed an appeal against the order which was dismissed by the appellate court on the ground of delay. The court noted that later, he filed another application under section 25 of the Act, which deals with duration and alteration of orders, before a magistrate but the same was dismissed.

The bench said thereafter, he filed an appeal before the appellate court,



which allowed it and remanded the matter to the magistrate with a direction to consider his application by giving an opportunity to both parties to adduce their evidence. The judges noted that aggrieved by the order, the woman approached the High Court which dismissed her plea in April last year and directed the magistrate to consider the application filed by the man under section 25 of the Act.

In its verdict, the Supreme Court referred to section 25 and said it was evident that an aggrieved person or a respondent as defined under the Act can seek for alteration, modification or revocation of an order made under the provisions of the Act if there was a change in the circumstances as per sub-section (2) of section 25. The bench said a Magistrate, while exercising discretion under section 25(2) of the Act, has to be satisfied that a change in the circumstances has occurred, requiring to pass an order of alteration, modification or revocation.



Hindu Temple vandalised in US

PTI WASHINGTON

Unknown miscreants have vandalised the BAPS Hindu temple in California's Sacramento, miscreants desecrating it with expletive-laden graffiti saying "Hindus go back!", the BAPS Public Affairs said.
"Less than 10 days after the desecration

of the @BAPS Mandir in New York, our Mandir in the Sacramento, CA area was desecrated last night with anti-Hindu hate: "Hindus go back!" We stand united against hate with prayers for peace," the BAPS Public Affairs said

in a post on X.
Wednesday night's incident comes after
the desecration of the BAPS Shri
Swaminarayan Mandir in Melville, New York, on September 17.

"Our condemnation of hate remains resolute; our sadness has only deepened; and our prayers for all, including those with hate in their heart, have grown stronger," the organisation said in a statement. "BAPS is working with law enforcement authorities on this hate crime," the statement said.

"The BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Sacramento is home to a vibrant Hindu community engaged in numerous activities and projects to support the larger community. We are and shall remain an integral part of this community's fabric," the statement

SC to hear Godhra incident appeals on 15 January

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday said it will hear on January 15 the appeals filed by the Gujarat Government and several other convicts in the 2002 Godhra train burning case. bench of Justices IK Mahes Rajesh Bindal made it clear that no adjournment will be given in the matter

on the next date of hearing. On February 27, 2002, 59 people were killed when the S-6 coach of Sabarmati Express was burnt at Gujarat's Godhra, triggering riots in the State. Several appeals have been filed in the Supreme Court challenging the October 2017 verdict of the Gujarat High Court which had upheld conviction of several convicts and commuted the death penalties of 11 to life term.



Gujarat Government's counsel Swati Ghildiyal requested the bench to post the matter for hearing on some other day as she was to argue before another Supreme Court bench in a death penalty-related matter. "We have to first understand what are the cases of individuals? What is the prosecution's case? Then we have to ascertain the roles," the bench observed, adding that hearing in the matter will take at least three days. Now we will not adjourn it on the next date," the bench said.



People gather at a government hospital after their family members drowned while taking holy dips in rivers and ponds during the 'Jivitputrika' festival on Wednesday, in Aurangabad district of Bihar, Thursday Sept. 26, 2024. At least 43 people, including 37 children, drowned and three others went missing in separate incidents in 15 districts of the state, according to officials

Several drown during Bihar festival

districts

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t least 43 people, including 37 Achildren drowned and three others went missing while taking holy dips in rivers and ponds in separate incidents during the 'Jivitputrika' festival in Bihar, the State Government said on Thursday. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar condoled the deaths and announced an ex gratia of Rs 4 lakh for the next of kin of the deceased.

The incidents occurred in 15 districts of the state during the festival held on Wednesday. During the 'Jivitputrika' festival, women fast for the wellbeing of their children and both take holy dips.
"A total of 43 bodies have been

recovered so far. Further search operation is on," a statement issued by Disaster Management Department (DMD) said.

The process of providing the ex gratia has begun and family members of eight deceased have already received

it, the statement said.
"The incidents of drowning were reported from East and West Champaran, Nalanda, Aurangabad, Kaimur, Buxar, Siwan, Rohtas, Saran,

Patna, Vaishali, Samastipur, Gopalganj and Arwal

The DMD has pressed several teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) for search and rescue operations.

Eight children drowned in Aurangabad district - four at Itahat village under Baruna police station area and another four at Kushaha village of Madanpur police station. According to reports from Kaimur,

seven minors drowned in Bhabhua and Mohania police station areas when they were taking bath in the Durgawati river and a pond, respectively

Four incidents of drowning were reported on Wednesday evening from Amnabad village under Bihta police station area of rural Patna and five persons, including two boys, drowned in Daudpur, Manjhi, Taraiya and Marhaura police station areas of Saran district.

The incidents took place when the victims, along with their family members, went for a holy dip in the water bodies," Aurangabad District Magistrate Srikant Shastri said.



President Droupadi Murmu pays tribute at the Siachen War Memorial during a visit to Siachen Base Camp, on Thursday

HP govt face flak by party for adopting Yogi model

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Himachal Pradesh Minister Vikramaditya Singh was summoned to Delhi and reprimanded by the Congress brass over a controversial order issued by his department mandating food outlets across the State to display the name and address of their owners, which has however been withdrawn.

Facing flak by the party high command the Himachal Pradesh Government on Thursday said no such decision has been taken. The State Government in a statement said it has not taken any decision that makes it mandatory for street vendors to display nameplates or other identification at their stalls.

The development came as the Congress came under fire on social media as well as within the party over

Minister

welcomed it.

the move as it had criticised a similar move by the Uttar Pradesh Government during the Kanwar Yatra

a few weeks back. Sources said Vikramaditya has been asked not to give controversial remarks on this matter. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge was upset with Vikramaditya. The Himachal Urban Development Ministry's order came under criticism from Congress leader TS Singh Deo, who called it a reprehensible and discriminatory

BJP leader Jai Ram Thakur on Thursday said Singh must stick to his words. "If Vikramaditya Singh has" talked about implementing vendors' policy on the pattern of Uttar Pradesh, he should stick to his words," Thakur, who is Leader of the Opposition in the Himachal Pradesh Assembly, said.

SC rejects Gujarat **Government plea**



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday dismissed a plea filed by the Gujarat Government seeking a review of the court's verdict which contained certain observations against the State while quashing the remission granted to 11 men convicted of raping Bilkis Bano and murdering seven of her family members during the 2002 riots. A bench of Justices BV Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan also rejected the application for listing review

retition in open court.

"Having carefully gone through the Review Petition, the order under challenge and the papers annexed therewith, we are satisfied that there is no error apparent on the face of the record or any merit in the Review Petition, warranting reconsideration of the order impugned. The Review Petition is, accordingly, dismissed," the bench

The Gujarat Government in its plea had said the apex court's observation in the January 8 judgment, holding the State guilty of "usurpation of power" and abuse of discretion" for complying with an order of another top court bench, was an "error apparent on the face of the record" primarily on three grounds.

Little hopes of ceasefire between Israel, Hezbollah had been any directive to ease up to meet with other world leaders responded to the proposal for a pause in fighting, although Lebanon's caretaker Prime

The Israeli Prime Minister ■ appeared to downplay hopes of an imminent truce with Hezbollah on Thursday after the United States and its allies called for an "immediate" 21-day ceasefire to "provide space for diplomacy".

In a statement released as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who was en route to New York to attend the UN General Assembly, his office said there was only a proposal on the table and that he had not yet responded to it. The statement also denied that there on fighting on the northern border with Lebanon. The comments raised questions

about a new international initiative to halt increasingly heavy exchanges of fire that have killed hundreds of people in Lebanon and threatened to trigger an all-out war between Israel and Hezbollah. They came as Israel has threatened to launch a ground invasion into Lebanon to push the militant group away from the border and as an Israeli strike in Lebanon killed 23 people. The Israeli foreign minister, Israel



country would continue fighting "with all our might until victory homes. Katz, had previously said the and the safe return of the Hezbollah has also not yet

residents of the north to their

strikes if there is a ceasefire in Gaza, where Israel has been battling Hamas for nearly a year. That appears out of reach despite months of negotiations led by the United States, Egypt and Qatar. In its statement, Netanyahu's office said "the fighting in Gaza will also continue until all the objectives of the war have been

on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly. Najib Mikati has Israel launched massive operation in Gaza after a Hamas-

The Lebanese militant group has insisted it would only halt its led attack into southern Israel on October 7 in which about 1,200 people (mostly civilians) were killed, and 250 taken hostage. More than 41,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza since then, according to local officials. Hezbollah began firing rockets into Israel one day after the October 7 attack in support of its Hamas allies, and Hezbollah and Israel have traded fire ever since. achieved." Netanyahu is expected

Solid steps being taken to make farmers of State self-dependent: CM

CM transfers Rs 400.66 Cr through DBP for loan waiver of 1,76,977 farmers

ment opens through uation, the state will become strong only with the prosperity of the farmers. Our government is constantly taking concrete decisions towards making the farmers self-reliant," said Chief Minister Hemant Soren, addressing Jharkhand Agriculture Loan Waiver Scheme program Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Cooperation Thursday. The CM said that this is not a loan waiver scheme program, but it is a Mahajutan program in honour of the farmers.

On this occasion, the Chief Minister gave a big gift to 1,76,977 lakh farmers of the state by waiving their crore of all these farmers was repaid by the state government. The Chief Minister also unveiled the Birsa Kisan Integrated Portal of the Agriculture Department in this program.

The CM said that today farmers are facing various challenges. Agricultural work is getting affected due to the poverty of farmers and lack of capital. In such a situation, with the aim of giving relief to the farmers, our government has decided to waive their agricultural loans up to two lakh rupees, so that by strengthening their economic condition, they can get a chance to make a new beginning in the field of agriculture.

The CM said that 80 per cent of the population of Jharkhand lives in rural areas. The farmers and labourers here depend on



Chief Minister Hemant Soren waves to people during Jharkhand Agriculture Loan Waiver Scheme programme in Ranchi on Thursday. PNS

hood. In such a situation, their farm is their bank and the barn is their ATM. But, today the condition of the farmers is not hidden. They are doing agricultural work amidst adverse conditions. Many times due to the

aged a lot, the brunt of which they have to bear for a long time. Our government is continuously working to help the farmers come out of adverse circumstances. In this episode, our government took a historic



Chief Minister Hemant Soren distributes assets among beneficiaries during **Jharkhand Agriculture Loan Waiver Scheme** programme in Ranchi on Thursday. PNS

up to two lakh rupees taken by the farmers for agricultural work, so that the farmers can be provided with economic security cover.

The CM said that our government is working for the development and welfare of every class and section. We have given pension to the elderly and are giving Samman Rashi to women. The process of giving employment to the youth is going on on a large scale. Savitribai Phule Kishori

education. To ensure that the dreams of the bright students of this place to become engineers, doctors and officers do not remain unfulfilled due to lack of money, the government is giving them an education loan up to Rs 15 lakh on its guarantee under Guruji Credit Card Yojana. Our government has waived off loans of up to Rs 2 lakh of farmers. Along with waiving off the outstanding electricity bills, 200 units of electricity are being given free of cost. In our government, everyone including tribals, natives, Dalits, women, youth, elderly, backward and minorities are getting opportunities to move forward.

In the presence of the Chief Minister, an MoU was signed for 5 years between Secretary of Agriculture Department Abu Bakar

Gujarat, S Raghupati for promoting the dairy industry. Under this, about 68 thousand milk producers will be linked. Apart from this, milk producers will also be given an incentive of Rs 5 per liter in addition to the fair price of milk production. Ministers Rameshwar

Oraon, Satyanand Bhokta,

Deepika Pandey Rajya Sabha MP Mahua Maji, MLA Rajesh Kachhap. Keshav Mahato Kamlesh Rajesh Development Commissioner Avinash Kumar, Agriculture Siddique, Tarachand, Agriculture Director Horticulture Faiz Ak Ahmed, Director Animal Husbandry Kiran Pasi and Executive Director of NDDB Anand, Gujarat Raghupati were present in this

DW&SD Minister reviews work progress of Jal Jeevan Mission



DW & SD Minister Mithilesh Kumar Thakur reviews works of Jal Jeewan Mission in Garhwa on Thursday. PNS

Drinking Water and Sanitation Minister Mithilesh Thakur directed the officials to complete the work of drinking water supply schemes within the time limit for continuous quality water supply to all the rural families of the state through functional domestic tap water. All engineers should continuously monitor the progress of the work and visit the area to ensure work as per the quality standards and ensure to inform the department about the progress

He reprimanded them and

have not been able to complete the work given on time should complete the work on time. He gave the last chance to those contractors to complete the work and warned them that if the work is not completed in the said period, they will be debarred. All the contractors should ensure to complete the works of the schemes on time with accountability. He was reviewing the progress of drinking water supply schemes being implemented under Jal Jeevan Mission during the state level marathon review meeting by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation at the Collectorate of Garhwa district

Thakur said that all the Executive Engineers should constantly take the support of their Deputy Commissioner to obtain NOC and solve other problems at the rural level. Ensure regular quality based drinking water supply to those rural families who have been covered with functional domestic tap water (FHTC).

The Minister directed all the engineers and contractors to work in mission mode. The progress of all drinking water schemes under Medininagar zone and multirural drinking water supply schemes worth more than Rs 50 crore under other 8 zones

are a total of 108 multi-rural water supply schemes.

found that on 15 August 2019, tap water connection was available in only 3.45 lakh (5.64 percent) rural households across the state. After the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission, despite challenges like the Covid pandemic and inaccessible areas, till now a total of 33.96 lakh (54.34 percent) households across the state have been covered with functional domestic tap water. During the review of the progress of district-wise coverage percentage, it was found that the coverage of Simdega district is 93 percent, which is above the national average of 78 percent coverage. The department is making every possible effort to make Simdega district the first "Har Ghar Jal" district of the state.

attended by Principal Secretary Mast Ram Meena, Principal Rajiv Ranjan Kumar, Special Secretary, Vijay Kumar Gupta, Additional Secretary and Brijnandan Kumar, Chief Engineer, all Chief Engineers, Superintending Engineers, Executive Engineers and all

BLOOD DONATION **CAMP ORGANIZED** IN CCL

Under the guidance of CCL Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) Pankaj Kumar, Central Hospital Ramgarh organized a blood donation camp on Thursday in collaboration with Military Engineering Services, Ramgarh under the aegis of CSR Department as part of the ongoing vigilance awareness campaign in CCL. It is known that the theme of this year's campaign is "Culture of honesty, for the prosperity of the nation" and this campaign has started from 16 August. The programme was inaugurated by IDSE, EE, Garrison Engineer, MES, Ramgarh Rohit Sathi and CMO in-charge Dr. Bhaskar Chakraborty. CCL employees, workers union members and a large number of people participated in the program, in which 30 blood donors were examined and 18 units of blood were collected which will be used for the treatment of needy patients.

Case against State IAS officer in Chhattisgarh liquor scam

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The Economic Offence Wing of Raipur has registered a case in the alleged Rs 2050 crore liquor scam in Chhattisgarh. Apart from the officials of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand IAS and the then Excise Secretary Vinay Chaubey has also been accused in this case.

The Inspector of EOW Raipur first investigated the matter on the statement of Vikas Singh, a resident of Argora police station area of Ranchi and then registered a case. Vikas Singh has accused Chhattisgarh officials including Chhattisgarh retired IAS official Anil Tuteja, Raipur Mayor's brother Anwar Dhebar, Arunpati Tripathi and their syndicate of causing a loss of revenue worth billions of rupees to the Chhattisgarh government by committing the liquor scam.

It has also been said in the allegations that this syndicate, in connivance with the officials of Jharkhand, changed the excise policy of Jharkhand and damaged the revenue of the government. It has also been said in the allegations that the officials of both the states together have also committed a scam in manpower supply.

According to the allegations, several meetings have taken place between the officials of both the states from December 2021 to January 2022. It is noteworthy that earlier in April 2023, IAS Vinay Chaubey and Karna

Singh addressing the

Parivartan Sabha in

said that the prestige of the

country has increased in the

international world. Earlier,

the country's voice was not

heard, but today when India

speaks, the world listens. In

terms of wealth and economy, India has stood at the

Singh said that by 2027,

India will be included in the

top 3. On the success of

Indian scientists, he said

that today Indian scientists

the South Pole of the Moon

there has been a continuous

have achieved success in

He said that in the world,

Russia and Ukraine for 2

Centre worked to evacuate

the Indian students trapped

years. In this crisis, the

there. Taking aim at the

Jharkhand, he said that

hunger, unemployment and

poverty should be eradicat-

Referring to the previous

governments, the Defence

Minister said that the JMM

government could not do as

Marandi ji, Arjun Munda ji

and Raghuvar Das ji did in

he said that the Parivartan

of the BJP is going to write

a new history. On November 15, it will be 24 years since

Jharkhand became a state.

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Parivartan Yatra in Dhanbad

Rajnath counts welfare schemes of

Satyarthi had recorded their statements in the Raipur office of ED regarding the liquor scam. ED is also investigating the Chhattisgarh liquor scam case. ED has lodged an FIR in ACB. The investigating agency found in its investigation that the scam was carried out during the tenure of the then Bhupesh government through an illegal syndicate of IAS officer Anil Tuteja, MD of Excise Department Arunpati Tripathi and businessman Anwar Dhebar. From the year 2019 to 2022, illegal liquor was sold from government liquor shops by affixing duplicate holograms, causing a loss of revenue worth crores to the government. It may be noted that in May this year the Enforcement Directorate (ED) investigating the money laundering in the alleged Rs 2,161-crore liquor scam case in Chhattisgarh has attached Rs 15-crore worth properties of retired IAS officer Anil Tuteja, who was arrested on April 21.

In all, the Central agency has attached movable and immovable properties worth Rs 205.49 crore, which also include 115 properties worth Rs 116.16 crore of another accused Anwar Dhebar, who is the brother of Raipur Mayor Aijaz Dhebar.

The attached properties of Anwar Dhebar include Hotel Vennington Court in Raipur being run under the aegis of his firm A Dhebar Buildcon and a commercial building

CEO, State Police Nodal Officer hold review meeting with DEOs, SPs

Chief Electoral Officer K. Ravi Kumar today said that the officers should ensure to give concrete shape to the preparations for the assembly elections in the state. He said that keeping in mind the complaints received through various means in the last Lok Sabha elections, ensure preparations for the upcoming assembly elections. Ensure strong management of security in the upcoming assembly elections.

The CEO was holding a review meeting with District Superintendents of Police of all districts through online medium from Election House today on various subjects related to Lok Sabha election related matters and preparations for the upcoming assembly elections.

The CEO said that a certificate must be taken from all BLOs and BLO supervisors that not a single wrong deletion has been made in the voter list in their area. He said that preparations should be made to strengthen all security standards with zero risk in the election. Ensure webcasting at all check posts. He said that all enforcement agencies will strongly ensure that there is no illegal transaction or movement in the state and strictly prohibit it.

On this occasion, the CEO reviewed the ASD list, wrong deletion in voter list, security management, movement of illegal materials etc. pointwise and gave necessary guidelines

On this occasion, State Police Nodal Officer AV Homkar, DIG Dhananjay Kumar Singh, DIG Indrajit Mahatha, DIG Ashwini Kumar Sinha, OSD Geeta DIG



CEO K Ravi Kumar along with State Police Nodal Officer AV Homkar holds a meeting with senior officials at his office in Ranchi on Thursday. PNS

Assistant Chief Officer Dev Das Electoral Dutta and other election related officials were present.

