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Modi attacks Rahul, Kejriwal ahead of polls EC dismisses Kejriwal's



Prime Minister Narendra Modi replies to the Motion of Thanks to President's address in the Lok Sabha during the Budget session of Parliament, in New Delhi

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In a scathing attack on Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said some people are openly speaking the language of urban naxals and asserted that those who "declare a war" against the Indian State can neither understand the Constitution nor about the country's unity. He also took a dig at Arvind Kejriwal and AAP a day before the Delhi Assembly polls, saying "some parties are like 'AAP-da' for the future of the youth". Modi asserted that while his government's schemes saved lot of money, it was not used to build 'Sheesh Mahal'.

Replying to the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address in Lok Sabha, he made several veiled attacks at Rahul, saying those who entertain themselves by getting photo sessions done in huts of the poor will Parliament boring. "Those who walk

around with Constitution in pockets, do they know how they forced Muslim women to live in hardship. We brought in the triple talaq law to give right to them," Modi said.

Today some people are openly speaking the language of urban naxals. The things that urban naxals say (are being said). These people who speak the language of urban naxals, who declare war against the Indian State, can neither understand the Constitution nor about the country's unity," Modi said. Though Modi did not name anyone, his remarks were an apparent reference to Rahul's comments last month that "we are now fighting the BJP, the RSS and the Indian State itself

In a veiled jibe at AAP convenor Kejriwal, Modi said some leaders focus on jacuzzi and stylish showers while his government's focus of providing water to every household. He also said that "some parties are find the talk about the poor in like AAP-da for the future of the youth" as they promise various kinds

PM to visit Kumbh todav

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit the Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj on Wednesday and take a holy dip at the Sangam around 11 am, his office said.

In line with his commitment to promote and preserve India's spiritual and cultural heritage, Modi has consistently taken proactive steps to enhance infrastructure and facilities at pilgrimage sites, said PMO.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was in Prayagraj and the Maha Kumbh Mela area on Tuesday ahead of the Prime Minister's visit.

of doles at the type of elections but never fulfil them. "Some Government schemes saved lot of money, but we did not use it to build 'Sheesh Mahal," Modi said. Without naming Gandhis, Modi took

a swipe at them for his reaction on the President's address, saying those who entertain themselves by getting photo sessions done in huts of the poor will find the talk about the poor in Parliament boring. Soon after the President delivered her address to a joint sitting of Parliament on January 31, Sonia Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra were seen discussing speech in the Parliament complex. During the discussion, Rahul Gandhi was heard asking Sonia Gandhi if the President's speech was "boring". "We did not give false slogans, but real development to people," Modi said.

Till five decades, slogans of 'garibi hatao' were heard and now 25 crore poor have come out of poverty," he said. He said till now poor people have got 4 crore house. "The one who has lived that kind of life knows what it means to have a house with a proper roof," Modi said.

allegations of partiality

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day before the Delhi Assembly elections, the Election Commission on Tuesday took cognizance of "repeated deliberate pressure tactics to malign ECI", saying it will not be swayed by "such insinuations". The Election Commission issued statement on X platform, addressing the ongoing efforts to undermine its credibility. This comes after the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief Arvind Kejriwal accused the Election Commission of biased and unprofessional behaviour

three-member Commission collectively noted repeated deliberate pressure tactics to malign ECI in the Delhi Elections, as if it is a single-member body and decided to have constitutional restraint, absorbing outbursts with

in handling the election related

sagacity, stoically and not to be swayed by such insinuations," the Election Commission wrote on X, without naming AAP or Kejriwal. "Action on issues raised by political parties & candidates are taken in each instance by

over 1.5 lakh officials in #DelhiAssemblyElection2025 who are functioning within an established legal framework, robust processes & SoPs ensuring fair play and nonpartisan conduct," it added. The poll body also warned its

poll machinery in Delhi that partisan conduct disturbing a level playing field slum dwellers. 'There are reports that

will be held "unpardonable". poll panel's The directions to its officials came after AAP national convenor Arvind Kejriwal approached the EC to raise concerns over alleged intimidation tactics being used in Delhi ahead of Assembly elections scheduled on Wednesday.

