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Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Bihar Governor Arif Mohammed Khan, Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar during the release of the 19th installment of the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)

Poll bugle sounds in Bihar by Modi

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Blowing the poll trumpet in Bihar for year-end assembly elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday attacked the Lalu Yadav-led "jungle raj regime in Bihar. Modi said "same" people were now making "vulgar" remarks making about the ongoing Maha Kumbh at Prayagraj.

Addressing a function in Bihar's Bhagalpur district, Modi, without naming the party or the former chief minister, also alleged that "the jungle raj wallahs hate our heritage and our faith".

"The Maha Kumbh at Prayagraj is the greatest celebration of Bharat's unity. The number of people who have taken a holy dip exceeds the population of Europe. Many people from Bihar have

pilgrimage," the PM said. "But these jungle raj wallahs are speaking ill about Maha Kumbh and making vulgar

remarks. These people were opposed to the Ram temple at Ayodhya, too. I know Bihar will not forgive them," said Modi. While demanding the resignation of Railway

Minister Ashwini Vaishnav over the stampede at New railway station recently, Prasad questioned the heavy rush, saying "what does Kumbh signify? It is nonsense". The PM, who disbursed

close to Rs 23,000 crore to 100 million beneficiaries across the country, began his 40 minute speech with a reference to Kumbh and its connection with Bihar.

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Pay present property tax to MCD, clear all past dues

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

In a big relief to the people of Delhi, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has announced a house-tax waiver scheme, allowing residents to clear their house tax dues of 2024-25 and have all previous pending taxes written off.

Additionally, in the next financial year, 100 percent of house tax on 100-yard homes and residential-area shops will be scrapped, while properties between 100-500 yards will get a 50 percent waiver. For the first time, 1,300 housing societies - previously ineligible - will receive a 25 percent rebate. This transformative proposal is set to be passed in the MCD House on February

After losing the turf to BJP in governing the national Capital, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)-led MCD on Monday introduced a major house tax waiver for property owners which can be witnessed as a direct confrontation between the two different regime in Delhi. The announcement, made

ahead of the mayoral polls in April, was delivered at a press conference by AAP leader, Mayor Mahesh MCD Khinchi, Deputy Mayor Ravinder Bhardwaj, and Leader of the House Mukesh Goel.

Announcing the initiative, Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh said those who settle their 2024-25 house tax dues will have all previous outstanding amounts waived. The move aims at easing financial



and Leader of the House Mukesh Goyal held a joint press conference at the party headquarters in New Delhi

corruption in tax collection, is set to be passed in the MCD House.

Singh highlighted that the decision is that those who pay their house tax for 2024-25 will have all their previous outstanding house tax dues, which have been a burden on them, completely waived.

"This major announcement: upon paying the house tax for 2024-25, all previous outstanding dues, which were a financial burden, will be written off. Secondly, the house tax for buildings ranging from 100 square yards to 500 square yards will be reduced by half. That is, houses within the 100-500 square yard range will now have their house tax cut by 50%," he said.

He further noted that for buildings below 100 square vards, the house tax will be entirely waived. He said, "So, properties between 100 and 500 square yards will have their tax reduced by half, and those below 100 square yards

burdens on citizens and curbs will have their tax fully waived."

Under the scheme, properties measuring up to 100 square yards, including residential shops, will be completely exempt from house tax from the next financial year. Houses measuring between 100 and 500 square yards will receive a 50 per cent waiver, while 1,300 housing societies that previously did not qualify for any exemption will now get a 25 per cent rebate. Singh further added additionally, residential properties where commercial activities such as shops are running, and properties designated for commercial purposes, will also have their house tax waived. Singh said, "There are over

1,300 apartments in Delhi that do not currently receive any tax exemptions or benefits. A crucial decision has been made regarding them as well: 1,300 housing apartments in Delhi will receive a 25% house tax

Powered BJP face fired AAP in Delhi Assembly

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The first day of the Delhi **1** Assembly under newly-formed government witnessed a heated exchange between the treasury benches and opposition Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) members, leading to a brief adjournment of the House on Monday following Vijender Gupta's election as speaker amid sloganeering from both the treasury and the Opposition benches, with AAP members accusing the BJP being "anti-Dalit and anti-Sikh".

The Leader of Opposition accused Atishi Government for removing BR Ambedkar and Bhagat Singh's portraits from Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta's office, a charge denied by the ruling Tensions escalated when the

Leader of Opposition Atishi,

while congratulating Gupta, alleged that photos of BR Ambedkar and Shaheed Bhagat Singh had been removed from the Chief Minister's Office. Her remarks, made without permission, led to loud protests from BJP MLAs prompting Speaker Vijender Gupta to censure her for speaking out of turn. As disruptions continued, the newly elected assembly Vijendra Gupta speaker accused the AAP of disrupting the house with pre-planned intentions and adjourned the

house for 15 minutes. The

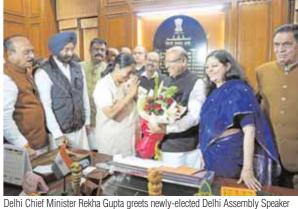
Speaker said it was a courtesy

address and You (Opposition)

should not have made it a

political platform." The

Opposition does not want the



Vijender Gupta at his chamber during the first day of the Assembly session Photo: Ranjan Dimri/The Pionee

House to run smoothly, AAP has come with the intention of disrupting the House. Maintain the dignity of the House," said Gupta. Ruckus witnessed both inside

and outside when Leader of Opposition (LoP) in Delhi Assembly Atishi alleged that the BJP removed the portraits from the Chief Minister's Office in the Assemblyportraits that had been put up under the AAP government. As the Assembly session began, AAP MLAs, led by the LoP, in a mark of protest inside the House, raised slogans and demanded the immediate reinstatement of the portraits. The BJP accused the opposition party of trying to divert people's attention from the CAG reports that will be tabled in the Assembly to expose "corruption" by AAP when it was in power. The Delhi BJP shared photos of the chief minister's office on social media and said, "The portraits Mahatma Gandhi, Babasaheb

Ambedkar, Bhagat Singh the President and the prime minister are displayed in the offices of Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and other ministers." Delhi BJP ministers." president Virendra Sachdeva also clarified that that the portraits of the revered Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Bhagat Singh, the President of India, and the Prime Minister of India continue to be displayed in the offices of the Chief Minister and all ministers of Delhi something that anyone can easily verify.

Earlier from Sanskrit to English and Maithili to Punjabi, the first session of the constituted eighth Delhi Legislative Assembly began on Monday with MLAs of the ruling BJP and opposition demonstrating the linguistic

diversity of the legislature by taking their oaths in six languages including - Hindi, English, Sanskrit, Maithili and Punjabi

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One dead, 10 injured in clash at Bangladesh air force base

PTI ■ DHAKA

man was killed and Aseveral others injured in a clash on Monday between a group of local people and air force personnel at an airbase in Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar, officials said.

The Inter Service Public Relations (ISPR) - the media wing of the military - in a statement said the "miscreants" attacked the Bangladesh Air Force Base near Cox's Bazar's Samitipara. "Bangladesh Air Force is

taking necessary actions in this regard," it said.

The ISPR said that "some local miscreants" of the Samitipara area adjacent to the beach resort town "launched a sudden attack" on the airbase after a biker was stopped at a checkpoint as he was crossing the base area without any papers for the vehicle.

It said the biker was taken the base for inside interrogation when over 200 people marched towards the base. The security personnel tried to stop them, sparking a clash that left four Air Force personnel injured

Deputy Commissioner of the district, Mohammad Salahuddin, said: one person was killed, and several others were injured in the incident". The official said a thorough investigation would conducted into the cause of the attack.

Four MoUs signed with power companies in MP

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significant Memorandums Understanding (MoUs) were signed for the power sector of Madhya Pradesh on February 24 at the Global Investors Summit-2025.

formalized in the presence of Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, Energy Minister Pradyuman Singh Tomar, Additional Chief Secretary Energy Neeraj Mandloi, Managing Director of MP Power Management Company Avinash Lavania, and Managing Director of Power Generating Company Manjeet Singh. The MoUs were signed with NTPC Green Energy Limited, Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), NTPC Nuclear, and Power Finance Corporation (PFC).

Energy Minister Pradyuman Singh Tomar stated that in the presence of Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, a Memorandum of Understanding worth Rs 21 thousand crore was signed the between Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) and the Power Management Company. This agreement marks a new

milestone in Madhya Pradesh's energy sector, enhancing power distribution across the state and electricity improving

availability in rural areas. He emphasized that the government's efforts in the

energy sector will drive Madhya Pradesh towards self-reliance has committed to providing financial support of Rs 21 thousand crore over the next five years to further develop Madhya Pradesh's power infrastructure. This agreement is a significant step towards strengthening the state's power sector, ensuring efficient electricity supply, and promoting renewable energy. The MoU was signed by Managing Director Avinash Lavania on behalf of MP Power Management and Executive Director Rahul Dwivedi on behalf of REC.

NTPC Green Energy Limited and Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company Limited (MPPGCL) signed

Memorandum Understanding (MoU) to establish renewable energy projects with a capacity of 20 GW or more in Madhya

Survival of trapped men bleak in tunnel collapse: Govt PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

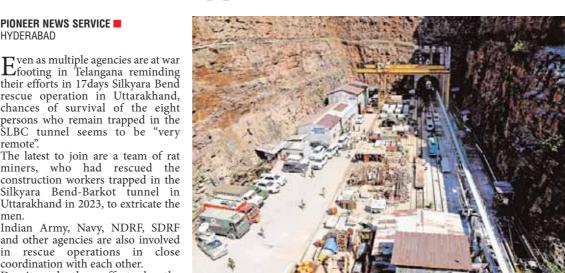
 $E^{\text{ven as multiple agencies are at war}}_{\text{footing in Telangana reminding}}$ their efforts in 17days Silkyara Bend rescue operation in Uttarakhand, chances of survival of the eight

SLBC tunnel seems to be "very remote". The lates miners, who had rescued the construction workers trapped in the Silkyara Bend-Barkot tunnel in Uttarakhand in 2023, to extricate the

Indian Army, Navy, NDRF, SDRF and other agencies are also involved in rescue operations in close coordination with each other.

Despite relentless efforts by the Indian Army, NDRF and other agencies, no breakthrough has been achieved so far in the rescue operations to extricate the eight persons who have remained trapped for over 48 hours inside the tunnel after a section of it collapsed in the Srisailam Left Bank Canal (SLBC) project in Telangana's Nagarkurnool district on Saturday.

The persons who have been trapped in the collapsed tunnel for the past over 48 hours have been identified as Manoj Kumar and Sri Niwas from Uttar Pradesh, Sunny Singh (Jammu and Kashmir), Gurpreet Singh (Punjab) and Sandeep Sahu, Jegta



A rescue operation underway after a portion of the Srisailam Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel collapsed in Nagarkurnool district

from Jharkhand. Of the eight, two are engineers, two operators and four labourers.

Telangana Minister Jupally Krishna Rao said that rescuing the trapped individuals would take at least three to four days, as the accident site is filled with muck and debris, making it a daunting task for the rescuers. "To be honest, the chances of their survival are very, very, very, very

Xess, Santosh Sahu and Anuj Sahu all (of the mishap site). When we took photographs, the end (of the tunnel) was visible. And out of the 9 meter diameter (of the tunnel) -- almost 30 feet, out of that 30 feet, mud has piled up to 25 feet", he said. When we shouted their names also,

> there was no response...So, there is no chance at all," he said. clearing the debris is underway with

remote. Because, I myself went up to the end, almost just 50 meters short Boring Machine (TBM) which

Krishna Rao said the process of several machinery in place.

weighs a few hundred tons, got almost flushed away by about 200 meters after the collapse and due to the gushing water.

"Even, even assuming they (the trapped persons) are in the lower part of the TBM machine, assuming even if it is intact on the top, where is the air (oxygen)? Underneath, how the oxygen will go," he asked though pumping of oxygen and dewatering continuously done

"For removing all the debris and all that, in spite of all types of efforts, all types of organisations (working), it takes, I think it takes not less than 3-4 days (to extricate the people)," Rao, who had overseen the rescue operations along with Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, said. Rao said the conveyor belt was being restored at the tunnel to clear the

debris. Meanwhile, a social media post from Telangana Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said CM Revanth Reddy has been continuously reviewing the situation regarding the SLBC tunnel accident and was in constant touch with the ministers and senior officials involved in the rescue operations.

Dewatering is going on while oxygen was being continuously pumped into the tunnel. The officials also informed that they are exploring alternative routes to reach the site of the accident by clearing the debris of soil mounds in the tunnel, the post

Simultaneous polls cater to federal structure

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I joint committee of Parliament examining the bills on 'one nation, one election' that holding simultaneous polls to the Lok Sabha and state assemblies is not undemocratic and does not hurt the federal structure. Responding to a set of queries posed by

The Centre is learnt to have told the

the members of the joint panel, the legislative department in the Union law ministry is learnt to have asserted that simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies were held in the past before the cycle was broken due to various reasons, including imposition of President's rule in some

Sources said while the ministry answered some of the questions, some others were sent to the Election Commission for a calibrated response. The joint committee is holding its next meeting on Tuesday. Following the adoption of the Constitution, elections to the Lok Sabha and all state assemblies were conducted simultaneously from 1951 to 1967, it noted. The first general elections to the

Lok Sabha and state assemblies were held



elections in 1957, 1962, and 1967

due to the premature dissolution of some state legislative assemblies.

continued for three subsequent general However, this cycle of synchronised elections was disrupted in 1968 and 1969

The fourth Lok Sabha was also dissolved prematurely in 1970, with fresh elections held in 1971. Unlike the first, second, and third Lok Sabha, which completed their full five-year terms, the fifth Lok Sabha's term was extended until 1977 under Article 352 because of the declaration of Emergency

Since then, only a few Lok Sabha terms have lasted the full five years, such as the eighth, 10th, 14th and 15th. Others, including the sixth, seventh, ninth, 11th, 12th and 13th were dissolved early, a government explainer on 'one nation, one election' had earlier said. State assemblies have faced similar disruptions over the years. Premature dissolutions and term extensions have become a "recurring challenge", the government had said.

'These developments have firmly disrupted the cycle of simultaneous elections, leading to the current pattern of staggered electoral schedules across the country," it observed.

"Due to the ongoing cycle of polls in various parts of the country, political parties, their leaders, legislators, and both state and central governments focusses on preparing for upcoming polls rather than prioritising governance," it said, citing the 'rationale' for holding simultaneous polls as recommended by the panel headed by former president Ram Nath Kovind.

Investment proposals worth Rs 22.5L CR received

Bhopal: The two-day Global Investors Summit, which began at Bhopal's Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya on Monday in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has yielded very positive results. A large number of investment proposals were received on the first day of the summit. Intention-to-invest, MoUs and investment proposals worth Rs 22 lakh 50 thousand 657 crore were received that are expected to generate 13 lakh 43 thousand 468 jobs. The departments in which investment proposals and MoUs were made are as follows

No.	Name of Department		Proposed investment and MoU	Proposed job creation	
1	New and Renewabl	e Energy	5,21,279	1,46,592	
2	DIPIP		4,94,314	3,04,775	
3	Department of Mine	rals and Resources	3,22,536	55,494	
4	Urban Development	and Housing	1,97,597	2,31,376	
5	Energy		1,47,990	20,180	
	Public Works Depar	tment	1,30,000		
6	Tourism		64,850	1,23,799	
7	Science and Techno	ology	64,174	1,83,144	
8	Technical Education, Skill Development and Employment		43,326	51,027	
9	MSME		21,706	1,32,226	
10	Public Health and F	amily Welfare	17,205	49,237	
11	Higher Education		7,043	15,346	
12	Horticulture and Foo	od Processing	4,729	8,871	
13	Medical Education		3,908	9,401	
		Total	20,40,657	13,31,468	
14	14 Adani Group		2,10,000	12,000	
15	15 Grand Total		22,50,657	13,43,468	

Chief Minister pledges commitment to a developed Madhya Pradesh

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uring the inauguration of Global Inverstors Summit (GIS) by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister Mohan Yadav reiterated the state's commitment to accelerating industrial growth under PM Modi's leadership. The summit's theme, "Infinite Possibilities", reflects the state's unlimited potential for industry and investment. He emphasized that Prime Minister Modi's vision of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas" aligns with the state's mission to create opportunities for all.

CM Yadav stressed that Madhya Pradesh aims to double its economy within five years and contribute significantly to India's goal of becoming a \$35 trillion economy by 2047.



Government Prioritizing Ease of Doing Business

CM Yadav detailed Madhva Pradesh's proactive efforts in attracting investment, including simplified policies, a robust single-window clearance system, and enhanced transparency. The state has declared 2025 as the "Year of Industry and Employment" to drive investment further.

Favorable Ecosystem for

Industrial Growth Madhya Pradesh is preparing an ideal ecosystem for industrial expansion with ample land, water, surplus power, and a skilled workforce. The state has 300+ industrial zones, and

by next year, 13 new industrial parks will be completed, with 20 more in the pipeline. Projects like Plug & Play Centers, a Semiconductor Park, and new IT Parks will further attract investments and create employment.

Adani Group to Invest Rs 1.10 Lakh Crore in MP

Industrialists at the summit shared their investment experiences in Madhya Pradesh. Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani announced that his company has already invested Rs 50,000 crore in the state and plans to invest Rs 1.10 lakh crore in cement, mining, and energy sectors, generating 1.20 lakh jobs by 2030. Discussions are also underway for multismart city and airport city projects. Avada Group announces plans to Rs 50,000 crore investment in solar and wind power projects. Apart from ITC

Group's Recognized MP as an agricultural powerhouse, Godrej Group Highlighted MP's rapid development as a smart investment destination, Sagar Group & Shakti Pumps Shared positive experiences of

operating in the state. Madhya Pradesh: A Land of Infinite Opportunities

Yadav concluded by emphasizing Madhya Pradesh's strong economic foundation, citing consistent GSDP growth, upcoming mega projects, and investor-friendly policies. He assured that MP is ready to welcome investors of all scales and provide them with a profitable and stable business environment.

With a strong family-like culture, once someone comes to Madhya Pradesh, they feel at home, he said, inviting global investors to be a part of the state's growth story.



Investors Summit at Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manay Sangrahalaya in Bhopal on Monday

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches new policies of the state government at the inaugural session of a two-day Global

Court awards Rs 2.82 cr compensation in accident case

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Bhopal District Court has awarded a compensation of Rs 2.82 crore to the families of two victims who lost their lives in a tragic road accident in January 2022. The claim amount was determined based on the victims' salaries. The accident occurred on January 23, 2022, when Rajkumar Sisodia and Sanjeev Kant Bhagat were traveling to Multai with their relatives. At around 11:45 PM, a truck (registration number MP 12 H 1371) exiting a roadside dhaba suddenly halted on the road. Unable to stop in time, their car collided with the stationary truck, resulting in the deaths of Rajkumar and

The families of the deceased later filed a claim against truck driver Sandeep Kakodia, truck owner Abdul Wahid, and Shriram General Insurance Company Limited. Principal District and Sessions Judge Manoj Kumar Srivastava ruled in favor of the victims' families, awarding a total compensation of Rs 2.82 crore. Rajkumar's family was granted Rs 1.20 crore, while Sanjeev's family was awarded Rs 1.62 crore. The compensation was calculated based on the victims' annual salaries and future financial prospects. Sanjeev Kant Bhagat, a senior engineer in the Railways Department, earned Rs 1,04,826 per month (Rs 12.57 lakh annually). Rajkumar Sisodia, a senior section engineer in the Railways Department, had a monthly

salary of Rs 51,416 (Rs 6.16 lakh annually). The court considered their earnings, future financial needs, and necessary deductions while finalizing the compensation. In a separate case, the Bhopal District Court directed the Municipal Corporation to correct the birth certificate of Ashwini Nariyani, a city resident. Ashwini was unable to renew her passport and pursue higher education abroad due to an incorrect date of birth on her birth certificate. The document mistakenly listed her birth date as August 27, 2002, instead of August 28, 2002. Based on hospital records, Chief and Sessions Judge Manoj Kumar Srivastava ordered the Municipal Corporation to rectify the error, ensuring

Ashwini could proceed with

Minister Bagri's nephew assaulted over a petty dispute **STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

case of assault involv-Aing Deepraj Bagri, nephew of Minister Pratima Bagri, has come to light in Bhopal's Number 6 Market. The incident, which occurred on the evening of February 22, came to public attention after a video of the attack surfaced on Monday.

Following the revelation, the

police registered an FIR and initiated an investigation. According to reports, the altercation began when Deepraj was unable to fulfill the demand of the accused, Arun Gurjar, to make his female friend speak with him over a phone call. This infuriated Arun, leading to a physical assault. Witnesses claim that the accused arrived at the scene in a Thar jeep and

launched an attack on Deepraj. The police are actively searching for Arun, who fled after the incident.

Habibganj police stated that 28-year-old Deepraj Bagri hails from Nagaud, Satna district, but currently resides at 333 Neelam Chauraha, Sanjeev Nagar. He works as a doctor in CAPT. He recounted that during a recent trip to Pachmarhi with friends, he received a call from Arun Gurjar, who insisted on speaking to a female friend accompanying him. When the girl refused to engage in a conversation, Arun became enraged.

On February 22, around 5 PM, Deepraj was in Number 6 Market with two female friends when Arun called again, verbally abused him, and pressured him to meet.

Upon meeting nearby, Arun physically assaulted Deepraj, misbehaved with his female friend, and pushed her. The situation escalated until bystanders intervened, prompting Arun to flee in his

vehicle. Following the attack, Arun allegedly threatened to kill Deepraj if he reported the incident to the police and continued pressuring the girl to communicate with him. It was later revealed that the accused and the girl had known each other in the past. Deepraj reported that after the incident, he immediately went to the police station and underwent a medical examination. However, he was made to wait for nearly an hour and a half before an FIR was registered. Initially, the officers

Cognizable Report (NCR). It was only after some of Deepraj's acquaintances intervened and made calls to higher authorities that the FIR was finally lodged.

Deepraj clarified that he had no prior connection with the accused. He explained that his recent trip to Pachmarhi was with his fiancée and her sister. Arun, who had previously been in touch with his fiancée's sister, had been persistently calling her. When she ignored his calls, he turned to Deepraj and began pressuring him to facilitate communication. Upon refusal, Arun resorted to threats. During the attack, Arun was reportedly armed and accompanied by two or three associates. Deepraj emphasized that he had no past disputes with the

CS urges investors to invest in MP with confidence

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n the first day of the Global Investors Summit-2025, several countries participated in discussions on expanding trade relations with Madhya Pradesh. The first country session was held with Germany, focusing on business collaborations through the Indo-German Innovation Corridor.

The session saw participation from Stefan, Director General of Indo-German Commerce, Andre, Dr. Chana, and industrialist Nitesh Chaudhary. Representing the Government of Madhya Pradesh, Chief Secretary Mr. Anurag Jain participated in the discussions.

Director General Stefan highlighted that Germany's trade relations with India are already at a remarkable level, and there is immense potential for business expansion in Madhya Pradesh. He emphasized investment opportunities in the state's mineral resources, green energy, and connectivity infrastructure, supported by investment-friend-

ly policies. MD Andre Agol stated that the Global Investors Summit-2025 would strengthen the vision of 'Made in India, For India."

Industrialist Dr. Chana shared his positive business experiences in Madhya Pradesh, noting that in the last 15 years, the state has made significant progress in industrial development and investment growth. He highlighted that river-linking projects have further expanded

industry expert, described Madhya Pradesh as the "Heart of India", emphasizing its strategic geographic location for industrial establishment. He pointed out that the state's well-developed road and rail connectivity enhances opportunities in healthcare, education, and mineral-based industries.



Delegates attend two-day Global Investors Summit at Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya in Bhopal on Monday.

your success, we'd like to He credited CM Mohan cheer," he said. He praised the Yadav's leadership for driving adhya Pradesh is socio-economic progress and

intended to file only a Non-

Investing in MP is always wise: Godrej Chairman

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rapidly establishing Litself'as a major investment hub, with industry leaders expressing strong confidence in the state's economic potential ahead of the upcoming "Invest MP Global Investor Summit" (GIS) 2025. Prominent business figures, including Nadir B. Godrej, Chairman and Managing Director of Godrej Industries, and Sanjiv Puri, President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Chairman & Managing Director of ITC, have endorsed the state as a

In a video message, Nadir B. Godrej highlighted Madhya Pradesh's favorable business environment and reiterated Godrej Industries' long-term commitment to the state. 'Madhya Pradesh is on the rise, and investing here is always wise. For quite some

time, we've been here, and state's progressive leadership under Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, stating that Madhya Pradesh's transformation aligns with India's broader economic vision of fostering talent, trade, tourism, technology, and tradition.