Meanwhile addressing a training session of Nodal Officer of Training Cell, SLMT, DLMT, Deputy Election Officer and ALMT the CEO said that it is the duty of all the officials associated with the election to ensure errorfree election process in the upcoming assembly elections. He said that there are clear guidelines of the Commission on every point for the election process. The goal of clean, fair, peaceful and error-free election can be achieved by following the clear guidelines of the Commission.

organized a two-day training session in different batches of election-related officials for the upcoming assembly elections. This training session is scheduled from 26 to 29 September. the training, During

The CEO's office has

Kumar drew the attention of the officials to the minor errors in various election related activities like sitting arrangement of polling stations, checking of EVM-VVPAT, packing of election material, ASD list, adding new voters and gave pointwise training on how to avoid

In the training session the officials were trained by the national level trainers on various topics like duties and responsibilities of polling parties, EVM/VVPAT for polling parties, voter polling time management, web-casting on polling day, poll eve and poll day duties of BLOs, duties of volunteers, role and responsibilities of micro observers, responsibilities of sector officer on poll eve, responsibilities of sector officer on poll day, mistakes, errors and IT applications by sector officer, postal ballots, duties and responsibilities of FST, duties and responsibilities of SST, responsibilities of VST, VVT and AT, duties of EVM cum Material Receipt Centre Officer and staff, control room and poll day monitoring system app, form filling, seal-

In the training session, the officials were trained by Additional Chief Electoral Officer Dr. Neha Arora, Joint Electoral Officer Subodh Kumar, national level trainers Geeta Chaubey,

ing and packing.

Governor inaugurates 7- day JCI Expo Utsav 2024

Jharkhand's largest consumer fair Expo Utsav 2024 was inaugurated with great pomp by the Jharkhand Governor Santosh Gangwar at Morhabadi Ground on Thursday After the inauguration, the Governor visited various stalls and

inquired about the goods and services displayed there. Gangwar praised JCI Ranchi for organizing this grand event and called it an important step for the business development of the state 'This event provides a big platform to the youth and entrepreneurs, from which they can showcase their innovation and skills," said Gangwar. Describing the event as an important contribution to the development and business of the State and the Governor also said that through Expo Utsav small and new entrepreneurs are also getting an opportunity to reach out to customers on a large scale. JCI Ranchi President JC Vikram Chaudhary thanked all the stall holders, participants and media present and said, "Expo Utsav is being organized with more grandeur every year and all the associates and members have contributed a lot to its success. This year we are trying to take the Expo to new heights where special arrangements have been made for people of all age groups." Chief Coordinator JC Shyam Anurag informed that more than 350 stalls from different countries and states have been set up in the Expo from where every type of goods from needle to car will be available. "This consumer fair is not only a place for shopping, but also a big platform for entrepreneurs to display their products and services. Here special care has been taken to provide entertainment, shopping and excellent food for every section," said Anurag. Former Rajya Sabha MP Mahesh Poddar was also present in the program. Poddar said, "I have been associated with Expo and JCI for years and it is a matter of pride to see this event being organised with such grandeur. The event is setting new dimensions every year due to the hard work of young entrepreneurs and organisers." Expo Utsav 2024 will have many special attractions including Fungola Amusement Park, Pink Hangar, Food Zone, and Furniture Zone. Apart from this, various competitions like dance, painting, yoga, fashion show, tambola, healthy baby and mom show and Voice of Expo will be organised in the next 6 days which will bring special entertainment for people of all ages



Governor Santosh Gangwar being felicitated during the inauguration of JCI Expo 2024 in Ranchi on Thursday. Pix by Vinay Murmu



Union Defence Minister Rainath Singh addresses a gathering during Parivartan sabha at Dhanbad on Thursday. Pix by Vinay Murmu

tory of politics in the state. He attacked JMM and said that a CM who earns money cannot develop the state. Chhattisgarh and Uttarakhand are developing rapidly. What is the reason that Jharkhand is not developing? Appealing to the public, he said that I am not asking for one term, give me a government in Jharkhand for 10 years, if we do not make Jharkhand a developed state of the country, then do not vote for the Bharatiya Janata Party next time.

The public chose JMM in the last election. The public is feeling cheated today. The JMM government has set new records of corruption. The CM had to go to jail. The CM is the leader of the state and that leader has to go to jail, that too on charges of corruption Politics does not work like this, politics works with public, shame and dignity. A family cannot run without public shame, a society cannot run without public shame, a state and government cannot run without

public shame. But JMM has

set aside public shame and dignity.

He said that we have taken many effective steps to ensure that the hard earned money of the people is spent in the development of the country and the people. He said that every year some election or the other takes place in the country. This costs 7 lakh crore rupees. By implementing one country one election the public will save 4 lakh crore rupees. Our government took many important decisions. 6000 rupees are being given to the farmers

under PM Kisan Samman. Referring to the previous Congress government, Rajnath Singh said that when Rajiv Gandhi was the PM, he had expressed his helplessness. He had said that what should I do, I send 100 rupees from Delhi's treasury but only 15 rupees reach people, 85 rupees are lost to corruption. Congress and other political parties did not find any way to stop this corrup-tion. But PM Modi found a solution to this in his first

Modi targets Congress: Infighting, lies drive Haryana to back BJP again

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The Congress spends most of its time infighting, tells lies to grab power and remains distant from public Prime Minister Narendra Modi claimed on Thursday while asserting the people have decided to give another chance to the BJP to serve Harvana.

Interacting with Haryana BJP workers through the NaMo app as part of the party's "Mera Booth, Sabse Mazboot" programme, he discussed fieldwork at the booth level for the October five assembly polls and told them to make utmost effort to win each

"A week remains for polling (in Haryana) and (you should) focus on every family in a polling booth," he told party workers. There are During the past 10 years, the 20,629 polling booths in Congress has failed as

Modi began his nearly hourinteraction mentioning his special connection with the people of Haryana, where extensively worked for the party organisation in the 1990s, and expressed his gratitude to them.

Alleging the Congress has failed as an opposition in the past 10 years, the prime minister claimed its maximum time goes into infighting. Every child in Haryana is aware of the grand old party's internal strife, he

These days, the Congress' loudspeakers that were earlier making big claims have fallen weak, Modi said. "Some are saying the Congress is becoming weak each day.

Singh Chouhan, and Nitin Gadkari have addressed a

series of meetings in Jammu.

Both the leaders while targeting the opposition parties Congress, National Conference, and the Peoples

Democratic Party appealed to

the voters to give a decisive

mandate to the BJP

candidates to ensure the

formation of a stable government that can carry

forward the growth-oriented agenda of the Union government at the helm of

Addressing a rally in the border belt of Ramgarh Uttar

Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath Thursday said, "After BJP's return (to power) here,

Pakistan-occupied Kashmir

is also going to be a part of Jammu and Kashmir. And

this is the commotion in

Pakistan, they are struggling

to save their democracy'

Comparing the situation in

both countries the Uttar

"On one side there is India

and on the other side there is

Pakistan, there is a shortage of food there, naturally,

beggar Pakistan is not able to

handle itself today. Pakistan-

occupied Kashmir is raising

its voice for separation from

It is saying that we also had

the right to participate in the

J&K elections...Balochistan is

chemistry does not match

with Pakistan. Because Pakistan is the enemy of

humanity, it is a cancer of

humanity. The world must be

He said that the ongoing Assembly polls in J&K are historic and the "results will

be a slap on the faces of NC,

He said Pakistan's condition at present is horrific. "The country is falling apart. On the contrary, Prime Minister

Narendra Modi gives 80 Crore

people of India a free ration

and 60 Crore are getting free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh

which has been enhanced up

"Pakistan is a sinking ship," he said. Yogi also addressed two other election meetings in RS

freed from this cancer..."

PDP and Congress.

to Rs 7 lakh.

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saying that our

opposition too."
"The party remained far from

people's issues for 10 years... Such people can never win the trust of the people of Haryana," he said.

"But our strategy should not be to sit pretty on their internal strife. They are going to die their death, but we have to plant our flag deep by working harder than before," Modi said.

Attacking the Congress further, he said, "The entire basis of those who are fighting against us in the polls is lies. They repeatedly tell lies, their talks have no head and tail they vitiate the atmosphere.

Modi claimed the Congress made tall promises to the people of Himachal Pradesh like they would "lay roof



made of gold for every house". But after coming to power in the state, development came to a standstill, the prime minister alleged, adding they talked of the old pension scheme but were now unable to pay salaries or carry out

recruitments. The Congress had promised to give Rs 1,500 to women who are waiting for it even after two years, he said. Himachal Pradesh is an example of how they told lies to win elections and the people of Haryana need to be

He alleged the Congress was not able to accept that Modi and Nayab Singh Saini, both

informed about it, the prime minister said at interaction.

He alleged the Congress were experts in lying but wear the mask of "Raja mask of "Raja Harishchandra". You will have to go door-to-door to expose them, Modi told the BJP One cannot imagine how

atrocities committed against the Dalits during the Congress rule in Haryana, he said and asked the party workers to expose such incidents publicly.

"Haryana has for the first

time got an OBC chief minister. They never made a chief minister from the backward classes. But the Congress will never say this," Modi said.

of who come from backward classes, became prime minister and Haryana's chief minister, respectively.

Recounting the government's initiatives for farmers, the prime minister alleged that during the Congress rule in Haryana, the farmers got Rs 2 compensation cheques for

crop damage. It is the BJP government in Haryana which has been giving minimum support price on 24 crops, he said, adding the farmers should seek clarification from the Congress for their lies on the issue and tell them how much crops were being procured at MSP. Accusing the Congress of indulging in a scam with funds for Dalits' welfare in Karnataka, Modi alleged the party did not fulfil even a single promise in states where

it is in power, be it Karnataka or Telangana.

Now they are talking big in Haryana, he said, adding, "Spreading rumours and telling lies is in their blood". The Congress people live only for their family and that is their character, he said in response to a Haryana BJP worker's feedback during the interaction

"I have full belief that the BJP is forming the government with a big mandate. One voice is heard from every home Bharosa Dil Se, Bajpa Phir Se." We have to put all our might to win the polling booth. You have to break all records of voting," he said.
Referring to the Haryana BJP's "Mahra Haryana-Non-Stop Haryana" campaign,

Modi said it has been inspired by mothers and sisters from



BJP gears up for crucial J and K Assembly polls Union Ministers Shivraj

MOHIT KANDHARI

The Bharatiya Janta Party is fully geared up to defend its 'impregnable citadel' in the last and crucial phase of maiden assembly polls in the Union, Territory, of Jammu Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

In the third phase polling is scheduled to take place across 40 Assembly segments. Out of these 40, 24 seats fall in the Jammu region.

In the 2014 Assembly polls, BJP won 19 out of 21 Assembly segments from the four districts of Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Udhampur.

This time three new seats have been added, one each in Kathua, Samba, Udhampur during the Delimitation of Assembly

constituencies. BJP's performance in this phase is going to make or chances of nent : rmation on its

strength. The Union Home Minister Amit Shah Thursday claimed that the Congress-NC alliance has been wiped out in the first two phases of the Kashmir Jammu and elections.

He also hit out at Omar Abdullah for contesting two Assembly seats out of fear. On Rahul Gandhi's claim to restore statehood in J&K if his party wins, Amit Shah responded that it can only be done when "BJP wants".

Leaving no stone unturned, the top brass of the party has already started bombing across different Assembly constituencies of Jammu, Samba, Kathua, and Udhampur districts.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to address a mega rally here in MAM sports stadium on September 28 ahead of winding up the high-octane month-long campaign.

On Thursday Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Aditvanath addressed eight rallies covering all four districts of the Jammu region. Other star campaigners of the party including Smriti Irani,

Kolkata Court gives death sentence to rape, murder accused

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A POCSO b(Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act) Court on Thursday awarded death sentence to a man for raping and purdering a 6-year-old and murdering a 6-year-old girl about a year and a half agoterming it "not a rare but rarest of rare case."

The sentence comes against the backdrop of the ongoing controversy over the RG Kar College rape and murder case. Special POCSO Judge Sudipto Bhattacharya sentenced Ashok Kumar Shaw the accused to death terming he deserved no mercy for the crime he had committed against a child who had no

chance of defending herself. "Mercy to the guilty is cruelty to the innocent," the judge said while announcing the quantum of punishment. The victim was raped and



murdered in the Tiljala area of south-east Kolkata, on March 26, 2023. She was allegedly lured away by the convict.

The police subsequently discovered her body in a nearby flat. Wednesday's was the third such verdict in a matter of a few months in the

"The prosecution was able to establish the case successfully and the guilty was finally brought to book ... and an exemplary punishment was awarded," said Madhavi said Madhavi Ghosh the Public Prosecutor.

PM Modi cancels Pune visit due to heavy rain, orange alert

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

mid continued heavy rains witnessed A mid continued heavy rains witnessed for the second consecutive day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi cancelled his scheduled visit to Pune on Thursday to inaugurate, dedicate and lay foundation stones for several development projects worth Rs. 22,600 crore and throw open the Solapur Airport to air traffic.

Confirming the development, Pune divisional commissioner Chandrakant Pulkundwar said: "The Prime Minister's visit to Pune has been cancelled. The scheduled programmes have been officially postponed," Pune divisional commissioner Chandrakant Pulkundwar

"Owing to an orange alert issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the Prime Minister's programme has been cancelled.

In the event of rains, people coming for the programme will have problems. Keeping the safety of people in mind, the PMO has cancelled the programme," Maha-Metro spokesperson Hemant Sonawane said

Pune recorded 130 mm of rainfall on Wednesday and there was no let in heavy



During his visit to Pune, Modi was to flag off the Metro train scheduled to run from District court yMetro station to Swargate, Pune. The inauguration of Pune Metro section of District Court to Swargate meant completion of the Pune Metro Rail Project (Phase-1). The cost of the underground section between District Court to Swargate is around Rs 1,810 crore.

The Extension of Pune Metro Phase-I is developed at the cost of around Rs 2,950 crore The three stations -- Market Yard, Padmavati and Katraj - coming under

the project have been constructed under ground.

During his Pune visit, Modi was also to lay the foundation stone for the Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule's First Girls' School at Bhidewada.

Modi was also to dedicate to the nation Bidkin Industrial Area, a transformative project covering an expansive 7,855 acres under the National Industrial Corridor Development Program of Govt. of India, situated 20 kms south of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar (known earlier as Aurangabad).

Delhi HC asks Centre to review Rahul Gandhi citizenship petition



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The Delhi High Court on Thursday asked the Centre to obtain a copy of a petition pending before the Allahabad High Court on the issue of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's citizenship. The court said a petition on a similar issue is also being heard by the Allahabad High Court and two courts can't deal with the same issue simultaneously. On Wednesday, Allahabad High Court sought response from Union Home Ministry on its notice to Rahul on British

Citizenship holding.
The court said before proceeding further in the matter, it will be in the interest of justice to know the position about the pending petition in the Allahabad High Court. "We read in the newspaper that Allahabad High Court is also seized of

cannot deal with the same

issue simultaneously.

"You (Centre) check up the status of the petition at Allahabad High Court and also obtain a copy of the petition. We just want to be doubly sure that we are not taking over someone else's jurisdiction," a bench of Chief Justice designate Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela said. The bench was hearing a plea by BJP leader Subramanian Swamy for directions to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to decide his representation seeking cancellation of Rahul Gandhi's Indian citizenship. Swamy, in his plea, also sought a direction to the Home Ministry to furnish a status report on the representation filed by him against Gandhi, the Leader of

the Opposition in the Lok Sabha. The plea, filed by advocate Satya Sabharwal,

said that on August 6, 2019, Swamy had written a letter to the ministry alleging that Gandhi had "voluntarily disclosed" to the British government that he was a citizen of British nationality, amounting to holding a

British passport.
During the hearing, the Centre's counsel urged the court to grant some time to obtain a copy of the petition filed at the Allahabad High Court. The bench listed the matter for further hearing on October 9. On Wednesday, the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court asked the Centre whether it has taken any decision on a representation filed under Citizenship Act, 1955 asking it to inquire into allegations that Gandhi has a British

citizenship.

It was hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) moved by BJP worker from Karnataka, S Vignesh Shishir, claiming that he has done detailed enquiries into the issue of Gandhi being a British citizen and has got several new inputs. In his plea in the Delhi High Court, Swamy has said that the Congress leader, being an Indian citizen, has violated Article 9 of the Constitution, read with the Indian Citizenship Act, and would cease to be an Indian citizen.

Sanjay Raut found guilty in defamation

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 $I^{
m n}$ a major political development in the run-up to the State Assembly polls, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut was on Thursday found guilty and sentenced to 15 days' imprisonment in a 2022 defamation case filed by Medha K. Somaiya - wife of BJP's former MP Kirit Somaiva

A Metropolitan Magistrate's court awarded him a fine of Rs 25,000, in the same case.

Immediately afterwards, Raut moved an application before the court which suspended his jail sentence for 30 days to enable him file an appeal in an upper court. The court also granted him bail against a

cash surety of Rs 15,000. The 25th Metropolitan Magistrate, Mazgaon, came out with this politically significant Order in a libel suit filed in April 2022 by Medha Somaiya against Raut, who had alleged a Rs 100-crore toilet construction scam toilet construction scam linked to Yuva Pratishthan, a non-government organisation run by the Somaiyas, at Mira Road in Thane district



NCW urges companies to address workplace harassment

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

In the backdrop of the tragic incident involving a young Chartered Accountant at Ernst and Young (EY) India in Pune, who reportedly died due to severe work pressure, Delina Khongdup, a member of the National Commission for Women, has called upon the companies to urgently address employee's concerns regarding workplace harassment including work

pressure. Addressing Assocham 5th Diversity and Inclusion Excellence Awards and Conclave 2024, she also underscored the importance of prioritising maternity benefits which is essential for fostering a supportive work environment.

Providing these benefits not only supports women during a critical life stage but also enhances overall employee well-being and job satisfaction, she said, stressing the need for diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

"This should be a constant practice in organisations for the entitlement of women and all genders. This is a human and social responsibility to achieve gender diversity for all walks of society.India has a vast diversity and there should be a feeling of inclusivity in all the places possible," she said. "Corporate India should recognise this inclusivity and bridge the gender balance relationship in working spaces. Harassment in the workplace and non-payment of maternity benefits should be addressed immediately for

We should apply a holistic approach to achieve the goal of Viksit Bharat @2047," Khongdup added.
Ravi Bhatnagar, Co-Chairperson, ASSOCHAM
National CSR highlighted the

importance of recognising employee well-being at workplaces so that gender diversity can take center stage. Dr Shweta Sharma, a clinical psychologist and Joint Secretary Indian Association of Clinical Psychologists (IACP) while talking to The Pioneer agreed as she said that by ensuring access to maternity leave and other related support, companies can promote a culture of inclusivity and care, which ultimately benefits everyone

She further said that from a psychological standpoint, the importance of work-life balance in a company's policy cannot be overstated, particularly in high-stress environments like EY India, where demanding workloads often contribute to mental health struggles. "A wellstructured work-life balance policy promotes mental wellbeing, reducing burnout, stress, and anxiety among employees.

in the organisation.

It allows individuals to maintain personal time for rest, relationships, and selfcare, which are vital for psychological resilience. Companies that prioritize this balance can significantly improve satisfaction, productivity, and retention.

Encouraging staff to seek help when needed helps reduce the stigma around mental health challenges," said Dr Sharma.

Anvar claims CM Vijayan is held hostage by political aides, accuses police of gold smuggling robbed gold worth crores of

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

 $P^{\text{olitical Kerala had a jolt on}}_{\text{Thursday evening as an}} \text{ independent } \text{MLA in the}$ CPI(M)-led Left Democratic Front dared Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan to reply to his allegations against P Sasi, the political secretary of the chief minister and M R Ajith Kumar, additional director general of police.