Atishi, met the EC in the evening on Tuesday and raised concerns over alleged intimidation tactics being used in the national capital ahead of the assembly

Kejriwal, along with Delhi Chief Minister

Talking to the media after the meeting,

Kejriwal, accompanied by party leader Raghav Chadha, accused the BJP and Delhi Police of engaging in "hooliganism" to create an atmosphere of fear among voters. "We told the EC how Delhi Police is being misused for violence and intimidation. Many people are scared, and it is possible that they may not come out to vote due to fear," he said. The former chief minister also alleged that attempts were being made to suppress voter

turnout, particularly among

people's fingers are being marked with black ink in an attempt to disenfranchise them, and that money and threats are being used to influence voters. We raised influence voters. these concerns with the EC," Kejriwal said. He thanked the EC for granting them a meeting despite the silence period and said that officials have assured them of a free and fair election. "The EC has assured us that they will take necessary steps to prevent any such wrongdoing.

Earlier Delhi Chief Minister Atishi accused the BJP of engaging in "hooliganism" and alleged the Election Commission and Delhi Police are shielding saffron workers, targeting AAP leaders and members. Atishi, who is contesting from the Kalkaji constituency, claimed at a press conference here that democracy in India was now in the hands of Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and the country is watching "if it survives in the national

FIR against Atishi for model code violation



Delhi Chief Minister Atishi at a press conference

Photo: Ranjan Dimri

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day before Delhi Assembly Apolls, police on Tuesday registered three FIRs regarding Model Code of Conduct (MCC) violations in Kalkaii -one against Chief Minister

Atishi, another against other AAP members. and a third against two BJP leaders. The AAP leader has been named in disobedience case

registered at Govindpuri police station under Section 223 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Meanwhile, the stage is set for the high-stakes Assembly elections in Delhi, with over 1.56 crore voters eligible to cast their ballots from 7 am Wednesday. onwards on Wednesday. Voting will take place across 13,766 polling stations in all the 70 Assembly constituencies to decide the fates of 699 candidates in a contest that could reshape the political landscape of the capital

Responding to Delhi Chief Minister Atishi's case, Police said AAP's Kalkaii candidate Atishi was accompanying AAP supporters who allegedly interfered with an officer's work at Fateh Singh

Marg. Two AAP members booked for assaulting a police constable on duty.

This was preceded by a police case against two BIP leaders — Manish Bidhuri, a relative of BJP's Kalkaji candidate Ramesh Bidhuri, and Ravi Dayama. Police lodged the FIR against the BJP leaders on a complaint by AAP. Atishi, in a post on X, said Manish was Ramesh Bidhuri's nephew and alleged he was seen "roaming around" in Kalkaji late Monday night though he was not even a voter from the



Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel with Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi and others at a press conference

Panel to draft Gujarat UCC law

The BJP government in Gujarat on Tuesday formed a committee headed by a retired Supreme Court judge to assess the need for the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in the state, and also draft a bill for the same.

While the Opposition said the decision was aimed at diverting attention from pressing issues ahead of the upcoming local body polls, the government claimed rights of the tribal communities will be protected if the UCC is

implemented. The five-member committee, to be headed by Justice (retd) Ranjana Desai, will submit its report within 45 days, following which a decision about implementation of the UCC will be taken, Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel told

reporters here. The committee will meet religious leaders, including those from the Muslim community, for consultations. To assess the need for a Uniform Civil Code and to prepare a draft bill, we have decided to form a committee under a former judge of the Supreme Court," CM Patel

Other members of the Muslim leaders, to prepare th committee are retired IAS officer CL Meena, advocate RC Kodekar, former vice chancellor of Veer Narmad South Guiarat University Dakshesh Thakar and social

worker Gita Shroff. Notably, the BJP-ruled Uttarakhand has already implemented the UCC.

CM Patel said his government is committed to fulfil Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolve of implemen the UCC across the country.
The panel will examine

various aspects and take views of people from different walks of life, and an "appropriate decision" will be taken after perusing its report, the CM

Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi said that the UCC, if implemented, will protect the rights of tribals. The UCC implemented by

Uttarakhand presented a model before the country because it protects the customs and traditions of tribals. (Union) Home Minister Amit Shah has also clarified in Jharkhand that UCC will protect the traditions followed by tribals," Sanghavi said. The committee will meet religious leaders, including

report, he added.