Godrej further emphasized the government's consistent support for businesses, noting that Madhya Pradesh is now 'future-ready" for investors. Echoing similar sentiments, Sanjiv Puri underscored the state's strategic location and abundant natural resources, trial and agricultural powerhouse. "Madhya Pradesh has much to offer. It has rich natural resources and is an agricultural powerhouse. Over the years, the state has seen a significant transformation in the agricultural sector, and now, multiple industries are making their presence felt," Puri stat-

paradigm of development, encouraging industries with strong policy interventions," he added. With India currently the fastest-growing economy in the world, business leaders see Madhya Pradesh playing a crucial role in the country's

economic trajectory.

fostering a pro-investment

environment. "Under the

dynamic leadership of CM Mohan Yadav, Madhya Pradesh is ushering in a new

The Invest MP Global Investor draw significant investment and further solidify Madhya Pradesh's position as a preferred destination for both domestic and international investors. With endorsements from top industry leaders, the state is poised for substantial economic growth in the com-

industrial possibilities.

Dabur India plans to invest Rs 550 crore in Madhya Pradesh

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abur India CEO Mohit Malhotra on Monday said his firm intends to invest around Rs 550 crore in Madhya Pradesh over the next couple of years as he expressed satisfaction over the state's policies and governance. He was speaking on the sidelines of the Madhya

Pradesh Global Investors

Summit 2025. "We are heavily invested in MP. Our largest investment in India happens to be in MP. We have around Rs 1,000 crore already invested here. We have been invested in this state for almost 50 years. Our experience with MP has been fantastic, with the previous regime, and we hope that going forward with the new Chief Minister

will be fantastic," he said. Malhotra said that over the last 3 years, the homegrown FMCG major has invested Rs 550 crore in the nation's heartland.

As much as 25 per cent to 30 per cent of the company's all-India production happens from MP, from sourcing raw materials and manufacturing to selling it to the region, he further said.

"We want to increase our installed capacities in all the lines, filling lines, manufacturing lines that we have put. We will be putting around Rs 550 crore more in the next couple of years time,' Malhotra said.

Calling the government "double-engined", he said it has been very helpful, with mega project schemes which give incentives of 25 per cent, besides the PLI scheme of the central government. He appreciated the state's for its abundant water and availability. Government facilitation, single window clearance is up and incentives are very good

to come by, he said. On category expansion plans, Malhotra said Dabur wants to keep itself to the

'We don't want to diversify it too much, diversification happens in our group companies. In the company, we want to focus on our core capabilities Ayurveda...herbal, natural trade, and that's catching up not just in India, but globalhe said.

CM meets Startup youth at Expo

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hief Minister Mohan Yadav visited the Auto Expo organized as part of the two-day Global Investors Summit.

During the event, he met several young entrepreneurs associated with start-ups. Representatives from various automobile manufacturing institutions participated in the summit, benefiting from the state's initiatives to promote industries and businesses. The exhibition showcased multiple models of electric vehicles (EVs), including those from the Jabalpur Vehicle Factory.

Several models of two-wheelers and four-wheelers, developed using innovative technologies, were displayed at the expo. Yadav reviewed these models and gathered technical information about them. At the request of a woman entrepreneur, he also visited the stall of City Ride.

Many young participants at the summit praised Chief Minister Dr. Yadav's efforts and described the summit as a significant step forward. Some young attendees also took selfies with the Chief minister Yadav.

Hindalco to invest Rs 15,000 crore in Madhya Pradesh

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indalco Industries- the flagship company of the Aditya Birla Group, has signed an MoU with the Madhya Pradesh government to invest Rs 15,000 crore over the next two years on day-1 of Global Investors Summit.

Making the announcement at Bhopal's Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sagrahalaya (IGRMS) on Monday, Hindalco's Managing Director Satish Pai stated, "Over the next two years, we will invest around Rs 15,000 crore from Hindalco alone. Additionally, the group will be developing a major mine called Banda.

Hindalco already has a strong presence in Madhya Pradesh, with investments worth Rs 25,000 crore, primarily in its aluminium smelter at Mahan in the Singrauli district. The investment aims to strengthen the company's operations and stimulate the local economy. Pai also discussed the impact of global trade policies, particularly in the United States, on Hindalco. "Hindalco has a very large American subsidiary called Novelis. So for the consolidated Hindalco, we believe that these tariffs are neutral to

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positive because our American subsidiary benefits and Hindalco in India does not really export aluminium to the US. So for us, we are neutral to positive.," he explained.

Besides Hindalco, other Aditya Birla Group companies, including UltraTech Cement and Grasim's Viscose Staple Fibre (VSF) division, are also working on independent projects in Madhya Pradesh, reinforcing the group's commitment to the state's industrial develop-

The Madhya Pradesh government has welcomed Hindalco's investment, viewing it as a crucial step toward establishing the state as a leading hub for aluminium production and industrial growth. The expansion is expected to generate significant employment opportunities and drive economic progress in the region.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav with Chairman of Patanjali Ayurved Acharya Balkrishna during the Global Investors Summit, at Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya in Bhopal on Monday

Another dog bite incident reported at Char Imli

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woman was bitten by a street dog in L'Char Imli. This is the second incident of street dogs biting people in a fortnight. However, in the first incident, the same dog had bitten 4 people including a 10-year-old child. In the last 15 days, the Municipal Corporation team has caught more than

5 thousand street dogs in the city. But after vaccination, a large number of dogs have also been released.

Seema Bhardwaj, who lives in Char Imli, was walking on the road in front of the house at 6 am on Sunday. During this time some stray dogs pounced on her. Before she could control herself, the dog bit her left leg. With great difficulty,

she somehow fought with the dog and freed herself. She alleged that she had complained to the corporation several times to catch the stray dog, but the corporation did nothing. More than 20 cases of dog bites reach Hamidia and JP Hospital every day. The last action against the dog was taken on Thursday. During that time the team had caught 89 street dogs.

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MP gears up to lead in automotive and electric vehicles

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adhya Pradesh is set to establish itself as a to establish itself as a leading center for electric mobility and future transportation solutions. The MP Mobility Expo at the Global Investors Summit-2025 showcased the state's progress in the automotive sector. With a special focus on innovation and sustainability, the expo aimed to highlight its significance to investors.

Madhya Pradesh is rapidly emerging as a key hub for the automotive and electric vehicle sectors in India. The state is home to over 30 original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and is actively advancing towards a sustainable and innovation-driven future. It is a leading state in the manufacturing of com-

mercial vehicles and agricultural equipment. The state's industrial policies and robust infrastructure have attracted many major players in the automotive industry.

Madhya Pradesh is also preparing for the next generation of mobility. Several companies are rapidly setting up their electric vehicle (EV) facilities, supporting the state's commitment to environmentally friendly transportation policies and carbon emission reduction strategies.

With over 200 auto component manufacturers, Madhya Pradesh is well-equipped to meet the growing demands of the automotive industry. These manufacturers play a crucial role in the supply chain, providing essential parts and components to OEMs and other stakeholders.

Pithampur - 'The Detroit of

Pithampur, one of the key industrial zones in Madhya Pradesh, is known as "The Detroit of India." It houses numerous OEMs and is home to Asia's largest National Automotive Test Tracks (NATRAX). This facility provides cutting-edge solutions for testing, evaluation, research & development, and certifica-tion for the automotive and auto component industries. The state's automotive sector has witnessed remarkable growth, with a significant focus on sustainable and electric vehicle technologies.

Key highlights of MP

Mobility Expo The MP Mobility Expo will bring together major stakeholders, including vehicle manufacturers, technology

innovators, investors, and policymakers. This will foster shared business strategies and accelerate future progress. The automobile sector is expanding rapidly with strong gov-ernment support and subsi-

Key Attractions of the Expo: Supercar & Superbike Exhibition: A unique attraction for automobile enthusiasts, showcasing high-performance supercars and super-

B2B Networking & Investment Opportunities: The expo will serve as a platform for businesses to collaborate and explore investment opportunities in Madhya Pradesh's rapidly growing automotive

Major participants Prominent automobile com-

panies participating in the

expo include Bridgestone, ZF Steering, Badve Engineering, Motherson Sumi, Gabriel India, Piston Dewas, Anand Industries, Jhalani Engineers, SD Axle Pvt. Ltd., Jagatjit Engineering Pvt. Ltd., TAFE Motors & Tractors Ltd., VE Commercial Vehicles Ltd., and Pinnacle Industries.

These leading companies are expected to showcase their cutting-edge innovations and industry expertise at the event, making it a significant exhibition for the automobile sector. Shaping the future of Green

The MP Mobility Expo-2025 will play a crucial role in establishing a sustainable automotive industry in Madhya Pradesh. It will promote innovation, partnerships, and investment in green mobility across India.



Chairman of Adani Group Gautam Adani arrives to attend two-day Global Investors Summit, at Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya in Bhopal on Monday.

Adani group to invest Rs 2.1L cr in Madhya Pradesh

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⊣he Adani Group will invest Rs 2.1 lakh crore in Madhya Pradesh which will create over a lakh jobs, billionaire Gautam Adani announced Monday. Besides, talks are underway for a greenfield smart city, an airport project, and a coal gasification project that would bring in more investments, he told Madhya Pradesh Global Investors Summit in Bhopal. Adani, chairman of the Adani Group, said Rs 2.1 lakh crore will be invested across the pumped storage, cement, mining, smart meters, and thermal energy sectors, which would create over 1,20,000 jobs in Madhya Pradesh by 2030.

"These are not just investments. These are milestones in a shared journey - a journey that will make Madhya Pradesh a national leader in industrial and economic growth. They reflect our deep confidence in the leadership of the Prime Minister and the Chief Minister and our unwavering commitment to this state's extraordinary rise," he said.

Adani said his ports-to-energy conglomerate has already invested Rs 50,00 crore in the state across energy, infrastructure, logistics, and other sectors, and pointed out that these investments had created over 25,000 jobs.

"But our journey here is far from over," the industrialist

Praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Adani said his visionary leadership has reshaped the country and transformed it from a nation that once followed global trends to one that now defines them. 'Never before has India's con-

fidence been higher. Never has our nation commanded greater respect on the global stage. When a country believes in itself, the world too believes in it," he said, adding that this resurgence of belief was driven by the relentless efforts of Prime Minister Modi.

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav's relentless focus on ease of doing business has also transformed Madhya Pradesh into one of India's most investment-ready states, the industrialist added.

100 e-buses to ply city roads soon

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Bhopal is set to intro-duce a fleet of 100 electric buses. The ini-tiative, supported by the Government of India, aims to provide an eco-friendly, efficient, and modern transportation system for the city's residents.

Mayor Malti Rai on Monday reviewed the e-bus prototype at the Auto Expo, held at the Global Investor Summit venue, and expressed grati-tude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Mohan Yadav for their support in making this initiative a reality.

She assured residents that Bhopal will soon benefit from a cleaner and more sustainable mode of public transport. The fleet will be managed by Bhopal City Link Limited (BCLL). Accompanied by Additional Commissioners Devendra Singh Chauhan and Gunvant Sewatkar, Mayor Rai gathered in-depth insights into the e-buses

from Eicher Motors repre-

sentatives.

She stated that this initiative will not only enhance public transportation but also significantly contribute to reducing carbon emissions

in the city. The electric buses will serve as a crucial step in reducing the city's reliance on fossil fuels and cutting down pol-lution levels. This aligns with Bhopal's vision of emerging as a smart, green city, offering residents a comfortable, safe, and sustainable transit option.

CM holds one-to-one discussions with industrialists

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hief Minister Mohan Yadav met with various ⊿industrialists on Monday, the first day of the Global Investors Summit, for

one-on-one discussions. During the meeting, Acharya Balkrishna of Patanjali Group discussed investment opportunities in the health and wellness sector. Consul General of Italy, Walter Ferrera, also met with the Chief Minister.

CEO and co-founder of Easytrip.com, Rikant Pitti explored possibilities for investment in the tourism sector. Additionally, Jigish Mehta and Omprakash

expressed their interest in investing in Madhya Pradesh.

Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav also interacted with the delegation of Aditya Birla Group and praised the ongoing efforts to explore industrial opportunities in Madhya Pradesh. MD of Hindalco Company Satish Pai, MD of Grasim H.K. Agarwal, MD of Essel Mining Thomas Cherian. Param Shah of Arvind Group and Gurdeep Singh, Chairman and MD of NTPC, also engaged in discussions with him. Additionally, Rakesh Swami, Group President of Godrej Group, met with the Chief Minister and provided insights into the group's work in the real

emphasized the commitment to

working together and exploring

various investment sectors.

PM inaugurates GIS-2025: A proud moment for MP

MOHAN YADAV

new chapter of history Awas written in Briopai, the capital of Madhya Pradesh and the city of lakes, on Monday. It is a matter of great pride for us that the 8th Global Investors Summit (GIS-2025) commenced with the blessings of our esteemed Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. These two days will establish new dimensions of progress and development for Madhya Pradesh. The theme for this year is "Infinite Possibilities," which reflects the unlimited potential for industry and investment in Madhya Pradesh. This congregation of investment visionaries is set to create a new history of development. We are fortunate that the city of Raja Bhoj, with its glorious past, is ready to take a dream immense pleasure that the most prominent leader of the world's largest democracy, our esteemed Prime Minister, has personally graced this summit, blessing Madhya Pradesh with a golden era of development. The summit has witnessed the participation of representatives from various countries, leading industrialists, investors, and friends from the Madhya Pradesh diaspora. On behalf of the 8.5 crore people of Madhya Pradesh, I extend a heartfelt welcome to all investors attending this summit. Under the leadership of our visionary Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is reaching new heights of development and is on the path to becoming the world's third-largest economy. India's global stature and respect have increased manifold. The Prime Minister's vision is to make India the world's leading economic and strategic power by 2047. Aligning with this vision, Madhya Pradesh has charted its development blueprint, integrating both heritage and global aspirations. I am delighted to share that,

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inspired by our Prime Minister, we embarked on an investment and industrial development journey a year ago. Madhya Pradesh is the second-largest state in India in terms of area and is rich in water resources, forests, minerals, heritage, and agricultural wealth. Every region of this diverse state possesses unique strengths, capabilities, and requirements. Keeping this in focus, we pioneered the concept of Regional Investor's Summits, incorporating the skills and enterprises from every region of the state. We prioritized ease of doing business and direct communication with investors. This investment journey, which commenced in March 2024 from Ujjain, extended to Jabalpur, Gwalior, Sagar, Rewa, Shahdol, Narmadapuram, Mumbai, Kolkata, Pune, Delhi, the UK, Germany, and Japan. Through these summits and national and international roadshows, Madhya Pradesh received investment proposals worth ?4.8 lakh crore, generating approximately 2 lakh new employment opportunities, reflecting the trust investors have in the state. We have declared 2025, the 'Year of Industry and Employment" and set ambitious targets. Several initiatives have been undertaken to encourage investment. Special policies have been formulated for different industries and sec-

tors to simplify and streamline investments. We have introduced 19 new policies focusing on investment, industry, energy, healthcare, environment, innovation, research, and infrastructure development. These policies create lucrative investment opportunities in automobiles, textiles and garments, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, IT, data centers, GCC, animation and gaming, drones, semiconduc-

tourism, education, and healthcare. The Prime Minister has recognized Madhya Pradesh as India's "Textile Capital" and a "Favorite Manufacturing Destination," which is a great honor for us. Additionally, he has given us the "Triple-T" mantra: Textile, Tourism, and Technology, which we are committed to following.

Under the guidance and blessings of our Honorable Prime Minister, Madhya Pradesh continues to receive significant developmental projects. As a result, the state's economy has progressed more than four times faster than other states. The double-engine government at the Center and the state is moving forward with a double-digit

growth rate. Land, water, electricity, and a skilled workforce are essential expansion. It is satisfying to report that our state has surplus electricity, ample water, a vast land bank, and a skilled workforce. We established a Global Skill Park to develop manpower, which runs various skill-

enhancement programs. We have established an efficient 'ease-of-doing-business' environment to promote development, construction, and indus-

Madhya Pradesh was the first state in India to implement the Public Service Guarantee Act, ensuring timely services. We introduced a beneficial landpooling scheme for farmers and connected the agricultural produce system directly with industries. The lifeline of Madhya Pradesh, River Narmada, ensures abundant water resources. I am pleased to share that, under the leadership of our Prime Minister, the state has received the Ken-Betwa and Parvati-Kalisindh-Chambal River Link Project as a valuable

(The author is Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh)

22–25 per cent across Bhopal **STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL 911 concession cards in the current financial year.

War Room receives 20K passenger complaints in 8 months

Delegates pose for a group photograph during two-day Global Investors Summit at Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav

⊣he War Room of the Bhopal Railway Division has received nearly 20,000 passenger complaints since its launch eight months ago, highlighting security concerns, water shortages, and cleanliness issues. Security-related issues

accounted for 40% of complaints, with over 8,000 passengers reporting theft, seat encroachment, fights, and overcrowding. Additionally, several complaints cited poor coach maintenance and water scarcity.

A surge in passenger traffic—driven by the ongoing Mahakumbh Mela and winter

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Income

Department has intensi-

fied its investigation into

former RTO constable Saurabh

Sharma, questioning him for

five hours inside Central Jail

regarding the seizure of gold and

cash from a car in Mendori for-

est. Sharma, however, repeatedly

denied any involvement in the

On Monday, a six-member team

of Income Tax officers arrived at

the jail to interrogate Sharma for

the first time. The questioning,

which began at 3:15 pm, con-

tinued until 8:15 pm, focusing

on two key aspects-owner-

ship of the gold and cash found

in the car and who took the

vehicle to Mendori forest on the

According to jail sources,

Saurabh Sharma remained eva-

sive throughout the interroga-

tion, repeatedly asserting that he

had no connection to the gold

night of December 19-20.

matter.

Railway Division stations. The War Room at the

Divisional Railway Manager's Office in Bhopal operates 24/7, equipped with computers, intercoms, telephones, mobile devices, and monitoring screens.

Railway officials say that when a complaint is filed via the Rail Madad portal, staff immediately contact the passenger, assess the issue, and coordinate with relevant station officials for resolution.

They say that the inception of

the War Room has resulted in

100 per cent resolution of passenger complaints. Separately, as part of its efforts discount. The scheme applies to assist differently-abled pas-

and cash-laden car. He main-

tained that the vehicle did not

belong to him and suggested

that the actual owner should be

However, Chetan Singh Gaur,

the registered owner of the

Innova car in which the 52 kg

of gold and ?11 crore cash were

found, had already stated dur-

ing his earlier interrogation that

the gold and cash belonged to

The Income Tax Department

had filed an application in Judge

R.P. Mishra's court, seeking per-

mission to interrogate Sharma

and his associates—Chetan

Singh Gaur and Sharad Jaiswal.

During the hearing on

Thursday, the court questioned

which officers would conduct

the interrogation before reserv-

ing its order. On Friday, per-

All three accused—Saurabh

Sharma, Chetan Singh Gaur,

and Sharad Jaiswal-were pre-

viously sent to judicial custody

listing specific officers.

questioned.

Saurabh Sharma.

IT officials interrogate Saurabh Sharma for five hours for 14 days and are set to remain

Eligible passengers are

required to provide a medical

certificate from a District

Medical Officer, a passport-

size photograph, an Aadhaar

card, a birth certificate, and a

doctor-certified disability cer-

tificate confirming the need

Indian Railways provides fare

concessions ranging from 25-

75 per cent for passengers with

orthopedic difficulties, men-tal illnesses, visual impair-ments, and speech or hearing

Escorts traveling with them

are also eligible for the same

to both physical and e-ticket

for an escort.

impairments.

in jail until March 3. On the night of December 19-20, 2023, authorities seized an Innova car abandoned in Mendori forest, containing 52 kg of gold and ?11 crore in cash. The Income Tax Department had earlier interrogated Chetan Singh Gaur, who admitted that while the car was registered in his name, it was regularly used

by Saurabh Sharma. Following this revelation, investigators were eager to question Sharma, but due to his custody status, they had to obtain court permission. Income Tax Department lawyer Ikram Khan confirmed that interrogation will proceed per the jail manual, without a fixed timeline, and will involve all three accused.

mission was granted without The case continues to unravel as authorities seek to establish the true ownership of the seized assets and the alleged role of Saurabh Sharma and his associates in the matter.

Delegates express their views on GIS Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh is also enhance bilateral relations. He

among the progressive states of India, offering immense investment opportunities in agriculture, tourism, minerals, and pharmaceuticals. These views were shared by delegates during the Global South - Regional Trade and Investment Cooperation session at Global Investors Summit

CII Western Region President, Sushri Swati Salgaonkar, highlighted that India is actively working to strengthen economic, trade, and cultural ties with Global South countries. She emphasized that Madhya Pradesh is playing a key role in fostering these relations. Dushyant Thakur provided insights on the Global Development Pact, while Martin Mayre also shared her perspectives on the subject.

South Africa's First Secretary Political, Shri Khatutshelo E. Thagwana, stated that the summit in Bhopal will not only strengthen investment opportunities but

Rwanda's High Commissioner, Jacqueline Mukangira, expressed her appreciation for the event, noting that it was her first visit to Bhopal. She congratulated Chief Minister Mohan Yadav for organizing such a remarkable summit and highlighted that India is the largest investor in Rwanda. She also acknowledged the vast investment potential in Madhva Pradesh. Venezuela's Minister Counselor, Shri Juan Goldnik, described Madhya Pradesh as a promising investment destination and expressed confidence that the summit would be beneficial for business and investment growth. Shri Ahmed Mohammed Mubarak Alzanabi, Director of the UAE-India CEPA Council, noted

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between the two nations.

that both India and the UAE are

actively collaborating on various

investment initiatives, further

strengthening economic ties

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Real estate market on the rise: Bhopal offers big gains

AKBAR KHAN BHOPAL

▼ith the Global Investors Summit igniting a mulion hopes, the state capital seems to be gearing up for a real estate jackpot that could see investors laughing all the way to the bank.

According to real estate analytics firm PropEquity, housing sales in the city grew by 10 per cent in 2024. Market watchers attribute a fair chunk of this rise to the development of new roads on the city's outskirts, which have started attracting buyers.

They underline that these figures are limited to housing units alone and that the actual growth in overall market size could be much larger.

Realty in Bhopal is mainly segregated into industrial, agricul-

tial acreage. These segments are further divided between developers and private users in both the formal and informal sectors. Going by trends over the last few years, residential and commercial projects have acquired large tracts of agricultural land after the administration showed its willingness to alter land use to accommodate a rapidly increasing population, which stood at over three million at the last

Those in the business say that buyers, especially those entering the real estate market for the first time, choose to settle along developing infrastructure projects in an attempt to reap dividends from fast-rising demand and price escalations in these

Over the last couple of years, a

massive surge in prices has been recorded along several bypass projects in the city. Though residential developments are yet to materialise in most of these places, pre-development booking of profits has continued for investors looking for first-in, first-out advantages. The city administration has also

emerged as a key driver, with plans for redevelopment and redensification in several neighbourhoods that are likely to grow vertically over the next few years. While prices in the more soughtafter neighbourhoods in both the old and new parts of the city may have spiralled out of reach for the average city dweller, the fresh enclaves around new roads and other infrastructure projects could prove to be the best bet for them. For the less adventurous, vertical growth in well-known

neighbourhoods remains the safest option, as it offers the right address, keeps travel times minimal, guarantees proximity to amenities, and comes at a fraction of the cost one would otherwise have to shell out in these areas. The rise in prices is also notice-

able in the commercial and agricultural real estate segments, where prices have multiplied several times since infrastructure development became the norm in the city. Property broker Soheb Khan, who has been operating in the city's suburbs along the Airport and Narsinghgarh roads for the last 25 years, says, "Despite all the growth, property in Bhopal remains the penny stock of the real estate business, as it continues to offer amazing growth at relatively low capital

में सुखसेना मिश्रा (Sukhsaina Mishra)

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Want Jammu and Kashmir where no life is lost due to terrorism: Amit Shah

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

There is peace in Jammu 1 and Kashmir and this peace has to be permanent, and the Narendra Modi government's aim is to make a Jammu and Kashmir where no life is lost due to terrorism, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said here on Monday.

Interacting with youngsters from Jammu and Kashmir who have come to the national capital under the Watan Ko Jano youth exchange programme, Shah also said the people of Jammu and Kashmir had equal rights over the entire country, like the people of any other state, and the entirety of India looked at the people of the Union Territory with love and

When terrorism comes to an

deployment of police and that day is not far, he added.