P V Anvar, the MLA, hitherto considered as confidente of a close Vijayan, declared in a press meet at Nilambur that the Kerala Chief Minister is being held hostage by a coterie led by his

new son-in-law Mohammed Riyaz (who is also the minister for PWD and tourism), political secretary Sasi and ADGP Ajith Kumar. "Pinarayi Vijayan will be the last Communist chief minister in the State. Even M V Govindan, the CPI(M) state secretary, does not have any role in the party or in the government today," charged

The seriousness of Anvar's press meet could be understood from the fact that Governor Arif Mohammed Khan asked Raj Bhavan officials to translate a word by

MLA said in the presser. The media meet was convened by Anvar in violation of the CPI(M) diktat convened by word account of what the to him not to speak to the the police in the State had

media. But Anvar's response to the directive has put the party and the chief minister in a quandary as he alleged that

rupees smuggled into the country by poor Muslim workers returning home after their trip to West Asian countries. "Last three years saw 180 instances of police seizing

gold from poor workers returning home via Calicut International Airport. Though the police is bound to hand over the gold to the Customs department, they have not followed the instructions," said Anvar who alleged that the gold was shared by the coterie consisting of Sasi and Ajith Kumar. He went to the extent

of calling Ajith Kumar, one of the senior IPS officers in the State a "criminal". By the time the press meet was

over, it was clear that Anvar had declared a war against Chief Minister and the CPI(M) leadership. But P C George, seven time MLA and a senior BJP leader in Kerala told

The Pioneer that Anvar himself has no credibility as he was facing serious criminal cases in connection with unauthorized construction of private check dams, quarrying and mining. "He is an Islamic terrorist and his allegations lack conviction," said George. | betterment. www.dailypioneer.com

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Trouble for Siddaramaiah

Karnataka CM faces fresh political and legal challenge as alleged land scam during his previous tenure gains traction

ed the Mysuru Lokayukta police to investigate his connection with an alleged MUDA scam. This follows the Karnataka High Court's dismissal of Siddaramaiah's petition challenging the Governor's approval for the investigation. Siddaramaiah finds himself embroiled in a controversy as a probe into an alleged land scam during his previous tenure (2013-2018) gains momentum. The allegations revolve around irregularities in the denotification of prime land in Bengaluru, where government-owned land was allegedly released for private development, bypassing legal procedures. This development has not only triggered a political storm but also raised questions about the stability of his government, which is already navigating internal challenges. The case, brought to light through opposition parties and activists, accuses Siddaramaiah of misusing his position to facilitate the denotification of land in favour of private individuals. It is claimed



that these actions led to substantial financial losses to the state exchequer. The denotification process is typically reserved for cases where the government no longer requires the land for public purposes. However, the opposition alleges that the decision-making was influenced by vested interests.

The probe, aims to examine Siddaramaiah's role and whether he acted within the framework of the law. While the investigation is in its preliminary stages, the political ramifications are already visible. With the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) demanding a thorough investigation and even his resignation, the pressure on Siddaramaiah is mounting. In response to the accu-

sations, Siddaramaiah has strongly denied any wrongdoing, calling the probe a politically motivated attempt to tarnish his image and destabilise his government. Siddaramaiah's defence rests on his claim that the land denotification was carried out in compliance with legal procedures and was vetted by relevant authorities. He also pointed out that similar cases have been registered against several politicians across party lines, suggesting that this is a standard political practice to harass the CM's of the Opposition parties and not unique to his administration. If the investigation gathers pace and incriminating evidence surfaces, it could weaken his authority, both within his party and in the eyes of the public. The BJP, as the principal opposition in Karnataka, is likely to leverage the land scam to question Siddaramaiah's integrity and leadership. Their demand for accountability could lead to prolonged political uncertainty, especially if the case moves into the courts or if there are calls for judicial oversight. Further, any perception of corruption, especially in a state like Karnataka where electoral battles are fiercely fought, could erode Siddaramaiah's public image. His government, which came to power on promises of transparency and development, may find itself in a difficult position defending its track record if this case gains momentum and more evidence surfaces.

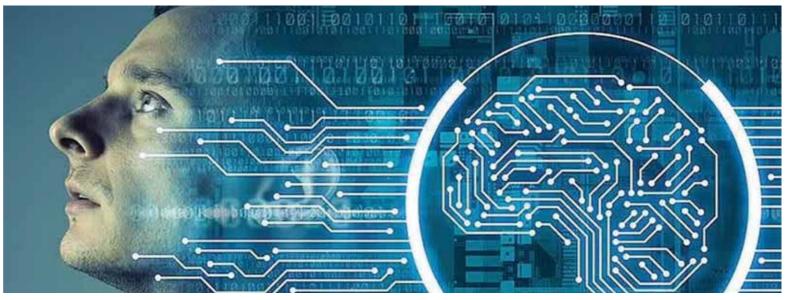


artist gives finishing touches to a clay idol of Goddess at artisans' village Kumartuli, in Kolkata

Exploring the depths of the human mind



As AI draws comparisons to human cognition, the mystery of the mind grows more complex, raising crucial questions about its unused potential



he human mind is a unique organic entity whose lengths of reach and visions of the range are still to be fully mapped. Many believe that an average mind works at less than 30 per cent of its potential. Putting this in the context of artificial intelligence, the matter becomes even more complex. There is a theory doing the rounds in the field of artificial intelligence that suggests that entities of artificial intelligence have the potential of organic functioning, just like the human

The evidence for this is fairly mixed. Some conclusions may emerge over time. The crucial question concerning artificial intelligence however does include its possibilities and potential for organic evolution and growth. As observed, sooner or later, answers will emerge. Even otherwise, the human mind is a suo motu logic of its existence. Attempts to map it, are indeed one of the exciting aspects of human endeavour. Notwithstanding some breakthroughs in mapping the brain, there are areas of brain function that need a closer look both physically and operationally. interestingly, notwithstanding all this, there is a common reference to the 'second childhood' of human beings, where

age, start behaving with childlike traits. It is difficult to explain this process, but it is fairly obvious to notice.

Similarly, the jury is out on the age by which, the basic orientation of the brain fully takes place. One also needs to know when it matures enough to develop a relationship between the 'conscious' brain and the 'subconscious' brain.

Notwithstanding the diverse interpretations of the above narrative, it is obvious that at some stage the basic foundations of the mind seemingly get concretised. One such example is the influence of early childhood experiences on a growing human being. There are stages of childhood emerging into early adult-

All this becomes integral to the individual's ways of thinking and behaving. Popularly, this is known to affect the orientations of a growing individual on matters of finance, gender or for that matter even values.

The list can be extended but more to the point one does not know, exhaustively, of all the influences which go into the making of an operationally adult human mind. Very often, there may be latent people, upon reaching a certain influences on a human mind MANY AREAS OF

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that may not manifest themselves until a much later point in adulthood.

All in all, many ambiguities remain, and so do many contradictions that stay alive so far as the working of the mind is concerned. Above all, it is generally believed that hor-monal changes affect the working of the mind. Both men and women reportedly pass through menopause in their later life. Many are of the view that menopausal effects are more identifiable amongst the women than the men. An issue, however, remains to be fully answered: what are the factors that influence the working of the mind?

Yet another element that influences behaviour is the fall out of a mental shock. It can have many approximations of derailing the thought process of the individual, and indeed, impacting many values. Put simply, many areas of thought, reflection, analysis, and research may contain indications of understanding the dynamics of the mind. It may be a challenge, but a challenge that cannot be evaded.

Further, there are also some transgenerational aspects to it. Say, how two parents deal with each other, or singly and collectively deal with a child

Ukraine appreciates India's efforts

is an important factor for the child's growth. This can carry on across generations. Physiologically, the passing of some genes is known to happen across generations.

This is not only in terms of physical characteristics but also certain diseases that may have affected one of the grandparents in a given generation and resurfaced again two generations later in the physical system of a descendant. The mapping of this process, as of today, needs much additional work to be done.

This also contains a whole research agenda of human physiology, physical anthropology, medicines and more. Such a subject matter would deserve an integrated approach of not just, anthropology, psychology, genetic sciences and more, but a whole setup of support disciplines with appropriate interdisciplinary framework.

This will give insights into the physiology of the human being and the composition of the brain and mind. It is a challenging task, but it is a task that cannot be avoided.

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World tourism day: Uniting people, fostering peace

Whether visiting cultural landmarks, enjoying local cuisine, or simply interacting with people, tourism fosters global unity and peace

very year on September 27, the world celebrates World Tourism Day, a reminder of the crucial role that tourism plays in fostering cultural exchange, boosting economies, and promoting peace. As borders open and people explore new destinations, tourism serves as a bridge, uniting diverse cultures and breaking down barriers between nations.

In 2024, as we celebrate World Tourism Day, the theme focuses on the far-reaching benefits of travel beyond leisure, recognising how tourism helps us understand the world, its people, and its many cultures in deeper and more meaningful ways.

Tourism is not merely about sightseeing; it's about experiencing the essence of a place, its history, and its culture. As Bulat Nurmukhanov, Deputy Chairman of the Moscow City Tourism Committee, emphasises, "Tourism is primarily a way to immerse oneself in new cultures and experience history." Through tourism, individuals are given the chance to see the world through different lenses, fostering greater acceptance and understanding of other peo-

ple and their ways of life. This broader understanding is why cities like Moscow have prioritised cultural tourism as a key driver for their economic and social growth. The Moscow tourism strategy emphasises the importance of museums, exhibitions, and cultural events, which help travelers connect with the history and artistic traditions of the region. This approach reflects a global shift in tourism, where travelers seek deeper, more authentic experiences that expand their worldviews

Tourism has always played a unique role in creating connections between people from different backgrounds. It allows us to learn from one

understanding and respect. On World Tourism Day, this aspect of travel is especially highlighted, as we reflect on how it fosters harmony in an increasingly interconnected world.

As Kush Kapoor CEO of Roseate Hotels & Resorts, points out, "Tourism is about the connections we forge and the cultural experiences we offer." Kapoor stresses the importance of offering travelers more than just a stay, but a chance to explore different cultures and traditions. In a world where differences can sometimes divide, tourism brings people together, promoting peace and mutual

respect. For hotels and resorts, the focus is now on providing culturally aware experiences, from diverse culinary offerings to personalised services that reflect the traditions and customs of visitors. This kind of attention to cultural diversity enriches the overall travinclusive and meaningful.

el experience, making it more Beyond cultural connections, tourism is a major economic driver for many countries. It generates millions of jobs, another, building bridges of supports local businesses, and

contributes to the global economy

Sustainable tourism focuses on minimising the environmental footprint of travel while maximising the positive social and economic impact on host communities. From eco-friendly hotels to tours that support local artisans, tourism can be a powerful tool for inclusive development and environmental protec-

Perhaps the most significant impact of tourism is its role in promoting global peace and understanding. By encouraging interactions between people of different cultures, tourism helps to break down prejudices and build mutual respect. As we celebrate World Tourism Day, it's important to remember that each journey is not just a trip to a new place but an opportunity to engage with the world in a way that promotes peace and harmony. When people experience the customs, values, and traditions of other cultures, they begin to appreciate the similarities and shared humanity

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that unite us all

GOVERNOR SPARKS CONTROVERSY

Madam — Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi, in an unprecedented move on the evening of June 29 last year, unilaterally removed Tamil Nadu Minister V Senthilbalaji from the Council of Ministers. But he hastily backtracked from his decision late at night because he too knew that his act was not only illegal but also unconstitutional.

Some people say that Ravi has always been in the habit of being in controversies. But I believe that R N Ravi is a Governor later, first he is the order follower of the ruling Home Ministry. The ideology of the Home Ministry is clearly visible in every decision and every speech of him.

For example, just two days ago, while giving a lecture, he said that 'secularism is a European concept, that is why it was not a part of the Indian Constitution earlier, later, an 'insecure Prime Minister' got it added to the Constitution during the Emergency'

For example, in one of his sentences, he first hinted at the concept of a Hindutva nation and secondly, he also criticised former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Some critics are demanding the immediate removal of R N Ravi from the post of Governor, whereas I believe that this is an ideological war which has been started by the central Government through the Governor, hence it would be better to answer this verbal war with thoughts only. Ravi should be asked, and then he will also say that the entire Constitution of India is external and is a copy of Europe, especially Britain, hence the entire Constitution should be abolished? Is our Constitution, on the basis of which we are proudly waving the flag of being the largest democracy today, also a European

Has the Governor forgotten that he has taken oath of this Constitution? Secularism is an integral part of our Constitution. It is our biggest duty to keep

religion separate from politics. Jang Bahadur Singh | Jamshedpur ented players, of course, are indispensable

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

he meeting of Ukrainian President Zelensky with the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of his US visit for the Quad is taken with the overwhelming gesture from the Ukrainian counterparts. Ukraine has been visited by almost all the Quad leaders in person, and India particularly is playing a spe-

INDIA'S HOCKEY DOMINANCE CONTINUES

Madam—Indian hockey is on a high as exemplified by the way Manpreet Singh's men dominated the Men's Asian trophy at China's Hulunbuir. Notwithstanding the fact that India was the favourites to lift the title, the boys had to perform on the day, and they did. Although India fought hard to overcome an unexpected resistance from China in the final, the same team it had blanked in the league match, there was little doubt that it was the best team on display throughout the tourney

The 2020 Tokyo Olympics bronze medal, 2023 Hangzhou Asian Games gold medal, bronze at the recent Paris Olympics, and now Asian gold: India has had an excellent run on the astroturf for a couple of years, after a long, long period. The best part of the present Indian hockey team is the unity and spirit with which they come across the field come what may. Coach Craig Fulton's disinclination towards unnecessary and unwarranted chopping of players, in contrast to a few former coaches, has played its role. The tal-

cial role in establishing peace within Ukraine with its humanitarian assistance, negotiating stability deals and peace settlement mediation between Ukraine and Russia. The Indian efforts for peace initiation is so far are still moving ahead in the back channel diplomatic level. For which Ukraine is thankful for the clear support of India towards Ukrainian integrity and sovereignty. India's efforts in this regards is particularly welcoming that, we take care of every nation near or far from us; stuck in the political or economic or geopolitical turmoil, India's assistance will be helpful to ensure peace and tranquillity in the war hit country. Also such moves will also help India to meet its commitment of becoming Vishwa Shanti Guru or World's Peace Leader in the time to come. This peace collaboration between India and Ukraine will take Indian diplomatic skills to the next level. Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

to Indian hockey. At the same time, it is felt that India should not rest on its laurels; 2026 World Cup in Belgium and the Netherlands should be another platform to showcase their undoubted brilliance. Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

ENCOUNTERS RAISE CONCERNS

Madam —The recent reports of police encounters resulting in the deaths of alleged criminals raise a critical question about our justice system and accountability, such as how can we allow a system where police act as judge, jury, and executioner? Does law enforcement cross the line from justice to vigilantism? The tragic killings in Badlapur, Unnao, and Chennai reveal a disturbing trend. We need to consider how we can assure accountability that seems to reward extrajudicial actions. It is imperative for supreme courts to intervene and uphold the principles of justice in

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SHARPENING THE QUAD VISION

Quad summit focused on maintaining peace in the Indo-Pacific region as its top priority



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

rime Minister Modi's high-profile visit to the US this week reiterated the salience of US-India bilateral, underscored by several key decisions with a clear focus on the future of this 21st century partnership. This visit by the Indian PM, coming after his trips to Russia and Ukraine, points towards a multi-pronged approach, where India is willing to have diplomatic engagements at the highest level, keeping its national interests sacrosanct.

That PM Modi and President Biden have found a mutual friendship framework, despite the Indian PM having held a political roadshow of sorts with his predecessor in the Oval Office, is a signal to the large world, that the US-India bilateral has bipartisan support. The Quas leaders' summit, Modi's rockstar concert-style engagement with the Indian diaspora and his meeting with top CEOs from the technology sector in the US, all point towards an escape velocity having been achieved by the US and India, with no scope of a look back.

China was the invisible elephant in the room, at the Quad leaders' summit. The statement from the Quad summit without naming an aggressive, maritime international law violator, China, mentioned "As four leading maritime democracies in the Indo-Pacific, we unequivocally stand for the maintenance of peace and stability across this dynamic region, as an indispensable element of global security and prosperity.

We strongly oppose any destabilising or unilateral actions that seek to change the status quo by force or coercion. We condemn recent illicit missile launches in the region that violate UN Security Council resolutions. We express serious concern over recent dangerous and aggres-



sive actions in the maritime domain. We seek a region where no country dominates and no country is dominated—one where all countries are free from coercion, and can exercise their agency to determine their futures. We are united in our commitment to upholding a stable and open international system, with its strong support for human rights, the principle of freedom, rule of law, democratic values, sovereignty and territorial integrity, and peaceful settlement of disputes and prohibition on the threat or use of force in accordance with international law, including the UN Charter. Respect for the leadership of regional institutions, including the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF), and the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), is and will remain at the centre of the Quad's efforts." While Quad is not a defence partnership like NATO, the presence of a global superpower, China with its coercive maneuverers in the entire Indian Ocean region, bore heavily on the leaders during the summit in Delaware. Delhi, Delaware (President Biden's hometown), Syndey, and Tokyo are keenly watching the international waters, and violations by China have been reported. The leaders announced "Today we are announcing a new regional Maritime Initiative for Training in the Indo-Pacific (MAITRI), to enable our partners in the region to maximise tools provided through IPMDA and other Quad partner initiatives, to monitor and secure their waters, enforce their laws, and deter unlawful behavior. We look forward to India hosting the inaugural MAITRI workshop in 2025. In addition, Quad partners intend to layer new technology and data into IPMDA over the coming year, to continue to deliver cutting edge capability and information to the region." China would continue to be a key concern for Quad leaders, and would perhaps serve as the super glue closely packing these four countries, with major interest in the Indo-Pacific region in a tighter embrace.

The next Quad leaders' summit is likely to be hosted by Delhi, where a new US president is likely to be the key guest of honour. Given that ex-President Trump had encouraged the Quad grouping and President Biden has elevated it to leaders summit, it is safe to assume that QUAD is here

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Dissanayake's rise amidst Sri Lanka's political uncertainty



As the nation transitions under Dissanayake's leadership, questions loom about his ability to navigate the complex web of rivalries that define Sri Lanka's volatile democracy

ne of the senior editors in Colombo recounted an experience he had in Parliament after a crucial debate, where he observed two politicians discussing serious issues. After the discussion, the editor remarked to one of the leaders, "Look, you always attack him in Parliament, but behind the scenes, you are so close and listen to him carefully." This leader was none other than Anura Kumara Dissanayake, the newly elected ninth Executive President of Sri Lanka and leader of the Marxist-Leninist Party Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna. The person he was listening to was his predecessor, former President Ranil Wickremesinghe, a neoliberal democrat. In response to the editor's comment, Dissanayake stated, "Whatever we say in Parliament, listening to him for five minutes behind the scenes is where we can learn a lot about politics." Wickremesinghe embodies the craft of political manoeuvring, while Dissanayake represents an idealism that has sought to reshape politics through violent revolution, a pursuit that has, lamentably, cost over 60,000 young lives. But later, he engineered a shift among a few key party members to adopt a middle ground to attract liberal democrats through the NPP alliance. So far, it has been a suc-

The friendship between these two leaders grew for a reason: Wickremesinghe was facing serious internal rifts within his party, the United National Party, where his junior, Sajith Premadasa, was rebelling against him. The history of this party is filled with tales of internal conflicts and bitter betrayals that continue to haunt its prosperity. Nevertheless, Wickremesinghe demonstrated Wickremesinghe resilience, showing that no matter who declared a power struggle against him, he could adeptly play the game of politics. This Machiavellian politician, well-versed in power dynamics, understands that he would never engage in a battle when it DIVISIONS IN SRI could be won through deception. The painful reality, however, is the consequences of these internal conflicts with-in political parties as the country enters a new era dominated by "political coalitions." In my opinion, this is not a healthy exercise for a robust democracy.