Shroff and Thakar said the state government's approach is sensitive and shows it is committed to closing the loopholes in laws and ensuring justice to all.

Leader of Opposition in the state assembly Amit Chavda said the BJP is more interested in the "politics of minority and majority".

"In Gujarat, there are 14 per cent tribals. The UCC will affect the culture, customs, religious rites and marriage system of the tribal society. Similarly, the Jain community of Gujarat, and the Devipujaks will also be affected," he claimed.

Even the Indian Constitution has given freedom to certain communities to pursue their customs and culture, the Congress leader said.

"Implementation of the UCC is in the jurisdiction of the central government, and not the state. But since there is internal fighting in the BJP all over Gujarat, and the government here has failed every way,

announcement is an attempt to divert people's attention ahead of the local body elections," he claimed

US flight carrying 205 illegal Indians headed for Amritsar



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midst reports that a US Amilitary aircraft is bringing 205 illegal Indian migrants back to country, most likely Amritsar, US said on Tuesday it is rigorously tightening immigration laws. Its embassy also said, "These actions send a clear message: illegal migration is not worth

the risk. Asked about the deportation flight bringing back a group of illegal migrants to India, a US embassy spokesperson here did not provide details, but asserted that Washington is removing illegal migrants. "I can't share any details on those inquires, but I can share, on the record, the United States is vigorously enforcing its border,

tightening immigration laws, and removing illegal migrants," the official said. "These actions send a clear message: illegal migration is not worth the risk," he added. Incidentally, this action comes days ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's likely visit to the US next

A C-17 aircraft carrying 205 Indian nationals departed from San Antonio, Texas around 3 am IST, sources said. The plane, headed to Punjab's Amritsar, is likely to stop at Ramstein, Germany, for refuelling, they said, adding each one was verified before being sent back This deportation is likely the

first of several planned flights, as more batches of illegal Indian immigrants are expected to be flown back in the coming weeks. The first round of deportation of illegal Indian nationals from the US comes around two weeks after Donald Trump became the US president for a second term. Trump has promised a strict policy approach in dealing with illegal immigrants residing in the US and already signed a number immigration-related executive orders. Following

conversation with Prime

Minister Modi on January 27

Trump said India "will do what is right" on the deportation of illegal

migrants from the US.

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GAre you waiting for some muhurat", the Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Assam Government, which was censured for keeping 63 persons declared foreigners in detention centres indefinitely and not deporting them. Observing Assam was suppressing facts, a bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan said once the detainees were identified as foreigners, they ought to be deported immediately.

You have refused to start deportation saying their addresses are not known. Why should it be our concern? You deport to their foreign country. Are you waiting for some muhurat (auspicious time)?" the bench asked. The SC expressed surprise at Assam government's explanation that t was not sending nationality verification forms to the Ministry of External Affairs as detainees' addresses were unknown.

"Once you declare a person foreigner, then you have to take the next logical step You cannot detain them till eternity. Article 21 of the Constitution is there. There many foreigner detention centres in Assam. How many deported?" have you the questioned the Assam government counsel. The top court directed the Assam Government to initiate the deportation process for 63 declared foreign nationals. Their nationality is known.

GRAP controls Delhi pollution, not stubble burning: Study November months. implemented in a staged PM2.5 load was recorded

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Delhi-NCR's during pollution October-November is largely of local origin, with stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana contributing 14 per cent to the overall PM2.5 levels in 2022, a study has suggested. Researchers, led by those at Japan's Research Institute for Humanity and Nature under the 'Aakash Project', said that changes in the national capital's air quality could be related more with the stepping up or down of the 'GRAP' anti-pollution The study, published in the (PM2.5)during

journal 'npj Climate and Atmospheric Science', analysed fine particulate matter recorded September-November months of 2022 and 2023. For the study, 30 sensors were installed across Punjab, Harvana and Delhi-NCR.