"When there is peace, no police will be required. This message has to be carried by you to your friends, family and villages... when you go home, tell your friends, neighbours that the entire country is living in peace and the people of Jammu and Kashmir should also live in peace," Shah said.

There is peace in Jammu and Kashmir and this peace has to be permanent and "our aim is to make a Jammu and Kashmir where no life is lost due to terrorism", he added.

"Violence brings nothing. Due to the decades of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, 36,000 people lost their lives," the home minister said. Shah said Prime Minister

Narendra Modi had made the



Home Minister Amit Shah interacts with 250 children from weaker sections of Jammu and Kashmir under 'Watan Ko Jano'

gating Article 370 and now, the people of Jammu and Kashmir nad equal rights anywhere in India, like the people of Delhi, Rajasthan, Gujarat or You have rights over Jammu

and Kashmir. Is it not good that you also have equal rights over the other 29 states of the country? Like Jammu and Kashmir, the whole country is yours," he Peace is most important for everyone and, under the Modi

government, peace and development have come to Jammu and Kashmir, hospitals, roads and bridges have come, infrastructure has been created, he The entire country looks at the

people of Jammu and Kashmir with love and respect. It is because peace is prevalent there. ment is taking place in Jammu and Kashmir," the home minister said.

There are 30 states in the country and Jammu and Kashmir is one of them. Together, all these 30 states become India, he said. "Our country is our home. If you don't step out of Jammu and Kashmir, you will not be able know the country. So, don't you think that you should visit and know the country well? In your next school vacation, you must visit any of the states along with your parents. If required, have a fight at home but you must visit one of

In the past 10 years, terrorism has come to an end in Jammu and Kashmir, incidents of blasts and stone pelting have come to an end, and schools are opening regularly, the home minis-

the states," he added.

Shah said there was no theatre earlier and no one could go to watch a film.

There was no 'tazia' procession but, now, all these are happen-

ing, he said. Elections were held for local bodies and 36,000 people elected as panch, sarpanch. All

these have happened in the past

10 years, he added. 'When the country will progress, you will progress too. As much as the country progresses, becomes modern, you will also become prosperous. This is what Prime Minister

Modi is doing," he said. The world's tallest railway bridge is now located in Jammu and Kashmir, Asia's longest tunnel is located in the Union Territory. It is the only place with two AIIMS and two IIMs,

cist State," the note has said.

"What we are pinpointing is

that after 10 years of contin-

uous rule by the BJP, which is

Segregating waste at source important for environment: SC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Supreme Court on Monday said segregation of waste at source was of "vital importance" for the environment and asked the NCR states for the compliances made in adherence to the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.

A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan said the non-compliance in adhering to the 2016 Rules had affected all cities in the coun-

"In one of the orders, we have observed that all smart city projects are in progress. How the cities can become smart without compliance with the Solid Waste Management Rules?" the bench asked.

The National Capital Region (NCR) comprises Delhi and certain districts of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. If there was no proper segregation of waste, the court said, even waste-to-energy projects would create more pollution.

. Senior advocate Aparajita Singh, the amicus curiae in the pollution matter, referred to solid waste management in the NCR while flagging the low percentage of segregation of waste.

She said sending unsegregated waste to waste-to-energy plants caused more pollu-

"As rightly submitted by the amicus curiae, the segregation of waste at source is of ronment. If their is no proper segregation, even waste-toenergy projects will create more pollution," the bench

The NCR states were ordered to file affidavits dealing with the compliances of all the urban local bodies with the provisions of the 2016 Rules

They have been asked to file the affidavits by end of March following which the matter would be taken up.
The bench has also asked the

states to set out a comprehensive plan for waste management along with timelines and implementing agencies and said, "Needless to add that the affidavits will state compliance in relation to all urban local bodies within the NCR."

The authorities were asked to set out the "best practices" they proposed to follow for solid waste management.

The bench in the meantime directed the Central Pollution Control Board to submit a report on the impact of waste-to-energy projects on the environment.

While dealing with the issue of solid waste management in the national capital previously, the court said if there was no real solution to tackle the issue of untreated solid waste generated per day, it would consider passing drastic orders to stop certain construction activities.

It had flagged the failure of the Delhi government and the municipal corporation to comply with the 2016 Rules. "We are facing a huge prob-lem which arises due to the fact that approximately 3,000 tonne of solid waste generated every day in Delhi remains untreated.

figure is bound to increase, said on January 27.

The aspect of solid waste management in Delhi-NCR came about when the apex court was hearing the issue of pollution in the NCR.

Essential to induct more women in UN peacekeeping missions, President Murmu

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Tt is essential to induct more women in UN peacekeeping missions as they are better equipped to address gender-based violence, build trust and promote dialogue, President Droupadi Murmu said on Monday.

Addressing a group of women peacekeepers who had called on the president at Rashtrapati Bhavan, she said the presence of women in a peacekeeping mission made it more diverse and inclusive.

Women peacekeepers often have greater access to local communities and can serve as role models for women and children. They are better equipped to address genderbased violence, build trust and promote dialogue," Murmu

The president said peacekeeping missions with a higher percentage of women personnel had been more effective in reducing violence and achieving long-lasting peace agree-

"It is, therefore, essential that we induct more women in UN peacekeeping missions," she

The president recalled India's proud history of contribution to UN peacekeeping, with more than 2,90,000 (2.90 lakh) peacekeepers having served in more than 50 missions. "Today, there are over 5,000

Indian peacekeepers in nine active missions, deployed in often-hostile conditions, for the cause of international peace and security," Murmu said. She expressed her happiness, noting that Indian women peacekeepers had been at the forefront of the call of duty. 'Today, there are over 154 Indian women peacekeepers deployed in six ongoing UN missions. Right from the 1960s in Congo, to policing in Liberia in 2007, our women peacekeepers have exhibited the highest traditions of professionalism and conduct,'

Modi Government not 'neo-fascist': CPI(M)

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Changing its stand, the CPI(M) has issued a note to its State units on the draft political resolution for the upcoming Party Congress. The note says the party does not consider the Narendra Modi Government or the Indian State as "neo-fascist", even as there are manifestations of "neo-fascist characteristics"

The note sent to the State units of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) also stresses that the position is different from that of other Left parties, such as the Communist Party of India (CPI) and the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Liberation.

The CPI has characterised the BJP-led Centre as a fascist government, while the CPI(ML) has said an "Indian fascism" has been put in The CPI(M)'s note says the

political resolution talks about the danger of the Hindutva-corporate authoritarianism going towards neo-fascism, if the BJP-RSS is Modi Government, and sec-



not fought back and halted, but stresses that the party is not calling the Modi Government "neo-fascist". The draft political resolution of the CPI(M), which will be discussed at the Party Congress in Tamil Nadu's Madurai in April, was adopted at a meeting of the party's Central Committee in

The draft resolution says there has been a growing conflict between the forces of the Hindutva-corporate regime, represented by the

Kolkata from January 17 to

January 19.

ular-democratic forces that

are opposed to it. It says "the push to impose a reactionary Hindutva agenda and the authoritarian drive to suppress the opposition and democracy display neo-fascist characteristics". In the note, the CPI(M) has clarified that talking about the political setup showing "neo-fascist characteristics" does not mean that the party is calling the Modi government fascist or neo-fascist.

'We are not saying that the Modi Government is a fascist or neo-fascist Government. Nor are we characterising

the political wing of the RSS, there has been a consolidation of political power in the hands of the BJP-RSS and this is resulting in the manifestation of 'neo-fascist characteristics'," the major Left party has said. "The word 'characteristics' means features or trends, but

they have not developed into a neo-fascist government and political setup. So the political resolution is talking about the danger of the Hindutvacorporate authoritarianism going towards neo-fascism, if the BJP-RSS is not fought back and halted," the note has

The CPI(M) has said the term "neo-fascism" is being used to distinguish it from the classical fascism, which rose in the inter-war years in Europe, like in Italý under Benito Mussolini and in Germany under Adolf Hitler. 'Neo-fascism is a product of the crisis of neo-liberalism and is a global phenomenon," the party said.

Priyanka writes to PM, seeks relief package for Wayanad people slide took place on July 30, 2024, said. The Congerss leader said

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Congress MP Priyanka Gandh Vadra on Monday wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, apprising him about the hardships being faced by the people of Wayanad while trying to astating landslides last year and urging him to convert the government's relief package into a

> In a letter to Modi, the Congress general secretary said she believes that the people of Wayanad

deserve every possible assistance and support to pull themselves out of the terrible misfortune that has befallen them. "As the MP for Wayanad Lok

Sabha, I felt it my duty to apprise you of the plight of the people of Chooralmala and Mundakkai in my constituency. It is indeed months after a horrific tragedy destroyed their lives and livelihoods, they are facing unimaginable hardships while trying to rebuild their lives," Priyanka Gandhi said. Noting that a devastating landin and around these two habitations of Wayanad district, she said in the aftermath of this disaster, 298 people were found dead, 231 bodies were recovered along with 223 body parts and 32 persons were reported missing and declared dead.

bers totalling 58 persons were completely wiped out and 1,685 buildings damaged.

"These were houses, schools, village offices, dispensaries, anganwadis, shops, religious centres and government buildings," she

educational institutions, namely, the government vocational Higher Secondary School Vellarmala and the government lower primary school Mundakkai were completely wrecked by the landslide.

'Permanent rehabilitation of 658 students were previously enrolled is still awaited," she said. The Congress leader pointed out that 110 acre of agricultural land was destroyed by the landslide. "Tea, coffee and cardamom were the main crops of

this area. Many people who earned their livelihood from these crops and from tourism activities in this region found themselves without any means to earn a living. Jeep and autorickshaw drivers, shop owners, home-stay owners and tourist guides were some of those aftermath of the disaster," she said. In ward numbers 10, 11 and 12 of Meppadi gram panchayats there are many small scale industry owners who are now strug-

"Given the above circumstances, it is clear that Wayanad district desperately needs support. Its people are resilient and brave, yet it is impossible for them to overcome this catastrophe without decisive financial and infrastructural support from both, the state and central governments. process is progressing at a painful pace," she said.

This has only increased their agony and compounded the psychological turmoil they are experiencing as their future remains uncertain, she added.

Hindi can serve as country's common language, DMK indulging in 'petty politics': VHP

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ **NEW DELHI**

¬amil is one of India's Tamil is one of man e only Hindi can serve as the common language of coordination in the country, the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) said on Monday and asked the DMK not to "separate" Tamil Nadu from the mainstream of the country's progress by reject-

The remarks by the VHP come against the backdrop of an

ongoing row over a three-language formula for school education, prescribed under the National Education Policy (NEP), with the Tamil Nadu's ruling DMK accusing the Centre of attempting to impose Hindi on the state by insisting on the policy's implementation. VHP joint general secretary Surendra Jain also slammed the DMK for regularly objecting to Sanskrit and said the party was "blinded by vote bank" but it could not cut off Tamil Nadu "from its roots by separating it from the "mainstream of the

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has dismissed the Tamil Nadu government's opposition to the NEP as "politics", saying the three-language formula did not impose Hindi on students and that the state government could pick any three Indian languages for school education. Asked for comment, Jain hit out at the Tamil Nadu government, alleging that the DMK wanted to separate the state

from Hindi and Sanskrit".

country's progress" by rejecting Hindi.

"That's why it is not implementing the NEP while all academics are of the view that it is a good initiative to ensure progress of the people, including the new generation, and to make them good citizens," he

Tamil is also a "national language" but the country needs one common language which everyone can speak, he said. "Will they speak English?" he

"If there can be a language of coordination in the entire country, it can only be Hindi. So please do not separate Tamil Nadu from the mainstream of national progress by rejecting it," he added.

Amid the row, pro-Tamil activists on Sunday smeared black paint on Hindi words on the boards at two railways stations in the state.

A video became widely circulated on social media that purported to show the activists painting over "Pollachi

BSF mobilises more troops along

Junction" written in Hindi with black paint. Officials later rectified it. DMK activists also painted

over the Hindi name on the board of Palayankottai station in Tirunelveli district with black paint. Six party workers were booked

by the Railway Protection Force under provisions of the Railways Act. Slamming the DMK for its "petty politics" over language, the VHP functionary said a large number people from Tamil Nadu visited Prayagraj to take a holy dip at the Sangam during the ongoing Maha Kumbh.

"They did not properly under-

gling to make ends meet, she said

stand Hindi but were in harmony with other devotees, speaking broken Hindi because they understood the language of the heart. Kumbh has become a symbol of Hindu unity," Jain said. Temples in Tamil Nadu are the

living form of Hindu culture, he added. "The wife of the chief minister (MK Stalin) also goes there. His family members' names are also (in Hindi) Karunanidhi, Dayanidhi, Udayanidhi," he said. He asked if Stalin would stop

his wife from visiting temples and change the names of his family members. The VHP functionary said DMK MP Dayanidhi Maran

recently protested against the Lok Sabha Secretariat's move to provide simultaneous interpretation of House proceedings in Sanskrit despite Tamil Nadu being home to the "oldest" Sanskrit college in the country.

India to host 12th Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum in Asia and Pacific in Jaipur

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Union Minister Manohar Lal on Monday said India will host the 12th Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum in Asia and the Pacific at Jaipur on March 3 to 5. He also informed that over 500 international and domestic participants are expected to attend the three-day conference packed with plenary sessions, country-specific discussions, theme-based roundtables, as well as knowledgesharing and networking opportunities.

"A dedicated 'India Pavilion' will showcase India's remarkable initiatives and achievements in the 3R and circular economy domain. This Pavilion will feature exhibitions from key line ministries and national missions, reflecting India's wholeof-government approach to sus-

tainable development. It will also serve as a hub for interactive knowledge-sharing, with sessions such as the 'Ministers & Ambassadors Roundtable Dialogue,' 'Mayors' Dialogue,' 'Policy Dialogue' and the signing of agreements under the CITIIS 2.0 program. Multiple launches of knowledge products will take place at the Forum including a compendium of over 100 best practices put together by the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA).

The Forum will host an international '3R trade and technology exhibition', providing a platform for over 40 Indian and Japanese businesses and startups to showcase best practices, ideas and solutions that support circularity and 3R principles while encouraging cross-learning. Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal informed that

'Waste-to-wealth initiatives by NGOs and Self-help Groups across India will also be showcased at the Forum promoting sustainability-driven entrepreneurship and community engagement," said Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in a statement. Minister said that the 12th

Forum will conclude with the adoption of the 'Jaipur Declaration' for enabling transition to a resource-efficient, circular economy in Asia-Pacific countries and will be handed over to the next host country The Jaipur Declaration (2025) 34) builds upon the Hanoi Declaration (2013-23) and aims to provide participating countries with a framework for developing 3R and circular economy policies and programs, which enable a shift from a linear 'take-make-dispose' econo-

my to a circular economy.

Pakistan border in Punjab and Jammu PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

The Border Security force 1 (BSF) has ordered mobilisation of additional manpower at posts along the İndia-Pakistan border in Punjab and Jammu as part of its measures to strengthen the anti-infiltration grid and check the intrusion of drones carrying ammunition or drugs, official sources said Monday.

The sources said that the Western Command of the Border Security Force headquartered in Chandigarh has also directed for setting up of nine "tactical" headquarters along the front in these two regions with the maximum intelligence and operations paraphernalia being "shifted" here under the monitoring of

a newly created control room. A tactical or 'tac headquarter' is a forward base which is closer to the border, just near the border post, and ahead of the battalion base in the rear. The 'tac headquarter', as per the sources, will also have the presence of one senior commander from all verticals including the commanding officer (CO) of the battalion whose unit is deployed at these vulnerable border posts, the sources said. Directions have also been

issued to mobilise "maximum" manpower of the force to border guarding units all across these two regions after shifting them from the battalion headquarters, they said. Sources in the security establishment said the measure had been taken late last week keeping in mind the "vulnerability and the constant threat to these border areas from the point of view of cross-border infiltration and drone flights emanating from Pakistan.

The directions mandate these steps to be taken immediately," a senior officer based in Punjab said.

However, officials said that asking the commanding officers to be present at their respective tac headquarters all the time" will lead to command and administration issues.

officials said.

The CO of a battalion is responsible for multiple companies and units that are deployed wide across and such an officer has to be moving across their different units rather than stationed at one place 24X7, BSF field

category status as promised: Congress PIONEER NEWS SERVICE promise," Ramesh said. In a

Why hasn't Bihar granted special

NEW DELHI

The Congress on Monday **I** posed questions to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Bihar, asking why hasn't the state been granted Special Category Status as promised and why are so many essential projects lying incomplete there. Ahead of Prime Minister Modi's visit to Bihar, Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh posed four questions for him.

"Where are the promised airports for Bhagalpur, Muzaffarpur, and Purnea, Ramesh asked in his post on X. "The PM promised an airport in Purnea on 18th August, 2015. Six years and three Nitish Kumar U-turns later, his government is yet to fulfil the 2019 rally, Modi promised to open Patahi Airport in Muzaffarpur and in 2023, Home Minister Amit Shah also pledged to kickstart operations at the Patahi airport, while the BJP promised a fully operational airport by Diwali 2023, he said. "However, an AAI ground team from March 2024 found

that the land plot has broken boundary walls, and buffaloes roam the runway. What has the government

been doing for 10 years? Muzaffarpur joins Purnia and Bhagalpur as cities that need and deserve airports, but under the Bharatiya Jumla Party, all they get is broken promises. Why has the PM repeatedly lied to the people of Bihar on this subject?" Ramesh

It is time to invest in MP: PM Modi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said with a strong talent pool and thriving industries, Madhya Pradesh is becoming a preferred business destination and that this is the time, and right time, to invest in the

He was speaking after inaugurating the mega 'Invest Madhya Pradesh -Global Investors Summit-2025' at the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, located near

the picturesque Upper Lake in Bhopal, to showcase the state's infinite possibilities investors industrialists. Modi said the World Bank

has expressed confidence that India will continue to be the world's fastest growing economy in the coming

The World Bank recently said in its Global Economic Prospects report that India will remain the fastestgrowing major economy for next two years.

said the Modi also Deregulation Commission will help create investmentregulatory



PM Narendra Modi with Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan attends the Global Investors Summit 2025 in Bhopal

ecosystem in the states. India is emerging as the top supply chain for global aerospace firms, he said, adding that textile, tourism and technology sectors will generate crores of jobs in the vears to come.

The PM also unveiled 18 new policies of the Madhya Pradesh government, aimed at attracting major investment in the BJP-ruled state. "With a strong talent pool and thriving industries,

Madhya Pradesh is becoming preferred business destination," Modi said. This is the time, and right time, to invest in the state,

the prime minister said. "The speed of development in Madhya Pradesh has doubled after the formation of the 'double engine'

Modi further said Madhya Pradesh is among the leading states in India's electric

government in the state," he

vehicles revolution.

There opportunities in the health and wellness sector in the country, he said, adding, 'The world is liking the 'heal in India' mantra".

Modi said in the past two decades, MP has seen a lot of transformations.

There were issues pertaining to electricity and water, and law and order was even worse. In such a scenario, industrial development was But in the past 20 years, with the help of the people, the state government focused on governance.

Two decades ago, people used to stay away from investing here (in MP), and now it is among the top states in the country for investment, Modi said. He said that a few days ago, a

UN organisation on climate change called India a "solar

power superpower".

"This organisation also said that while many countries only talk, India shows results," Modi added.
On the occasion, Chief Minister Mohan Yadav said with the organisation of the

with the organisation of the Global Investors Summit here, Madhya Pradesh will make its identity as a major global investment destination.

Yadav said his government is committed to double the state's economy in the next five years, as part of the country's commitment to make India a developed nation by 2047.

Madhya Pradesh has decided to observe 2025 as a year of industries and employment, as part of its commitment towards making India a developed nation, he added.

BJP set up factory of 'jumlas' in Assam says Congress

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

The Congress on Monday demanded answers from Prime Minister Narendra Modi over alleged corruption under the Himanta Biswa Sarma dispensation in Assam and asserted that the "double dhokha (betrayal) government" will be held accountable for its "sins" in the assembly polls next year. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said Modi has set up a "factory of jumlas" in Assam, whose mastermind is the most Congress president corrupt chief minister of the

"Recently, Congress leaders in Assam have been attacked both ways - politically and physically! The public will respond to these attacks by forming Congress government after one year, Kharge said in a post on X. The state of Assam is

suffering the consequences of corruption, hatred and misgovernance by the "land mafia of the BJP", he alleged. The unemployment of the youth, the helplessness of the tea garden workers, the rebuke of the Hon'ble Supreme Court on the issue of

illegal foreigners and the hypocrisy of the BJP are well

"The state has lagged behind on every scale of development and economically. 3.5 Crore people of Assam are extremely angry, no slogan of Modi ji can cool their anger now. Change is certain in Assam and the North-East," he asserted.

Addressing a press conference ahead of Prime Minister Modi's visit to Assam, Congress general secretary in-charge of party affairs in the state, Jitendra Singh, said what magic lamp did Modi give to the Assam chief minister that he (Sarma) became a business tycoon.

"Himanta Biswa Sarma has built an entire empire in Assam. The Chief Minister of Assam owns many tea gardens, news portals, a big McDonald's, outlet of international schools and lots of lands. A lot of land has been purchased in tribal areas including Majuli, Kamrup, Guwahati, Nagaon, Golaghat, where land cannot be purchased," he said at the presser also addressed by Congress Borah, Assam

Gogoi, Pradyut Bordoloi, Pawan Khera, among others. Singh also alleged that rathole mining was happening under the nose of Assam CM. If all this is happening, then are Narendra Modi's agencies investigating, he asked. State Congress chief Borah

said Assam Tribal Students Organization has asked three questions to PM Modi today. During the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, Modi had promised that the daily wage of 11 Lakh tea workers of Assam would be increased to ₹351 but today this wage is between ₹250 and ₹220, Borah said. Modi had "Narendra that

promised communities of Assam will be given ST status within 100 days. This promise has not been fulfilled till date. Rathole mining is illegal in Assam, but it still continues in many places.

'So the question is: under whose leadership is illegal rathole mining taking place in Assam? When will there be an investigation into illegal rathole mining, when will the CM take action?" he said. Borah said he was attacked a few days ago, but no one has been arrested till date.

VIP darshan suspended at Kashi Vishwanath from February 25-27

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Anticipating a heavy rush of devotees during Mahashivratri, authorities have decided to suspend the VIP 'darshan' facility at the Kashi Vishwanath temple here from February 25 to 27.

Kashi Vishwanath Temple's Chief Executive Officer, Vishw Bhushan Mishra said on Monday that the number of visitors to the temple has significantly increased due to the return flow of devotees from the ongoing Maha Kumbh in nearby Prayagraj. With Mahashivratri falling on February 26 this year alongside the Kumbh Mela, pilgrims from across the country, along with saints from various akharas, including Naga sadhus, are expected to arrive in large numbers to offer

prayers, he noted. 'On this occasion, the Naga akharas will also take out a grand procession, which will temporarily block general access through gate number four of the temple. This is likely

regular devotees. Given the hot and humid weather conditions, prolonged waiting could pose health risks, especially for children, women, and elderly visitors.

Keeping this in authorities have decided to completely suspend VIP darshan for the three-day period," he said. Mishra noted that last year, around 12 Lakh devotees visited Kashi Vishwanath Dham Mahashivratri.

However, given that this is a Maha Kumbh year, the number is expected to be even

Divisional Commissioner Raj Kaushal Sharma emphasised the significance of Mahashivratri for Kashi, saying currently, six to nine Lakh people are visiting the Kashi Vishwanath temple daily during the Maha Kumbh. On Mahashivratri, the number is expected to reach 10 to 12 Lakh. To manage the massive crowd, the number of queues at all four temple gates has been increased, and specific timings have been allocated for akharas and Naga sadhus, while the remaining time slots are reserved for general devotees, Sharma said.

Additional arrangements have been made within the temple premises, including drinking water stations, ORS and glucose supplies, shaded medical waiting areas, medical facilities, and ambulances, he

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Kashi Zone) Gaurav Banswal said that for crowd management and security, police have identified 55 locations in the city where barricading will be enforced. The Kashi Vishwanath temple premises have been divided into zones and sectors, with 13 sectors assigned to dedicated police forces.