The erosion of political parties, the backbone of political ideologies, inevitably paves the way for unprecedented crises and precarious social out comes. However, few realise that the friendship between Wickremesinghe, a man from Colombo's elite and a wellestablished political family, played [knowingly or unknowingly] a vital role in President Dissanayake's victory. The longstanding enmity between Wickremesinghe and Premadasa was undoubtedly a significant factor in Dissanayake's success, even though many predicted that no candidate would secure the over 50 per cent of votes required to

The results reflect the polarised political divisions in Sri Lanka, where minoritydominated areas remarkably rejected Dissanayake, presenting a significant challenge for the forthcoming general elections, as his political alliance will need to secure over 113 seats out of 225 to establish its power in Parliament.

Erik Solheim, former Norwegian minister and climate change advisor to Sri Lanka, who has been actively involved in Sri Lankan politics since the LTTE era as



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a mediator in peace talks, commented on the significance of this election, stating, "The weakness of the election winner is that his coalition has very little experience running a complicated state like Sri Lanka. They may struggle to achieve a majority in Parliament and implement their many promises in a challenging economic environment."

Despite the worldwide congratulatory messages pouring in for the new leader, I find these insights particularly useful for forecasting the future trajectory of electoral outcomes and the challenges that the island nation is likely to face. The caretaker government, appointed for just two months until 14 November, faces low expectations and should refrain from making new appointments, wisely retaining some senior ministry secretaries from the previous administration.

If the President fails to secure a majority in the House, he will need to form a coalition, but if that proves impossible, the opposition may take control of Parliament, leading to chaotic infighting—an alarming scenario for an inexperienced President unprepared for Sri Lanka's complex political landscape. This situation accentuates significant uncertainties ahead. Historical trends suggest that a President's party or coalition often secures a majority in subsequent elections; however, the recent election results, where the winning candidate failed to garner over 50 per cent of the vote amidst three main contenders, complicate this.

The strong support for Sajith Premadasa and Ranil Wickremesinghe in Tamil-dominated provinces indicates a serious challenge for the newly elected President and his coalition as transformation reveal a dissothey approach the upcoming par-

liamentary elections. However, what is remarkable about this election is that it was exceptionally peaceful, with no violence reported, allowing for a refreshing power transition. The commendable role played by the Elections Commission in Sri Lanka cannot be overstated. This calmness is particularly sur-

prising in a country where people previously took to the streets, violently ousting the Prime Minister and President after experiencing a devastating economic crisis. Many find it hard to believe. Nonetheless, this should not be seen as the calm before the storm, as the country's economy remains precarious. No leader can fulfil all the promises made during the election campaign. The responsibility now lies with the leader and his team to convince the public, fostering understanding and collaboration to overcome the challenges ahead. This is where the reality of the much-discussed "new renaissance" will be tested against the ground realities. The nation-state and its historical trajectory will provide important lessons in understanding what the future may hold. What does it mean for a nation's history to be an intricate weave of choices and consequences rather than a mere succession of events? This perspective compels us to reflect on the profound implications of individual and collective decisions on the essence of a nation. The dismissal of "what ifs" simplifies a complex reality rich with potential paths, urging us to explore the interplay between certainty and possibili-

In the post-independence landscape, missed opportunities for reconciliation and economic

tions and societal realities. The notion of a 'false renaissance' recurs throughout pivotal moments: the 1948 declaration of Independence, the 1956 Sinhala Only Act, the 1972 establishment of a republic, the 1977 shift to an open economy, the election of the first female executive president in 1994, the conclusion of the civil war in 2009, and the election of an apolitical leader (Gotabaya Rajapaksa) to overhaul the social structure in 2019—all serve as warnings against complacency born from superficial progress that obscures unresolved tensions and deep-rooted systemic

issues. Therefore, sensationalising the new leader's humble family background and expressing anger towards the "self-proclaimed elites" and their alleged corruption may not provide the sustainable answers that the nation desperately seeks. Instead, it is the collective will and the leader's capacity to engage with those who oppose him that will be essential for embarking on this new journey. While propaganda may orchestrate a false renaissance, the shimmering illusions of progress starkly contrast with the gritty ground reality, exposing a profound philosophical enigma: the allure of superficial advancement often obscures the underlying fractures of society. This compels us to confront the uncomfortable truths of our existence that we habitually choose to ignore in our quest for meaning and coherence.

This challenge now lies before the new leadership. Behold an essential, paradoxical truth: within this tranquil interlude lies the profound anticipation of the storm to

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Agri-tech 2.0: Digital innovations paving the path to sustainable farming

By boosting productivity, promoting sustainability and reducing environmental impact, these technologies offer a pathway for sustainable future

s the global population heads toward an estimated 10 billion by 2050, the agricultural sector faces mounting pressure to significantly increase food production. For India, with its vast and diverse agricultural landscape, this presents a critical challenge. Traditional farming methods alone will not be enough to meet the needs of a growing population while also addressing the threats posed by climate change, dwindling natural resources and the imperative for sustainable practices. In this context, agri-tech, the convergence of technology and agriculture, offers a transformative pathway forward. By integrating cutting-edge digital technologies into farming, India has the potential to enhance productivity, sustain-



ability, and resilience. This article explores how these emerging technologies are reshaping the agricultural sector in India, positioning it to meet the demands of the

Agriculture at a Crossroads : For decades, agriculture has been the backbone of India's economy, employing over 50 per cent of the workforce and contributing significantly to

now facing unprecedented strain. The growing population, along with environmental challenges such as erratic weather patterns, water scarcity, and soil degradation, has placed the industry at a critical juncture. The traditional methods of farming are no longer sufficient to meet the increasing demand for food while preserving the environ-ment. This is where agri-tech comes into play, providing innovative solutions that can transform Indian agriculture by improving efficiency and promoting sustainable prac-

Precision Agriculture: Data-Driven Farming: One of the most promising advancements in agri-tech is precision agriculture, which leverages tech-GDP. However, the sector is nologies such as GPS, IoT sen-

sors, and drones to optimise farming operations. By gathering and analysing real-time data on factors like soil health, weather conditions, and crop growth, precision agriculture enables farmers to make informed decisions. This approach helps in the efficient use of water, fertilisers, and pesticides, minimising waste and environmental harm while maximising crop yields. In India, the adoption of pre-

cision agriculture is accelerating. According to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), these techniques have the potential to increase yields by 15-25 per cent while reducing input costs by 10-15 per cent. The precision agriculture market in India is expected to grow sigalso playing a crucial role in

nificantly, from USD 57.6 mil-



lion by 2025. Government initiatives like the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) for water conservation and the Soil Health Card Scheme for better fertiliser management are further driving this growth. AI and Machine Learning: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) are

ture. By analysing vast amounts of data from satellite imagery, weather forecasts, and historical crop performance, AI algorithms can predict potential problems like pest outbreaks and suggest the best times for planting. Al-powered platforms are already being used to predict pest infestations and optimise pesticide use, potentially reducing the need for harmful chemicals by up to 30 per cent.

Ensuring Transparency: Blockchain technology is emerging as a revolutionary tool in agricultural supply chains. By offering a decentralised ledger for recording transactions, blockchain ensures transparency, reduces fraud, and promotes fair trade practices. For farmers, supplimodernising Indian agriculers, and consumers alike, The IoT in agriculture market

blockchain provides verifiable information about the origin and journey of food products, ensuring adherence to sustainability standards. The blockchain market in India's agriculture and food supply chain is expected to grow at a CAGR of 47.8 per cent, reaching USD 289 million by 2027. IoT and Smart Farming: The Internet of Things (IoT) is revolutionising how farmers monitor and manage their crops. IoT devices, such as soil moisture sensors and weather stations, provide real-time data on environmental conditions,

allowing for better decision-

making in the field. For exam-

ple, smart irrigation systems

can adjust water usage based

on real-time data, saving water

and improving crop health.

in India is projected to reach USD 634.5 million by 2027, growing at a CAGR of 12.5 per

Use of Drones: Equipped with high-resolution cameras and sensors, drones provide farmers with detailed aerial imagery of their fields. This helps in identifying issues such as nutrient deficiencies, pest infestations, and water stress. Farmers can then take targeted actions, reducing waste and environmental damage. The use of drones in Indian agriculture is expected to grow substantially, with the market anticipated to reach USD 108 million by 2025. (The writer is chief growth

officer with Arahas Technologies; views are personal)

US, allies call for immediate cease-fire between Israel, Hezbollah

The US, France and other allies jointly called on Wednesday for an immediate 21-day cease-fire to allow for negotiations in the escalating conflict between Israel and Hezbollah that has killed more than 600 people in Lebanon in recent days. The joint statement, negotiated on the side-lines of the UN General Assembly in New York, says the recent fighting is "intolerable and presents an unacceptable risk of a broader regional escalation".

"We call for an immediate 21day cease-fire across the Lebanon-Israel border to provide space for diplomacy," the statement said. "We call on all parties, including the governments of Israel and Lebanon, to endorse the temporary cease-fire immediately.

There was no immediate reaction from the Lebanese side or Hezbollah — but senior US officials said all parties were

aware of the call for a ceasefire. Netanyahu's Office said that the ceasefire put forward from the United States and France was only a proposal and the Prime Minister, who is currently on a flight en route to the United States for the United Nations General Assembly, has not responded to the proposal. Earlier, representatives for Israel and Lebanon reiterated their support for a UN resolution that ended the 2006 war between Israel and the Iranian-backed militant group.

The US hopes the new deal could lead to longer-term sta-bility along the border between Israel and Lebanon. Months of Israeli and Hezbollah exchanges of fire have driven tens of thousands of people from their homes, and escalated attacks over the past week have rekindled fears of a broader war in the Middle East. The US officials said Hezbollah would not be a signatory to the cease-fire but



believed the Lebanese government would coordinate its acceptance with the group. They said they expected Israel to "welcome" the proposal and perhaps formally accept it when Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks at the General Assembly on Friday. While the deal applies only to the Israel-Lebanon border, the US officials said they were looking to use a three-week pause in fighting to restart stalled negotiations for a cease-fire and hostage release

deal between Israel and

Hamas, another Iranian-

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backed militant group, after nearly a year of war in Gaza. The US, France and other allies jointly called Wednesday for an immediate 21-day cease-fire to allow for negotiations in the escalating conflict between Israel and Hezbollah that has killed more than 600 people in Lebanon in recent

The allies calling for a halt to the Israel-Hezbollah conflict are the United States, Australia, Canada, the European Union, France, the UK, Germany, Italy, Japan, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Qatar. Work on the proposal came together quickly this week with President Joe Biden's national security team, led by Secretary of State Antony Blinken and national security adviser Jake Sullivan, meeting with world leaders in New York and lobbying other countries to support the plan, according to US officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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Trump threatens to end Biden immigration programmes

AP WASHINGTON

Former President Donald Trump, who has made antiimmigration rhetoric a key part of his reelection campaign, has warned that he would kick out hundreds of thousands of immigrants who have entered the country under two key Biden administration programmes if he is reelected. Speaking to Fox News on Wednesday, Trump railed against two immigration programs created by the Biden administration to encourage migrants not to come directly to the southern border to seek asylum and make the region less chaotic.

Trump said he would make the more than 1 million people who have entered the US under the two programmes leave: "Get ready to leave because you're going to be going out real fast.

Trump has already promised a vast crackdown on immigration if he's reelected, including a vow to carry out mass deportations of migrants. He made similar pledges during previous campaigns, but during his time as president, deportations never topped 350,000.

Under one Biden administration programme, migrants as far south as the Mexican border with Guatemala can use a smartphone app called CBP One to schedule a date to come to an official US border crossing to seek asylum. So far,

813,000 migrants have used that system since it was launched in January 2023. Separately, the administration launched a programme last year that allows 30,000 people a month from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela to come to the United States if they have a financial sponsor, pass background vetting and buy a plane ticket to fly into an American airport instead of going to the southern border. About 530,000 people have

gramme. Migrants using both programmes are admitted to the country under humanitarian parole for two years. The Biden administration has touted both policies as ways to reduce chaos at the border with Mexico, cut out vicious smuggling networks and allow for more vetting of migrants before they enter the country. But Republicans say both pro-

come to the US under that pro-

grams essentially amount to an end-run around the country's immigration laws, which are set by Congress, and that the Biden administration is admitting people who otherwise would not qualify to come to the US. Republican-led states have sued

to stop both policies. Following previous pledges for mass deportations of migrants, Trump and his chief immigration policy architect, Stephen Miller, are bringing more specifics on how he plans to carry them out in a second White House term, such as invoking wartime powers, relying on like-minded governors and using the military.

However, any efforts to deport migrants on such a large scale would almost certainly run into legal, logistical and financial challenges. Immigration advocacy groups

say that Trump's promises of mass deportations are sowing fear among migrant communities. Esther Sung is the legal director for Justice Action Center. When Republican-led states sued to end the sponsorship program for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans and Venezuelans the organization represented Americans who sponsored migrants to come to the US and wanted to preserve

the program. A federal judge in Texas allowed the program to continue, saying the states hadn't proved they suffered financial harm because of it.

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	1.	Vikas Chandra/ Sunita Devi (LBJA100006444541) & C- 86D, Sector 62, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Rajat Vihar Noida, Uttar Pradesh Noida- 201301	Property Address- 1. Flat No.604, 6th Floor, Tower Avana, Plot No.01, KH. No. 56, Village Narottampura, Tehsil Sanganer, Jaipur, Rajasthan & Property Address- 2. Flat No.605, 6th Floor, Tower Avana, Plot No.01, KH. No.56, Village Narottampura, Tehsil Sanganer, Jaipur, Rajasthan	26/08/2024 Rs. 2,75,760/-	06/05/ 2024				
	2.	Vikas Chandra / Sunita Devi (TBJA100006433851) & C-86D, Sector 62, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Rajat Vihar Noida, Uttar Pradesh Noida- 201301	Property Address- 1. Flat No.604, 6th Floor, Tower Avana, Plot No.01, KH. No. 56, Village Narottampura, Tehsil Sanganer, Jaipur, Rajasthan & Property Address- 2. Flat No.605, 6th Floor, Tower Avana, Plot No.01, KH. No.56, Village Narottampura, Tehsil Sanganer, Jaipur, Rajasthan	26/08/2024 Rs. 51,48,374.04/-	06/05/ 2024				
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1.	Account Number) & Address Renu Kathuria/ Rajiv Kathuria/ Tai Infotech Pvt Ltd A/c No LBGUR00003300349/ 600 NEAR	Plot No 10 Ground Floor Block D, Sector 48, Residential Colony Vipul World Village Fazilpur Jharsa And Tikri, Tehsil	ding as on Date of Notice 02/09/2024 Rs. 1,82,28,049.49/-	04
2.	Huda Market, Sec 31 Gurgaon Haryana 122001	And District Gurgaon Haryana 122001		20
	Anita Belwal/ Deepak Chopra A/c No LBGUR00002892058/ 115 Aspen Greens Nirvana Country Sec 50 Gurgaon Haryana 122001	Flat No 3162, 16th Floor Type A In Tower 3, Ats Mari Gold, Sector 89a, Gurgaon Haryana 122001	17/08/2024 Rs. 67,67,676.33/-	2
3.	Anita Belwal/ Deepak Chopra A/c No LBGUR00002892058/ 115 Aspen Greens Nirvana Country Sec 50 Gurgaon Haryana 122001	Flat No 3161, 16th Floor Type A In Tower 3, Ats Mari Gold, Sector 89a, Gurgaon Haryana 122001	17/08/2024 Rs. 67,58,729.91/-	2
4.	Shashank Manjari/ Vikash Chandra Mishra/ Mansui Trading Pvt Ltd A/c No LBGUR00004492313/ House No 375, Sector 40 Gurgaon, Haryana 122101	Plot No 713, Sector 40, Urban Estate, Gurgaon, Tehsil And District Gurgaon Haryana 122001	10/08/2024 Rs. 1,04,01,464.3/-	08
5.	Shashank Manjari/ Vikash Chandra Mishra/ Mansui Trading Pvt Ltd A/c No LBGUR00005115491/ House No 375, Sector 40 Gurgaon, Haryana 122101	Plot No 713, Sector 40, Urban Estate, Gurgaon, Tehsil And District Gurgaon Haryana 122001	10/08/2024 Rs. 4,24,012.4/-	08
6.	Rishabh Aggarwal Wazir LLP/ Rishabh Aggarwal/ Mukesh Kumar A/c No TBGUR00006574421/ Office No 612 To 615 Spaze Boulevard Gurgaon Haryana 122018	Unit No 601 & 602, 6th Floor Spaze Boulevard, Sohna Road Sector 47, Gurgaon 122001	03/09/2024 Rs. 1,01,37,272.08/-	2
7.	Amit Gupta/ Mithlesh Gupta/ Vijender Kumar A/c No LBGUR00004427403/ H No- 44A Pocket- B Saraswati Vihar Delhi 110052	Unit No 1143, 11th Floor Jmd Megapolis Sector 48, Sohna Road Situated At Village Tikri Tehsil And District Gurgaon 122001	02/09/2024 Rs. 74,61,425/-	21
8.	Dhruv Harjai/ Ravi Mohan Harjai A/c No LBGUR00002410976/ G-1002 Suncity Heights Golf Course Road Suncity Sec-54 Haryana Gurgaon 122002	Flat No 103, 1st Floor Tower V, The Hyde Park, Plot No Gh -003, Sector 78, Noida 201301	02/09/2024 Rs. 70,45,791.07/-	03
9.	Surender Singh Sheoran/ Sahil Sheoran,/ Kiran. A/c No LBFDB00005400953/ H-No- 1121 A Sec-23 A Haryana Faridabad 121004	Residential Site Property No 2471, Sector 65, Urban Estate Faridabad Ballabhgarh Faridbad 121001	27/08/2024 Rs. 42,39,860.22/-	09
10.	Surender Singh Sheoran/ Sahil Sheoran,/ Kiran. A/c No TBFDB00006509262/ H-No- 1121 A Sec-23 A Haryana Faridabad 121004	Residential Site Property No 2471, Sector 65, Urban Estate Faridabad Ballabhgarh Faridbad 121001	27/08/2024 Rs. 21,78,713.6/-	09
11.	Pradeep Vidyadharan/ Tina Nag A/c No LBGUR00002492794/ R/o 410, 4th Floor, Tower 9, Proview Technocity Apartments, Sector- CH15, Greater Noida Uttar Pradesh Noida 201301	Flat No. T-3/C-616, 16th Floor, Ncr Monarch, Situated At Plot No. Gh-02/c, Sector-01, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, 201307	11/09/2024 Rs. 48,44,285.32/-	03
12.	Ashutosh Yadav/ Narender Kumar Yadav A/c No LBGUR00004863716/ House No, 553 Sec 14 Gurgaon Haryana Gurgaon 122001	Plot No 304, Sector 1, Part -1, Narnaul Complex Rewari 123401	19/08/2024 Rs. 27,32,484.95/-	1:
13.	Ashutosh Yadav/ Narender Kumar Yadav A/c No LBGUR00004858678/ House No, 553 Sec 14 Gurgaon Haryana Gurgaon 122001	Plot No 304, Sector 1, Part -1, Narnaul Complex Rewari 123401	19/08/2024 Rs. 14,49,676.09/-	11
14.	Amber Walia A/c No LBGUR00005985670/ Flat No.36, Manav Apartments, A-3, Delhi 110063	Flat No-10132, 13th Floor, Tower-10, Synera, Situated At Sector-81, Village- nakhdaula, Tehsil-manesar, District Gurgaon Haryana 122005	17/08/2024 Rs. 26,263.9/-	06
15.	Amber Walia A/c No LBDEL00005867031/ Flat No.36, Manav Apartments, A-3, Delhi 110063	Flat No-10132, 13th Floor, Tower-10, Synera, Situated At Sector-81, Village- nakhdaula, Tehsil-manesar, District Gurgaon Haryana 122005	17/08/2024 Rs. 17,99,715.5/-	2
16.	Sonu Sharma/ Arti Devi A/c No LBXBA00005186625/ R/o 968/ 4, Ashok Nagar Line Par Bahadurgarh Haryana Jhajjar 124507	Property Comprised In Khata No. 1154, Khasra No. 2671/2(2-5), Intkal No. 10471A, Situated At Mauja Ashok Colony, Railway Line Par, Inside Municipal Of Bahadurgarh, District Jhajjar, Haryana, 124507	02/09/2024 Rs. 13,55,578.63/-	08
17.	Akshansh Kumar Kulshreshtha/ Neha Kulshreshtha A/c No LBGUR00003765389/ HN 599/ 23 Luxmi Garden, Gurgaon Haryana 122001	Flat No A1-205, 2nd Floor, Aangan Tower A1, Sector 88a And 89a, Village Harsaru Gurgaon Haryana 122001	26/08/2024 Rs. 8,90,121.64/-	18
18.	Manoj Kumar Dubey/ Kavita. A/c No LBFDB00002866425/ House No. D- 452-F, Gali No. 32, Molar Band Extention Badarpur, Mandir Shani Dev, Mehrauli, Delhi- 110044	Flat No. 1108, 11th Floor, Type-b, Tower- 7, Auric City Homes, Situated At Village Bhatola Sector-82, Faridabad, Haryana, 121001	29/08/2024 Rs. 9,05,153.52/-	11 2
19.	Gaurav./ Manju. A/c No LBGUR00003241060/ H No 4686 St No 3, Shivaji Nagar Ludhiana, Punjab, 141008,shivaji Nagar Ludhiana, Ludhiana, Punjab-141008	Flat No C-153, 14th Floor, 63 Golf Drive Tower 3, Situated At Sector-63a, Gurgaon, Haryana 122001	06/07/2024 Rs. 10,46,061.00/-	18