Stubble burning, a common practice for clearing land following rice harvest, is often blamed for the sharp and sustained rise in PM2.5 levels, seen in the national capital anti-pollution region during the October-

However, the analysis showed that emissions over Punjab from burning stubbles "contributed only a meagre from (nearly) 14 per cent to the overall PM2.5 over Delhi-October-NCR during November 2022

PM2.5 Further, remained stable in Delhi, even as stubble fires in Punjab and Haryana (as recorded by satellites) declined by at least 50 per cent during 2015-2023, the authors said. This indicates that there

exists only a very weak coupling between PM2.5

(GRAP) in controlling air mass over Delhi-NCR and the

(crop residue burning) over Punjab, highlighting the effectiveness of the Graded Response Action Plan

pollution in the region," the authors wrote. GRAP refers to the set of antimeasures, reduced. However, a rise in

pollution

quality levels. GRAP-4 is the most stringent, imposed when air quality index (AQI) crosses 450 and reaches severe plus' category. The researchers observed that

PM2.5 levels varied in line with the stepping up or down

manner in response to air

of the GRAP stages. "The decrease of PM2.5 levels in Delhi-NCR was mainly attributed to GRAP IV when the major PM2.5 emissions from road traffic and

construction

monthly averages," Science and Technology.

after the revocation of GRAP IV for 2022 and 2023," they

wrote. "With the measurements at a network of about 30 sites covering Punjab, Haryana and Delhi NCR, we are able to separate the contributions of paddy straw burning to Delhi's PM2.5 variations on the basis of characteristic PM2.5 events and at weekauthor Prabir Patra, the leader of Aakash Project and principal scientist at Japan activities, Agency for Marine-Earth among other sources, were



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National Games experience to benefit U'khand: CM

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hief minister Pushkar ✓Singh Dhami stated that the experience of hosting the 38th National Games will be beneficial for the State. He said this while reviewing the various arrangements at the Maharana Pratap sports stadium here on Tuesday. During his visit, Dhami inspected the food arrangements, served meals to the athletes and even joined them for a meal. He also took the opportunity to encourage players from different States participating in various sports events by engaging in conversations with them. Additionally, the CM observed the shooting range. He said that the 38th National Games have started successfully in the State and affirmed that the government is working to ensure that all athletes are having a positive experience in Uttarakhand. Significant efforts have been made to provide every possible facility for both the players and visitors. Dhami emphasised that the National Games experience will be highly beneficial for the State. He said that special attention has been given to food arrangements for athletes from each State, tailored to their respective culinary needs. Notably, the CM has been receiving regular updates on the National Games from officials and is personally inspecting various arrange-

38th National Games- Madhya Pradesh and Telangana emerge champions in basketball 3x3

 ${f T}$ he Madhya Pradesh men's team and the Telangana women's team emerged victorious in the basketball 3x3 finals at the 38th National Games held on Tuesday. According to the officials, in the men's final, Madhya Pradesh secured victory over Kerala with a score of 22-20. In the women's final, Telangana triumphed decisively against Kerala winning with a score of 21-11 and reaffirming its dominance in the tournament, they added. Notably in the semifinals, Kerala narrowly edged past Tamil Nadu with showcased its prowess by defeating Tamil Nadu 18-11. Kerala also demonstrated resilience, claiming a victory over Madhya Pradesh with a score of 13-10, leading to an exciting final clash between Kerala and Telangana.

Match-fixing incidents demoralise current athletes, discourage aspirants

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Experts have opined that incidents of match-fixing in any sports competition dishearten current participants while also discouraging aspiring athletes who are in training. They said this after a recent event in which the Director of Competitions (DOC) for the Taekwondo segment of the 38th National Games was implicated in allegedly pre-determining the outcomes of matches prior to their commencement. It was discovered that this official was allegedly engaged in fixing the results. In light of these developments, experts have voiced their concerns and called upon the authorities to enhance oversight and supervision of such events in the future, including the National Games and other competitions. In response to the concerns regarding the recent allegations of match-fixing, a retired sports coordinator from the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Dayal Singh Rawat acknowledged having seen the reports and expressed his apprehension about the issue. He said that there are two primary factors contributing to such occurrences in the games. Firstly, he noted that the Indian Olympic Association manages the competition organisation and appoints coaches and officials without any prior validation of their backgrounds or histories, which can lead to incidents

the State Olympic associations in monitoring events, as it is their responsibility to ensure that no such activities disrupt the National Games. Rawat emphasised that such situations could negatively affect current athletes, as they may feel demotivated and uncertain about the integrity of future competitions. Further, individuals in training to become athletes may develop apprehensions about entering this field and their parents may also hesitate to support their involvement in sports where financial investments dictate their efforts. This situation can result in mental stress for both current players and those aspiring to become athletes. To address these issues in future sports competitions, it is suggested that relevant authorities, including the IOA, employ government observers monitor such activities during matches in the future. Further, the State Olympic associations that organise these events should adopt a stricter and more vigilant approach throughout the

competitions, he said.