The area from Godowlia to Maidagin intersection has been declared a no-vehicle zone, and barricading will be strengthened up Dashashwamedh Ghat, said. To ensure smooth traffic

flow, eight traffic inspectors, 24 traffic sub-inspectors, 164 head constables, and over 300 home guards will be deployed across the city, he added. According to information

available on the Kashi Vishwanath Temple's website, Mahashivratri,

'Mangala Aarti' would be performed at 2.15 am while the midday 'Bhog Aarti' will be held at 11.35 am. However, there will be no

Saptarishi Aarti (6.15 pm), Shringar-Bhog Aarti (8 pm) and Shayan Aarti (10.30 pm) on February 26, it showed. "The temple doors will not be

closed on the day of Mahashivratri and four-hour aarti will be performed from 11 pm to 6.30 am the next day. Mangala aarti will not be performed the next day of Mahashivratri," stated the message on the website attributed to the temple's trust. appointed a non-Sanatani as the in-charge of Kumbh."

"But here I myself was

Fadnavis approves 109 names as OSDs, PS to ministers

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Monday said he cleared 109 out of 125 names referred by cabinet ministers for their appointment as personal secretaries or OSDs but didn't approve others because they are either facing inquiries or known as "fixers" "I have received some 125 names of officials whom my cabinet colleagues wanted to appoint as either personal secretaries (PS) or as officers on special duty. Out of it, I have cleared the names of 109.
"The reasons behind not

clearing the names of the remaining (16) is either there is some inquiry going on against those officials or they are known as fixers in the administrative circles,' Fadnavis told reporters.

He also said the rest (16) are facing various types of allegations. "Even if it would hurt someone, I will not clear such names".

Fadnavis also snubbed Agriculture Minister Manikrao Kokate, who belongs to the Nationalist Congress Party, over his remarks that even PS and OSDs are appointed by the chief minister, "leaving nothing in our hands"

Kokate had said that Fadnavis issued a stern warning to all his cabinet colleagues to maintain strict discipline within their respective departments.

"He (Fadnavis) stated that any minister who attempts to deviate from the government's plan risks losing their position. There is nothing left in our hands, as even the PS and OSDs are appointed by the chief minister. We will have to perform now," Kokate said. When asked about the agriculture minister's remarks, Fadnavis said Kokate probably didn't know approving the appointments of PS and OSDs is the CM's prerogative.

"A minister can propose candidates, but the final decision rests with my office, the CM added.

Fadnavis also expressed concerns regarding the issue of illegal constructions near Mumbai, which have led to court interventions.

Some builders are playing a dirty game, by first engaging in illegal constructions and then manipulating individuals to file cases in court against illegal structures

Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has brought this issue to my attention. We will intervene in the courts to end such practices," he said.

Irtiga Mufti's seeks support to ban liquor in J and K

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Irtiqa Mufti, the eldest daughter of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chief Mehbooba Mufti, has taken a political stand against alcohol consumption in Jammu and Kashmir, and sought support from the public for the party's campaign to ban liquor in the Union Territory. In a video message on X seeking support for the PDP's campaign to ban alcohol, Irtiqa Mufti said, "Please be a part of our fight against alcohol and addiction.

Sign our digital signature campaign which I will be linking in my bio soon. And remember, the ban is just the beginning."

the first time... everyone

became a part of this event

and made it successful," he

Adityanath alleged that in

the past one-and-a-half

socialists made poisonous

statements on social media

"Apart from dirt, disorder

and trouble of tourists, they

found nothing else there.

But apart from all this, their

ideology has no effect on

about Maha Kumbh.

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PIONEER NEWS SERVICE It will put the service of 27,000 employees and engineers and The CITU backed Electricity Employees Federation of India has urged central government and state government to UP administration," stop further privatisation of power and energy sector and Electricity

decided to protest against the implementation of Labour Codes. The national convention of electricity employees and engineers held in Nagpur on Sunday decided to go for stroke on June 26 and blamed Central and State Government for "forcefully privatised its highly profitable, efficient and low tariff power utility in an irregular manner". The National Federations of

Gaurav

against privatisation

Electricity employees to

go for nationwide strike

electricity employees and engineers under the banner of Coordination National Committee discussed very gravely about the multi-prong attacks on the public electricity sector and the energy security of our country.

The convention took a serious participated in the event | note over the attacks on the electricity employees and consumers, especially in UP. The Strike proposal was supported by the Samyukta Kishan Morcha and Central Trade Union leaders present in the Convention. The Strike is the response to all the attacks unleashed by the Central and several State Governments upon the public Power industry. 'After being elected for the third time, the NDA government has become desperate to privatise all the public electricity utilities.

Under the diktat of the Central government, the Chandigarh UT Administration forcefully privatised its highly profitable, efficient and low tariff Power Utility in an irregular manner. attacks Desperate been Privatisation have unleashed on Purvanchal Vidyut Vitaran Nigam Ltd. (PVVNL) and Dakshinanchal

50,000 contract workers at stake. Electricity employees and engineers of UP are fighting for last 87 days defying the instigation and attacks of the Employees Federation in a statement. The Federation also blamed

Rajasthan Government for starting bidding process to privatise the Generation and Battery Storage Projects. Battle is going on for last several months in Telangana, where the Government has planned to handover the electricity distribution service of South Hyderabad Circle to Adani group., said the Federation.

Actually, Central the Government is in real haste to privatise the state DISCOMs. A unique regional meeting on Power sector with States and UTs of Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan and

20th February, New Delhi. As per the Press Release of the Ministry of Power, "the States have urged Centre for support in privatisation of distribution" and "Listing of Utilities will be taken up by States to bring

investment. Undoubtedly, all these State governments will try to move

very fast in their privatisation agenda," said Prasanta N Chowdhury, General Secretary Electricity Employees Federation.

Further to facilitate the privatisation project, a Group of Ministers have been formed by the Government of India and the convener of the group is the UP Energy Minister, who is infamous for his privatisation drives. And again the Central government is coming with a new draft of the Electricity Amendment Bill.

The struggle is bound to be sharpened in coming days, added the Federation.

Yogi slams SP over remarks on Kumbh arrangements

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath slammed the opposition Samajwadi Party on Monday, saying that during its rule in the state, the chief minister did not have the time to review Kumbh arrangements and "a non-Sanatani was made its in charge".

He was referring to the

Kumbh organised in 2013

when Akhilesh Yadav was the Uttar Pradesh chief minister and Mohammad Azam Khan was made the in charge of the religious congregation in Prayagraj. In his address in the state assembly, Adityanath said, We have not played with faith like you. In your time, the chief minister did not have time to see and review

the event and therefore he



UP CM Yogi Adityanath speaks as Finance Minister Suresh Kumar Khanna looks on during the Budget session of the UP Assembly in Lucknow

still doing it. This is the reason that whoever went to the Kumbh in 2013 saw chaos, corruption, and pollution.

There was no water fit for bathing in the Triveni of Ganga, Yamuna and Saraswati. The prime minister of Mauritius is an example of this who refused

reviewing Kumbh and am to take a bath," he said. Adityanath said that this time people are visiting the Maha Kumbh continuously. "The President, the prime minister and the vice president visited there.

The King of Bhutan came, and heads of all other countries of the world that is 74 nations — visited the place. All of them

There is silence on hundreds of deaths due to conditions during Haj. The leftists and seculars of India who have been seen speaking on the Maha Kumbh maintain silence on that," he said.

Attacking the opposition over their criticism of Kumbh arrangements, he said whoever searched for Vidyut Vitaran Nigam Ltd. something in Kumbh, got it. (DVVNL) of Uttar Pradesh.

32 AAP MLAs, ministers in touch with | HC dismisses plea against Mahashivratri celebrations at Isha Foundation, Coimbatore

me: Punjab Congress leader Bajwa

 $\begin{array}{c} P \text{unjab Congress leader Partap} \\ \text{Singh Bajwa Monday claimed} \\ \text{that 32 AAP MLAs were in} \end{array}$ touch with him to switch sides. Hitting back, the ruling AAP's state unit president Aman Arora

Speaking to reporters outside the Punjab Assembly, Bajwa also claimed that Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann was in touch with the BIP. "When (Arvind) Kejriwal decides to remove him, he (Mann) will pack his bags and join them (BJP)," he

earlier said the Congress does not have any intention to topple this (AAP) government," he

touch with me. Aman Arora is also aware of this matter," claimed Bajwa.

is not. It will happen at an appropriate time."

Lashing out at Mann, the Qadian MLA claimed that the chief minister remained "absent" from the House on the first day of the two-day session of the Punjab Assembly, which PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

¬he Madras High Court on Monday dismissed a petition seeking direction to authorities concerned from granting permission to conduct Mahashivratri celebrations at Isha Foundation in Coimbatore. Petitioner S T Sivagnanan

had sought a direction to the authorities to initiate appropriate action against Foundation allegedly operating its facilities without adequate sewage treatment facilities, discharging untreated sewage, for causing severe noise pollution and desist from issuing any permission

alleged violations committed last year.

The Court had last week directed the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) to verify as to whether the rules and regulations are being followed by the foundation Mahashivratri during celebrations.

TNPCB Monday informed HC that Isha Foundation has adequate treatment facility to handle the sewage generated.

R Kannan, member secretary, TNPCB stated this in his counter affidavit filed in response to the petition filed Sivagnanan.

Kannan submitted that Isha for conducting the Foundation has provided Mahashivratri function on adequate treatment facilities Foundation has provided February 26 and 27 in light and the standard of the

Ambient Noise Level was within the prescribed by the Board. In the premises of the Isha Foundation, capacity was only 60,000. He said no complaint petition has been received from the public regarding water and noise pollution.

center has

necessary infrastructure facilities to handle solid, liquid and noise pollution Mahashivratri during function. The Isha Foundation has also followed Noise Rules,

he added. Following this, a division

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bench comprising Justices S M Subramaniam and K Rajasekar dismissed the petition filed Sivagnanan.

Gurugram police arrests 27 cyber criminals for defrauding ₹157.90 Crore **STAFF REPORTER** ■ GURUGRAM Out of 611 cases, 28 cases were and organisations to counter these frauds. "We appealed to

The cyber crimes teams of the I Gurugram police have arrested 27 including a minor cyber criminals who defrauded people in 14,633 complaints worth ₹157.90 Crore, police said on Monday. According to the police, After

reviewing the data of the 17 mobile phones and 03 SIM cards recovered from the accused by the police from the Cyber Indian Crime Coordinate Center (I4C), it was found that the accused were involved in fraud of about ₹157.90 Crore and around 14,633 complaints registered against them across India. In connection to this out of 14,633 complaints 611 were converted into cases which were registered across India.

registered against them in Haryana including 4 in Gurugram. The accused revealed before the

salutes that they used to commit fraud by creating fake IDs on Instagram and cheating people, committing fraud in the name of investment, digital arrest, KYC related fraud and task based fraud.

The investigation teams have recovered 7 mobile phones, 03 SIM cards and 02 debit cards from the possession of the accused. "The accused used to defraud people in the name of investing in the stock market, online loans and offers lucrative offers to the victims and duped them," Privanshu Diwan, ACP (south) said. He said that the Gurugram police is closely working with other agencies the public to steer clear of such dubious callers and advised caution in sharing personal details to strangers stalking them online," he added. The cyber fraudsters commit fraud by luring people with

good profits, investing in the stock market, reducing electricity bills, in the name of buying/selling cheap goods online, sextorting through video calls on WhatsApp, morphing, sending links through various means, posing as a customs officer/police officer in the name of implicating false case, in the name of issuing a No-Objection Certificate, digitally arresting people by showing the fear of implicating them in a criminal case, etc," he said.

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claimed that it was Bajwa who has made an "advance booking" to join the BIP.

claimed. The leader of the opposition in

the state assembly asserted that

in his 45 years of political

experience, he has never made

any wrong statement. "We had

"I am saying this again 32 MLAs are in touch with me. Not only MLAs, but even ministers are in

"They (AÁP MLAs) all know that this is their last term. They are looking for new parties to get tickets. I am in touch with them (32 MLAs). We will see who is to be brought in, who is likely to win the polls and who

began here on Monday.

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German election Tik Toked

As Germany votes to elect its new chancellor, far right may make substantial gains thanks to its Tik Tok campaign

nermany votes in a snap federal election, a political shake-up triggered by the collapse of the three-party coalition government at the end of last year. With 59.2 million eligible voters, this election is set to reshape the country's political landscape, potentially heralding a shift towards conservatism and a stronger far-right presence. At the forefront of the race is Friedrich Merz, the 69-year-old leader of the conservative Christian Democratic Union (CDU). Merz has emerged as the frontrunner to become Germany's next chancellor, advocating for economic stability, stricter immigration policies, and a reassertion of Germany's leadership in Europe. The far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) is poised to make historic gains, emerging as the second-largest political force. This comes at the expense of Chancellor Olaf Scholz's Social Democratic Party (SPD), which has suffered due to economic stagnation and dissatisfaction with the previous coalition government. The Green Party and the Free Democrats (FDP), both

part of the fallen coalition, have also struggled to maintain voter confidence. Meanwhile, the Left Party is fighting to remain relevant amid internal divisions and the broader shift in political sentiment.

This election is taking place at a critical juncture for Germany, with pressing domestic and international challenges shaping the national narrative. Germany, the EU's largest economy, is grappling with slow growth, rising inflation, and concerns about industrial competitiveness. Many voters are looking for a leader who can restore economic stability and drive innovation. Besides, the country has faced growing debates over migration policies, with many Germans expressing con-

cerns about integration and border security. The AfD has capitalised on this sentiment, calling for stricter immigration controls. With growing geopolitical tensions, including relations with China, Russia, and the United States, Germany's next leader will need to navigate foreign policy challenges carefully. But the biggest factor that is being analysed is why the AfD is gaining ground? Indeed, the rise of the AfD can be attributed to several factors. Firstly, economic dissatisfaction has pushed voters towards populist rhetoric, with the AfD portraying itself as the party of change. Secondly, frustration with the previous coalition's handling of immigration and energy policy has bolstered nationalist sentiments. An interesting aspect of this election has been the role played by social media, particularly TikTok. The AfD has effectively leveraged TikTok to reach younger audiences, spreading populist messages through short, engaging videos, often laced with negative content. Meanwhile, mainstream parties have struggled to counteract misinformation and viral narratives that favor the far-right. This election underscores the growing influence of digital platforms in modern politics, raising questions about regulation and the impact of algorithm-driven content on democratic processes. Whatever the outcome, it will have far-reaching implications for Germany, the EU and beyond.



A parrot perches on a 'Palas' flower, in Bastar

New VC appointment rules

undermine State autonomy

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The UGC's draft guidelines, while ostensibly aimed at ensuring uniformity in VC appointments, have opened a Pandora's box of political and constitutional concerns

he University Grants Commission's (UGC) guidelines proposing a shift in the appointment of Vice-Chancellors (VCs) have ignited a political storm. By granting Chancellors—predominantly Governors—the authority to constitute search-cum-selection committees for appointing VCs, the UGC has stirred concerns about federalism, state autonomy, and academic independence.

Adding to the controversy, noncompliance with these guidelines could disqualify state universities from UGC funding schemes, creating a direct clash between the Centre and opposition-ruled states such as Tamil Nadu, Kerala, West Bengal, Punjab, and Himachal Pradesh. This move, seen as a veiled attempt to centralise power over state universities, places the spotlight on India's federal structure and the simmering tension between state governments and Governors, especially in opposition-led states. At the core of the debate is the growing role of Governors, often viewed as proxies of the Centre, in state governance.

Historically, state governments have played a central role in appointing VCs by constituting independent search committees. However, the UGC's draft proposes a shift, granting Governors—functioning as Chancellors of state universities—control over these committees

Governors, constitutionally expected to act as neutral figures, have increasingly been accused of serving partisan interests, particularly in states like Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and West Bengal. By formalizing the Governor's role in academic appointments, the UGC guidelines risk politicising the process, potentially undermining academic independence and turning universities into ideological battlegrounds. The fears of state governments are not

In Tamil Nadu, for example, the DMK has accused the Governor of deliberately delaying VC appointments to push candidates aligned with the ruling party at In West Bengal, Chief the Centre. Similarly, Kerala has Minister Mamata Banerjee's witnessed repeated stand-offs between the Governor and the state government over academic the state's affairs, particularly in

appointments. The new guidelines only add fuel to these already volatile relationships. The UGC's draft guidelines also raise significant constitutional questions. Education, as subject under the Concurrent List, allows both the Centre and states to legislate on it. However, the Constitution also upholds federal principles, granting states substantial control over their universities.

The new guidelines, by empowering Governors to dominate the VC appointment process, are being viewed as an encroachment on states' jurisdiction. Several states may challenge these guidelines in court, arguing that they violate the federal structure enshrined in the Constitution. States like Tamil Nadu have already passed laws to curtail the Governor's powers in academic governance, reflecting a broader pushback against what they see as an overreach by the

For opposition-ruled states, where educational institutions are often viewed as bastions of intellectual and political autonomy, the UGC's guidelines have deepened fears of central overreach. The ruling dispensations in states like Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and West Bengal have expressed strong apprehensions about Governors using this newfound authority as an extension of the Centre's political influence.

government has long accused the Governor of interfering in

FARMERS DESERVE FAIR PRICES

Madam - The Union Agriculture



THE FEAR IS THAT SUCH **INTERFERENCE COULD STIFLE INTELLECTUAL** DIVERSITY, **UNIVERSITIES BECOMING VEHICLES FOR**

PROPAGATING THE CENTRAL **GOVERNMENT'S POLITICAL** AGENDA

the educational domain. The UGC guidelines could exacerbate this friction, allowing the Governor to influence appointments to academic institutions. Such moves, critics argue, undermine the intellectual independence that universities in the state have his-

In Kerala, where the Left Democratic Front (LDF) government has vociferously defended educational autonomy, the guidelines are being seen as an outright encroachment on the state's constitutional rights. The state government fears that politicised appointments could compromise the ideological neutrality and academic standards of its universities.

The DMK-led Tamil Nadu government has also repeatedly opposed the Governor's increasing interference in educational appointments. The state has even passed legislation to reduce the Governor's control over the VC selection process, only to have it stalled by the Governor. For Tamil Nadu, these new guidelines are a direct challenge to the state's efforts to safeguard its educational institutions from external political influence. Universities, as centres of

higher learning, thrive on autonomy and academic freedom. The UGC's intervention threatens to compromise these principles by potentially turning VCs into political appointees. Critics argue that such appointments could erode academic independence, with VCs prioritising political allegiance over educational excellence. In opposition-led states, this concern is particularly acute.

The fear is that such interference could stifle intellectual diversity, with universities becoming vehicles for propagating the central government's political agenda. This interference also undermines the confidence of academicians and researchers.

Scholars worry that political considerations will outweigh merit in appointments, leading to a decline in the quality of higher education. The resulting chilling effect could discourage free thought and innovation in academic insti-

The controversy over VC appointments is emblematic of a larger tussle between the Centre and states over federalism. For states like Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and West Bengal, the guidelines represent an erosion of their autonomy in managing critical domains such as education. This growing centralisation also poses questions about the role of Governors in a federal structure.

A balanced approach, one that respects state autonomy while ensuring accountability in academic governance, is the need of the hour. Without such a resolution, the guidelines risk becoming another flashpoint in the Centre-state relationship, with significant implications for India's federal structure and the future of its education system.

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Navigating differences: Lessons in collaboration from a life in leadership



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SANJAY CHANDRA

My experiences have taught me that to find common ground one must show patience, open to dialogue and accomodate perspectives different from your own

have been trying to set up a small library within my condominium complex. A lady was apprehensive about the criticism from a select few for the expenditure on this noble venture. Her sharp rejoinder that she could never stoop so low to my simple solution of inviting the critics to inaugurate the library left me seething.

In another instance, a lady unequivocally told me that she would not work with another lady in the Art and Literature Festival I am organizing within my society. I found their response irrational.I have worked in the government sector for more than 30 years out of the 35 years of an active profession-

The initial 17 years were spent in handling big teams of literate or semi-literate staff. My success depended upon their performance. I could not achieve much without the support of subordinates, peers, and superiors. I did not have the luxury of going back to my seniors to shift a person if he did not perform. I also could not go back asking for a transfer if I felt overwhelmed by the people who

had strong unions, and who would not hesitate to run me down even at the slightest hint of weakness. I was taking stock of the previous day's performance with my senior supervisor in my very first posting in a maintenance shed that had more than 1,000 staff.

A group of staff and their leaders barged into the room to air their grievances. An unruly element from the crowd threw an earthen tea cup to landed right in front of me on the table. I had to gulp down the insult to present a brave face as I thundered in the most authoritative voice I could muster that the meeting was over and I would not

discuss any further. It turned out that they were testing me and the leaders should have cleaned myself.

tried their best to be on my right side.A senior visited my shop floor during lunch hours in another posting in a production unit a few years

A place where a lot of grease was used was usually quite gloomy with layers of the sticky substance accumulating over years. The shop floor would also not be the cleanest of the places at lunchtime. Railways was an extremely hierarchical organisation with the seniors considering themselves masters at insulting the subordinates, particularly the officers, who would not retaliate in front of the staff out of a sense of propriety. This senior gentleman shouted at me that if the cleaning

staff was not available, then I

My supervisor and the staff showed more compassion as they rushed around. There were many such incidents when I felt degraded and insulted. I did not have the same options that the two young ladies wanted to exercise. To give credit to both, they are well educated, one of them having studied psy-chology in college, the other is a medical professional. I find a similar unwillingness in other younger professionals. They are rigid in their approach to daily problems and would rather not talk to a person with contrary opinions than sit down to resolve them. The attitude often spills into the personal lives also. There would always be some difficult times. There is a need to discuss and find a middle ground.

I would like to bring their attention to the famous words of Abraham Lincoln, "I do not like that man. I must get to know him better." It will take a lot of time and effort. But in the end, it will be worth it.

(The author is an electrical engineer with the Indian Railways and conducts classes in creative writing; views are personal)

Minister talking about the government working out schemes (February 23) to prevent distress sale of farm produce is welcome. India continues to be predominantly an agrarian country. It's contribution to the country's GDP was around 51 per cent at the time the country got freedom. Still, we had to depend on aids like PL480 to feed the poor. Thanks to the green revolution taken up with all by the government as well as the farming community with all sincerity the country is upgraded to food surplus status. But due to the shifting of focus from agriculture to industry, agriculture is suffering the worst, facing all sorts of odds at every level.

Though every commodity's price is fixed by the producer, it doesn't hold good for the farm produce. The government doesn't volunteer to take the ground reality into account and fix the cost, leaving it to the market dynamics. This policy has allowed the middlemen to play havoc. This reality, coupled with the apathetic moves of the government, has resulted in millions of farmers resorting to committing suicide. Many small farmers are deserting their farming activities and migrating to cities seeking daily wage jobs for their livelihood. The government is still not sensitised to address the issues but comes out with plans to monopolise farming by a few private corporations. It is good that the minister has now talked about the woes of the farmers who fail to get reasonable returns and the consumers who fail to get the benefit of the plenty. It would be a meaningful act of the government to discuss with the farmers and address their woes without attaching any political strings. Farmers are the real wealth creators and providers of food security.

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MEDIA TARGETS KIIT UNIVERSITY

Madam— After the suicide of a Nepali student at Odisha's KIIT University following an unhealthy relationship, some sections of the media are targeting the university economic and geopolitical decisions have

Virat shines as India beats Pakistan

THE EDITOR



ndia has beaten its archrival Pakistan by six wickets in their group A match of the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 at the Dubai International Cricket stadium. Virat Kohli has once again proved his supremacy against Pakistan in the ICC tournaments, delivering a scintillating unbeaten century with a memorable knock off 111 balls. The win propelled India to the top of Group A with 4 points,

to satisfy their agenda. Now, the context of justice for the deceased girl has been diverted to their own vendetta. As a result, the last couple of days have been very dramatic for the student fraternity.

Other students in KIIT who have come for higher studies from outside and their parents have been in a distributing mind state. They should not suffer from the media trial. Considering the incident, the state government formed a high-level committee to probe into it. Now it's become a political farce; every day different political outfits are staging protests in the evening in front of the main gate like a daily routine, which is ruining the academic environment on the campus. Amid all of this, we should not forget the contributions of this university to the sports and education systems of the state. Let's make a healthy environment for the other students of KIIT and have faith in the law.

Susant Pal | Bhubaneshwar TRUMP DISRUPTING WORLD ORDER

Madam — US President Donald Trump's

exit, suffering their second consecutive defeat. Kohli's knock featuring seven exquisite boundaries dismantled Pakistan's hopes as their premier pacers Shaheen Shah Afridi and Haris Rauf struggled to make an impact after Afridi dismissed Rohit Sharma (20 off 15) early with a fiery yorker. It is Kohli's 51st ODI tonne by becoming the fastest batter to reach 14000 ODI runs during his innings. With 51 centuries in ODIs and 30 in Tests, with 7 double centuries in international cricket, Kohli is regarded as one of the greatest batsmen of all time. Kohli is often referred to as the King Kohli by his fans and supporters due to his achievements and contributions to the game.

virtually securing a semifinal berth,

while Pakistan faced the threat of an early

P Victor Selvaraj | Tirunelveli

raised global concerns. His imposition of tariffs on Mexico, Canada, Brazil, and China has strained trade relations. His remarks about annexing Canada and Panama are alarming, while his characterisation of India as the highest tariff-imposing nation risks diplomatic tensions. On foreign policy, Trump's abandonment of Ukraine, despite US Democrats pushing it into conflict with Russia, has left the nation vulnerable.