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1.	Premendra Shankar, Ranjana Srivastava, C 87 Third Floor Duggal Colony, Khanpur Extension, Khanpur South Delhi Pushpa Bhawan, Delhi 110062 Ac:- LBGHZ00004858544	Duplex House No. 252, Block HD, Sector 135, Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida- 201301	14/08/2024 / Rs. 1,04,19,607.44/-	03/06/ 2024
2.	Saloni Mohan, Hari Mohan Grover, Flat No. 401 Tower 4, Sunworld Arista, Sector 168, Chhaprauli Bangar, Noida- 201305 Ac:- LBGHZ00002398248	Apartment No. 1402, 14th Floor Tower/Block T-2 Sunworld Arista Situated At GH 1C, Sector 168 Noida Expressway Noida-201301	02/09/2024 Rs. 54,67,186.26/-	03/06/ 2024
3.	Preeti Jogeshwar, Asha Jogeshwar, K-304 Ajnara Homes, Sector 16B, Khora, Greater Noida West, Uttar Pradesh, Gautam Buddha Nagar - 201309 Ac:- TBNOD00006188604/ LBNOD00006198200	Flat No. 12135, 12th Floor, Block Chestnut, Mahagun Mywoods, Built On Plot No. GH-04, Sector-16c, Greater Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, 201306	10/9/2024 / Rs. 42,12,449/- Rs. 1,05,465/-	27/06/ 2024
4.	Manoj Kumar, Raj Kumar, Chander Prabha, D 1/65 D Block Pkt 1 Rohini Sec 16, Delhi- 110085 Ac:- LBDEL00005798285/ LBDEL00005798309/ LBDEL00005798330/ LBDEL00005766884/ LBDEL00002210005/ LBDEL00002210005/ LBDEL00003479699	Property Bearing No. 65, Block D, Pocket-1, Sector-16, Rohini Residential Scheme New Delhi- 110085	27/08/2024 / Rs. 84,380.71 Rs. 12,102.7/- Rs. 27,659.28/- Rs. 9,21,255.03/- Rs. 15,64,867.43/- Rs. 9,51,677.03/-	05/05/ 2024
5.	Ashish Dass, Sunita., 214 Dda Flats, Hastsal Vikas Puri, Near Kendriya Vidyalaya, New Delhi, Delhi- 110059 Ac:- LBDEL00002440013	Flat No. 2302, 23rd Floor, Ajnara Le Garden, Tower-o, Situated At Plot No. Gh-02, Sector-16, Greater Noida West, Uttar Pradesh- 201307	10/09/2024 Rs. 27,49,192.36/-	07/09/ 2024
6.	Dharmendra Singh, Shobha Singh, R/o 143 2nd Floor, Ashoka Enclave, Main Sector-34, Delhi, New Delhi- 121003 Ac:- LBDEL00006358114/ LBDEL00006365427	Flat No. F-1103, 11th Floor, Tower Blueberry, Situated At Green Arch, Plot No. Gh-10A, Sector-63, Techzone-IV, Greater Noida West, Uttar Pradesh, 201303	17/08/2024 / Rs. 23,02,158.54/- Rs. 1,73,870.32/-	13/05/ 2024
7.	Sanjeev Kumar Jain, Namita Jain, B-12, Second Floor, Frontside Rana Pratap Bagh, New Delhi, Delhi- 110007 Ac;- LBDEL00001288341/ LBDEL00001757133 / LBDEL00001757141	Flat No. A-208/2, Second Floor, Without Roof/terrace Rights, Sector-A, Situated In The Layout Plan Of Dera Ismail Khan Co-op. Housing Society Ltd., Derawal Nagar, Mubarak Bagh, G.T Road, Post Office Azadpur, Delhi-110033	10/09/2024 / Rs. 97,71,415.44/- Rs. 2,14,882.71/- Rs. 5,24,906.49/-	07/05/ 2009
8.	Pratik Kumar Jain, Sarita., A 188 Gulab Bagh Uttam Nagar, Delhi- 110059 Ac:- LBDEL00004976580	Flat No A-1406, 14th Floor, Tower-A, Diya Green City, Situated At Khasra No- 1097 4& 1098, Village Morta, Raj Nagar Ext., Meerut Road, Ghaziabad 201001 (with One Open Car Parking)	02/09/2024 Rs. 19,52,034.34/-	28/03/ 2024
9.	Niharika Biswas, H No. 503 A UP Start, Mohalla Ratnakar, Khanda Eldiko, Khanda Eldiko, Lucknow- 226025 Ac:- LBDEL00006036568/ LBDEL00006077643	Flat No C 906, 9th Floor Tower C, Terra Lavinium Sector-75 Faridabad- 121001	04/09/2024 / Rs. 18,58,675.44/- Rs. 82,395.18/-	09/04/ 2024
10.	Apartments, A-3, Delhi, West Delhi- 110063 Ac:- LBDEL00005867031/ LBGUR00005985670	Flat No-10132, 13th Floor, Tower-10, Synera, Situated At Sector-81, Village- nakhdaula, Tehsil-Manesar, District Gurgaon Haryana-122005	17/08/2024 / Rs. 17,99,715.5/- Rs. 26,263.9/-	06/05/ 2024
11.	Prashant Kumar Singh, Ananya Singh, R/o D-401, Bhagyawan Apartments, Mayur Vihar Phase-I, East Delhi, New Delhi, Delhi- 110091 Ac:- LBNOD00002129217	Flat No. 406, 4th Floor, Tower-D, Ace Aspire, Situated At Plot No. GH-02A, Sector Techzone-IV, Greater Noida, District Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh- 201307	10/09/2024 Rs. 17,78,065.54/-	03/06/ 2024
12.	Ramanand, Anita Devi, Hasan Mushtaba, R/o 163 Masjid Vali Gali, Vikas Nagar NFL, Haryana, Panipat- 132103 Ac:- LBGHZ00004975305	Shop No. O-651, 6th Floor, Wing-B, Gaur City, Gaur City Center, Situated At Plot No. GH-01, Sector-4, Greater Noida, District Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh- 201307	10/09/2024 Rs. 16,01,248.12/-	05/05/ 2024
13.	Amit Kumar Pandey, Namita Pandey, R/o Sw-20042 20th Floor, Plot No. Gh-04, Mahagun Mywoods, Gaur City 2, Greater Noida Extn., Bishrakh, Uttar Pradesh, Gautam Budhh Nagar - 201306 Ac:- TBDEL00006483626	Unit No. Sw 20042, 20th Floor, Mahagun Mywood, Block Sandal Wood, Situated At Plot No. GH-04, Sector-16C, Greater Noida West, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh- 201306	10/09/2024 Rs. 13,82,607.42/-	12/05/ 2024
14.	Kaushal Sharma, Renu Sharma, House No. 304, Ground Floor, Sector 11, Vasundhra, Uttar Pradesh, Ghaziabad- 201012 Ac:- LBDEL00001977334	Flat No. 1202, 12th Floor, Tower-M, Type-2, Blossom Greens, Situated At Plot Gh-01, Sector-143, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, 201305	09/02/2024 Rs. 13,07,316.82/-	08/06/ 2024
15.	Vijay Kumar Shukla, Madhu Shukla, C/o Pritam Lal, BM-38, West Shalimar Bagh, Delhi - 110088 Ac:- LBDEL00006589867 / LBDEL00001791387	Flat No-60, Pocket-3 Block-H, Second Floor (Front Side) Sector-18 DELHI 110085	27/08/2024/ Rs. 10,79,226.06/- Rs. 1,97,921.02/-	03/02/ 2024
	Ravi Kumar, R Insprio It Private Limited, Yogendra Prasad, Anita Kumari, Paritosh Pandey, R/o B-107 Oxford Square Supertech, Eco Village 3 Noida Extension, Uttar Pradesh, Greater Noida- 201305 Ac:- LBNOD00005185390	Flat No. 1705, 17th Floor, Tower 15, Exotica Dreamville, Situated At Plot No. Gh-01/A, Sector-16c, Greater Noida, Guatam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, 201307	10/09/2024 Rs. 9,32,376.12/-	27/06/ 2024
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18.	Sumit Nanda, Nisha Nanda, R/o 140 2nd Floor, Ashiana Greens, Ahinsa Khand-II Indirapuram, Uttar Pradesh, Ghaziabad - 201001	Flat No. 401, 4th Floor, Tower-K-2, Neotown, Situated At Plot No. GH-03, Sector-Techzone-iv, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, 201307	02/09/2024 Rs. 4,00,841.6/-	08/05/ 2024

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (a: applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction o Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: September 27, 2024 Place: Delhi/NCR

Ac:- LBNOD00002083292

Sincerely, Authorised Signator, For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Trump: Ukraine is demolished

Washington (AP): Former President Donald Trump described Ukraine in bleak and mournful terms on Wednesday, referring to its people as "dead" and the country itself as "demolished", and further raising questions about how much the former president would be willing if elected again to concede in a negotiation over the country's future. Trump argued Ukraine should have made concessions to Russian President Vladimir Putin in the months before Russia's February 2022 attack, declaring that even "the worst deal would've been better than what we have now". Trump, who has long been crit-

ical of US aid to Ukraine, frequently claims that Russia never would have invaded if he would put an end to the war if he returned to the White House. But rarely has he discussed the conflict in such

detail. His remarks, at a North Carolina event billed as an economic speech, come on the heels of a debate this month in which he pointedly refused to say whether he wanted Ukraine to win the war. On Tuesday, Trump touted the prowess of Russia and its predecessor Soviet Union, saying that wars are "what they do"

The Republican former president, notoriously attuned to slights, began his denunciation of Ukraine by alluding to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's recent criticism of Trump and running mate JD Vance.

Zelenskyy, who is visiting the US this week to attend the UN General Assembly, told The New Yorker that Vance was "too radical" for proposing that Ukraine surrender territories under Russian control and that Trump "doesn't really know how to stop the war even if he might think he knows

Said Trump, "It's something we have to have a quick discussion Ukraine is in our country and he's making little nasty aspersions toward your favorite president, me."

Trump painted Ukraine as a country in ruins outside its capital, Kyiv, short on soldiers and losing population to war deaths and neighbouring countries. He questioned whether the country has any bargaining chips left to negotiate an end to the war.

Harrods issues apology to women claiming abuse by former owner

victims.

London (AP): The managing director of Harrods said Thursday that the London department store is "deeply sorry" for failing employees who say they were sexually assaulted by late owner Mohamed Al Faved.

Michael Ward said it is clear Al Fayed "presided over a toxic culture of secrecy, intimidation, fear of repercussion and sexual misconduct".

Five women have told the BBC they were raped by Al Fayed, who died last year aged 94, and several others allege acts of assault and physical violence. Lawyers for the alleged victims say they have been retained by 37 women and the list is growing.

Ward said he was "not aware of his (Al Fayed's) criminality and abuse" during the four years he worked for the Harrod's owner, though "rumours of his behaviour circulated in the public domain?

Al Fayed owned Harrods for a quarter century before selling it 2010 to a company owned by the state of Qatar through its sovereign wealth fund, the Qatar Investment Authority. "We failed our colleagues and for that we are deeply sorry, Ward said in a statement. He said Harrods had set up a "settlement process" for Al Fayed's

"This was a shameful period in the business' history," the statement said. "However, the Harrods of today is unrecognisable to Harrods under his

ownership." London's Metropolitan Police say they were made aware of allegations in the past and had questioned Al Fayed in 2008 over the alleged sexual abuse of a 15-year-old, but prosecutors at the time did not take the cases forward. Al Fayed's family has not com-

mented. Egypt-born businessman Al

Fayed moved to Britain in the 1960s and bought Harrods, an upmarket retail emporium in London's tony Knightsbridge district, in the mid-1980s He became a well-known figure through his ownership of the store and the London soccer team Fulham. He was often in the headlines after his son Dodi was killed alongside Princess Diana in a car crash in Paris in 1997 Al Fayed spent years promoting the conspiracy theory that the royal family had arranged the accident because they did not approve of Diana dating an Egyptian.

Zelenskyy visiting WH as partisan Labour Party members deal a blow to divide grows over Ukraine war



U.S. President Joe Biden, center, with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, left, Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer, right, and other world leaders pose for a family picture of the launching of a Joint Declaration of Support for Ukrainian Recovery and Reconstruction, Wednesday in New York

AP WASHINGTON

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is visiting Washington on Thursday as U.S. support for his country's fight against Russia faces a partisan reckoning in this year's presidential election. Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic nominee for president, has pledged to continue sending military assistance to Ukraine if she's elected. She'll have her own meeting with Zelenskyy after the Ukrainian leader sits down with President Joe Biden, who announced billions of dollars more in missiles, drones, ammunition and other supplies. The weapons include an additional Patriot missile defense battery and a new shipment of glide bombs that can be deployed from Western fighter jets, increasing their strike range.

"The United States will provide Ukraine with the support it needs to win this war," Biden said in a statement, pledging to ensure that all approved funding is disbursed before he leaves office. He also said he would convene a meeting with

ing the immediate release of the

first loan tranche of less than

USD 1.1 billion to reinforce the

cash-strapped country's efforts

to address the ongoing eco-

The International Monetary

Fund (IMF) board met on

Wednesday in Washington to

give a nod to the staff-level

agreement with Pakistan after

Islamabad promised to over-

haul its agriculture income tax,

transfer some fiscal responsibil-

ities to provinces, and agree to

The Prime Minister's Office

confirmed the Executive Board

of the IMF approved the 37-

month Extended Fund Facility

(EFF) totalling USD 7 billion.

It is the 25th IMF programme

that Pakistan has obtained

The Taliban said Thursday it was absurd to accuse them of

gender discrimination and other

human rights violations, as four

countries vow to hold

Afghanistan's rulers accountable

under international law for their

treatment of women and girls.

Australia, Canada, Germany and

the Netherlands are set to start

legal proceedings against the

Taliban for violating a UN con-

vention on women, to which

The countries launched the

initiative on Wednesday on

the sidelines of the UN General

Assembly, which is taking place

Despite promising more mod-

erate rule after they seized

power in 2021, the Taliban have

barred women and girls from

education beyond sixth grade,

many public spaces and most

jobs. In August, the Vice and

Virtue Ministry issued laws

banning women's bare faces

and prohibiting them from

raising their voices in public.

in New York until Monday.

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other world leaders focused on Ukraine's defense during a visit to Germany next month. Ahead of his White House

visit, Zelenskyy was meeting with a handful of senators on Capitol Hill before heading across the Capitol to talk to House members, including the Republican chairs of several committees. Zelenskyy's tumultuous rela-

tionship with former President Donald Trump, the Republican nominee, continued to deteriorate this week. Instead of meeting with Zelenskyy, Trump has criticized him. As for U.S. support for Ukraine, Trump complained that "we continue to give billions of dollars to a man who refuses to make a deal" to end the war. His message dovetails with Russian propaganda that claims intransigence by Kyiv — not aggression from Moscow has prolonged the bloodshed. It's the most politically treach-

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erous landscape that Zelenskyy has encountered in Washington since Russia invaded nearly three years ago. Ukrainian officials are anxious to maintain good relations with whoever how." how." On the same day, Zelenskyy

IMF approves US\$ 7b bailout for Pak

as saying in a statement given

to the Senate Standing

Committee on Economic

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif

on Wednesday reiterated this

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made after the approval of the

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General Asim Munir and the

finance team, noted the feder-

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More than 20 countries

expressed their support

Thursday for the proposed

legal action against the Taliban.

systematic human rights viola-

the Elimination of All Forms of

Discrimination against Women," they added.

The countries said they did not

politically recognise the Taliban

as the legitimate leaders of the

"Afghanistan's failure to fulfil

its human rights treaty obliga-

tions is a key obstacle to nor-

malization of relations," they

said. The Taliban's deputy

spokesman Hamdullah Fitrat

said human rights were pro-

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the United States, which is its biggest and most important provider of arms, money and other support.

But the effort risks slipping into the political blender of the presidential campaign, polarizing the discussion around a war that used to be a bipartisan cause célèbre in Washington. Zelenskyy is eager to secure as much leverage as possible before Biden leaves office including acquiescence to fire long-range Western weapons deeper into Russia — as a hedge against the possibility that American support erodes after the election.

The latest round of sniping started on Sunday, when The New Yorker published an interview with Zelenskyy in which he criticized JD Vance, Trump's running mate, as "too radical" for suggesting that Ukraine needs to give up some territory to end the war. Zelenskyy also dismissed Trump's boasts that he could quickly negotiate a solution, saying "my feeling is that Trump doesn't really know how to stop the war even if he might think he knows

toured a Pennsylvania factory producing munitions for the war. He was joined by Democratic Gov. Josh Shapiro, a top surrogate for Harris, and Republicans criticized the visit as a political stunt in a political battleground state.

House Speaker Mike Johnson demanded that Zelenskyy fire the Ukrainian ambassador to the U.S., alleging that the tour was "designed to help Democrats and is clearly election interference. Johnson, a Louisiana

Republican, wasn't scheduled to attend any of the Capitol meetings with Zelenskyy on Thursday. But in a show of some lingering bipartisan unity, Johnson was flanked by Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. as he entered the senators' meeting. Zelenskyy did not answer questions about his relationship with Trump as he walked in. Zelenskyy's trip to Washington coincides with the annual meeting of the U.N. General Assembly in New York, where the Ukrainian leader spoke on Wednesday.

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY No.EM/PED-27/2024 No.EM/PED/TECH-11/2024/370

Date: 18.09.2024

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The amendment is made in the orders floated vide following Tender

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Station" (CTS) scheme for a period of four

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Fender at 19:30 Hrs. on **04-10-2024** nstead of 19:30 Hrs. on 27-09-2024.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

s to inform to the public at large that Mr. Anwa han who is the owner of the Plot No.17A, area easuring 100 sq.yds., out of Khewat No.3 hatoni No.9, Mustatii No.16, Killa No.12, 15 ituated at Ghazipur, Tehsil Badkhal, Dist aridabad, Haryana, vide Transfer Deed date and the Communication of the Communic

1.01.2020 (vide Doc. No. 0146) executed by hidda Khan and same to be finance & mortga / SMFG India Credit Co. Ltd. (Former ullerton India Credit Co. Ltd.), Noida. Th

Fullerton India Credit Co. Ltd.), Noida. The Original Sale deed dated 01.06.1990 execute by Mr. Ishwar Singh Sharma as attorney of N Mohan Lal in favour of Mr. Hasinuddin host/misplaced. So, to comply the requirements-3ANK/NBFC, we give this public notic hat if any Person having any type of clair inputtitle/interest/ creating mortgage over trail and property, may inform in writing, at the address nentioned below, about his objections, within lays from today, failing which it shall be presume hat the said property is free from all type of incumbrances, lien etc. Lucem Leas!