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'Sports inherently encompass the concept of competition, which involves physical efforts leading to various outcomes. However, incidents of match-fixing do not reflect the true morality of sports and those who undermine this morality cannot be considered true sportsmen. Such activities can have a detrimental impact on current athletes, instilling doubt in their minds during competitions, as they may fear facing similar issues. However, it is important to note that we cannot place the blame solely on the authorities or the government for these problems. It is a technical matter and therefore, the authorities should implement stricter monitoring and enhanced supervision to effectively ad-

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Press Release

Under the provisions mentioned in Article 243-I and 243-Y of the Constitution of

ndia read with section 158 (a) of the Uttarakhand Panchayati Raj Act, 2016, the

Governor has constituted the Sixth State Finance Commission, Uttarakhand,

consisting of Shri N. Ravi Shanker (Retd. Chief Secretary/IAS) as Chairman and Shri

P.S. Jangpangi (Retd. Secretary/IAS) and Dr. M.C. Joshi (Retd. Secretary/IAS) as

Members, to make recommendations on subjects related to Panchayati Raj

Institutions and Urban Local Bodies. Dr. Ahmed Igbal (IAS), Additional Secretary,

Finance, Uttarakhand Government has been appointed as the Secretary of the

2- The Sixth State Finance Commission, Uttarakhand has to assess the status of

financial management and improvement in sources of income of three-tier

Panchayats (Gram Panchayats, Kshetra Panchayats and District Panchayats) and

Urban Local Bodies (Nagar Panchayats, Municipal Councils and Municipal

Corporations), right-sizing of staff, maintenance and upkeep of capital assets etc.

Also, keeping in view the revenue sources and the responsibilities and committed

expenditures of the state government, it has to give recommendations regarding the

allocation of the share of taxes, duties, tolls and fees leviable by the state

government to the three-tier Panchayats and Urban Local Bodies; the principles

which should govern the grant-in-aid to the local bodies; the determination of taxes,

duties, tolls and fees which may be assigned to or appropriated by these bodies and

the measures for strengthening the financial position of these bodies/ institutions.

Also, indicating the outline of clear trend of urbanization, it has to assess the status of

basic infrastructure facilities in urban, pen urban areas and census towns identifying

the gaps therein and suggest measure for improvement /augmentation thereof. The

Commission has also to assess the implementation of reforms in the Panchayati Raj

Institutions and Urban Local Bodies and suggest measures for improvement in

3- The terms of reference of the Commission can be seen on the website

4- In this regard, the Commission invites suggestions and ideas in writing from

persons having knowledge about the above subjects and from enlightened citizens

of Uttarakhand. Suggestions and ideas can be sent directly to the office of the

Commission by post or e-mail sfcuttarakhand@gmail.com by 05 March 2025.

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Uttarakhand Gramin Bank

NOTIC:- It is informed that the old registry of the applicant Shri Harish Singh Khati son of Shri Late P.S. Khati has been lost. Whose field no. 155 has 1728 sq. ft. and field no. 168 has 1072 sq. ft. total 2800 sq. ft. i.e. 260. 22 sq. m. land Chhadayal Nayabad Haldwani Dist. Nainital land has been purchased from Dr. Ashok Bisht son of Shri Liladhar Bisht through sale deed dated 29th September 2014 registered in sub-registrar Haldwani. No. 6314. Regarding the said land, the following sale deed of chain of title has been lost somewhere whose boundaries are land of Pathak ij and Trilok Singh in the east, land of Vipin Chandra Pant in the west, 20 feet road in the north, 10 feet road in the south. 1) Sale deed dated 23rd March 2004 No. 2558 executed by seller Mohd. Muslim, Mohd. Mujeeb, Mohd. Yosin son of Shri Alladia and buyer Shri Gaurav Pant son of Shri N.C. Pant, The above mentioned property is being equitable mortgaged against loan in Uttarakhand Gramin Bank branch Chhadayal Nayabad Haldwani) If any person has any objection, please contact branch Chhadayal Nayabad within 7 days, Shri Harish Singh Khati son of Shri Late P. S. Khati Mob.-976049 5218