His call for Palestinians to vacate Gaza and seek refuge in Egypt and Jordan adds to Middle East instability. If America alienates nations through unilateral policies, it risks losing global leadership. A hostile US stance could push China and Russia closer. No country, not even the US, can remain strong forever without allies. For America to truly remain great, Trump must adopt a more cooperative and balanced approach to international rela-

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THE HANDWRITING BLUES: A STORY OF DECLINE

Some see handwriting as a reflection of character, but it shifts, evolves and often declines beyond recognition



ome conjecture that a person's handwriting can give a glimpse into that person's character. But I am a sceptic in this regard, because, in my opinion, the handwriting of an individual is not a constant, but keeps on morphing as time goes by. A case in point is your humble friend, who has seen his handwriting deteriorate over the past few decades, till now, in my fifth decade, it is nothing more than a painstaking, almost illegible scrawl- although, with the advent of the now ubiquitous personal computer and other sundry devices, the negative impact of this deterioration has been minimised, especially in official work. Because today, when I write a note on any file with my hand, others find it rather difficult to 'decrypt'

Even filling simple financial documents like a cheque is a nightmare now, a stiff challenge, that is increasingly being left to my better half to handle, as bank people, on a few occasions, have raised doubts about the authenticity of my signature. But before the readers start commiserating about the sad and agonising state of my handwriting, I will share with them that this was not always the case. In the early years of school, I was the darling of my teachers because of my neat and clean handwriting, which made me the cynosure of my peers. Writing on four-line copies, I would get full marks in English handwriting.

The slide commenced from middle school onwards, when I shifted from writing with a pencil to writing with a ball pen, and the copy changed from one with four lines to that with two lines. But the hand was still steady, and teachers did not have any problem reading my answer sheets, as was evident from the good grades I continued to get in my exams. But I am sure, that as I entered college and the university in the mid-eighties, the good professors would have become



increasingly impatient in poring over my messy answer sheets, with scribbles galore. Throughout, my father, a diligent and thorough gentleman, with very precise and beautiful handwriting, kept counselling me to stem the rot, even as I secured a job in the public sector in 1991. He gently warned that it would adversely impact my prospects of growth in the corporate world, especially when this was the period when all office work was conducted on well-defined sheets of paper- which, in my case, were to be yellow pages

Before leaving for Bombay (as Mumbai was then called), I scoffed at Dad's gentle, but consistent reprimands. It was only when I took my first, tentative steps in the company did I realise that what Dad had been emphasising over the years was not an iota away from the truth. I faced a mild, personal nudge from some bosses on this account, but others were not so kind, and their reaction bordered on outright contempt, reprimand and disapproval. But Dad was an eternal optimist. He still harboured a strong wish to get my handwriting back on track, even at this stage, for which he purchased a book- 'Techniques to improve your handwriting'. I was back in

So, whenever I came home to Delhi for a break, he would insist that I sit with him, at least for some time, and practice on ways to improve my, by now abominable handwriting. But by this point, my mind, like that of all young men, was engrossed in finer things of life than improving my writing ability, which, I realised, was destined to be an exercise in futility. This cat-and-mouse game continued even after I got married in 1993. It was only after I became a father in 1995 did Dad finally buried his desire to improve my handwriting to a decent

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RBI should go for an 'accommodative' stance



While inflation has been steadily declining, the RBI opted to retain its 'neutral' stance, signaling a measured approach rather than give push to boost liquidity and demand



n February 7, 2025, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Sanjay Malhotra announced the decisions taken by the six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) in its sixth bi-monthly meeting of the current financial year (FY). It has reduced the policy rate or the repo rate (the interest rate at which the RBI lends to banks) by 25 basis points to 6.25 per cent. This marks the first repo rate cut in nearly five years. Moreover, it has continued with a neutral stance which it shifted in its fourth bimonthly review/announcement on October 10, 2024, from its earlier stance of "withdrawal of accommodation". In 2016, the Union Government put in place an institutionalized framework to enable the MPC to formulate monetary policy and determine the key interest rates including the policy rate for inflation targeting. It mandated the RBI to fix the policy rate in such a manner as to maintain the Consumer Price Index or CPI (it corresponds to a basket that includes food, fuel, manufactured goods, and select services) within the target range of 4 per cent (+/-2 per cent).

The RBI decides the policy rates once in two months during each FY. The mandate initially given for five years ending March 31, 2021, has since been extended for a further period of five years. The current mandate will continue till March 31, 2026. The other crucial policy instrument the RBI uses for targeting inflation is Liquidity - jargon for the quantum of credit available in the banking system. Pumping more liquidity along with a reduction in the policy rate represents a scenario which in jargon is described as an 'accommodative' policy stance. The terminology was coined by the outgoing governor Shaktikanta Das in June 2019 when he started going for aggressive cuts in the policy rate and an increase in cred-

Since June 2022 the RBI changed its stance to "withdrawal of accommodation" and had stuck to it till October 9, 2024, when in the fourth bi-monthly review, the MPC decided to go for a "neutral" stance. A



TRAJECTORY. YET, HE DOESN'T WANT TO RELINQUISH HIS

ECONOMIC CHALLENGES "PROGRESS IN GLOBAL STALLING"

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"neutral" stance connotes that the In the following year, it started RBI has vowed to keep its options flexible meaning it will neither squeeze liquidity by restricting credit availability and keeping pol-icy rates high nor go for unre-strained lending at low interest

While inflation targeting is important, it is equally necessary to dovetail the monetary policy to sustain THE the momentum of high growth. PROBLEM IS

RBI'S

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United momentum of high growth. During the second quarter of the current FY, growth in GDP plummeted to a low of 5.4 per cent down from a high of 8.1 per cent during the second Qr of FY 2023-24. For the current FY 2024-25, it is certificated. For the current FY 2024-25, it is esti-WITH mated at 6.4 percent as against 8.2 percent recorded during FY 2023-24. Seen in this backdrop and an overarching need to achieve a growth of 8 per cent on a sustained gr

RECOGNISES basis in line to make India a 'devel-THAT INFLATION oped economy' by 2047, the RBI could have given the desired push. IS ON A It could have gone for an 'accom-DOWNWARD for a significant cut in the policy rate and pumping sufficient cash into the banking system. However, it has stuck to a "neutral" stance while reducing the repo rate by a small 0.25 per cent.RBI's reluctance has to do with a mindset that was reflected in ex-Governor Das's observation NEUTRAL while announcing the first bimonthly policy of the current FY. STANCE CITING He had said "The elephant has now gone out for a walk and appears to be returning to the forest.

We would like the elephant to return to the forest and remain there on a durable basis." Put simply, he meant there was no need to start reducing interest rates until inflation reached the target of 4 per cent and stayed at that level. The incumbent DISINFLATION IS Governor has continued with this mindset. In February 2023, the policy rate was at a peak of 6.5 per cent. During FY 2022-23, the CPI inflation was hovering around 8 percent.

decreasing from 7.4 per cent in July 2023 to 5 per cent in September 2023, 4.8 per cent in October 2023 and 5.1 per cent during January/February 2024. For FY 2023-24, it was 5.4 percent. During the current FY also, it has kept low; 5.08 percent in July of 2024. After a brief spurt of 6.2 per cent in October 2024, in January 2025, it

declined to 4.3 per cent.

During FY 2024-25, the RBI has estimated it at 4.8 percent. Given the above, from the third quarter of FY 2023-24, the CPI inflation has remained well within the target range of 4 per cent (+/- 2 per cent). This position continues during the current FY. For FY 2025-26, the RBI expects it to be 4.2 per cent. Thus, there was a strong case for a significant reduction in the repo rate besides the injection of sufficient liquidity. This would have helped in stimulating demand thereby giving a boost to economic growth besides helping millions of borrowers reduce their EMIs and helping industries, especially MSMEs reduce the cost of servicing their loans. But, this was not to be.

The problem is RBI's obsession with inflation. Malhotra recognizes that inflation is on a downward trajectory. Yet, he doesn't want to relinquish his neutral stance citing global economic challenges "progress in global disinflation is stalling."
Put simply, he fears imported infla-

tion impacting CPI hence, a "neutral stance will provide MPC flexibility to respond to evolving macro-economic environment." A major factor contributing to wide variations in CPI inflation is food inflation which has a weight of around 40 per cent and is impacted predominantly by supply side/seasonal factors whereas monetary policy instruments work on the demand

tains an upward trend even as a small disruption in supply caused by seasonal factors can lead to spiralling prices.

As long as food remains a part of the CPI basket, inflation targeting will always remain a problem. There is an urgent need to exclude it while setting benchmark interest rates, an idea that was mooted by the Chief Economic Advisor in the Economic Survey (ES) for 2023-24. The CEA argued that monetary policy has no bearing on the prices of food items, which are dictated by supply-side

For instance, during 2021-22, wheat output was affected by unusually high temperatures. During 2022-23, rains accompanied by hailstorms acted as a spoiler. During the first half of FY 2023-24, food inflation went up due to a spike in the prices of vegetables caused by seasonal factors. The spurt in food prices during October 2024 also had to do with supply-side pressures only. The KBI can achieve little to con trol them by keeping the policy rate high. The RBI should take the idea

mooted in the ES - 2023-24 on board. Meanwhile, it should consider reducing the weight of food inflation in CPI to reflect the contemporary reality. The current 40 per cent weight is based on the Consumption Expenditure Survey (CES) of 2011-12 whereas Summary Statistics from the 2022-23 CES point towards a significant reduction.

While formulating its monetary policy, the RBI's prime responsibility is to ensure macro-economic stability its pivotal focus being on keeping inflation within reasonable bounds. However, it can't be oblivious of the dire need to support economic growth which could be adversely impacted if it doesn't relax the credit environment.

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M23 rebellion and Rwanda's role: The escalating crisis in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo

At the heart of this conflict lies a web of ethnic tensions, political grievances, and economic exploitation, particularly vast mineral wealth of DRC

¬he recent escalation of violence in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is a stark reminder of the region's deeprooted instability. The resurgence of the M23 rebellion, which led to the seizure of Goma and further advances into South Kivu, is not merely an internal Congolese crisis—it is a conflict with significant regional and international implications. Rwanda's involvement, whether direct or indirect, remains contentious, as accusations of its support for

M23 persist. While Kigali denies these allegations, the sophistication of M23's operations raises serious questions about its backing. At the heart of this crisis lies a complex mix of ethnic tensions, political grievances, and Democratic Forces for the them from persecution. While East African Community



economic exploitation, particularly concerning the DRC's vast mineral wealth. For years, Rwanda has been accused of providing M23 with financial and military support, a claim reinforced by multiple UN reports and statements from Western governments. Kigali, however, insists that it is acting in self-defence, citing the threat posed by the

Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR), a Hutu militia operating in eastern DRC with historical ties to the perpetrators of the 1994 Rwandan genocide. Yet, Rwanda's actions go beyond border security. The conflict's economic dimension cannot be ignored, with Rwanda being accused of profiting from the illicit exploitation of Congolese minerals, particularly coltan, a key component in electronic

The capture of Rubaya, a coltan-rich area, by M23 last year suggests that economic interests play a crucial role in shaping the rebellion's trajectory. M23 claims to be fighting for the rights of ethnic Tutsis in eastern DRC, arguing that the Congolese government has failed to protect there is historical evidence of ethnic violence against Tutsis in the region, M23's actions undermine its credibility. Rather than advocating for political rights through diplomatic means, the group has engaged in violence, forced displacement, and human rights violations. Its strategy of seizing key cities and resourcerich territories suggests an agenda extending far beyond self-defence. The DRC, backed by the inter-

national community, has dismissed M23's claims, arguing that the group is acting as a proxy for Rwanda's regional ambitions. The latest attempt by regional leaders to broker peace, with the Southern Development African Community (SADC) and the



(EAC) calling for an immediate ceasefire, reflects a growing recognition that the crisis cannot be resolved through military means alone. However, the reality on the ground tells a different story. M23 had briefly declared a ceasefire before resuming attacks, signalling that diplomatic efforts are struggling to keep up with battlefield developments.

The DRC's call for UN sanctions against Rwanda, coupled with protests in Kinshasa containment and political

where demonstrators burned portraits of President Paul Kagame, indicates a deepening rift between the two countries. With diplomatic ties severed and hostilities intensifying, the prospects for a negotiated settlement remain bleak.

A purely military solution is unlikely to yield lasting peace. The Congolese army has historically struggled to contain well-equipped rebel groups, and the presence of the UN peacekeeping mission, MONUSCO, has done little to prevent the latest wave of violence. Foreign military intervention, whether from regional forces or international actors, risks escalating the situation rather than resolving it. The most viable path forward is a combination of military

engagement. Strengthening the DRC's security forces to prevent further territorial losses is crucial, but diplomatic efforts must also address the root causes of the conflict, including ethnic grievances and economic exploitation. The global demand for coltan

and other precious resources ensures that armed groups can sustain themselves through illegal mining operations. Without stronger international regulations and accountability measures, companies sourcing minerals from conflict zones will remain complicit in financing violence. Holding both state and non-state actors accountable for their role in resource exploitation is essential for breaking the cycle of conflict. The ongoing crisis in eastern

DRC is not just about M23 or Rwanda's alleged involvement-it is part of a larger geopolitical struggle that has plagued the region for decades. Unless regional actors commit to genuine peace efforts and the international community enforces stricter measures against illegal mineral trade, the conflict will persist.

The path to stability requires addressing both security concerns and economic incentives that drive armed groups. Without meaningful action, eastern DRC will remain trapped in a cycle of violence, with its people bearing the brunt of a war that serves the interests of powerful actors far beyond its borders.

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Conservatives win German poll

Far-right party surges to second place

 $P^{rovisional\ results\ confirmed}_{that\ mainstream\ conservatives\ led\ by\ Friedrich\ Merz\ won}$ Germany's national election, while a far-right party surged to become the nation's second-

The campaign was dominated by worries about the years-long stagnation of Europe's biggest economy and pressure to curb migration, something that caused friction after Merz pushed hard in recent weeks for a tougher approach.

It took place against a background of growing uncertainty over the future of Ukraine and Europe's alliance with the United States.

The results released by the electoral authority showed Merz's Christian Democrats and the centre-left Social Democrats winning a combined majority of seats in the national legislature after small parties failed to make the electoral threshold.

That gives Merz the best chance of becoming the country's next chancellor. He said on election night that he hopes to form a government by Easter at the lat-

He has ruled out a coalition with the far-right Alternative

now the country's secondlargest party after its best showing ever.

For the time being, outgoing Chancellor Olaf Scholz, whose Social Democratic party suffered a stinging defeat, will

Mainstream parties hold majority as far-right surges Merz's conservatives won 208 seats in the 630-seat Bundestag, while the AfD won 152. The three parties in the former governing coalition lost seats, with the SDP falling to 120 seats and the Greens to 85.

The pro-business Free Democrats, which triggered early elections by pulling out of the coalition, failed to reach the 5 per cent of the vote required to win seats.

The Left party got 64 seats, while the left-wing Sahra Wagenknecht Alliance came in just under the 5 per cent hur-

The AfD was jubilant on Sunday night, with leaders vowing to become the country's main party in the next election as its appeal expands. The antiimmigrant, far-right party has established itself as a significant political force in the 12 years since it was founded, but it hasn't yet been part of any state or



Friedrich Merz

national government.

That's the result of what is often called a "firewall" against Alternative for Germany. Other parties say they won't work with the AfD, which is under observation by the domestic intelligence agency for suspected right-wing extremism, something that AfD objects to strongly. Its branches in three eastern states are designated "proven right-wing extremist" groups, which is particularly sensitive in view of Germany's Nazi past.

The election took place seven months earlier than originally planned after Scholz's unpopular coalition collapsed in November, three years into a

term that was increasingly marred by infighting. There was widespread discontent and not much enthusiasm for any of the candidates.

Merz says he's ready to face challenges from US and Russia Merz said Sunday night that his top priority is to unify Europe in the face of challenges coming from the US and Russia. Both US Vice President JD Vance and Trump ally Elon Musk openly supported the

'I have no illusions at all about what is happening from America," he told supporters. Take a look at the recent interventions in the German election campaign by Mr. Elon

He added that "the interventions from Washington were no less dramatic and drastic and

ultimately outrageous than the interventions we have seen from Moscow. So we are under such massive pressure from two sides that my absolute priority now is really to create unity in Europe".

Germany is the most populous country in the 27-nation European Union and a leading member of NATO. It has been Ukraine's second-biggest weapons supplier, after the US, and will be central to shaping the continent's response to the challenges of the coming years, including the Trump administration's confrontational foreign and trade policy.
The conservative leader said

that "the most important thing is to reestablish a viable government in Germany as quickly as possible". "I am aware of the responsibility," Merz said. "I am also aware of the scale of the task that now lies ahead of us. I approach it with the utmost respect, and I know that it will not be easy."

'The world out there isn't waiting for us, and it isn't waiting for long-drawn-out coalition talks and negotiations," he told cheering supporters.

THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF WAR WITH RUSSIA

Foreign leaders visit Ukraine in show of solidarity

dozen leaders from Europe Aand Canada visited Ukraine's capital on Monday to mark the in a show of support for Kyiv by some of the nation at war's most important backers. European Commission President Ürsula von der Leyen and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau were among the visitors greeted at the train station by Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha and the president's chief of staff Andrii Yermak.

In a post on X, von der Leyen wrote that Europe was in Kyiv "because Ukraine is in Europe". "In this fight for survival, it is not only the destiny of Ukraine that is at stake. It's Europe's destiny," she wrote.

The guests, also including European Council President Antonio Costa as well as the prime ministers of Northern European countries and Spain, were set to attend events dedicated to the anniversary and discuss supporting Ukraine with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy amid a recent ÚS policy shift under President Donald Trump.

In the latest sign of Europe's efforts to rework its strategy on Ukraine to respond to Trump's actions, Costa on Sunday announced that he would conthe 27 EU leaders in Brussels on March 6, with Ukraine at the top of the agenda.

"We are living a defining moment for Ukraine and European security," Costa said in a post on social media.

The three-year mark of the war in Ukraine came at a sensitive moment for Kyiv as Zelenskyy navigates a rapidly changing international environment upended by Trump's changes to the US approach to the war. The US leader has sought to follow through on his campaign promises to end the war quickly, though his methods for doing so have alarmed many in Ukraine and Europe who believe that his approach is too conciliatory toward Russia and its president, Vladimir Putin.

Russia's foreign ministry said Saturday that preparations for a face-to-face meeting between Trump and Putin were underway, and US officials have said that they had agreed with Moscow to reestablish diplomatic ties and restart economic cooperation. And on Sunday, Russian

Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov told the state TASS news agency that Moscow and Washington would continue bilateral talks at the end of next week, adding that "quite a lot" of contact was ongoing between

the Russian and American sides.

Leaders across the EU, fearing both that Trump's approach to Ukraine would lead to an unfavorable settlement for Kyiv and that they — among Ukraine's most important supporters — would be sidelined in negotiation for peace, have rushed to assert their own response to the rapidly shifting environment. The EU's top diplomat, Kaja Kallas, insisted on Monday that the US cannot seal any peace deal to end the war without Ukraine or Europe being involved. She highlighted what

Trump administration. "You can discuss whatever you want with Putin. But if it comes to Europe or Ukraine, then Ukraine and Europe also have to agree to this deal," Kallas told reporters in Brussels, where she is chairing a meeting of EU foreign ministers.

she claimed were pro-Russian

positions being taken up by the

Kallas travels to Washington on Tuesday for talks with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio. Asked whether the US administration is acting in the interests of Russia or Ukraine's Western backers, she said: "If you look at the messages that come from the United States, then it's clear that the Russian narrative is there very strongly

Pope facing kidney problems

Pope Francis woke up and was continuing his therapies on Monday after a quiet night, on the 10th day of his hospitalisation for a complex lung infection that has provoked the early stages of kidney insufficiency, the Vatican said.
"The night passed well, the pope slept and is resting," it said. A medical bulletin was expected later Monday

He is continuing to feed himself and is not receiving artificial or liquid nutrition, the Vatican said.

Late Sunday, doctors reported that blood tests showed "early, slight kidney insufficiency that was nevertheless under control. They said Francis, 88, remained in critical condition but that he hadn't experienced any further respiratory crises since Saturday. He was receiving high flows of supplemental oxygen and, on Sunday, was alert, responsive and attended Mass. They said his prognosis was guarded.

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Texas pipeline company's

Greenpeace of defamation, dis-

ruptions and attacks during

protests against the Dakota

Access Pipeline goes to trial in

North Dakota on Monday, in a

case the environmental advoca-

cy organisation says threatens

free speech rights and its very

The lawsuit stems from the

protests in 2016 and 2017 over

the oil pipeline's planned

Missouri River crossing,

upstream from the Standing

Rock Sioux Tribe's reservation.

The tribe has long argued that

the pipeline threatens its water

supply. Of the thousands of

people who protested the pro-

iect, hundreds were arrested.

accusing



basilica, Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he worshipped as a youth.

Greenpeace says pipeline company's lawsuit threatens organisation's future

dition is touch-and-go, given ous infection of the blood that his age, fragility and pre-existing lung disease. They have can occur as a complication of pneumonia. warned that the main threat To date there has been no ref-

Energy Transfer and its sub-

sidiary Dakota Access allege

trespass, nuisance, defamation

Netherlands-based Greenpeace

International and its American

branch, Greenpeace USA. The

lawsuit also names the group's

funding arm, Greenpeace Fund

The jury trial in state court in

Mandan, North Dakota, is

What are details of the case?

Dallas-based Energy Transfer

alleges Greenpeace tried to delay

construction of the pipeline,

defamed the companies behind

it, and coordinated trespassing,

vandalism and violence by

pipeline protesters. The lawsuit

seeks millions of dollars in dam-

ages. The Dakota Access Pipeline

scheduled to last five weeks.

other offenses by

Doctors have said Francis' confacing Francis is sepsis, a seri-

was completed and has been

transporting oil since June 2017.

Greenpeace International said it

shouldn't be named in the law-

suit because it is distinct from

the two US-based Greenpeace

entities, operates outside the

US, and its employees were

never in North Dakota or

Greenpeace USA said the plain-

tiffs have failed to back up their

claims in the years since the

protests. Earlier in February, a

judge denied motions by

Greenpeace to throw out or limit

parts of the case.
What is Greenpeace's posi-

tion?: Representatives of the

environmental organisation

founded over 50 years ago said

the company just wants to

"This trial is a critical test of the

ing from the Department of

silence oil industry critics.

involved with the protests.

erence to any onset of sepsis in the medical updates provided by the Vatican.

This hospitalisation now looks set to be Francis' longest as pope. He spent 10 days at Rome's Gemelli hospital in 2021 after he had 33 centimeters (13 inches) of his colon removed.

In New York on Sunday, Cardinal Timothy Dolan acknowledged what church leaders in Rome weren't saying publicly: that the Catholic faithful were united "at the bedside of a dying father".

"As our Holy Father Pope Francis is in very, very fragile health, and probably close to death," Dolan said in his homily from the pulpit of St. Patrick's Cathedral, though he later told reporters he hoped and prayed that Francis would "bounce

Francis' condition has revived speculation about what might happen if he becomes unconscious or otherwise incapacitated, and whether he might

future of the First Amendment

both freedom of speech and

peaceful protest, under the

Trump administration and

beyond," Greenpeace USA

Interim Executive Director

Sushma Raman told reporters.

"A bad ruling in this case could

put our rights and freedoms in

jeopardy for all of us, whether we

are journalists, protesters or

anyone who wants to engage in

public debate." Greenpeace USA

helped support "nonviolent,

direct-action training" on safe-

ty and de-escalation at the

Energy Transfer is arguing that

"anyone engaged in a training at

a protest should be held respon-

sible for the actions of every per-

son at that protest", Padmanabha

Deepa Padmanabha said.

protests, Senior Legal Adviser

mission has been deployed.

and being pummeled hard" by warmongers, a "morally bank-rupt global financial system" that favors profits over planet pro-tections, those who might exploit artificial intelligence to harm people, and leaders who seek to demonize migrants or restrict women's rights.