Sr. DMF/Katiba

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CHANGE OF NAME

The Sindh government on July I, Khushboo Agrawal Wife of Nishant Kumar, currently residing at Flat No 1-A-111, G C Grand, Vaibhav Khand, Indirapuram , Ghaziabad-201014, U P have changed my name from Khushaboo Agraval to khusbhoo Agrawal. Henceforth I would be known by the name Khushboo

Agrawal for all future purposes. PD(797)C It is hereby notified to all concerned that due to my marriage to Mr. Ankur Garg, my name has been changed from Suchi Goyal to Suchi

tions and abuses in Afghanistan, particularly the gender-based discrimination Garg. Suchi Garg W/o Mr. against women and girls," the countries said Ankur Garg Resident of "Afghanistan is responsible H-1816, Pratik Edifice, under international law for its Sector-107, Noida, Gautam ongoing gross and systematic Buddh Nagar. violation of numerous obliga-PD(798)C tions under the Convention on

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I, Khushdeep Rai S/o Late Sohan Lal have lost my original

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Starmer day after his appeal for unity

Liverpool (England) (AP): allowance, worth between 200 Members of Britain's governing and 300 pounds (USD 262 Labour Party dealt Prime and USD 393), for all but the Minister Keir Starmer a blow on Wednesday, rejecting his decision to cut payments that offset winter heating costs for millions of retirees.

The vote on the final day of Labour's annual conference is not binding, but it's a setback to Starmer's efforts to unite his centre-left party around the contentious measure. Since winning office in July, Starmer has cautioned that the dire state of the public finances inherited from the last Conservative government means he must make hard choices such as ending the winter fuel Sharon Graham, general secre-

poorest pensioners. Trade unions that are among Labour's funders and allies organised resistance to the cut at the conference in Liverpool, northwest England. They forced a vote on a

demand for the decision to be reversed. It was narrowly passed in a show-of-hands vote amid cheers and jeers in the conference hall. "I do not understand how our new Labour government can

pensioners and leave the superrich untouched," said

cut the winter fuel payment for

applause from delegates.

This is not what people voted for. It is the wrong decision and it needs to be reversed." The government has promised

the withdrawal of the heating allowance will be offset by an above-inflation increase in the state pension and other measures to reduce poverty. Work and Pensions Secretary

Liz Kendall told delegates that the cut "wasn't a decision we wanted or expected to make". But she argued that "this Labour government has done more to help the poorest pensioners in the last two months than the Tories did in 14 Starmer tried to unite the party and appeal to a sceptical electorate in his first conference speech as prime minister on Tuesday, telling voters exhausted by years of political and economic turmoil that better times are on the way — if they swallow his recipe of short-term pain for long-term gain. He said he would make "tough decisions" — code for public spending restraint and tax increases — to achieve economic growth to fund schools, hospitals, roads, railways and more. Starmer acknowledged some of those decisions would be unpopular, but said: "We will turn our collar up and face the

Pope arrives in Luxembourg

Pope Francis on Thursday began his trip to once-strong bastions of Christianity in the heart of Europe in an effort to reinvigorate a Catholic flock that is dwindling in the face of secular trends and abuse scandals that have largely emptied the continent's magnificent cathedrals and village church-

Francis landed mid-morning Thursday in Luxembourg, the European Union's secondsmallest country, with a population of some 660,000 people, and its richest per capita. Francis arrived under stormy skies and blustery, damp conditions, days after the 87-yearold pope cancelled his audiences because of a slight flu. Francis greeted journalists at the start of Thursday's flight from Rome but declined to walk down the aisle to greet them one by one as he typical-

ly does.
"I don't feel up to the trip. I'll greet you from here," he said, referring to the trip down the aisle. The Vatican spokesman, Matteo Bruni, said the decision was due to the logistics of the aircraft, with just a single aisle, and the short duration of the flight, and was not a reflection of Francis' health. Francis later seemed in fine spirits as he met separately with Grand Duke Henri and Luxembourg's Prime Minister Luc Frieden at the duke's palace.

Migration, climate change and peace are likely to be themes during the visit, which continues later Thursday with Francis' arrival in Belgium.

EU figures show that barely half of Luxembourg inhabitants, or 52.6%, are native citizens, with 37.2% coming from other EU nations like Portugal and 10.2% from outside the EU. After his meetings, Francis will speak to the country's Catholic priests and nuns. The venue is the late-Gothic Cathedral of Notre Dame. which was built in the early 1600s by Francis' own Jesuit order and stands as a monument to Christianity's long and central place in European history. The trip is a much-truncated version of the 10-day tour St John Paul II made through Luxembourg, Belgium and the Netherlands in 1985, during which the Polish pope delivered 59 speeches or homilies and was greeted by hundreds of the world in the future". thousands of adoring faithful. In Luxembourg alone, John Paul drew a crowd of some 45,000 people to his Mass, or some 10% of the then-population, and officials had predicted a million people would welcome him in Belgium, according to news reports at the time. Even then, the head of

contraception and sexual morals, opposition that has only increased over time. Those secular trends and the crisis over clergy abuse have helped lead to the decline of the church in the region, with monthly Mass attendance in the single digits and plummeting ordinations of new priests. Bruni said that by travelling to the two countries. Francis will likely want to offer "a word to the heart of Europe, of its history, the role it wants to play in

In Luxembourg, Francis has a top ally and friend in the lone cardinal from the country, Jean-Claude Hollerich, a fellow Jesuit. In an article this week in the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano, Hollerich also blamed migration and the influx of people of other faiths or none for the changes and challenges confronting the church in Luxembourg today.

This is to inform all concerned that Smt. Meeta Singh Saharan, Member of the Public Education

Society, Sec-03, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad 201010. It's being more than one year that Sm

Meeta Singh Saharan has remained absen without any intimation from General & governing Body Meetings despite multiple notifications

sent to her via registered post. A show-cause

notice was also issued on 07-08-2024, but no response has been received from her to date. As a final opportunity. Smt. Meeta Singh is required

to submit her reply and mark her presence at the Society's Office with the documents related to

ne school run by the society latest by 05-10

2024. Failure to do so will be interpreted as he

unwillingness to continue in her role Consequently, as per the Society's bylaws, her

ame will be proposed for removal from the lisif general & governing body member without

Kapil Dev Sareen, Secretary Public Education Society, Sec-03, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad.

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NOTICE is hereby given to public at large that my client Mr. Yogendra Singh & Mrs. Anju who is purchasing Flat No.105, Upper Ground Floor, having super area admeasuring 350 Sq. Ft. (i.e., 32.51 Sq. Mtrs.), constructed on Plot No.A-1/5, area admeasuring 528.99 Sq. Mtrs., situated at DLF Ankur Vihar, Village-Sadullabad, Pargana-Loni, Paragna Loni, Tehsil & District Ghaziabad (U.P.) from Mr. Gulshan Nagpal and Mr. Rajeev Nagpal who is the legal heirs and owner of the abovementioned property after the demise of Mrs. Santosh Nagpal. Now my client intend to get the financial assistance from SMFG Gribashakti Home Finance Housing Finance in India. If any illiancial assistance from Similer Grindsmire House Home Finance Housing Finance in India. If any person(s) /Institution has/have any objections) or claims) with respect to the right, title or interest in the said property may please contact us within 7 days from the date of this notice on the address nentioned herein below, failing which my clients shall not be held responsible in manne

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This is to inform the general public that Smt. Preeti
Jain is the owner Property no. 70-A area measuring
112 5 sq. yos. out of Khasra no. 821/271 situated at
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Hadbast Village Bahlahajipur Pargana & Hehsli Lonistt. Ghaziabad through Sale Deed (within family)
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821/2/1. The above-said owner has misplaced the 1) Org. Reg. GPA dated 06.01.2015 executed by Smt Salochana Devin favour of Mr. Hans Kumar Jain in respect of Plot no. 70-A area measuring 62.5 so, yds. out of Khasra no. 821/2/1.2) Org. Reg. GPA dated 11.06.2018 executed by Mr. Deepchand Jain is former. John Hansk Characteristics of the processing of the n favour of Mr. Hans Kumar Jain in respect of spect of Plot no. 70-A area measuring 50 sq. yds tt of Khasra no. 821/2/1. 3) Org. Reg. GPA dater t.11.2022 executed by Mr. Hans Kumar Jain ir your of Mr. Ankur Arora in respect of Plot no. 70-A avour or invr. ANKU A107a in respect of Plot no. Q'As nea measuring 62.5 sq. yds. out of Khasra no. 121/2/1. FIR No. 80108086, also registered at P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi on dated 25.09.2024. Anyone who finds the above-mentioned documents, kindly landover the same to the Manager of Shriram

Housing Finance Ltd., L*1/Lt, 2 nd floor, Green Park Extension, Gurudwara Road, Near SBI Bank, New Delhi-110016. Law Veritas: North (Advocates & Legal Consultants) at Office No. 11, 1st Floor, Building No. A-44/A, Sector-16, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301; Landline(s): +910120-3101683, e-mail: accounts@lvnorth.in

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On Behalf of ICICI Bank Ltd., MET Jhajjar Branch

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SCO No. 22, 23 & 24, Sector 7 A, On SH 15, Dadri Toe, Jhajjar,

No. 23748478. Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal this the 20th day of Augt, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all, SNEH GAUR W/O SHANNIR SINGH R/O FLAT NO.6/122, DD JANTA FLATS, MADANGIR, NEW DELHI-11006 purchaser/owner of DDA JANTA FLAT NO.6/22, GROUND FLOOR, MADANGIR, NEW DELHI-110062, have applied for certified copies freehold in DDA. The original documents of the DEMAND FLOTH STATE POSSESSION LETTER, NOC FOR WATER AN ELECTRICITY CONNECTION, SITE POSSESSION SLIP & OTHER DOCUMENTS of the above saiflat has been lost. An LR NO.2150746/202 dated 25/09/2024 to this effect has been losted in the second of the decided of the second of the decided of the second of the second of the decided of the second of th

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NOTICE is hereby given to public at large that or behalf of my client M/s Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd. has lost/misplaced the Origina Apartment Buyer Agreement dated 16.02.2013 Original Possession Certificate dated 07.04.2021 and Original Conveyance Deed dated 07.06.2021 as Doc. No. 893, in respect of Fourth Floor, House No. 498, in Gadoli Khurd, Gurgaon 122001 Haryana which was executed by M/s Apps Ruidbuell Det Ltd. in Forum of Sh. Mukrek

National Williams executed by Wils Appl Suildwell Pyt. Ltd. in favour of Sh. Mukesh Kumar & Smt. Harjeet and FIR has been lodged ride application No. 132270952400325 or 10.09.2024. Any person(s)/Institution(s) nd/finds the same may please send us to the ddress mentioned herein. Anyone misusing the ame shall be liable for action under relevaovisions of the Law of the Land. Khaitan & Khaitan

A – 38 Kailash Colony, New Delhi – 110048 Ph. No: 011-49774545

Before Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Delhi 4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street New Delhi-110001

Notice under section 19(4) of the Recovery Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rule) 1993) in the matter of Date 20-08-2024 T.A. No. 975/2023

STATE BANK OF INDIA Versus MUKESH KUMAR & ORS.

D1 Mukesh Kumar S/o Rajender Yadav, A 1/97, Gali No. 16, Hastal Road, Uttam Nagar Delhi-59 Also at: M/s Zest Ortho AG-215 Back Side Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-88, Also at Flat No. S2-802, Tower Speed S2 8th Floor Solitairian City Sect-25, Jaypee Green Spor City SOZ Gautam Bugh Nagar, U.P.-201308 2. Parv Developers Pvt. Ltd., B-22. PKT-9A Jasola, New Delhi-25 Also at: GH-B1/2, Jaypee Green Sport City, Sect-25, Yamuna Express Way Industrial Development Authorit Area Gautam Bugh Nagar, UP-201306 Also at: Jaypee Sports City SDZ Distt. Solitairian City Sect-25, Yamuna Express Way Industria Development Authority Area Gautam Bugh Nagar, UP-201306

3. Solitaire Realinfra Pvt. Ltd., D-835, Ne Friends Colony, New Delhi-25, Also at: A-56 Sect-136 Noida UP- 201301 Also at: Sect-25, Jaypee Greens Sports City, SDZ Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.-201308

Whereas the above named applicant(s) has have instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 31,21,247/- (Rs. Thirty One Lakh Twenty One Thousand Two Hundred Forty Seven Only against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is no possible to serve you in the ordinary way herefore, this notice is given by advertis directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 05-12-2025 at 11.00 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance o

the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

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KATIHAR RAILWAY STATION

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GeM Bid Number. GEM/2024 /B/5415608 Dated: 23-09-2024. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: Name of work: Custom Bid for Services-Mechanised cleaning of Katihar Railway Station for the period of Three (03) years. Esimated Bid Value: ₹13.42.12.019/-. EMD Amount: ₹8,21,100/-. Bid End Date: 16.00 hrs. of 16-10-2024 & Bid opening at 16.30 hrs. of 16-10-2024. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website www.GeM.gov.in

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Notice is hereby given that the Origina Sale Deed bearing Registration no 518 dated 04.05.1999 for property admeasuring 50 sq. yds, forming par of khewat no. 1129, khata no. 1906 khasra no. 5036/2724 (1-13) 5037/2724(1-18) Surat Nagar, Line Paar, Bahadurgarh, Jhajjar, Haryana have been lost and are not traceable by the Bank. The Said Sale Deed was executed in favour of Sh. lalit Kumai and was deposited with the bank as security against home loan. Anyone who finds the same is requested to return it to the Punjabi Bagh Branch of ne bank within 15 days of the receipt o his notice. Subsequent, to which the Bank shall take the necessary steps for issuance of Duplicate Documents. Any Objections to the issuance of the duplicate documents shall be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this notice. It is further to be noted tha the said property is free from any or all vith the bank any more.

SANJAY KUMAR JHA ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

8527710450 or on my Add:- N-19, Teachers Colony, Pratap Vihar, District- Ghaziabad, U.P.-201009. After the publication of this

P.k Jain Alias Pravesh Kumar Jain

I, P.K Jain alias Pravesh Kumar Jain son of Shri F.L Jain, Proprietor, M/s:-Pee Key Enterprises, presently residing at:-N-19, Teachers Colony, Pratap Vihar, District-Ghaziabad, U.P.-201009, hereby declare

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1 Satish Jain son of Shri Rama Nand Jain resident of:- House No.-14, Alipur Road, Civil Lines, Delhi-54, hereby declare under oath that:-That my name and address mentioned above are true and correct. It is notified to the general public that my name is Satish Jain son of Shri Rama Nand Jain resident of:- House No.-14, Alipur Road, Civil Lines, Delhi-54, I am the present Co-Director of Ms;- VIEWTRON FLIFCTRONICS PVT. LTD. REGD. DEFICE AT 303-304, RATTAN JYOTI, 18, RAJENDRA PALACE, NEW DELIHI, We have purchased an Industrial Property No. D-342, Sector-10, Noida, Area 114 sq.m. on 19/09/1991 from proprietor Shri PK Jain alias Pravesh Kumar Jain son of Shri FL Jain presently residing:- N-19, Teachers Colony, Pratap Vihar, Ghaziabad, UP-201009, Proprietor of Ms PEE KEY ENTERPRISTS for which an MOU was signed between Shri PK Jain alias Pravesh Kumar Jain and our company on 19/09/1991, in which our company was represented by our employee Virendra Agarwal son of Shri Ram Avatar. A notarized GPA was given by Shri PK Jain alias Parvesh Kumar Jain to our employee Vinod Kumar Gupta on 10/09/1992. As per our mutual understanding. under oath that: That my above mentioned name and address are true and correct. It is name and address are true and correct. It is informed to the general public that my name is P.K. Jain alias Parvesh Kumar Jain son of Shri F.L. Jain, Proprietor, M/s:-P.K. Enterprise, present resident:-N-19, Teachers Colony, Pratap Vihar, District-Ghaziabad, U.P. Pratap Vinar, District-Graziabad, U.7.
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ELECTRONICS PVT. LTD. REGD. OFFICE
AT 303-304, RATTAN JYOTI, 18, RAJENDRA PALACE, NEW DELHI, for which an If the Common the continuous properties of the continuous properties on 1009/1992. As per our mutual understanding, we now do not want to continue the above GPA and MOU and cancelled them and end their existence. The above GPA has been cancelled by Shri PK Jain and the MOU has also been cancelled with mutual consent. At present, none of my present and former employees, co-directors and any of my extracescent and a my common. MOU was signed between me and Virendra Agarwal, employee of the above company on 19/09/1991. A notarized GPA was given by me to Vinod Kumar Gupta, another employee of the above company, on 10/09/1992. The MOU between me and the company M/S P.K. Jain and the MOU has also been cancelled with mutual consent. At present, none of my present and former employees, co-directors and any of my successors and my company M/s.-VIEWIRON ELECTRONICS PVT. LTD. REGD. OFFICE AT 303-304, RATI'AN JYOTI, 18, RAJENDRA PALACE, NEW DELHI, have any transaction, legal claim, liability or dispute with the above property of Shri P.K. Jain Alias Pravesh Kumar Jain and neither will it happen in future. After cancellation of the above MOU, now Shri P.K. Jain and neither will it happen in future. After cancellation of the above MOU, now Shri P.K. Jain so Shri P.L. Jain resident.—N-19, Teachers Colony, Pratap Vihar, is now again the Lawfull owner of this Industrial Property No. D-342, Sector-10, Noida, Distit. Gautam Buddha Nagar, Utitar Pradesh. Area 114 Sq. Mfrs. Ghaziabad, UT-201009 and now Shri P.K. Jain has got the full right to sell his property mentioned above and he has full authority to transfer/sell this property to any person. In this sequence, now Shri P.K. Jain son of Shri FL. Jain resident:—N-19, Teachers Colony, Pratap Vihar, Ghaziabad, UT-201009 is transferring Industrial Property No.: D-342, Sector-10, (Area 114 sq. m) directly in favour of Shri Dinesh Bansal s/o Shri Ved Prakash Bansal resident:—C-46, Sector-20, Noida in Noida Authority Sector-6, for which we ic. M/s VEWIRON ELECTRONICS PVT. LTD. REGD. OFFICE AT 303-304, RATTAN JYOTI, 18, RAJENDRA PALACE, NEW DELHI.

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Satish Jain VIEWTRON ELECTRONICS PVT. LTD. VIEWTRON ELECTRONICS PVI. LID. has been cancelled with mutual understanding and consent through the co-director of the company, Mr. Satish Jain, son of Mr. Ramanand Jain, resident of House No. 14, Alipur Road, Civil Lines, Delhi-110054. Now, there is no transaction or grudge liability left between me and M/s VIEWTRON ELECTRONICS DUTLITO. TRONICS PVT, LTD. Now, I am the full and legal owner of this industrial property No. D-342, Sector-10, Noida. This property is completely in my possession. Hence, I have full authority to transfer/sell the above property. authority to transfer/self the above property. Therefore, in this sequence, I am transferring this industrial property number: D-342, Sector-10, Noida, (114 sq.m.) to Mr. Dinesh Bansal son of Mr. Ved Prakash Bansal resident: C-46, Sector-20, Noida, in Noida Authority Sector-6 If anyone has any objection regarding the above transfer, then please inform me within 15 days On My Mobile No.