dress and eliminate such activities," stated retired football coach from NIS Patiala, SC Negi. The president of a kickboxing federation in Uttarakhand, Arvind Kotnala emphasised that such activities negatively impact the morale of players from financially disadvantaged backgrounds. Further, individuals training to become athletes also experience a decline in their morale and develop a fear of participating in sports. To prevent such incidents, the federation, along with other authorities, has taken on the responsibility of appointing supervisors and coaches for the competitions. This process will involve thorough verification of their credentials and scrutiny of their backgrounds, he stated.

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Civil Judge (S.D.), Dehradun In the Court of Civil Judge (S.D.), Dehradun

Misc. Case No. 04/2025

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SINGAPORE 018960. Whereas the above-named applicant has filed an application under section 372 of Act No. 39 of 1925 for obtaining a succession certificate in respect of debts and securities/properties left behind by Late Shri

Dependra Singh Bist S/o Late Birendra Singh Bist R/o 12 Faltu Line, Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Hence you are informed that if any person has any objection against the above-mentioned application, he/she can file the same before the Court of Civil Judge (S.D.), Dehradun on 10.02.2025 at 10 AM either by appearing in person or through a pleader. After the above-mentioned

date, no objections will be admitted and failing which the application will be heard and disposed of exparte

Signed under my hand and seal and issued on 31 January 2025. Court Officer/Incharge, Civil Judge (S.D.), Dehradun

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District hospital receives 2,000 coloured bed sheets from manufacturer

PNS DEHRADUN

The administration of Deen Dayal Upadhyay district hospital received about 2,000 coloured bed sheets for the patient wards from a manufacturing company on Tuesday. Notably, Health minister Dhan Singh Rawat had recently instructed all govern-ment hospitals in the State to implement a routine practice of changing bed linens in the patient wards. Additionally, it has been recommended that the hospital management use bed linens of different colours each day. The hospital's medical superintendent Dr VS Chauhan informed that in line with the Health minister's directives and following the clarification from the Health department, the administration ordered 2,000 bed sheets

in different colours for the patient wards. Following this, the hospital received the bed sheets on Tuesday. Chauhan said that with the receipt of the bed sheets the implementation of the Health minister's guidelines at the hospital will begin on Wednesday. He further added that from now on at the hospital, the bed sheets will be assigned to beds according to colours designated for each day. Further, the sheets will be sent for laundry at regular intervals. He also said that Rawat plans to visit the hospital within the next two to three days to observe the implementation of these guidelines. Chauhan further informed that the administration is planning to purchase two sets of bed sheets in each

colour. Considering this, the administration will first evaluate the quality of the received bed sheets before ordering additional sets. It will be recalled that the funding for these linens comes from the State government under the Avushman scheme. The goal of this initiative is to regularly change the bed sheets according to the designated colours for each day, which will help maintain hygiene for the patients and enhance the overall aesthetic appeal of the hospital. As per the guidelines, a white bed sheet will be spread on Mon-day, pink on Tuesday, green on Wednesday, yellow on Thursday, purple on Friday, blue on Saturday and light grey on Sunday.

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IN BRIEF

Kickboxing Championship to boost its prospects internationally: Rajeev Tyagi

PNS DEHRADUN

Following the inauguration of the 4th International Open WAKO Kickboxing Championship-2025 at Indira Gandhi Sports Stadium, New Delhi, the national vice-president of Kickboxing Federation of India (affiliated to Union Sports Ministry) Rajeev Tyagi who is also the pro-chancellor of Shri chancellor Venkateshwara University

informed that over 2,000 top players from 22 countries, including the United Kingdom, Ireland, Germany, Croatia, Estonia, Australia, UAE, Finland, Kazakhstan, Russia and Switzerland, are participating in junior, subjunior and senior categories of the four-day championship which would go on till February 6. He further said that the chairperson of