Human rights, he said, "are being suffocated by autocrats, crushing opposition because they fear what the truly empowered peo-ple would do," and "by voices of division and anger who view human rights not as a boon to power, profit and control they

Three weeks ago, US President Donald Trump announced a US pullout from the council, though the Biden administration had already decided the United States would not seek a seat on the 47member-country body when its latest three-year term expired at

Human rights suffocated by autocrats and warmongers, says Guterres

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UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres says human rights are being "suffocated" around the world, lashing out at voices of division and anger who see them as a barrier to their quest for power and profit. In a speech to the Human Rights

Council, Guterres decried Russia's full-scale war in Ukraine that marked its third anniversary Monday, appealed for a permanent cease-fire between Palestinian militants and Israel, and urged respect for Congo's territorial integrity, among other

things.
While reiterating many of his concerns about conflict and climate change, the UN chief said he would propose new ideas to the Security Council aimed to bring greater stability and security for the people of Haiti, where a multinational security support

Guterres depicted a world where human rights were "on the ropes

humanity, but as a barrier to the



China holds live-fire exercises in Gulf of Tonkin as Vietnam marks territorial claims

PTI BANGKOK

Chinese authorities said they began live-fire exercises in the Gulf of Tonkin on Monday, only days after Vietnam announced a new line marking what it considers its territory in the body of water between the two coun-

China's Maritime Safety

Administration said the exercises would be focused on the Beibu Gulf area, closer to the Chinese side of the Gulf of Tonkin, and would run through Thursday evening. It gave no further details, but the drills follow an announcement last week by Vietnam establishing a baseline used to calculate the width of its territorial waters in the Gulf of Tonkin.

State-run Vietnam News reported that the baseline was in compliance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and would provide "a robust legal basis for safeguarding and exercising

Vietnam's sovereignty, sovereign rights and jurisdiction". Vietnam has not publicly responded to the Chinese

China and Vietnam have long had a maritime agreement governing the Gulf of Tonkin, but have been locked in competing claims in the nearby South China Sea over the Spratly and Paracel Islands and maritime areas.

China has been been growing aggressive in pursuing those claims, and in October assaulted 10 Vietnamese fishermen near the Paracel Islands, three of whom suffered broken limbs. China claims almost the entire South China Sea as its own, though it has not publicly released exact coordinates of its claim other than a map with 10 dashed lines broadly demarcating what it calls its

In addition to Vietnam, China's claims overlap with those of the Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan, while Indonesia has also fig-

employees that "no reporting

for management.

with the Chinese coast guard and fishing fleets in the waters around the Natuna Islands. Tensions have been particularly high with the Philippines, with regular confrontations

ured in violent confrontations

between the two countries. Most recently, a Chinese navy helicopter flew within 10 feet (3 metres) of a Philippine patrol plane last week over the South China Sea, near the hotly disputed Scarborough Shoal off the northwestern

Philippines. Leaders in Australia and New Zealand also said China should have given more warning before its navy conducted an unusual series of live-fire exercises in the seas between the two countries, forcing flights on Friday and Saturday to divert on short notice. Political leaders from both countries emphasized that

China didn't breach international law, but said they had only been given "a couple hours notice" rather than the usual 12 to 24 hours.

Federal workers confront mass confusion as Musk's deadline to list accomplishments looms

PTI WASHINGTON

onfusion and chaos loom as hundreds of thousands of federal employees begin their workweek on Monday facing a deadline from President Donald Trump's costcutting chief, Elon Musk, to explain their recent accomplishments or risk losing their jobs. Musk's unusual demand has faced resistance from several key US agencies led by the president's lovalists - including the FBI, State Department, Homeland Security and the Pentagon — which instructed their employees over the weekend not to comply. Lawmakers in both parties said that Musk's mandate may be illegal, while unions are threatening to sue. Trump over the weekend called for Musk to be more aggressive in his cost-cutting crusade

the Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE, and posted a meme on social media mocking federal employees who "cried about Trump and

Musk's team sent an email to hundreds of thousands of federal employees on Saturday giving them roughly 48 hours to report five specific things they had accomplished last week. In a separate message on X, Musk said any employee who failed to respond by the deadline — set in the email as 11:59 p.m. EST Monday —

would lose their job. Mass confusion followed on the eve of the deadline as some agencies resisted the order. others encouraged their workers to comply, and still others offered conflicting guidance. One message on Sunday morn-

Health and Human Services, led by Robert F. Kennedy Jr., instructed its roughly 80,000 employees to comply. That was shortly after the acting general counsel, Sean Keveney, had instructed some not to. And by Sunday evening, agency leadership issued new instructions that employees should "pause activities" related to the request until noon on Monday.

"I'll be candid with you. Having put in over 70 hours of work week advancing Administration's priorities, I was personally insulted to receive the below email," Keveney said in an email viewed by The Associated Press that acknowledged a broad sense of "uncertainty and stress" within the agency. Keveney laid out security con-

cerns and pointed out some of

the work done by the agency's employees may be protected by attorney-client privilege: "I have received no assurances that there are appropriate protections in place to safeguard responses to this email. Democrats and even some

Republicans, including Sen. John Curtis, R-Utah, were critical of Musk's ultimatum. "If I could say one thing to Elon Musk, it's like, please put a dose of compassion in this," Curtis,

whose state has 33,000 federal employees, said on CBS' "Face the Nation." "These are real people. These are real lives. These are mortgages. ... It's a false narrative to say we have to cut and you have to be cruel to do it as well.

Newly confirmed FBI Director Kash Patel, an outspoken Trump ally, instructed employees to ignore Musk's request, at

The FBI, through the Office of the Director, is in charge of all of our review processes, and will conduct reviews in accordance with FBI procedures," Patel wrote in an email confirmed by the AP. "When and if further information is required, we will coordinate the responses. For now, please pause any responses.

Ed Martin, interim US attorney for the District of Columbia, sent his staff a message Sunday that may have caused more confusion

"Let me clarify: We will comply with this OPM request whether by replying or deciding not to reply," Martin wrote in the email obtained by the AP, referring to the Office of Personnel Management.

"Please make a good faith The Homeland Security effort to reply and list your Department, meanwhile, told

activities (or not, as you prefer), and I will, as I mentioned, have your back regarding any confusion," Martin continued. "We can do this." Officials at the Departments of State, Defense and Homeland Security were more consistent.

Tibor Nagy, acting undersecretary of state for management, told employees in an email that department leadership would respond on behalf of workers. "No employee is obligated to report their activities outside of their Department chain of command," Nagy wrote in an email. Pentagon leadership instructed employees to "pause" any response to Musk's team, according to an email from Jules Hurst, the deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. The Homeland Security

ber of people who are supposed

action from you is needed at this time" and that agency managers would respond, according to an email from RD Alles, deputy undersecretary Thousands of government

employees have already been forced out of the federal workforce — either by being fired or through a "deferred resignation? offer — during the first month of Trump's second term. There is no official figure available for the total firings or layoffs so far, but the AP has tallied hundreds of thousands of workers who are being affected. Many work outside of Washington.

Musk on Sunday called his latest request "a very basic pulse check". "The reason this matters is that a significant num-

ment are doing so little work that they are not checking their email at all!" Musk wrote on X. "In some cases, we believe non-existent people or the identities of dead people are being used to collect paychecks. In other words, there is outright fraud." He has provided no evidence of

to be working for the govern

such fraud. Separately, Musk and Trump have falsely claimed in recent days that tens of millions of dead people over 100 years old are receiving Social Security payments. Meanwhile, thousands of other

employees are preparing to leave the federal workforce this coming week, including probationary civilian workers at the Pentagon and all but a fraction of US Agency for International Development staffers through cuts or leave.

Trump's abrupt change of US policy on Ukraine raises questions about Taiwan support

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US President Dom.
Trump's abrupt reversal of three years of American policy toward Ukraine has raised concerns China might become emboldened to push its territorial claim on Taiwan, though experts say Beijing is most likely in a wait-and-see mode right now to see how the situation in Europe plays out.

In the past two weeks, Trump has falsely claimed Ukraine "should have never started the war," said Ukraine "may be Russian someday" and ques-tioned the legitimacy of President Volodmyr

Zelenskyy's government, while upending the longstanding American position of isolating Russia over its aggression by beginning direct talks with Moscow and voicing positions

sounding remarkably like the Before heading to Washington

for talks with Trump on Monday, French President Emmanuel Macron said he would emphasize "you can't be weak in the face of President

"It's not you, it's not your trademark, it's not in your interest," Macron said he would tell Trump. "How can you, then, be credible in the face of China if you're weak in the face of Putin?"

What does Ukraine have to do with Taiwan? Like Moscow's claim Ukraine is rightfully Russian territory, China claims the self-governing island of Taiwan as its own. Chinese President Xi Jinping has not ruled out taking it by force. Trump on Friday appeared to walk back his earlier com-

ments inaccurately blaming Ukraine for starting the war, but his administration's overall abrupt shift in policy on the conflict could cause some in Taiwan to question "whether the United States could pull the rug out from underneath them as well," said Russell Hsiao, executive director of the Global

Washington. Still, while Beijing is certainly paying close attention to Trump's comments, it is unlikely to act in haste, he said.

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"I don't think Xi Jinping will be so brash as to roll the iron die on the conclusion that just because Trump acted in a certain way concerning Ukraine he would do the same over Taiwan," Hsiao said. "Trump is too unpredictable?

Trump administration has shifting positions on Taiwan:

Trump was quite popular in Taiwan when he left office in 2021 and was widely credited with bringing the US and the democratically governed island closer together.

By American law, the US is obligated to supply Taiwan with sufficient hardware and technology to fend off invasion from the mainland, but maintains a policy of "strategic ambiguity" on whether it would come to Taiwan's defense. Recently, Trump has been more critical of Taiwan, saying it should pay the US for its military defence. On several occasions, he also has accused Taiwan of taking computer chip manufacturing business away from the US and suggested earlier this month he might impose tariffs on semiconductors.

At the same time, Trump has

appointed many China hawks in his administration, including in top-level positions such as Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth.

After meeting NATO allies in Brussels earlier this month, Hegseth stressed that if the US were to pull back support from Ukraine, it would be to concentrate on the Asia-Pacific region and leave European defense primarily to Europeans.

The deterrent effect in the Pacific is one that really can only be led by the United States," Hegseth said.

A few days later, Rubio issued a joint statement with his counterparts from Japan and South Korea after they met on the sidelines of a security conference in Munich, stressing the "importance of maintaining peace and stability across the

Taiwan Strait as an indispensable element of security and prosperity for the international community." In a move that irked Beijing, the State Department also removed a line on American opposition to independence for Taiwan in a revised U.S. government fact sheet on the island.

Comments seem likely to give Beijing pause: "If I were Beijing, I would be paying the most attention to what Hegseth said about why the U.S. is changing its support to Ukraine," said Meia Nouwens, senior fellow for Chinese security and defense policy at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. Hegseth said this is about the Indo-Pacific, that the US has priorities elsewhere, and I don't think, from Beijing's perspective, that would have been

comforting," Nouwens said. The shift on Ukraine will give China the opportunity to push a message that the US is an unreliable partner, she said, but it was unlikely Beijing would read Washington's seeming willingness to concede Ukrainian territory as it being somehow open to Taiwan falling into Chinese hands.

"The broader trend lines of each country, of the US and China, looking forward aren't necessarily changing," Nouwens said. "Neither wants to give up any space, both want to continue on a trajectory that increases their national strength."

It is worth noting that in the early months of Trump's first term, there were concerns his administration might be moving too close to China, but he actually took a much tougher

Police raid PTI leaders' homes,

offices, arrest dozens in Pakistan

him, said Euan Graham, a senior defense analyst with the Australian Strategic Policy Institute.

approach than some before

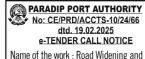
Graham said that while all American allies "should be concerned by the Trump administration's abandonment of Ukraine and willingness to deal with Putin," it would be "simplistic" to assume a simi-

lar arrangement would apply to the China-Taiwan situation. "It's more likely that the US administration is attempting, misguidedly, to get Ukraine out of the way by making it a European problem, in order to face China from a relatively stronger position," Graham said. "I think it's a dangerous approach, because of the appalling precedent it sets. But it's unlikely to be repeated with

Trump meets Macron amidst uncertainty over US ties with Europe, Ukraine

President Donald Trump welcomed French President Emmanuel Macron to the White House for talks on Monday at a moment of deep uncertainty about the future of transatlantic relations, with Trump transforming American foreign poli cy and effectively tuning out European leadership as he looks to quickly end Russia's war in Ukraine. The two leaders were starting their day by taking part in a virtual meeting with fellow leaders of the Group of Seven economies to discuss the war. Trump also has made demands

for territory — Greenland Canada, Gaza and the Panama Canal — as well as precious rare earth minerals from Ukraine. Just over a month into his second term, the "America First" president has cast an enormous shadow over what veteran US diplomats and former government officials had regarded as America's calming presence of global stability and continuity. Despite some notable hiccups the military, economic and moral power of the United States has dominated the post-World War II era, most notably after the Cold War came to an end with the collapse of the Soviet Union. All of that, some fear, may be lost if Trump gets his way and the US abandons the principles under which the United Nations and numerous other international bodies were founded.



Restoration/Repair of Divider from Gate No.2 to BOT Substation Square. Estimated Cost: Rs.4,24,97,225.82. Last Date & time of submission dt.11/03/2025 up to 17:00 Hrs. Refer our Website for details

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Sd/- E.E. PRD. PPA PPA/PR/64/2024-2025 dtd.24.02.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform to the public at large that Mrs. Babita Gautam who is purchasing the Residential Property area measuring 270 sq.yds., Khasra No.505/9/5. Village Chhajarsi, Nolda, Pargana and Tehsil Dadri, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. from Mr. Nitin Yadav & Mrs. Sarla Devi who were became owners after the Death of Mr. Jagsen Yadav was owner through Sale Deed dated 02-08-2023 (Doc. No.5542) and same to be financed & mortgaged by Fedbank Financial Services Limited. That, (1) Original Sale Deed dated 01-11-2008 (Doc. No.3712) in favour of Mr. Sunil Kumar, (2) Original Sale Deed dated 02-09-2016 in favour of Mr. Dinesh Kumar and Mr. Rajeev, (3) Original Sale Deed dated 02-07-2021 (Doc. No.3033) in favour of Mrs. Prema Devi, (5) Original Gift Deed dated 06-08-2022 (Doc. No.5041) in favour of Mr. Vipin, (6) Original Correction Deed in favour of Mr. Vipin, (6) Original Correction Deed in favour of Mr. Vipin, (8) Original Correction Deed in favour of Mr. Vipin, (8) Original Correction Deed in favour of Mr. Vipin, (8) Original Correction Deed in favour of Mr. Vipin, (8) Original Correction Deed in favour of Mr. Vipin, (8) Original Correction Deed in favour of Mr. Vipin, (8) Original Correction Deed in favour of Mr. Vipin, (8) Original Correction Self-Mr. Vipin, (8) Original Correction Deed in favour of Mr. Vipin, (8) Original Correction Self-Mr. Vipin, (8) Original Correction Deed in favour of Mr. Vipin, (8) Original Correction Self-Mr. Vipin, (8) Original Correction Se Encumbrances, lien etc. Lucem Legal LL B-93B, Second Floor, Opp. SBI Ban Sector 2,Noida,UP-201301Contact#0120-426937

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to general public at large that my client Avis Bank Limited, having one of its Branch at Floor, Himalaya House, K. G. Marg, New Delhi - 110001 intends to grant Loan facility to Sh. Vinay Kanodia against security of Flat(s) Bearing No. 7A (Bassement & Ground Flor), & A. (First Floor), & 9A. (Second floor), (harelanter referred to as the "Said Property"), constructed on Block A.-3, having an area of 900 square yards (hereinafter referred to as the "Said Property"), constructed on Block A.-3, having an area of 900 square yards (hereinafter referred to as the "Said Property") of the property of the standard of the southern side, having a total area of 2420 square yards, therenafter referred to as the "Entire Property") of the total land measuring 5504 square yards, bearing Property/Pilot No. 9, situated at Rai Narain Road, Civil Lines, Delhi-110034 (hereinafter referred to as the "Schedule Property") als Anand Raj Bahadur (7A). Sio Late Sh. Rajesh Bahadur pi Ms. Indira Bahadur (8A) Dio Late Sh. Rajesh Bahadur and wife of Sh. Anil Wats vere the Joint Owner(s) of the Said Portion(s) by virtue of Partition Deed Dated 07:09.2011 duly registered as Document No. 11033. Now the respective owner(s) intend to sell their respective Said Portion(s) to Proposed Borrower(s) i.e. Sh. Vinay Kanodia. Any person(s) hashave any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to right, title or interest in the said property/portion in any manner whatsoever, must immediately contact the undersigned in writing along with all supporting documents in respect of their claim(s) with respect to right, title or interest in the said property/portion in any manner whatsoever, must immediately contact the undersigned in writing along with all supporting documents in respect of their claim(s) with respect to right, title or interest in the Said Proporty on the date of publication of their olient publication of their interest to the said property and even is someone has any claimfoldy-to-claim, he/she/hey even if someone has any claim/objection, he/she/the

Himanshu Ahuja (Advocate) Contact No.: 9810310373, 011-41830045 E-mail Address: alolegals@gmail.com

Chinese aggression brings Japan, Philippines closer

Tapan and the Philippines agreed on Monday to further deepen their defense collaboration and talk about protecting shared military information in the face of mutual alarm over China's increasing aggressive actions in the region.

Japanese Defence Minister Gen Nakatani and his Philippine counterpart, Gilberto Teodoro, forged the agreements in a meeting in Manila where their concern over China's actions in the disputed South China Sea and East China Sea was high in the agenda. Japan and the Philippines are treaty allies of the United States, and the three have been among the most vocal critics of China's assertive actions in the region, including in the contested waters.

At the opening of his meeting with Nakatani, Teodoro said the Philippines was looking forward to boosting defense relations with Japan "against unilateral attempts by China and other countries to change the international order and the

Nakatani said after the meeting that he agreed with Teodoro "to strengthen operational cooperation", including joint and multinational defense trainings, port calls and informa-

PUBLIC NOTICE

I-HI/NCR to this effect has lodged in P. S. Crim Branch, Delhi vide LR No. 2612548/2025, Date -24-02-2025. Any person(s) claiming any righ interest, having any objection or found i possession of original documents, may write contact with above named person at abov address/phone No.9958187166 within 15day address/phone No.9958187166 within 15day from the date of publication of this notice. An person claiming any right, interest, or havin any objections with respect to this propert can also personally inform/contact me.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Mi Aashiya D/o Mr. Shahzad Ahmed is the owner residential Built-up Second Floor, (Without rorights), Built on bearing Property No. P-186, an measuring 80 Sq. Yards. i. 66.88 Sq. Mrts., out Khasra No. 561, situated at village of Chandraw Alias Shahdara, Gali No. 10, Bihari Colony Illas Shahdara Delhi-110032, by virtue of Relinquishme Deed dated 90 N8. 2023, as Doc. No. 7979, executed I (1) Mr. Shahzad Ahmad, (2) Mr. Adhan & (3) Mr. Shahzad Ahmad, (2) Mr. Shahzad Ahmad, (2) Mr. Shahzad Ahmad, (2) Mr. Adhan & (3) Mr. Shahzad Ahmad, (2) Mr. Shahzad Ahmad, (2) Mr. Shahzad Ahmad, (2) Mr. Shahzad Ahmad, (2) Mr. Shahzad Ahmad, (3) Mr. Shahzad A

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"We also agreed to commence discussion between defense authorities on military information protection mechanism," Nakatani said.

The Philippines signed an agreement with the United States, its longtime treaty ally, last year to better secure the exchange of highly confidential military intelligence and technology in key weapons to allow the sale of such weaponry by the US to the Philippines. Then-Defence Secretary Lloyd

Austin and Teodoro signed the legally binding General Security of Military Information Agreement in Manila at a time when the US and the Philippines were boosting their defense and military engagements, including large-scale joint combat drills, largely in response to China's increasingly aggressive actions in Asia. Nakatani said that he and Teodoro "firmly concurred that the security environment surrounding us is becoming increasingly severe and that it is necessary for the two countries as strategic partners to further enhance defence cooperation and collaboration in order to maintain peace and stability in Indo-Pacific".

Japan has had a longstanding territorial dispute with China

Sh. Dinesh Kumar, resident of 578, Sector-15, Part-1, Gurugram do hereby solemnly

election of Member from Ward

No. 13 of the Municipal

Corporation Gurugram as a

2. That I hereby declare that, at

the time of filing of the

nomination form, a criminal case

bearing FIR. No. 0288/2017,

(Ch11895).

THE KANGRA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

Phone: 011-25611042, 25611043, 2561104

APPENDIX IV

[See rule 8(1)]

POSSESSION NOTICE

(For immovable property)

undersigned being the Authorised officer of "The Kangra Co-operative Bank Ltd.", Head office

at, C-29, Community Centre, Pankha Road, Janak Puri, New Delhi - 110058; having its registered

exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule [3] of The Security Interes

the borrower & Mortgagor namely Smt. Sangeeta Gupta Wlo. Sh.Raj Kumar Gupta Rlo. 1365

Ground Floor, Gall No.8, Govind Puri, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019, and Smt. Sangeeta Gupta W/o. Sh. Raj Kumar Gupta, C/o. M/s Laxmi General Store, 1314, Ground Floor, Gali No.10,

Govind Puri, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.7,74,265-(Roupees Seven Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Two Hundred Soxty Five Only), together

with further interest, penal interest and other charges as are applicable to this Loan account from time to time, from the date of the notice till the date of payment, with in 60 days from the date of receipt of the

The above mentioned borrower & mortgagor having falled to repay the amount, notice is hereby giv to the borrower & mortgagor and the public in general that the Bank has taken Symbolic possession

the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (4) of section 13 of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security

terest Act, 2002, read with rule [8] of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on this

The borrower & mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal

with the mortgaged property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of "The Kangra Co-operative Bank Ltd.", for an amount of Rs. 7,74,265!- together with further interest, penal interest and other charges as are applicable to this Loan account from time to time.

rom the date of notice till the date of realization together with all the costs incurred by the Bank is

The borrower & mortgagor attention is also been invited towards provisions of Sub-Section (8) of

Section 13 of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, in respect of time available, to redeem the below mentioned mortgaged

The property under All that part and parcel of the SHOP NO.1, ON GROUND FLOOR consideration is Built-UP (WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS) AREA MEASURING 19 SQ. YDS.

Shop at Ground Floor (15.884 SQ, METERS) OF PROPERTY NO.1314-B, GALI NO. 13.

(without roof rights) area OUT OF KHASRA NO.93, SITUATED AT GOVINDPURI, measuring 19 sq. Yds. KALKAJI, NEW DELHI-110019, Falling under the Registration of

AUTHORISED OFFICER

THE KANGRA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

HEAD OFFICE AT, C-29, COMMUNITY CENTRE

PANKHA ROAD, JANAKPURI, NEW DELHI-58.

Sub-Registrar-V, Delhi.

forcement) Rules, 2002, the Bank had issued a demand notice on dated: 01-08-2024, c

candidate set up as Independent.

affirm and declare as under: 1. That I am contesting over islands in the East China Sea. Chinese and Philippine coast guard and navy ships, meanwhile, have been involved in a series of increasingly hostile confrontations in the South China Sea in the last two years. Also high in the agenda of Nakatani and Teodoro, a copy of which was seen by The Associated Press, was the "expansion of bilateral cooperation, especially in the context of the Reciprocal Access Agreement".