₹51,70,75,581.92/-; Earnest Money ₹27,35,400/-; Date & time of closing of ender at 11:00 hrs. on 04-11-2024. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be vailable in website www.ireps.gov.in

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CBDT reshuffles responsibilities Jio-bp inaugurates 500th EV charging station

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), the authority that supervises the income-tax department's work in the country, has carried out a fresh reshuffle of responsibilities amongst its with members, investigation wing reporting to the chairman.

An official order issued on September 24 said CBDT Chairman Ravi Agrawal, a 1988-batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer, will be in charge of "coordination and overall supervision" of the board's work and that of the investigation, central and intelligence and criminal investigation directorates.

Earlier, there used to be an independent post of member (investigation) in the CBDT, but it was done away with last year as part of the work reorientation of the board and



with the "supervision of the work of investigation", a senior officer told PTI. other members'

responsibilities were also According to the order, Harinder Bir Singh Gill, a Sanjay Kumar, a 1988-batch officer, will hold the charge of member (audit and

the chairman was authorised 1987-batch IRS officer, will be the member (taxpayer services and revenue), apart from holding the additional charge of member (systems

and faceless services).

judicial), additional charge of member (income tax).

Prabodh Seth of the 1989 batch will be the member (administration) and his batchmate, Ramesh Narain Parbat, will be the member (legislation), according to the order that also listed out the zonal charges for these officers.

The CBDT, under the Department of Revenue in the Union finance ministry, is headed by a chairman and can have six members in the rank of a special secretary. The board currently has a vacancy of two members.

The latest reshuffle was affected as the tenure of two members ended in August, with Pragya Sahay Saksena taking voluntary retirement service and the scheduled superannuation of Pravin Kumar, the officer

PTI NEW DELHI

nant Mukesh Ambani, Anant Mukesii Allica, Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and Auchingless, CEO, Industries Limited (RIL) and Murray Auchincloss, CEO, bp, on Thursday inaugurated the 500th Jio-bp pulse EV-charging station of Jio-bp. Jio-bp is a fuels and mobility joint venture between RIL and global energy giant RP

global energy giant BP. The commissioning of the

EV-charging station enables access for guests at the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre, Jio World Plaza and Jio World Convention Centre in Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC), Mumbai, marking the installation of the 500th Jio-bp pulse charging point in India," a company statement said. Jio-bp has expanded its network of EV-charging stations at a rapid pace,

in just a year.

With 95 per cent of its EV-charging network comprising fast charging stations -- the

growing from 1,300 to 5,000

with DC fast chargers, and highest in the industry -- the

company is poised to deliver high speed electrons with unmatched industry-leading uptime of 96 per cent, establishing itself as the

country's most reliable charging network, it said.
Jio-bp is also the first in the industry to deploy the toprated 480 KW chargers backed by unique CVPs, which enables it to provide an efficient and quick charging experience at locations such as experience at locations such as malls, public parking, corporate parks, hotels, and wayside amenities.

'By reducing range anxiety through its rapidly growing infrastructure, charging minimising charging time

delivering a seamless charging experience through its stateof-the-art Jio-bp pulse charging app, Jio-bp has occupied pole position in accelerating the adoption of electric vehicles in India," it

Ambani said Jio-bp is playing a pioneering role in accelerating EV adoption in India. "With the largest network share of fast-charging stations, fastest growth in EV charging infra, and highest reliability, Jio-bp is offering a well-packaged, digitised charging solution to millions of Indians".

With its foray into green electrons, powered by

Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd's solar power plants, Jio-bp is making rapid progress in its broader goal of promoting sustainable green mobility in

India.
"EV charging is one of bp's key transition businesses in our journey to becoming an

integrated energy company. We are focusing on scale, speed, and strategic locations to provide a seamless customer experience. By combining bp and RIL's

capabilities, we are delivering EV charging with charging convenience, creating a unique value proposition for customers," Murray Auchincloss statement.

With its sustained charging infrastructure growth, pioneering customer proposition, and focus on sustainability, Jio-bp is reinforcing its position as the fastest, mostly available, and most reliable EV charging partner in India.

ICRA sees room for petrol, diesel price cuts

reduction in crude oil Areduction in crass improved margins on retail auto fuels, providing state-owned firms a headroom to cut petrol and diesel prices by Rs 2-3 per litre, rating agency Icra said on Thursday. The price of a basket of crude

oil India imports averaged USD 74 per barrel in September, down from about USD 83-84 a barrel in March when petrol and diesel prices were last cut by Rs 2 per litre. In a note, Icra said the marketing margins on retail sales of auto fuels for the Indian Oil Marketing Marketing Companies (OMCs) have improved in recent weeks with the reduction in crude prices.

The rating agency anticipates that there is headroom for the downward revision of retail fuel prices if crude prices remain stable at current

Girishkumar Kadam, Senior Vice President and Group Head, Corporate Ratings, ICRA, said: "ICRA estimates that the OMCs' net realisation was higher by Rs 15 per litre for petrol and Rs 12 a litre for diesel vis-à-vis international product prices in September retail selling price (RSPs) of these fuels have been have been unchanged since March 2024 (Rs 2/litre was reduced on petrol and diesel on March

15, 2024) and there appears to be headroom for their downward revision by Rs 2-3 per litre, if crude prices remain stable". Crude prices have witnessed a sharp decline in the last few months, primarily due to weak global economic growth

and high US production and the OPEC+ has pushed the rollback of its production cuts by two months to combat the declining prices.

A decline in the price of crude oil -- which is converted into fuels like petrol and diesel at



refineries -- had rekindled hopes for a reduction in petrol and diesel rates that have been on a freeze for over two years now barring a preelection reduction in March. While petrol and diesel (meaning oil companies have the freedom to fix retail rates), the state-owned fuel retailers, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan

Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL), have rarely used this freedom since late 2021 by not revising prices in line with They stopped daily price revision in early November 2021 when rates across the

country hit an all-time high, prompting the government to roll back a part of the excise duty hike it had effected during the pandemic to take low oil prices The freeze continued into 2022 but the war-led spike in

international oil prices prompted a Rs 10 a litre hike in petrol and diesel prices from mid-March 2022 before another round of excise duty cut rolled back all of the Rs 13 a litre and Rs 16 a litre increase in taxes on petrol and diesel done during the pandemic. That followed the current price freeze which began on April 6, 2022, and continued till March 15 reduction. Thereafter there has been a freeze in rates again. Petrol costs Rs 94.72 per litre in the national capital and diesel comes for Rs 87.62

a litre. Icra said the Singapore Gross

Refining Margins (GRMs) witnessed significant moderation in the first half of the 2024-25 fiscal (April 2024 to March 2025) to about USD 4 per barrel due to a drop in crack spreads with higher is deregulated product output and reduced demand.

The impact is mainly on account of weak demand from China due to rising electric vehicle (EV) sales, muted industry demand and real estate downturn. Further, demand in Europe has also been subdued due to weak industrial activity and a structural shift in vehicle fleets towards EVs, it said.

"A marketing gain of Rs 1 per litre on petrol and diesel would compensate for the GRM loss of USD 0.9 per barrel for the domestic refining and marketing industry," Icra said.

Commenting on the OMCs' The OMCs reported healthy operating margins in FY2024 (April 2023 to March 2024), recouping the losses incurred during FY2023.

Despite moderation in the GRMs, the improvement in marketing margins is likely to result in the OMCs maintaining their profitability in H1 FY2025"

However, inventory losses due to a sharp decline in crude prices could impact profitability to an extent in Q2 FY2025. Further, the profitability for standalone refiners would take a hit with the declining GRMs. Icra's outlook on the refining

and marketing sector remains

India aims to integrate scalable food security interventions

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

India is seeking to integrate scalable food security interventions into existing government programmes while promoting local crop varieties, a top government official said on Thursday.

Agriculture Secretary Devesh Chaturvedi outlined these priorities during a review of the implementation of the United Nations World Food Programme's (WFP) country strategic plan (CSP) for India spanning 2023-2027. Chaturvedi, who chaired the

first meeting of the Country Programme Advisory Committee (CPAC) under the new CSP, suggested the officers to "identify the scalable interventions and



initiatives and prepare mechanisms for including the same in ongoing programmes of ministries/departments." The secretary called for a dedicated workshop to discuss the agriculture sector detail, initiatives in highlighting the need for a

focused approach, an official

statement said.



varieties of rice and millets alongside fortified cereals, signalling a shift towards indigenous crop promotion. He advised exploring the possibilities of bringing the Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO) into

different initiatives. The secretary also emphasised emphasized that while accessing the

nutritional outcomes of the programmes "we should also look at the standards on nutrition applicable for the Indian population."

The committee, comprising joint secretaries from various ministries and NITI Aayog representatives, is tasked with coordinating and reviewing progress on initiatives outlined in the strategic plan. The CSP, underpinned by a Memorandum Understanding

India's agriculture ministry and UN-WFP, focuses on four outcomes: enhancing food-based social protection systems, diverse and promoting nutritious diets, empowering women financially, building climate-resilient

WFP Country Elizabeth Faure briefed the committee on ongoing initiatives, including efforts to boost food security for smallholder farmers in Assam, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh, and the nationwide push to bring millets in mainstream.

The meeting participation from various ministries, including Food & Public Distribution, Women and Child Development, and Rural Development, as well as agencies like the National Disaster Management Authority and Meteorological Department. India, the world's most populous country, faces significant challenges in ensuring food security for its 1.4 billion people.

India set to achieve GDP growth in FY25 says Finance Ministry

India is set to achieve 6.5-7
per cent GDP growth in the current financial year as indicated by the movements in high-frequency indicators. till August, a finance ministry report said on Thursday.

The recent developments analysed indicate strong foundations macroeconomic stability in

India with steady growth, inflation trends, a strong and stable financial sector and a resilient external account, including a comfortable foreign exchange reserve position.

"A challenge on the macroeconomic front is of navigating the continuing uncertainty in global economic prospects. We will likely encounter a cycle of policy rate cuts globally amid fears of a recession in advanced economies and continuing geopolitical conflicts," geopolitical the Monthly conflicts," Economic Review for August

On balance, the report said, the GDP growth of 6.7 per cent in Q1 FY25 and the



6.5-7 per cent for FY25, provided by the Economic Survey 2023-24. For the remaining part of the financial year, it said, a reasonable expectation is that public expenditure will pick up, providing added growth and investment impetus.

In the farm sector, higher kharif acreage is already Adequately visible. replenished reservoir levels will potentially give a fillip to the upcoming Rabi crops as

The skewed spatial distribution of rain may have an impact on farm output in a few regions. However, in the absence of any serious adverse climate shocks, rural incomes and demand should get stronger, and food inflation will be milder, it

said.

There are also incipient signs of strains in certain sectors. For instance, the automobile dealers' body FADA has pointed to moderating sales of passenger vehicles and a build-up of inventory, it added.

Data from Nielsen IQ indicated that the growth of

fast-moving consumer goods sales in urban areas slowed in O1 FY25. While these may turn out to

be transient with the onset of the festival season, they warrant monitoring. Further, capital spending by Indian states has declined in the current financial year. Stock markets around the

world are booming, reinforced by recent policy announcements in a few countries, it said.

"Consequently, the risk of an eventual correction has risen. If the risk materialises, the spillover effect may be felt globally as well," it said.

Dr Reddy's faces penalty in Mexico for regulatory deviation



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Dr Reddy's Laboratories on Thursday said the Mexican drug regulator has imposed a penalty of around Rs 28 lakh.

The drug regulatory body of Mexico has imposed a penalty of MXN 6,51,420 (Rs 28 Lakh) on the company for deviation from prescribed guidelines for filing intimation of import of a reference standard for one of the active pharmaceutical ingredients, the Hyderabadbased drug major said in a

regulatory filing. Shares of the drug maker were trading 0.39 per cent up at Rs 6,720 apiece on BSE.

Fixing SpiceJet's broken wings

Can the low-cost airline heal enough to effectively compete with IndiGo and Air India?

KUSHAN MITRA ■ NEW DELHI

 $D_{ ext{SpiceJet}}^{ ext{ays}}$ after low-cost carrier SpiceJet raised Rs 3000 crore from institutional investors, the airline promptly cleared pending salary dues estimated to over Rs 80 crore. It is believed that the beleaguered low-cost airline will use much of the remaining funds to settle dues with a host of creditors from leasing companies to airports. However, even if much of the funds the airline has raised will go towards clearing dues, the fact is that SpiceJet did successfully manage to raise this large sum of money. This is despite the airline having to face a litany of problems and constantly being dragged to the courts by everyone from the previous owners, the Maran family of the Sun Group to various leasing firms. In fact, just last week the Supreme Court upheld a

Delhi High Court order mandating the return of three engines used by the airline on their Boeing 737 aircraft.

With leasing companies asking the airline to pay up, and taking their aircraft away, the airline is down to just having 21 operational aircraft according to website airfleets.net. This is a precipitous decline from the halcyon days of the airline before Covid when the airline had almost five times as many aircraft in its fleet and was the first Indian operator of the Boeing 737 MAX aircraft. However, the one-two punch of the coronavirus shutdown and the grounding of the Boeing 737MAX fleet Boeing worldwide following two disasters almost knocked the airline out.

But this is not a time to dwell on the past, the fact is that despite difficult odds the airline has managed to raise a confidence of employees,



Placement Stanley, Goldman Sachs, BNP Paribas, Nomura and Tata Mutual Fund subscribing to the issue. The quality of investment is a very positive indicator of the future prospects of the airline. SpiceJet has a lot to do, first

and foremost to regain the

importantly customers. They can do this by becoming more reliable and offering more services. Due to issues with leasing companies, the airline has been forced to wet-lease temporary aircraft from airlines in Cambodia and Turkey. They should now concentrate on operating their own fleet and by repaying dues owed to leasing rebuild

confidence in SpiceJet as a reliable airline. There is now talk of the airline growing to 100 aircraft by the end of If this fructifies, it is a

welcome move as the Indian aviation sector needs the competition domination of IndiGo and Air India/Air India Express leave customers with little choice. This duopoly needs to be challenged, and SpiceJet passengers per year by 2028.

the sector. Now however, they will have to deal with increased competition from the likes of Akasa. That said, the prospects for the Indian

was a capable third player in

aviation sector are extremely high. Between january and June 2024, domestic air traffic numbered 79.35 million passengers, which was a growth at 4.28 percent from the same period last year. The growth could have been higher still had it not been for the collapse of Go First last year and persistent engine problems

Pratt&Whitney GTF engines plaguing IndiGo leading to almost a quarter of their fleet grounded. If SpiceJet can get their act together, and there is no reason to doubt that they can't after the fund-raise, the Indian aviation sector could easily grow to 250 million

INBRIEF

NGEL INKS JV AGREEMENT WITH MAHAPREIT

NEW DELHI: NTPC Green Energy Limited, entered into a Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) with Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Ltd. (MAHAPREIT) on 25th



SRM HOSPITAL OPENS TOBACCO CESSATION CENTRE



KATTANKULATHUR: SRM Medical College Hospital & Research Centre (SRM SKMCH&RC) has inaugurated a Tobacco Cessation Centre at its Kattankulathur location. The center, located at the Psychiatry OPD (C-1/37), First Floor, C Block, will operate from Monday to Saturday, 8 AM to 2 PM.

GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL KHATARAYE KALAN RENAMED

AMRITSAR: The Puniab government has approved the renaming of government schools to honor prominent freedom fighters and martyrs, aiming to commemorate their sacrifices for the country's independence.



GNDU ORGANISED ORIENTATION WORKSHOP

AMRITSAR: An orientation workshop for college eco-club in-charges from seven districts was organized by the College Development Council, Guru Nanak Dev University under the Environment Education Programme.













PONDICHERRY LITERARY FESTIVAL SHAPING INDIA'S LITERARY FUTURE

As India's literary festivals increasingly become platforms for political agendas and sensational debates, the Pondicherry Literary Festival offers a breath of fresh air

BY KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

festivals are iterary reasonably new phenomena that have sprouted across the globe. They are gatherings of authors who come from all corners of the world to discuss the evolution of literature and the modern trends that drive it.

A festival syndrome has taken over India's literary world. The land of Kalidasa is bereft of any authors who are incapable of matching the stature of global-quality writers. Though there are writers who get patronage from some publishing firms or newspapers because of their obsession with anarchy and "out-of-the-box" stances like equating Maoists as "Gandhians with AK-47 rifles" and comparing their country to a "mobile-free republic", they are mere pygmies when compared to the ones in the global arena.

The literary festivals that mushroomed across India gave a lot of hope to average Indians. The general expectation was that young authors would get a platform to tell the world what they felt about the emerging Indian literary world. But what we saw was that the festivals were getting hijacked by a coterie who set the agenda for wannabe writers. They want the newgeneration authors to speak and write only against the concept of India. These literary festivals became an extension of the

Progressive Writers' Forum of the former Soviet Union, where the Communist Party was the last word on literature. The Party would decide what constitutes literature and ask the writers to "compose" ideology in the form of novels and poems. The two-day Pondicherry Literary

Festival held on 21st and 22nd September brought in a refreshing change. The Pondicherry Literary Festival, officially launched in 2018, has emerged as one of the leading cultural events in south India - nay, in India itself. The event featured the crème de la crème of India's intelligentsia. It saw the active participation of authors like Aravindan Neelakantan, Anand Ranganathan, Kanchan Gupta, Vikram Sampath and many others. The event has systematically avoided noise from debates that are curated for the sake of polemics, thus giving an undesirable lease of life to debunked narratives. "We empower with knowledge on spiritual, religious and cultural subjects that showcase Bharat Shakti and critically evaluate what holds her back via lectures and conversations, book talks and presentations on science and technology, defence and security. This year we focus on Bharat in the New Age. 'Bharat Shakti' is a phrase we have chosen from the writings of Sri Aurobindo to serve as our guiding principle. Pondicherry is Sri Aurobindo's seat of sadhana and we take these



associations with reverence and respect," said Alo Sud, the festival director, who is the moving spirit behind this event.

Pondicherry Lit Fest had a baptism by fire in 2018. "There were attacks and diatribes on us from the Left ecosystem, who had no qualms in designating this festival as a Sanghi, right-wing event. We do not categorise people based on rights, lefts or based on religions. This is an event where delegates can come, take part and return with their minds filled with ideas, knowledge and ground realities," said Alo Sud. In an era where commercial writers/authors advertise their new



works well in advance, authors like Aravindan Neelakantan and Anand Ranganathan are exceptions. They do not publicise their new works and it is by word of mouth that their contents get disseminated. The "secular media" blackout their groundbreaking works because of the unpalatable facts they highlight. It is Pondicherry Lit Fest that offers everyone (irrespective of caste, creed, ideology, and religion) a platform to air their views and

The delegates were given a bird'seye view of the happenings in spheres like science, technology, defence and security. The festival

stood out because there was no name-calling or Modi-bashing. The rest of the literary festivals staged across India seem to be dedicated to abusing Narendra Modi. Sometime in 2016, a Carnatic musician, feeling he was being relegated to the fourth round, came out with a startling disclosure that there was no freedom of expression under the Sangh Parivar regime. It hogged national limelight, as even the staunchest critic of Modi was hearing such an allegation for the first time. The result? The musician became an overnight

star and was honoured with the

title Sangeeta Kala Nidhi! What Dr M Rajeev Kumar, a noted critic and author of many short stories and dramas, says about lit fests is noteworthy. "We do have many lit fests, but their agenda is fixed. There is no literature or culture in these events other than promoting certain politicians, their ideologies and some publishing houses. Lit festivals are for open discussions and not for namecalling and abusing rivals," said Dr Kumar, who has been writing for more than five decades and has yet to be invited to at least one lit fest in Kerala. Interestingly, there are lit festivals in West Asian countries too, where the targets are Modi and Indian nationalism. There are frontal organisations of extremist outfits as well as the CPI(M) (masquerading as cultural associations). This is what makes Pondicherry

Lit Fest stand out from other events. Lucid speeches, lively discussions, and speakers who are keen to take the participants into confidence make it distinct from other such festivals. Delegates are treated to sumptuous meals of knowledge, wisdom and erudition. Who said avant-garde art and literature are meant only for intellectuals? Come to Pondicherry and you will be elevated to the level visualised by Sri Aurobindo, for whom the waterfront state was the second

SEPTEMBER RELEASES



Time to Come Home: Sowing the Seeds of Self-Love for Lasting Happiness by DAMINI GROVER (PRICE: ₹399, PAGES: 280) Hay House

In Time to Come Home, award-winning psychologist and life coach Damini Grover offers a transformative guide that dives deep into the vital themes of self-love and personal growth. The book emphasises that self-love is foundational for a fulfilling life, helping readers reconnect with their true selves while embracing their imperfections. Grover provides actionable steps and relatable stories to create a clear roadmap for understanding and practising self-love in everyday life, addressing common challenges of self-acceptance and personal development. This inspiring work invites readers to honour their worth and prioritise their happiness, ultimately leading to lasting fulfilment.