HARIDWAR: With the Patanjali Group rapidly expanding its

industrial footprint in Yamuna Expressway Industrial Devel-

opment Authority (YEIDA) area, Acharya Balkrishna visited

plot number 1A, Sector 24A, YEIDA on Tuesday. Averring that

this flagship project would bring large scale investment and em-

ployment opportunities in the region, he said that they would

set up a state-of-the-art dairy plant and industrial promotion hub in this park which would boost business activities at local

and national levels. After visiting the Industrial Park, he met

the YEIDA CEO Arun Vir Singh and other senior officials. He

said after the meeting that when fully functional, the Patanjali

Food and Herbal Park being developed with an investment of

Rs 1,600 crore is expected to generate over 3,000 jobs. He fur-

ther said that this project is in line with the 'Make in India' cam-

paign of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the 'Invest UP'

mission of Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath. Singh

said that the YEIDA's priority is to support industrial projects

in strengthening infrastructure and promoting investment in

GRES hosts channel partners meet in Doon

DEHRADUN: Garg Real Estate Services (GRES) hosted its ex-

clusive channel partners meet in Dehradun on Tuesday which

it called a significant milestone in strengthening partnerships

and fostering collaboration. The senior executives of GRES said

that the event had brought together its channel partners, offering insights into Sangam Valley, Dehradun, along with sales

strategies and market trends. Expressing happiness over the

successful completion of the meet, the managing director of

GRES, Utkarsh Garg said that the channel partners are the

backbone of their success, adding that the next channel part-

ners meet would be held in March.

the World Kickboxing Federation and eminent boxer Roy Baker was among those who inaugurated the championship. The Sports ministers and diplomats of many participating countries might be present at the closing ceremony, he added. He expressed the hope that kickboxing would enter the Olympic Games as an event soon.

5. Mr. Vinul Goval

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Financial support raised for Uttarakhand | STF arrests imposter duping army aspirants in Union budget, says Agarwal

PNS DEHRADUN

The Uttarakhand Finance minister Prem Chand Agarwal said that the Union budget 2025-26 has saved the State crores of rupees this year. Addressing a Press conference here on Tuesday, he said that Central assistance plays a crucial role in the State's revenue, primarily through three sources- its share in Central taxes, grants from the 15th Finance Commission and funds under Centrally sponsored schemes like the National Health Mission, National AYUSH Mission, and Swachchh Bharat Mission. He said that according to revised estimates for this financial year, Uttarakhand's share in Central taxes has increased to Rs 14,384 crore from the originally budgeted Rs 13,943 crore, providing an additional Rs 440 crore. For the next financial year, the State's share is expected to rise to Rs 15,902 crore, which is Rs 1,518 crore more than the current revised estimate, as per Agarwal. He said that significant growth has also been recorded in grants under the



15th Finance Commission compared to the revised estimates for the current year. The allocation for the State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF) has been raised to Rs 21,575 crore, an increase of Rs 1,025 crore from the previous estimate of Rs 20,550 crore. Similarly, grants for urban local bodies have been increased to Rs 26,158 crore from the earlier amount

of Rs 21,000 crore. Rural local body grants have also seen a rise, reaching Rs 48,573 crore, which is Rs 3,573 crore more than the previous allocation of Rs 45,000 crore. Agarwal said that the health sector has received a substantial boost, with its grant increasing to Rs 15,272 crore, marking a Rs 5,047 crore rise from Rs 10,225 crore. He said that to further support capital development in states, the Union budget has made provisions for Rs 1.5 lakh crore in interest-free loans, which is Rs 25,000 crore higher than last year's amount of Rs 1.25 lakh crore. Agarwal said that this scheme has significantly benefited Uttarakhand over the past two years, with the State receiving Rs 1,124 crore in 2022-23 and around Rs

year, the State expects to receive year, the State expects to receive around Rs 2,000 crore, with hopes for an even larger allocation in the coming year. He said that other key announcements include the expansion of the UDAN scheme to 125 cities, enhancing Uttarakhand's connectivity. Cancer centres will be established in all districts within three years and cancer drug prices will be reduced. The transformation of India Post into a logistics giant is also expected to boost economic activity in remote areas.
The MSME credit guarantee cover has also been raised to Rs
10 crore. Agarwal called the budget a strong step toward inclusive growth and economic activities. ic expansion, aligning with India's vision for 2047. Responding to queries regarding the upcoming budget session in the State, Agarwal said, "Uttarakhand's budget will also priorities the gradual state." prioritise the poor, youth, farmers and women like the central government. All preparations will be completed by mid-February."