Last year, Japan and the Philippines signed the agreement allowing the deployment of Japanese and Philippine forces for joint military and combat drills in each other's territory. The Philippine Senate has ratified the agreement, and its expected ratification by Japan's legislature would allow the agreement to take effect. The agreement with the Philippines, which includes live-fire drills, is the first to be

forged by Japan in Asia. Japan signed similar accords with Australia in 2022 and with Britain in 2023. Japan has taken steps to boost its security and defensive fire-

power, including a counter-strike capability that breaks from the country's postwar principle of focusing only on

En. No. D/2944/2009 Advocate
DELHI HIGH COURT Ch. No. G-220, Karkerdooma Court
Delhi-110032, Mob. 9811521298

Public Notice

The Uttar Bharat G.E.CO-OP Group Housing Society Ltd.Plot No.361,B-Block Basement, Near Ambrahi Village, Sec-19 Dwarka, New Delhi 110075 n pursuance of Rule 19(2) of the DCS Rules, 2007

registered at Police Station Civil applications are invited from the general public of Delhi s to comply the conditions laid down in Rules 19 and 0 of the DCS Rules, 2007, for filling up Five vacancies Lines. Sector-15, Part-2, Opp. Galaxy, Gurguram under Section n The Uttar Bharat G.E. Co-operative Group Housing 279, 336, 337 & 338 of the Society Ltd.(Regd No.973(GH), Regd Office. Plot No. 361,B-Block,Basement,Near Ambrahi Village,Sector-19 Dwarka, New Delhi-110075), which have arisen due to Indian Penal Code 1860 is under trial adjudication against me the resignation of members, interested person car before the Hon'ble Court of Ms. collect the application form in person only from the above-mentioned society office on 25-02-2025 between 10.00 AM and 3.00 P.M. upon payment of Rs.500/- in Anshuman, Judicial Megistrate, 1 Class, Gurugram, vide case No. HRGR 030261232017 Cash. The application form and accompanying documents must be completed in all respects and submitted along with an amount of Rs.20,12,110/-(Rupees Twenty lakh twelve thousand one hundred ten only) through a Bank Demand Draft(DD) or Pay order (PO) in favour of "The Uttar Bharat Govt. Employees Co-op Group Housing Society Limited" This amount noludes share money, land money, admission fee, and Land money interest. The last date for submission of the completed application form, required documents, and DD/PO is 4-3-2025 between 11.00 AM & 2.00 PM. If the number of applications exceeds the number of vacancies, a draw of lots will be conducted under the supervision of the Registrar, Cooperative societies, Government of NCT of Delhi, Old Court Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001. Applicants will be nformed of the draw details in due course. The Bank DD/PO of unsuccessful applicants can be collected from the society office one week after the draw of lots. office at 1916. Chuna Mandi, Pahar Ganj, New Dethi-110055, under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. [54 of 2002] and from the society office one week after the draw of lots.

Sd/- Secretary-Uttar Bharat G.E. CGHS Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large is hereby notified / inform on behalf of my client Shri Saied Ahmed Age 69 years S/o Late Shri Azimullah R/o E-419 First Floor, Jaitpur Extension Part-2, Badarpu South Delhi, Delhi-110044 that my client d nereby disown and disinherit his two so daughters-in-law and daughter namely (i) Sh nwar, daughter-in-law Smt. Anium Saifi bot R/o of E-419, Third Floor, Jaitpur Extension Part 2, Badarpur, South Delhi, Delhi-110044; (ii) Shr Akbar Khan, daughter-in-law Smt. Imrana Saif both R/o of E-419, Second Floor, Jaitpu Extension Part-2, Badarpur, South Delhi, Delhi 110044 and (iii) Smt. Parveen alias Ruksana W/o Shri Sageer both R/o Sangam Vihar nea Asthal Mandir, South Delhi-110062 including a their legal heirs/successors etc. for the continued misconduct, misbehaviou harassment, humiliation and misdeeds toward my client. These persons, their lega heirs/successors etc. shall not inherit any o movable and immovable properties of my clien nor be entitled to any share in novable/immovable properties or any othe assets etc. of my client in any manne whatsoever and they shall further not be entitled to the probate of any will of my client. To put t notice one and all that my client has n concerns either with them or their lega heirs/successors etc. in any manner. Any person dealing or transacting with the aforesaid ersons in any respect concerning my client of his properties and assets etc. shall be doing : his or her own risk, cost and peril and th

general public kindly take note thereof. Dushyant Dahiya (Advocate) Office:-407, Visha Bhawan, 95 Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019

Blast outside Russian Consulate in Marseille

n incendiary device explod-An incendiary device explou-ed outside the Russian Consulate in Marseille early Monday, authorities said, on the third anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. No injuries were reported.

A second device that was thrown but did not explode, and a bomb disposal expert was called to the

The suspect fled and an investigation has been launched, an official said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to be publicly named by national police policy. Authorities did not provide details on the suspect or a motive. Marseille, France's second-largest city and a major Mediterranean port, is home to a diverse population but does not have a notably large Russian community.

dozen PTI activists, including Murree District General $P^{\text{olice in Punjab province of}}_{\text{Pakistan raided offices and}}$ Secretary Safdar Zaman Satti, were arrested.

residences of Pakistan Tehreek-'This is a blatant example of e-Insaf (PTI) leaders and political victimisation and arrested a dozen activists as the injustice. Our only crime is our party announced the resumplove for Imran Khan. We tion of political activities, it said on Monday. The Punjab police rounded up over a dozen PTI strongly condemn the illegal arrest and ransacking of the houses and offices of party activists for making arrangements for holding workers activists and leaders," he said. Basra and PTI's Puniab Chief Organiser Aliya Hamza shared several videos on social media conventions in Rawalpindi and other districts of the province, senior PTI leader from Punjab in which police high-handed-Shaukat Basra said. ness is visible.

The sanctity of the homes of Hamza said the Punjab govern-PTI lawmakers has been violatment was only busy running a ed by those who stormed and massive advertising campaign vandalised them. The fascist to propagate its fake and regime functionaries justify fudged figures of growth in the their action by saying they are economy. doing so on the army's order,"

She said the military-backed

unleashed a reign of terror on the masses.

This fascist regime has stooped too low by picking up a young college girl through male policemen in Punjab for sharing a post against Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz on social media," she said.

PTI spokesperson Sheikh Waqqas Akram said: "The puppet regime has systematically trampled the rule of law, eradicated constitutional supremacy, paralysed the judiciary, ruined the economy, and unleashed a reign of terror to ensure its authoritarian grip on

power". PTI supremo and former prime minister Imran Khan has been in jail since August 2023. He has announced a countrywide protest movement after Eid in

To help revive Syria's economy, EU eases sanctions

The European Comment Monday began easing ener-The European Union on gy and transport sanctions and banking restrictions against Syria, aiming to help breathe life into the conflict-torn coun-

try's economy if its new leaders work toward a peaceful

Basra said. Basra said over a

The EU started to impose asset freezes and travel bans on Syrian officials, banks, agencies and other organisations in

2011, in response to then-President Bashar Assad's crackdown on protesters, which festered into a civil war.

But after Assad was toppled in a lightning rebel offensive in December, Hayat Tahrir al-

Sham (HTS), the main former rebel group now in control of Syria, set up an interim administration, saying that a new government would be formed through an inclusive process by



CHANGE OF NAME

I, Nongmaithem Romi Devi, D/o Nongmaithem Koireng Singh R/o Wangjing Khunou Awang Leikai, P.O. Chairel, P.S. Wangoo, District Kakching, Manipur hereby declare that Nongmaithem Romi Devi and Nongmeithem Romi Devi are one and the same person.

PD(1573)C No.14656025M Hav Bhattacharjee, Sandeep Serving at- 71 ENGR REGT (LRW) PIN- 914071, C/O 56 APO, inform that in my service records my Wife's name is wrongly mentioned as Haimantee. Her correct name is Haimantee Bhattacharjee which may be amended accordingly. PD(1574)C

I, No.3198805H Hav Ram Ashish Yadav, R/o- Vill-Dhuriya, PO- Ahraura, Dist-Mirzapur, U.P.- 231301, have changed my daughter's name from Sandhya Kumari to Sandhya Yadav, vide affidavit dated 24/02/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1575)C I, Anju Binu D/o- JC-304169L Sub Maj Binu Gopal, R/o-Kottarathil Ezhanthala, Thekkuthode (PO), Thannithode, Pathanamthitta (DT), Kerala -689699, have changed my name from Anju Binu to Anjali Binu, vide affidavit dated 24/02/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1576)C Vitthal, Father of-No.14848522L Hav Parkhe Vijay Vitthal, R/o- Vill-Raygavhan, Post-Dhawalgaon, Teh- Shrigonda, Dist-Ahmadnagar, Maharashtra- 413702, have changed my name from Vitthal to Vitthal Baba Parkhe, affidavit vide dated 24/02/2025 before Notary

Public Delhi.

PD(1577)C

I, Babai Parkhe, Mother of-No.14848522L Hav Parkhe Vijav Vitthal, R/o- Vill- Raygavhan, Post- Dhawalgaon, Teh-Shrigonda, Dist- Ahmadnagar, Maharashtra- 413702, have changed my name from Babai Parkhe to Babai Vitthal Parkhe, vide affidavit dated 24/02/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1578)C I, MR-09130K LT COL J P

Dharmanna Gurukrupa Niwas, Pansare Nagar, Ram Galli, Near Pansare School, Dharmabad, Maharashtra-431809, have changed my name from J P Dharmanna to Prashant Dharmanna Jindamwar, vide affidavit dated 24/02/2025 before Notary Public Delhi

PD(1579)C I, No.3198805H Hav Ram Ashish Yadav, R/o- Vill-Dhuriya, PO- Ahraura, Dist-Mirzapur, U.P.- 231301, have changed my son's name from Prince Kumar to Prince Yadav, vide affidavit dated 24/02/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1580)C I, No.3198805H Hav Ram Ashish Yadav, R/o- Vill-Dhuriya, PO- Ahraura, Dist-Mirzapur, U.P.- 231301, have changed my son's name from Shubham to Shubham Yadav, vide affidavit dated 24/02/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1581)C

against the financial assistance from Shubham Housing Development Finance Compani, Limited Surviving Member Certificate of Mr. Surya Narayan Bhattacharya are not available with Seller i.e. Mr. Bijoy Bhattacharya 5/0 Mr. Surya Bhattacharya To comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public action that far an executed by having any objection notice that if any person(s) having any objection regarding ownership and/ or creating mortgage of the said property is/are hereby requested to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 0

days at below address.
NCR LAW ASSOCIATES Advocate & Consultants
Mob. Nos. 9999721152/ 9999826427

available of Original Sale Deed Variety of 19.12.2010, (Document Number 27353), executed by Mr. Fijal S/o Mr. Alias Though Attorney Mr. Onkar S/o Mr. Kewal in favour of Mohd Iqbal S/o Mr. Nabbi Bakas with our client in respect of the said property and our client Intend to mortgage the above mentioned property against the financial assistance from Hero Housing Finance Ltd. Any, person having any type of assistance from here moustly riliaritie Lic Any person having any type o claim/right/title/interest over the sai property is/are may inform undersigne within 10 days at below mentioned address NCR LAW ASSOCIATES Advocate & Consultants Mob. Nos. 9999721152/ 9999826427

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

M/s Signatureglobal (India) Limited has been granted Environmental Clearance for Industrial Plotted Colony at Village Shidrawali, Tehsil Manesar, District-Gurugram, Haryana vide letter EC Identification No. SEAC/HR/2024/266 dated 19.02.2025. The copy of clearance along with the conditions to be complied with is available at office of the Haryana State Pollution Control Board on the website of the MOEF&CC at http://parivesh.nic.in and at registered office of the company at 13th Floor, Dr. Gopal Dass Bhawan, 28 Barakhamba Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi, 110001 and also on website of the company at www.signatureglobal.in.

Authorised Signatory For Signatureglobal (India) Limited CIN: L70100DL2000PLC104787 Address: 13th Floor, Dr. Gopal Das Bhawan, 28 Barakhamba Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001

M/s Signatureglobal Business Park Private Limited has been granted Environmental Clearance for Industrial Plotted Colony Project at Village-Bhondsi, Ghamroj and Mahendwara, Tehsil- Sohna, District- Gurugram, Haryana vide EC identification no. SEAC/HR/2024/191 dated 17.02.2025. The copy of clearance along with the conditions to be complied is available at office of the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, Haryana and on the website of the MOEF&CC at http://parivesh.nic.in. Also available at the registered office of the company at 13th floor, Dr. Gopal Dass Bhawan, 28, Barakhamba Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi and also on website of the company at www.signatureglobal.in

Authorised Signatory For Signatureglobal Business Park Private Limited CIN: U70109DL2019PTC346164 Address: 13th Floor, Dr. Gonal Das Bhawan 28 Barakhamba Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001

Form No. INC-19 Notice

[Pursuant to rule 22 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014] . Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (4)(ii) of section 8 of the Cor

Act, 2013, an application has been made by Cancare Foundation (CIN U85100DL2009NPL187598) to the Registrar of Companies, Delhi, for revocation of the license issued to it under section 8(5) of the Companies Act, 2013 (formerly Section 25(1)(a) of the Companies Act. 1956). Upon the cancellation of the license, the company will be required to add the word "Private Limited" to its name in place of "Foundation" Following the conversion the company intends to apply for striking off from the Registrar of Companies.

provisions of Section 8(4)(ii) of the Companies Act, 2013, shall be as follows: To carry out any activities necessary for fulfilling the legal requirements to complete the

conversion and subsequent striking off process as per the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013. striking off the company from the Register of Companies.

 To discharge any outstanding liabilities or obligations of the company, including but not limited to debts, dues, and contractual obligations, ensuring the company is compliant with all regulatory and legal requirements.

To transfer or liquidate assets in accordance with the rules set forth by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs for companies undergoing the striking-off process.

To ensure compliance with all requirements set forth by the Registrar of Companies

. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of the proposed company may be seen at the stered office of the company at **D-21**, **Tandon Road**, **Adarsh Nagar**, **Delhi-110033**, **India**.

Notice is hereby given that any person, firm, company, corporation, or body corporate objecting to this application may communicate such objection to the Registrar at Delhi within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice by a letter addressed to: The Registrar of Companies, Delhi & Haryana, Address: 4th Floor, IFCI Tower,61, Nehru Place,New Delhi - 110019, India. A copy of the objection must also be forwarded to the applicant at the registered

> Sanjay Gupta DIN: 00094635

Date: 24th Feb. 2025

Principal objects of the company after the revocation of the license, in accordance with the

ensuring the company's records are cleared and all formalities are completed to initiate the striking-off process under section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013.

office address: D - 21, Tandon Road, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi - 110033, India.

India, UK resume talks for trade pact

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PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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m ndia}$ and the UK on Monday announced the resumption of negotiations for the proposed free trade agreement (FTA), which is expected to double or even triple bilateral trade from the current \$20 Billion in the next 10 years.

The announcement was made by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and UK Secretary of State for Business and Trade Jonathan Reynolds here.

"Today, the Republic of India and the United Kingdom have resumed negotiations towards a trade deal between our two countries," a joint statement issued after the meeting said. Both sides have agreed to resume talks towards a balanced, mutually beneficial and a forward-looking deal that delivers mutual growth and builds on the strengths of the two complementary economies.

The strengthening of the trading relationship has the potential to unlock opportunities for business and consumers across both nations and build further on the already deep ties, it said. Briefing media, Goyal said the pact will be "pathbreaking" and would provide huge opportunities to grow "our current \$20 Billion bilateral trade in merchandise to probably twice or thrice in the next 10 years"

Indian tech sector's revenues are set to grow 5.1 per cent to \$282.6 Billion in fiscal year

2025, and likely to climb up further to \$300 Billion in

fiscal year 2026, lobby

grouping Nasscom said on

The revenue growth is on the "right trajectory", the body's president Rajesh Nambiar

told reporters here, pointing

out to revenue growth of four

per cent in fiscal year 2024,

5.1 per cent in fiscal year 2025

and the over 6.1 per cent

"It has been a good outcome

broadly given everything

happening around us,

aspects like geopolitics, and

tariffs which are dominating

Nasssom said the sector,

which includes IT services

companies, business process

global capability centres and

e-commerce companies, added 1.26 Lakh new jobs in

fiscal year 2025 to take the

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assigning any reason thereof.

Advt. No.: AIIMS, Bhopal/SR (Non-Acad.)/2025/04

the re-scheduled interview on the said date.

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Billion in fiscal year 2026.

Monday.



Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal meets UK Secretary of State for Business and Trade Jonathan Reynolds in New Delhi

he said.

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the negotiations, he said its never "too early" or "too late" to conclude a good agreement as these pacts are for a longterm future.

"One has to crystal gaze may be 20-30-50 years into the future and make a robust agreement which is a win-win situation for both sides and therefore neither should we rush into things, but it's always to conclude fast. So we will have speed but not haste," he added.

Reynolds said it is the top priority of the UK and such agreements are about the long-term future.

whether negotiations for the bilateral investment treaty would be concluded along with the FTA, Goyal said the two countries are actively negotiating at three different fronts - FTA, BIT, and a Contribution Double Convention Agrement.
"And all three are in parallel

overall employment to 58

Nambiar hinted that the industry will continue to add employees in the same pace

The Indian IT sector's fiscal

year 2025 growth is likely to be faster than the 4.7 per cent

growth in global tech services

spending in the calendar year

2024, Nasssom said, adding that India's share in global

sourcing stood at 58 per cent

Among the segments, the IT

services companies' revenues will grow 4.3 per cent to \$137.1 Billion while the BPM

industry will see its revenues

grow by 4.7 per cent to \$54.6 Billion.

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future. I will be known as

SHIREEN QURESHI D/O

Address 12, near Fatma Tus Zohra Masjid Gurunanak

Colony Bhopal 462001 (M.P.)

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ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, BHOPAL (An Institute of National Importance under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Govt. of India) Saket Nagar, Bhopal-462020, Madhya Pradesh, Tel : 0755-2982607/2985569

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cancel/vary or not to fill-up any or a particular vacancy/post without

Note: Candidates who had appeared for Interview held on 17th &

18th February 2025 at AIIMS Bhopal through the advertisement no.

AIIMS, Bhopal/SR (Non-acad.)/2025/02 dated 29.01.2025 are

informed to appear in the re-scheduled interview to be conducted

on 06th & 07th March 2025. Such candidates need not fill the

Application form again. New candidates would also be permitted for

Advertisementfor recruitment of Junior Residents(Non-Academic) at AIIMS Bhopal Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the post of Junior

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as of fiscal year 2025.

that it did last year.

On the deadline to conclude

Indian tech sector revenues

to grow 5.1 per cent in FY25

On this, Reynolds said that the UK welcomes "the huge and important relationship we have with people coming from India to UK whether to study, whether to be part of the businesses and obviously business mobility is a separate issue to immigration".

Goyal added that in several countries, including the US, UK, Canada, New Zealand and Australia, Indian students travel for education. In almost all these countries,

to incentivise education, business and attract more people, countries "do give a certain period of time for students to gain practical experience to work in their country but that is short-term business work visas . It has nothing to do immigration as such,"

India-UK negotiations were launched on January 13, 2022.

The agreement is aimed at boosting bilateral trade and investments.

In such pacts, two countries eliminate either significantly reduce customs duties on maximum goods traded between them. They also ease norms for promoting trade in services and bilateral investments. The bilateral trade between

India and the UK increased to \$21.34 Billion in 2023-24 from \$20.36 Billion in 2022-

The United Kingdom is the sixth largest investor in India. The country has received \$35.3 Billion FDI during April 2000 and September

India Inc expected to achieve seveneight per cent growth in Q4: ICRA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Domestic rating agency Investment Information and Credit Rating Agency (ICRA) on Monday said Indian companies are likely to clock seven-eight per cent revenue growth during the March quarter of the current fiscal year, led by revival in rural demand and uptick in government spending. ICRA expects the private capital expenditure (capex) cycle to remain measured in view of the uncertainties around geopolitical developments and relatively subdued outlook on merchandise exports from India. Nonetheless, certain sunrise sectors such as electronics, semiconductors and niche segments within the automotive space like electric

vehicles (EVs) will continue to see a scale-up in investments, in line with production-linked incentive programmes announced by the Government of India, it said. In a statement, ICRA said the recovery in the operating profit margins (OPM) for India Inc witnessed over the past quarter is likely to be sustained at 18.2-18.4 per cent, supported by an increase in demand, led by improved consumer sentiments. "Rural demand is expected to be upbeat in H1 CY2025 (January-March), aided by the robust output for most kharif crops and the favourable outlook for the ongoing Rabi season. Beyond that, a normal and well

distributed monsoon in 2025 is crucial to support the agricultural outcomes,"

Kinjal Shah, senior vice president and co-group head, Corporate Ratings, ICRA. Urban demand, which has been sluggish over the last few quarters, is expected to improve, aided by the sizeable income-tax relief in the Union Budget 2025, the monetary easing by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), and the expectations of a moderation in food inflation, which would discretionary augment consumption, Shah added. ICRA said the evolution of the global economic and political scenario, movement in foreign exchange rates, impact of the new US President's policies, pick up in government spending and a revival in the domestic urban demand would remain the key monitorables over the near-term

Bank of Maharashtra

said that

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Maharashtra under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of (12) of Section 13 read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated

dates mentioned below. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank of Maharashtra, Govindpura Branch for an amount herein above mentioned. The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section 8 of Sec 13 of the

Name & Address of Borrowers & Guarantor (s)	Details of Property	Demand Notice Dt Possession Notice	Outstanding Amount ₹
Govindpı	ıra Branch, Govindpura Bhopal		
Borrower: 1. M/s Pooja Cold Storage & Ice Factory Prop. Mr. Surat singh Urf Mr. Karan singh S/o Shri Hari Prasad 2. Mr. Surat Singh Urf Mr. Karan singh S/o Shri Hari Prasad (Guarantor) Address of 1 & 2: Address 1:- Commercial Diverted Property Khasra No 175/2/1/ kha/2 0.404 Hectare Gram Lambhakheda PH Halka Lambhakheda intkhedi Sadak, Ward no Tehsil Huzur Dist, Bhopal-462038 Address 2:- H.No. 79, Islamnagar Road, Lambakheda, Tehsil- Huzur, Bhopal (M.P.) Address 3:- Ward No. 67, Plot No. 175/2, Kh/1, Islamnagar Road, Lambakheda, Bhopal (M.P.) 3. Mr. Ram Gopal Dubey S/o Shri Sundar Lal Dubey (Guarantor) Address: A-20 Elixir Garden by pass Jail road Karond, Huzur Tehsil Huzur Dist Bhopal 462038	All the pieces and parcel of one Kita Commercial Diverted land Khasra no. 175/2/1/B/2 admeasuring area 0.404 Hectare (4040 sq.mt.) situated at Village- Lambhakheda, P.H Lambhakheda Revenue inspector Mandal- intkhedi Sadak, Tehsil -Huzur, Dist-Bhopal, ward no. 79 and its boundaries are as under:-East-Land of Khasra no175/2/1/B/1, West - Road and other land, North - Other land of Khasra No. 175/2/1/A, South - Other land of Kahsra No. 175/2/1 This property is owned by Mr. Surat singh Urf Mr. Karan singh s/o Shri Hari Prasad.	29/10/2024 19/02/2025	₹ 7,92,839/- +Unapplied Interest & penal charges + Other charges w.e.f. 29/10/2024

Chief Manager & Authorised Office **Asset Recovery Cel**

Short description of the immovable

property with known encumbrances Possession Type



Date : 25/02/2025

Sr. Name of Borrower

& Guarantors

Place: Bhopal

बेंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र Bank of Maharashtra

Amount Dues as on date 23.02.2025

(Rs. In lakh)

ZONAL OFFICE, 1/14, ADMINISTRATIVE ZONE, E-mail: cmmarc_bho@mahabank.co.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES (Appendix-IV-A)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and inforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantorys that the below described mmovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Bank of Maharashtra, the possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Maharashtra, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 29.03.2025 for recovery of the balance due to the Bank of Maharashtra from the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) as mentioned in the table. Details of the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s, amount due, Short description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon ossession type, reserve price and the earnest money deposit are also given as under

	ENTERPRISES	UAI+Penal	Hoshangabad, Tehsil & Dist. Hoshangabad admeasuring	₹ 10.87 Lacs
	(Borrower)	Interest -	Area 5.40 m x 9.50 m = 51.30 sq. mt. or 551.98 sq. ft. and	₹ 1.09 Lacs
	Partner- Mr Abdul	2.35	its boundaries as under: On the North by- House No. LIG- A-133, On the South by- House No. LIG- A-131, On the East	₹ 10,000/-
	Majeed Qureshi &	Total-20.84	by- House No LIG- A-120, On the West by- 3 Mt. wide road	
	Partner- Mr. Abdul Aman Qureshi		Encumbrance-Not Known Physical Possession	
	2.Sh. Abdul Majeed		ii) Residential Plot out of Khasra No. 57/12, Plot No. 23 &	
	Qureshi (Guarantor)		24 (East to West 40 feet & North to South 30 feet), admeasuring area 1200 sg. ft. or 111.52 sg. mt. situated at	₹ 1.44 Lacs
	3. Sh. Abdul Aman Qureshi (Guarantor)		Mouza Rasulia, Ward No. 25, Settlement No. 270, Halka No. 17, Hoshangabad, Tehsil & Dist. Hoshangabad, M.P. and its	₹ 10,000/-
	4. Smt. Aneesha Qureshi (Guarantor)		boundaries as under: On the East by- Seller's House, On the West by- Land of Dr. Sahab., On the North by- 20 Ft. Road.	
۱ ا	Quicsin (duarantor)		On the South by- Plot of Patwa & Tiwari	
			Encumbrance-Not Known Physical Possession	
- [E- Auction Date & Time	Last Date of Su	bmission of Bid with EMD Inspection Date &Time (with price	or appointment)

LB-18.49 i) House No. LIG-IIA- 132, Housing

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link https://bankofmaharashtra.in/asset-for Dated 22/02/2025 sales-search provided in the Bank's website and also on Bank Asset Auction Network (BAANKNET) portal Rolling Advertisement for recruitment of Senior Residents -baanknet.com/eauction-psb (Non-Academic) at AIIMS Bhopa

28.03.2025 till 11:59 p.m.