Turtle Moon By HANNAH GOLD (Price: ₹499, Pages: 337) HarperCollins Children's Books

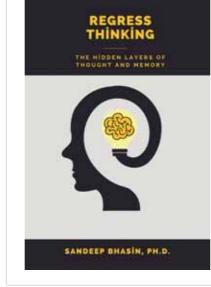
n Turtle Moon, Silver Trevelon's family Igrapples with unhappiness due to the absence of a long-awaited sibling. When her father receives an invitation to paint at a turtle rescue centre in Costa Rica, Silver hopes it will be the adventure that brings her family closer together. As she settles into life at the animal centre, she witnesses a rare leatherback turtle nesting on the beach. However, excitement turns to alarm when the turtle's eggs are stolen, propelling Silver and her new friends into a perilous quest to retrieve them. Their journey into the heart of the jungle uncovers long-buried secrets, testing their courage and resolve.

Exploring the interplay of thought and memory

In 'Regress Thinking: The Hidden Layers of Thought and Memory', author SANDEEP BHASIN explores the complexities of the mind and how understanding our thought processes can enhance creativity and memory, writes SAKSHI PRIYA

egress Thinking: The Hidden Layers of Thought and Memory by Sandeep Bhasin invites readers on an enlightening journey through the complexities of the mind, combining historical insights with contemporary applications to offer a fresh perspective on creativity and cognitive processes. With over thirty years of experience across various fields, *Bhasin* draws on his extensive knowledge to explore these themes further.

The book is structured around several central themes, each highlighting the vital role of creativity as a multidimensional process. Bhasin explores the psychology of creativity, illustrating how ideas emerge from the intricate interplay of different brain functions. He introduces the notion of Regress Thinking, a concept that encourages readers to retrace their cognitive steps to uncover hidden insights that might have been overlooked in the rush of everyday thought. This methodology is not just an academic pursuit, it has tangible applications in business, technology, and personal development. Bhasin's writing is both clear and engaging, making complex concepts accessible to a broad audience. He encourages readers to adopt a mindset of experimentation and to regard failure as an essential part of the creative process. By drawing connections between historical innovations and modern challenges, he highlights that lessons from the past can provide crucial strategies for tackling present-day problems. A standout aspect of the book is its use of case studies and real-life examples,



which illustrate the various manifestations of regression and its impact on individual's lives. These narratives offer practical insights and inspiration for overcoming challenges, providing a comprehensive framework for understanding and managing regression. empowers readers to harness the potential of regression while mitigating its negative effects. One particularly compelling section

of the book focuses on the four stages of the creative process: preparation, incubation, illumination and verification. Bhasin explains how each stage contributes to idea



ABOUT THE BOOK **Book**: Regress Thinking: The Hidden Layers of Thought and Memory by SANDEEP BHASIN PH.D. **Publisher:** Notion Press ₹990.00

generation, urging readers to embrace the non-linear nature of creativity. He also discusses the significance of environmental factors, mindset and collaboration in enhancing creative potential, reminding us that creativity

flourishes in supportive and

stimulating settings. Moreover, Bhasin's examination of cognitive efficiency sheds light on the brain's remarkable ability to prioritise information and dismiss what it considers unimportant. This selective forgetting is framed as a beneficial feature, reinforcing the idea that understanding our mental processes can significantly enhance our learning experiences. Regress Thinking serves as a guide to individual creativity, it advocates for harnessing collective intelligence in our interconnected world. Bhasin promotes a culture of openness and collaboration, positioning these

elements as essential for addressing the pressing issues we face today. Regress Thinking is a fascinating read that intertwines history, psychology and practical application. It acts as both a manual and a companion for those looking to unlock their creative potential and navigate the intricacies of modern life. With its actionable insights and philosophical reflections, this book is a significant addition for anyone interested in enhancing their cognitive abilities and nurturing innovation. Bhasin's approach will resonate with those eager to explore the depths of their minds and utilise the past as a springboard for future success.

INDIA LIKELY TO MAINTAIN SUPREMACY OVER BANGLADESH

ndia would want their big guns Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma to fire when the mighty hosts aim for a clean sweep against a beleaguered Bangladesh in the second and final Test starting here on Friday.

The all-round show of Ravichandran Ashwin, Shubman Gill's sublime hundred, Ravindra Jadeja's quality batting and Rishabh roaring comeback allowed India to script a comfortable victory Chennai despite being put under pressure by Bangladesh pacers on day one. The way India bounced back in the game reaffirmed their supremacy in Test cricket, especially at home where they are on course for a record extending 18th consecutive series win. Having made a successful return in white-ball cricket, it was time for Pant to show that it is the Test arena where he can make the maximum impact.

It seems he has even added one more dimension to his game: curbing his aggressive instinct

if the situation demands, making him even more dangerous.

he pioneer

However, both Rohit and Virat's bats remained silent in series-opener

supportive track and were rewarded. With a long Test season ahead of them, the two premier batters must be itching to get back among the runs.

Playing his first Test at home since March 2023, Kohli did not look at his sharpest and one can trust him to not go for expansive cover drives at the start of his innings.

CHANGE COMBINATIONS:

traditionally been a low and slow track that assists spinners. While it is expected to offer some assistance to the fast bowlers initially, the basic nature of the pitch, prepared with black soil brought from Unnao, is not expected to change much.

The wicket will become slower as the game progresses. It means, India can field three spinners instead of three



Bangladesh pacers — Hasan Mahmud and Taskin Ahmed bowled probing lines on a

Green Park wicket has



pacers. If that is indeed the case, Akash Deep could make

way for Kuldeep Yadav. If India think they need more cushion with the bat, then Axar Patel might just pip home

Kuldeep, who has hero performed exceptionally over the last 18 months.

In the last Test played at Green Park in 2021, India had fielded Ashwin, three spinners

Jadeja and Axar — in a game that ended in a thrilling draw with New Zealand.

Interestingly, the 2021 contest and the one before that in 2016 (also against New Zealand)

lasted five days.

On the other hand, Bangladesh, who failed to apply themselves with the bat in the series opener, are expected to make changes to struggled against a high-quality Indian pace attack in their first essay in Chennai and then could not be then could not handle Ashwin and Co while chasing an improbable target.

The team management has given contrasting statements on Shakib Al Hasan's availability. While a selector had said that he is doubtful due to a finger injury he suffered while batting in Chennai, chief Chandika coach

Hathurusinghe said he is eligible for selection. Bangladesh can bring left-arm spinner Taijul Islam in place of lanky pacer Nahid Rana. They also have an option in off-spinner Nayeem Hasan.

A SPLENDID DOUBLE AWAITS JADEJA: In 73 Tests, Ravindra Jadeja has taken 299 wickets and scored 3122 runs. He needs to add just one more scalp to his kitty to become the second-fastest player in Test history to complete the double of 300 wickets and 3000 runs. England great Ian Botham had

CONDITIONS CHALLENG-ING: The muggy weather will

achieved the feat in 72

players. The humidity has been very high in the city in the last few days. The Indian team made Thursday's practice optional, saying it needs to save

players from searing heat. match may interruptions on first and third day with weather forecast

prédicting rain. India have not lost a Test to Bangladesh till date and the visitors will need a special effort to reverse that statistic.

TEAMS (FROM):

India: Poblic Champe (Co.)

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 Islam, Mominul Haque, Mushfiqur Rahim (wk), Shakib Al Hasan, Litton Kumer Das, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Taijul Islam, Nayeem Hasan, Nahid Rana, Hasan

Mahmud, Taskin Ahmed, Syed Khaled Ahmed, Jaker Ali Anik



Shakib retires from T20Is, says Kanpur Test will be his last if no farewell at home

PTI ■ KANPUR

 $B_{\text{Shakib}}^{\text{angladesh}}$ all-rounder Hasan Thursday announced retirement from Internationals with immediate effect and also said that the second Test against India will be his last if his country's board doesn't give him a farewell match against South Africa at

His final international game for Bangladesh will be in the Champions Trophy which is likely to be held in UAE and

The 37-year-old great, who Bangladesh will, however, continue to play in franchise

"I have played my last T20 match in T20 World Cup. We have discussed this with the selectors. Looking at the 2026 World Cup, this is the right time for me to move out. Hopefully, BCB will find some great players and we will perform well," said Shakib on the eve of the second and final Test against India here.

Shakib, who has played 70 Tests, scoring 4600 runs and taking 242 wickets might just play his last Test in the North Indian industrial town in case the cricket board can't assure him of his security after being accused of murder although he wasn't even in the country at that time.

"I have expressed my desire to play my last Test in Mirpur to BCB. They agreed with me. They are trying to organise everything so that I can go to

If that won't happen, the match against India in Kanpur would be my last in Test cricket," he

Shakib was named as an accused in a murder case back Awami League.

announcement interacting with Bangladeshi media but spoke in English

unevnecte events, Shakib was named in an FIR in a murder case related to the civil protests in

The case pertains to the death garment worker Mohammed Rubel, whose father, Rafiqul Islam, filed the

complaint on August 7.
The 37-year-old Shakib indicated that he may not travel back home after the current series in India, if he

can't be promised safety.
"Going back to Bangladesh is not a problem but leaving is. My close friends and family members have concerns (about my safety), I hope things are better, well and there should be is a solution to it." In January, Shakib had won an uncontested election to member of become a parliament for the then-ruling Awami League party. He was criticised for not speaking up for the student community

home during the political unrest that led to the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. was a member of Parliament from her party, the

following a request from the Indian journalists.

Bangladesh last August.

during the protests.

 $F^{\rm ormer~Australian~captain}_{\rm Lisa~Sthalekar~said~India}$ have the all-round depth to grab an elusive ICC title during the upcoming women's T20

World Cup.
The global showpiece will be held in the UAE from October 3 and India's best effort in the event remains a final berth in 2020, where they lost to Australia. 'I can see Australia in the

semifinals as they are aiming to win their fourth (title) in a row. England too had a strong pre-tournament build-up. India's chances are also very high and I expect them to be in the semifinals, if not in the finals," Sthalekar told a select group of journalists at the ABC — International Development's five-day cricket commentary

and mojo programme at the Australian High Commission. The former Australian skipper validated her argument citing good options through India's "India has got power, depth, decent bowlers and if their 4-7

number batters can score at a

good strike rate, they will be in a good position. They need a good start from the openers. "Jemimah Rodriguez did well in the West Indies (in the CPL) recently. It will be fascinating to see how she performs in the WC," she said.

Delving further deep into the chances of the Harmanpreer Kaur-led side, Sthalekar said India have the wherewithal to beat Australia, their nemesis in global events over the years For example, in the 2020 T20

WC, Poonam Yadav took four

wickets in the first game and



dislodged Australian middleorder. India won that match by

"If any top order Indian batter scores a century or bowlers have a good day, they can take the game away," said the veteran who was the first woman to score 1,000 runs and take 100 wickets in ODIs. Expressing delight over ICC's decision of having equal prize money in men's and women's WCs, the 45-year- old said it will have a bigger impact on the game.

"From money perspective, I think it's really good. But what I am more pleased about than just the winner getting the same prize

counterpart is how much money teams are getting for just participating in the World "So, it ensures that it's not just

the strong nations getting stronger and wealthier, but there is an effort at growing the global game," she said. She used Scotland to leverage

her point.

"Scotland coming in for the first time will earn money, probably more money than their national contract. The headline is equal prize money and that was primarily the intention.

But when you look a little bit deeper, they would like to have a bigger impact on the game." After her playing days, Sthalekar has established herself as a respected voice of the game over the last decade. The Indian-origin Aussie

described the effort she put in to reach the higher rungs of her job as a commentator. 'Not everyone has to be a

Richie Benaud or a Danny Morrison. But we all have different skills and strengths that we bring to the commentary box. That's why you have diverse personalities (doing commentary)," she said. Sthalekar

commentating during the IPL as her biggest career moment. "You have to have goals in your career and IPL (commentary) was my 10-year goal as a commentator. But I got a call to be in the IPL commentary team within six months.

"I remember my first IPL game as a commentator at the Eden Gardens in 2015. Some 70000 screaming fans were there and I had to do an interview with Gautam Gambhir," she said.

Pujara was backbone of Indian batting on last two Aus tours, he will a big miss this time: Vihari

Tanuma Vihari, part of India's back to Hanuma Vinari, pair of industrial back series wins in Australia, reckons the services of veteran batter Cheteshwar team aims for a hat-trick Down Under later this year.

The five Test series begins in Perth from November 22. Out of favour Pujara was the leading run-getter in the 2018-19 series with 521 off 1258 balls and was once again the backbone of Indian batting three years later when he accumulated 271 runs off 928 balls.

Across the two teams, the 103-Test veteran by far faced the number of balls to wear out the opposition attack comprising Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood and Mitchell

As another Border-Gavaskar Trophy is on the horizon, Vihari wondered who can play Pujara's role this time around. Pujara will a big miss. He was the

backbone of the batting line-up in the last two series for Team India. He took blows, he batted time, he stayed there for a long time, he saw the new ball, he got runs. He made the job easier for the other batters coming in," Vihari told PTI in an interaction arranged by JioCinema. "So that kind of role...Who will play is a

question mark for me. Currently I would say we have an attacking mode of a batting line up (the top six). All like to play their



shots. Virat is the only one I feel in that batting line up who can be like a glue to the other batters.

"He can stay on and bat the most number of overs and you know batting in Australia is all about time. If you see off the new ball, it gets a little easier with the older Kookaburra ball," added Vihari who played the last of his 16 Tests in July 2022. In the absence of Pujara, he also sees a significant role for K L Rahul at number six. He feels Risabh Pant is best suited at number five. Rohit Sharma, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill and Virat Kohli form the top four.

That's where KL Rahul's role also will be important because he is someone who's got the experience in playing in SENA d he can ba well in SENA countries. I feel they are looking at KL Rahul at number 6 as well. "By playing Rahul ahead of Sarfaraz in the current series (against Bangladesh), they are looking at a bigger picture. They want experience in number 6 when we tour Australia.

"Because in Australia playing at 6 you need to have good technique whether it's facing the second new ball or batting after

an early collapse," he said.

Vihari also thinks playing Australia in their own backyard will be the biggest thus far for Jaiswal, who has done well at home but is yet to prove himself in overseas conditions.

"It's his biggest test. But he's a very confident guy. Overall facing Australia in Australia, the mental preparation is key. This time we are playing five Test matches in Australia compared to four earlier.

"So it's even more mentally draining Down Under because everything is against you. The media is against you, the people are against you and you are away from home facing Australian attack in Australia," added Vihari, who stitched a match saving stand with R Ashwin in the Sydney Test on the previous tour.

India U20 face stern Iran test in AFC Qualifiers

PTI ■ VIENTIANE (LAOS)

India will be looking to iron out the rough edges before facing Iran in their next Group Cup 2025 qualifiers here on Friday.

India put up a good show to register a 4-1 victory against Mongolia in their first Group G match but there is still a lot of work to be done.

"The last match was a big motivation for our team. I've maintained that always winning the first match of a tournament is crucial, and the boys stuck their heads in and played extremely well against Mongolia," said Ranjan Chaudhuri in a release.

"But we cannot rejoice in the victory just yet. We must immediately preparations for the next game. We missed a lot of chances against Mongolia, and that is

something we cannot afford

against Iran. They are an extremely good side, but we have made our plans according to their game as well. Anything can happen on the day, and with a little



luck, our boys can get a good result. The most important thing for us is to play our game well, and come out of the match with our heads held high, with a smile," he said. While India registered a 4-1 win against Mongolia, Iran trampled hosts Laos 8-0, a result that puts them firmly on

top of Group G. However, Iran head coach Hossein Abdi was wary of India's potential threat.

"India have quality players, many of whom I've seen at the U-17 level in Thailand last year. They play a fast game, have shown a good understanding of football. I think the game has progressed very fast in India recently, and we will see further advances in the future," he said.

Man United stunned 1-1 by Dutch club Twente in revamped Europa League

AP MANCHESTER

 $\underset{\text{questioned his players' killer}}{M^{\text{anchester}}} \quad \underset{\text{United}}{\text{United}} \\$ instinct after they were held to a 1-1 draw by his old club FC Twente in the revamped

in the second half at Old Trafford and raced away to fire an equalizer for the Dutch underdog. "You saw that was the game of

Europa League. Sam Lammers capitalised on a mistake by Christian Eriksen

their life. They fought for every yard and we didn't," Ten Hag said. "99% is not enough, You have to give 100%. You have kill the game. You have to finish it off."

Eriksen had put United ahead with a stunning first-half strike but was caught in possession by Lammers, whose goal secured an unexpected point for the visitors. Ten Hag had spoken before the

game of his affection for the

team he supported as a boy in the Netherlands and

represented as a player. He said it was "not nice to have to hurt something you love." Instead it was United fans left pain, despite Eriksen seemingly putting the home team on course for victory.

United has won just three of

seven games competitions this season and Wednesday's draw came after a 0-0 draw at Crystal Palace in the Premier League on Saturday.

Eriksen swept United ahead in the 35th with a first-time shot the top corner. Connecting with a loose ball just inside the box, the playmaker didn't break stride as he whipped his effort past past Twente goalkeeper Lars Unnerstall with power and precision.
With one fist clenched, he ran

front of the home fans.

left cheering the loudest after Lammers' goal in the 68th to the corner to celebrate in when beating Andre Onana at But it was Twente's supporters his near post.

"There's a lot of football (still to play) when you (are) one up and the game takes more than 90 minutes," Ten Hag said.

"And you have to fight until the end and score the second goal." Like the Champions League, the second-tier Europa League has a new format and 36 teams instead of 32. It features a league system in which each team plays eight games against different opponents through January, replacing the old group stage. In a clash between the Turkish

and Greek champions, Galatasaray beat PAOK 3-1. Victor Osimhen, who moved from Napoli to Galatasaray earlier in September, made his presence felt.

Nigeria striker's header goalbound

deflected by defender Abdul Rahman Baba into his own net early in the second half. Konstantelias Giannis equalized on a rebound before Osimhen set up Yunus Akgün to net the winner. Mauro Icardi added a stoppage-time goal.

Lazio cruised past Dynamo Kyiv 3-0. Boulaye Dia struck twice and Fisavo Dele-Bashiru added one. Both teams ended the game with 10 men. Real Sociedad, struggling in La

Liga, got a goal from Ander Barrenetxea at Nice but the home team salvaged a 1-1 draw thanks to Pablo Rosario's goal late in the first half. Another team struggling

domestically, Hoffenheim took home a point from Denmark in a 1-1 draw with Danish Superliga's leader Midtjylland. Darío Osorio put the hosts ahead late in the first half before substitute Max Moerstedt leveled it in the final minute. In Brussels, Anderlecht struck

minutes in the second half on the way to a 2-1 victory over Ferencyáros. Yari Verschaeren scored on the hour and Kasper Dolberg added the second from the spot.

twice in the span of five

Slavia Prague scored in each half for a 2-0 win at Bulgaria's Ludogorets.

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