Date: 25.02.2025 Place: Bhopal

29 N3 2N25 & from

11.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m

Chief Manager & Authorised Office Asset Recovery Cell

14.03.2025 to 21.03.2025

& from 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m

/ Bid Increment

Online Tender Document for M.P. Police POLICE HEADQUARTER, M.P., BHOPAL

No. PHQ/15/GPC/1093-1/2025

Bhopal, Dated 19/02/2025

"ONLINE TENDER NOTICE"

Online tender are invited by Assistant Inspector General of Police (MOD) Police Head Quarter Bhopal on behalf of DGP MP Bhopal for Furniture Items on website https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app

Sr Name of Item Quantity		EMD Paid Online Through mptenders.gov.in	Tender Fees (Rs.)		
1	Center Table	02 Nos.	600/-	1,000/-	
2 Three Seater Sofa 04 Nos.		2,400/-	1,000/-		
Total			3,000/-	2,000/-	

Cost of tender document (Tender Fee) is non refundable and cannot be exempted in any condition & must submit online through website https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app

Tender document can be download from the website of MP Police (www.mppolice.gov.in) Bids shall be submitted online only at MP Tenders https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app

4. Critical Date She

ate Sneet:						
Published Date	19/02/2025 Time 18:00 PM					
Bid Document Download Start Date	20/02/2025 Time 12:00 PM					
Pre Bid Meeting Date	25/02/2025 Time 12:00 PM					
Bid Submission Start Date	03/03/2025 Time 11:00 PM					
Bid Submission End Date	10/03/2025 Time 14:00 PM					
Bid Opening Date	11/03/2025 Time 16:00 PM					

Intending Bidders are advised to visit this website regularly till closing date of submission to keep themselves updated as any change/ modification in the tender will be intimated through this website only by corrigendum / addendum/ amendment.

Bids will be opened as per date/time as mentioned in the Tender Critical Date Sheet. After online opening of Technical-Bid the results of their qualification as well Price-Bid opening wil be intimated later.

(Joyce Das) A.I.G. (MOD) For: Director General of Police M.P.

कार्यालय नगर परिषद्, सांची जिला - रायसेन् (म.प्र.) 448 राज/न परि./2025 आवासीय भवनों की नीलामी सूचना सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि डॉ. हेडगेवार आवासीय योजनातर्गत शेष बचे एम.आई.जी. एलआईजी एवं ईडब्ल्युएस भवन

भुखण्डों को तीस वर्षीय पट्टे हेत् अधिकतम प्रमियम के लिए दिनांक 3.3.25 तक निकाय द्वारा वेबसाईट www.mptender.gov.in पर निविदा आमंत्रित की गई हैं। विस्तृत निविदा सूचना आमंत्रण एवं अन्य जानकारी उक्त वेबसाईट पर देखी जा सकती है। निविदा संशोधित होने की स्थिति में वेबसाईट पर ही प्रकाशित की जायेगी समाचार पत्र में नहीं :- अतः इच्छुक बोलीदाता निर्धारित अमानत राशि नगद/ड्राफ्ट में बोली लगाने के पूर्व जमा कराकर अपनी दरे बंद लिफाफे में प्रस्तुत कर सकते है। लीज पर आवंटित किये जा रहे आवासीय भवनो/भूखण्डों के संबंध मे शतों का अवलोकन कार्यालयीन समय मे किया जा सकता है विवरण निम्नानुसार है :-

क्र	भूखण्ड/भवन का विवरण	आरक्षण की स्थिति	कुल भवन / भूखण्डों की संख्या	भूखण्ड/भवन अमानत की अनुमानित राशि मूल्य	अमानत राशि	
1	MIG भवन / भूखण्ड 135 वर्ग मी.	भवन क. 122 अनु. जाति	अनारक्षित भवन / भूखण्ड कं. 85. 119	3	750000/-	70500/-
2	LIG भवन / भूखण्ड 70 वर्ग मी.	भवन क. 14 अनु. जाति	अनारक्षित भवन / भूखण्ड कं. 8, 10, 16, 44	5	405000/-	40500/-
3	EWS भवन / भूखण्ड 36.36 वर्ग मी.	111, 78,87, 83, 70, 62, 91, 57,	अनु, जाति वर्ग हेतु 27 पिछड़ा वर्ग हेतु 06 अना. महिला हेतु 05 अनारक्षित हेतु 58	96	150000/-	15000/-
		पिछड़ा वर्ग हेतु 37, 29, 34, 35, 40, 140				
		अना. महिला 68, 58, 56, 124, 30 अनारक्षित 19, 20, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 31, 33, 38ए, 38 बी, 64, 65, 66, 69, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 77, 80, 81, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 93, 97, 100, 101, 104, 105, 106, 108, 109, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 118, 119, 120, 121, 123, 125, 126, 127, 129, 131, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 142				

मुख्य नगरपालिका अधिकारी नगर परिषद सांची

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INDIAN BANK Gwalior Main Branch: Gwalior DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF

FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002, (SARFAESI ACT) In respect of loans availed by below mentioned borrowers/Gurantors through Indian Bank, Gwalior Main Branch Gwalior which have become NPA with below mentioned balance outstanding on dates mentioned below. We have already issued detailed demand notice dated below under Sec. 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered post with acknowledge due to you. We have indicated our intention of taking possession of securities owned on one of

you as per sec. 13 (4) of the Act in case of your failure to pay the amount mentioned within 60 days. Details are hereunder :-Amount Outstanding Demand Notice Dt. Name of the Borrower/ **Details of Property & Property Owner**

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M/s Ganesh Associates (Proprietorship Firm) Prop: Mr. Alok Mishra	₹ 1,06,43,	689/-	village - Pur 63/50001, Pa	Asset: Situated at part of survey No.22/1/min-1 of ani chhawani, Patwari halka no.46, Municipal no atwari halka no 63, Behind Purani Chhawani, Dist. P) Owner: Shri Alok Mishra S/o Bhawani Prasad
4.5	10.02.2	06/2019	Mishra & Shri Sunil Batham S/o Shri Ramu Batham Boundar- ies: East- Road and poha mill , West - Open land of sawariya and sharda ware house, North - Property of M/s SGA enterprises , South - Road and property of others	
		₹ ,21,597/-	Mortgaged Asset: Flat No. S-1, Second Floor, Jai Baba Bhawan bearing Survey No. 2828,2458 to 2464, Patwari	

Gwalior(M.P)-474001	+ Interest w.e.f. 17/02/2025 & Charges	Halka No. 41/1 Municipal No. old 1892 and 1893 then 1892/1. latest No. 1892 Ward No. 49
2. Mr. Murli Manohar Parpyani	18.02.2025	Constructed on Plot No 14 and Plot No 15 Block
(Proprietor/Mortgagor) S/o Mr. Nanak	NPA Date:	"C", Samadhiya Colony, Lashkar, Gwalior(M.P)
Ram Parpiyani, C-14, Jai Baba Bhawan Samadhiya Colony, Lashkar,	25/05/2022	having area 1050 Sq. Ft. Boundaries: East:- Stairs, Common Passage &
Gwalior(M.P) -474009		Building on Plot No 15, West: House on Plot No 13
3. Mr. Shivam Parpyani (Guarantor)		, North:- House No 8 , South: Common Road
S/o Mr Nanak Ram Parpiyani,		
C-14, Jai Baba Bhawan Samadhiya		

olony, Lashkar, Gwalior(M.P) -474009 . M/s SGA Enterprises 2,17,95,292/ 09, Govardhan Colony, Gola Ka Mandir,

walior (M.P) 2. Shri Sanjay Pathak (Partner/ Mortgagor) S/o Vasudev Pathak House No.02, Rambagh Colony, Shinde Ki Chhawani, Gwalior(M.P)

3. Smt. Swati Pathak (Partner/ Mortgagor) W/o Sanjay Pathak House No.02, Rambagh Colony, Shinde Ki Chhawani, Gwalior (M.P)

: M/s Jai Bairang Construction

walior (M.P)- 474001

walior(M.P)-474001

/o Shri Pyarelal Prajapati

Proprietorship Firm), Prop: Shri Lalaram

rajapati, 69, Gram -Bara, Bhodapur

: Mr. Lalaram Prajapati (Proprietor

dividual) S/o Shri Pyarelal Prajapati

hutta Ki Bajaria, Eidgah Kampoo, Lashkar,

: Mrs. Somti Bai (Guarantor/Mortgagor)

hutta Ki Bajaria, Eidgah, Kampoo, Lashkar

Parpyani, Bala Bai Ka Bazar, Lashkar,

17/02/2025 & Charge 18.02.2025 **NPA Date:** 28/06/2019

Mortgaged Asset-1:

no. 22/1/Min-1 of Village- Purani Chhawani, Patwari Halka No.46, Ward No. 64(Old No.63), Behind Purani Chhawani Thana, Tehsil & District- Gwalior (M.P) admeasuring 5000 sq.ft. Owner: Mrs. Swati Pathak W/o Mr. Sanjay Pathak , Boundaries: North Road, South Property of Shamliya Das, East: Property of Sanjay Pathak , West: Property of Lakhan Yadav Mortgaged Asset-2:

All the part and parcel of property holding survey

All the part and parcel of property holding survey no. 22/1/Min-1 of Village- Purani Chhawani, Patwari Halka No.46, Ward No. 64 (Old No.63), Behind Purani Chhawani Thana, Tehsil & District- Gwalior

(M.P) admeasuring 5000 sq.ft., Owner: Mr. Sanjay Pathak S/o Mr. Vasudev Pathak Boundaries: North Road, South Property of Shamliya Das, East: Property of Others, West: Property of Mrs. Swati

17/02/2025 & Charges 18.02.2025 NPA Date: 26/08/2019

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Mortgaged Asset-1: All the part and parcel of property holding survey no.664 Min-2 Patwari Halka No. 65, Situated a Village- Bara, Tehsil & District- Gwalior (M.P) admeasuring 22500 Sq. ft., Owner of Property. Mrs Somti Bai W/o Shri Pyarelal Prajapati Boundaries: North: Property of Raju Sapra, South Property of Madan Kakkad, East: Property of others, West Road

walior(M.P) -474001 You all are advised (1) To collect the original notice/cover addressed to you and / if returned by Postal Authorities from the undersigned for more and complete details (2) To pay the outstanding amount interest and costs etc. within 60 days from the date of notice referred to above to avoid further action under the SARFAESI Act. & (3) To restrain from disposing of dealing with the securities without our prior written consent

Place: Gwalior **Authorised Officer** Date: 22/02/2025 (Indian Bank)

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Note: Candidates who had appeared for Interview held on 11thFeb 2025 at AIIMS Bhopal through the advertisement no. AIIMS Bhopal/JR (Non-acad.)/2025/01 dated 22.01.2025 are informed to appear in the re-scheduled interview to be conducted on 04th March 2025. Such candidates need not fill the Application form again. New

candidates would also be permitted for the re-scheduled interview

Dean (Academics)

Dated 22/02/2025

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8 (1)]

mentioned below calling upon the borrower and guarantor to repay outstanding Amount (mentioned below) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The notice was sent by Regd AD Post and hand delivery.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on

Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets





Dr. Mohan Yadav
Chief Minister



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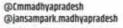
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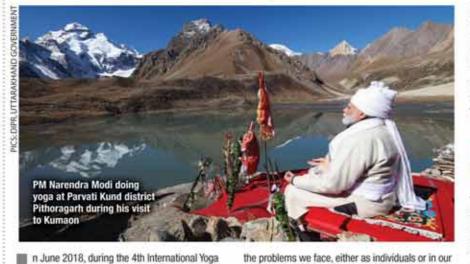


Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Uttarakhand, known as Devbhoomi, has truly flourished as a global destination for yoga and meditation. His dedication, exemplified by his visits and meditation in Kedarnath and Adi Kailash, has inspired countless people worldwide to visit Rishikesh. Our government is committed to transforming Uttarakhand into a world-renowned hub for AYUSH health services. medicines, and consumer products, furthering his mission of holistic wellness."

> Pushkar Singh Dhami Chief Minister

Yoga & meditation in U'Khand, a sign of wellness & spiritual revival

The tranquil and spiritual terrain of the Garhwal Himalayas has evolved into a focal point for fitness lovers, thanks to PM Modi's future forward vision



Day, Prime Minister Modi guided an estimated 50,000 enthusiasts in performing yoga asanas at the scenic Forest Research Institute, Dehradun. Emphasising yoga's international resonance, Modi remarked, 'From Dehradun to Dublin, from Shanghai to Chicago, from Jakarta to Johannesburg, Yoga is everywhere.' His focus on yoga as a unifying and therapeutic approach echoed profoundly, strengthening its position in boosting physical and mental well-being. "In Yoga, we have the perfect solution to the problems we face, either as individuals or in our society," he said, highlighting the holistic advantages of yoga in promoting a peaceful, innovative, and

The Prime Minister's advocacy for yoga expanded beyond the International Yoga Day festivities. In May 2019, his visit to the Kedarnath shrine attracted considerable awareness, especially his meditation session in the 'Dhyan Gufa' (meditation cave). A picture of Modi covered in a saffron shawl, sitting in meditation inside the cave, went viral on social media, scintillating widespread appeal in the cave as a new traveller appeal. This scenic location at 12,500 feet in the Garhwal Himalayas encountered an exceptional wave in popularity, with bookings for the meditation cave soaring.

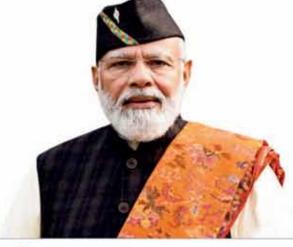
Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam Ltd (GMVN) recorded a swell in online bookings for the 'Dhyan Gufa,' which has been completely booked for months

PM Narendra Modi's fondness for yoga and meditation has immensely increased the favour of these age-old traditions, especially in Uttarakhand

ahead. This inflow of interest has encouraged local management to plan the building of three more meditation caves in the surroundings, improving the spiritual charm of the location.

Modi's many visits to Kedarnath have also contributed to a surprising rise in the temple's footfall. The temple has been witnessing record-breaking footfall since, becoming a historic landmark for Kedarnath.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi through his enthusiastic participation and promotion of yoga and meditation has boosted the international profile of these practices along with restoring spiritual tourism in Uttarakhand, attracting innumerable followers to the peaceful and hallowed surroundings



I congratulate the Uttarakhand government on the remarkable progress achieved in the last few years. This has been made possible by sustained policy push and focus on key sectors such as tourism and renewable energy. Alongside, the state has made significant strides in infrastructure development, setting new benchmarks for sustainable growth. Uttarakhand's commitment to harnessing its natural resources and promoting tourism has not only bolstered its economy but also showcased its potential on the global stage. I applaud the state's dedication to inclusive development and look forward to its continued success in the years ahead."

> Narendra Modi Prime Minister

CM Dhami Govt 245 appointed 245 Ayush Doctors in Uttarakhand

245 selected candidates got appointment in AYUSH department, after the approval of CM Dhami, the wait of AYUSH doctors waiting for appointment in the state of Uttarakhand for a long time is now over. The government has issued orders for the appointment of a total of 245 candidates including 242 Ayurveda medical officers, one Unani, one Yoga and Naturopathy and one Manager State Pharmacy

Recruitment process was started for 257 medical

Uttarakhand Medical Selection Board started the recruitment process for 253 medical officer posts of



Ayurveda and Unani Department on 11 March 2022. After completing the interview process, the final selection of 243 candidates was also done. While their appointment letters were being issued, complaints of irregularities in the recruitment process came in. On this, in August, the Chief Minister had ordered a detailed investigation of the matter.

All have been placed on probation for two years. On this, the government banned the appointment of selected candidates on the posts of Ayurveda medical officers and handed over the investigation to the Director of Ayurveda. Now after the completion of the investigation, the government has issued orders for his appointment after the approval of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami.

186 villages of the state identified by the name of herbs, Ayurveda department sends report to AYUSH Ministry

he state government has identified 186 villages of the state by the name of different herbs to promote Avurveda treatment. The Avurveda department distributed plants of the respective herbs to the people living in these villages. It has sent the report of these villages to the

Dr Pankaj Kumar Pandey, secretary AYUSH, said that 35 villages in Almora district, 12 in Bageshwar, four in Chamoli, three in Haridwar, 15 in Nainital, 42 in Pauri, 23 in Pithoragarh, five in Rudraprayag, 24 in Tehri, 10 in Udham Singh Nagar

Ayurveda programmes will be started in 3900 schools in the state. Ayurveda doctors will visit schools and make the children aware

and 13 villages in Uttarkashi were identified as Herbal Villages. This initiative of the department will promote environmental protection.

Along with this, people will be aware about Ayurve da herbs. He said that from next month, Ayurveda programmes will be started in 3900 schools in the state. Under this, Ayurveda doctors will go to schools and make the children aware. 13 villages in the state will be developed as Ayush Villages. Regular camps of Ayurveda, Yoga,

and Homeopathy will be organised in these villages. those involved in homestays and local

Adi Kailash turns into a meditation hub

The Chief Minister's visit to Adi Kailash strived to boost the area as a noteworthy pilgrimage and visitor destination

stability.

n International Yoga Day, Singh Dhami performed yoga at Adi Kailash, a venerated place situated about 15,000 feet above sea level in the sacred land of Lord Shiva. This occasion not only highlighted the importance of yoga in improving physical, mental, and spiritual well-being but also emphasized the cultural and religious legacy

In his address, Chief Minister Dhami highlighted the trans-

CM stressed that the idea of Prime Minister Modi has been instrumental in bringing about transnational acclaim to the location

formative influence of yoga, defining it as a convergence of body, mind, and soul that brings contentment and calmness to humans. He extended an invitation to Shiva followers and visitors from around the globe to visit Adi Kailash, highlighting

the significance of incorporating Jyolingkong last year has already voga into day-to-day routines for physical, mental, and emotional The Chief Minister's visit to Adi

Kailash also strived to boost the area as a noteworthy pilgrimage and visitor destination. He stated that the idea of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been instrumental in bringing transnational acclaim to the location. The Prime Minister's visit to Pithoragarh and extended the inflow of travelers and pilgrims, turning Adi Kailash Om Parvat, and Parvati Sarovar into bustling locations of spiritual and cultural tourism.

The Chief Minister emphasized the financial advantages that improved tourism brings to the local residents. With more visitors and pilgrims visiting Adi Kailash and its surrounding neighborhoods, local enterprises, particularly

food production, are flourishing. He backed the growth of 100% homestaybased tourism, which not only conserves the local architecture and culture but also provides sustainable job prospects

In his speech, Chief Minister Dhami also addressed the necessity for enhancing infrastructure and establishments in the region. He called for the standardization of transportation amenities and the simplification of the procedure for allocating Inner Line Permits, assuring that tourists do not encounter any problems. He emphasised the significance of maintaining sensitivity and clarity in these procedures to evade any turmoil in this sensitive border region.

Environmental protection was another essential emphasis of the Chief Minister's address. He voiced concern over the pollution of the environment and the drying up of natural water sources. He informed strategies to restore traditional streams, springs, and ghats, encouraging everyone to contribute to this cause



nown as the 'Devbhoomi' or 'Land of Gods' Uttarakhand is deemed to evolve as an international center for AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy) practices, leveraging its rich natural and cultural legacy. The AYUSH Policy of Uttarakhand summarises enterprising strategies to incorporate conventional healthcare procedures with contemporary methods, striving for holistic wellness and financial development.

With a terrain endowed by the Himalayas, Uttarakhand has long

been associated with Ayurveda and Yoga. The policy strives to capitalise on this legacy by enabling the cultivation of over 1,000 rare medicinal plants native to the area. Endeavours such as the Chief Minister Medicinal Plant Development Programme are

plants, promoting sustainable farming approaches, and augmenting regional revenues.

In the domain of AYUSH production, Uttarakhand already has a strong drive, backed by ample raw materials and promising business necessities. The state hosts multiple GMP-certified manufacturing departments making a vast array of AYUSH medicines and consumer items. Under the new policy, more incentives and assistance will be offered to enable more units to attain WHO GMP certification and adhere to global quality norms. This action is anticipated to greatly improve the sector's contribution to the state's GDP, presently evaluated at Rs 4,000-5,000 crore.

sential elements of Uttarakhand's AYUSH concept, with organisations like the Uttarakhand Ayurved University ushering the charge. The policy supports NAAC accreditation of all AYUSH academic colleges within five years, promoting educational superiority and assuring graduates are qualified to fulfill international norms. Governance-wise, the depart-

ment of AYUSH will spearhead policy undertaking, teaming closely with other state divisions and stakeholders. A single-window clearance system will facilitate investment processes, drawing private sector participation and promoting financial expansion across all AYUSH segments.

Milestones by AYUSH

With a strong infrastructure and strategic endeavours, Uttarakhand has arisen as a leader in reviving age-old medicinal approaches and assuring their accessibility to all

The Department of AYUSH in Uttarakhand has made noteworthy strides in elevating and incorporating conventional Ayurvedic and Unani methods of medicine into the state's healthcare framework

HEALTHCARE FACILITIES AND INSTITUTIONS Uttarakhand has a network of 546 Ayurvedic and Unani hospi-

tals, furnishing essential medi-

techniques. These include 541 Ayurvedic and five Unani hospitals, alongside specialised facilities in establishments like the Government Ayurvedic College in Rishikul and Gurukul Kangri, Haridwar. These organisations not only deliver treatment, but also act as hubs for teaching and research in Ayurvedic medicine

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Under the National Rural Health

rural and metropolitan regions. **EDUCATION AND RESEARCH** Uttarakhand has five Ayurvedic

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allopathic hospitals, further incor-

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into mainstream healthcare. This

endeavour advances to community health centers and primary health centers, assuring exhaustive healthcare services across

ment institutions, committed to providing quality teaching in Ayurvedic medicine. Notably, Rishikul Government Ayurvedic College, Haridwar, provides postgraduate education in seven specialised topics, augmenting the collection of qualified Ayurvedic practitioners in the area. The state also underscores

colleges, including two govern-

training programmes for Ayurvedic nurses and pharmacists, enabling qualified healthcare specialists yearly. Private sector endeavours complement government measures, contributing greatly to the workforce in Ayurvedic medicine and corresponding domains.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND MANUFACTURING The Government Pharmaceu-

tical Laboratory in Rishikul,

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Haridwar, plays a key part in

making Ayurvedic medicines

to fulfill hospital needs. This

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allopathic hospitals further incorporating conventional approaches into mainstream healthcare

REGULATION AND **QUALITY ASSURANCE** Uttarakhand keeps strict benchmarks for Ayurvedic

and Unani medicines via its State Drug Licensing Officer. Licensing and supervision ensure compliance with Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP), with the majority of pharmacies already licensed Measures are continuing to improve certification for all pharmacies, including wellknown labels acknowledged nationally and globally.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The establishment of a State Drug Testing Laboratory in Haridwar highlights Uttarakhand's dedication to promoting research and assuring the effectiveness and safety of Ayurvedic medicines. This establishment fosters strict testing and verification, boosting trust in conventional medicinal practices.

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CONSUMER CONNECT INITIATIVE

Uttarakhand's AYUSH Policy

Transforming healthcare landscape



Under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi and the guidance of Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami, Uttarakhand's AYUSH Policy outlines innovative strategies to integrate traditional healthcare practices with modern methods, aiming for holistic, wellness and economic growth

> cornerstone of Uttarakhand's AYUSH approach, with the state having one of the country's highest concentrations of AYUSH healthcare establishments. The policy summarises strategies to accredit all specified government AYUSH healthcare centers under the NABH (National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers) within five years. This accreditation will not only improve service quality, but also incorporate AYUSH treatments with allopathic healthcare systems, assuring complete medical care for all citizens.

> > Wellness

tourism, already

thriving in Uttara-

khand due to its

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cence and spiritua essence, is set to obtain additional growth. The policy proposes building health centers and resorts across the trating on places like Kasar Devi and Harsil known for their natural