1,911 crore in 2023-24. This

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The Uttarakhand Special Task Force (STF) arrested a man pos-ing as an army officer on charges of deceiving young aspirants with false young aspirants with false promises of recruitment in the Indian Army. The arrest was made following a confidential tip-off from the Millitary Intelligence in Dehradun, the senior superintendent of police of STF, Navneet Singh Bhullar said. He said that the accused had duped several youths, extracting lakhs of rupees from them under the pretense of securing jobs in the

The fraudulent activities came to light when a young victim lodged a complaint at Patelnagar police station in Dehradun, stating that he had been cheated after being assured of a job in the army. He said that upon receiving the intelligence input, the STF launched an investigation into the matter. The accused, identified as Pramod Kumar alias Vasu, was reportedly operating in the Patelnagar area, where he impersonated an army officer by wearing a military uni-



army identification card. He reportedly convinced several youths that he had strong connections in the army and could get them recruited to various positions, particularly in the tradesman category. According to the SSP, the investigation further revealed that Kumar had allegedly demanded sums ranging between Rs three lakh to Rs 3.5 lakh from each aspirant. To make his fraud appear convincing, he even reportedly met some of the victims wearing an army uniform at the Military Hospital in Dehradun. Bhullar said that one of the victims, Parvez, was handed a fake admit card for a driver's post in the army and later shown a forged merit list confirming his selection.

However, when Parvez reached the Military Hospital for further processing, he discovered that the merit list was fabricated, with his name fraudulently added. Realising the scam, he filed an official complaint at Patelnagar police sta-tion against Kumar and his associates. The SSP said that the STF, in coordination with Military Intelligence and local

police, launched a joint operation and apprehended Kumar from Chandrabani Road in Dehradun late on Monday. The authorities also recovered a fake army identification card, a set of army uniforms, other military-related clothing and his mobile phone from his possession. Bhullar informed that Kumar is a resident of Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh. He is currently in police custody and further investigations are underway to uncover the full extent of the scam and identify other possible victims. The SSP also urged aspirants to remain cautious and verify recruitment processes only through official mediums to avoid falling prey to such fraudulent schemes.

Uttarakhand ignored in Railway budget: Dhasmana

PNS DEHRADUN

The vice president of Uttarakhand Congress

He said that the Union government has allocated Rs 2,52,000 crore to Railways in the budget but Uttarakhand has got only Rs 4,641 crore for rail projects which is 1.8 per cent of the total budget. He said the meagre allocation is not adequate for Dhasmana said that Uttarakhand has sent BJP the last three consecutive added.

parliamentary elections but they have failed in Suryakant Dhasmana has their duty of ensuring that criticised the Union government for ignoring the State gets its rightful share. The Congress State rail budget. leaders talk about making efforts for green bonus from the centre but they have failed in safeguarding the interests of the State. Dhasmana said that the Union government should have provided a special package to Uttarakhand to effectively deal with the natural the ongoing and proposed disasters in the budget. However, in the absence of strong advocacy by the MPs, the State has been MPs to Lok Sabha since left high and dry, he

Transport department considering making green cards mandatory for all

The Uttarakhand Transport department is considering making green cards mandatory for all public transport vehi-cle operators travelling on Char Dham routes, regardless of whether they intend to visit the Char Dham temples or not. This proposal will be discussed in a crucial meeting on Wednesday, chaired by Garhwal commissioner Vinay Shankar Pandey, as part of the preparations for the Char Dham Yatra, which is expected to begin in April this year. The nodal officer for the Char Dham Yatra and regional transport (Administration) Sunil Sharma, confirmed this devel-

opment. Green cards are issued annually to commercial drivers travelling to Char Dham locations after verifying essential documents, including the vehicle's fitness, permit and the driver's license for hill driving. These cards streamline the checking process by allowing operators to present a single document rather than multiple papers. However, according to Sharma, many vehicle operators currently bypass this requirement by claiming they are heading to locations like Chopta instead of the Char Dham temples. Since the primary focus of officials is ensuring the safe arrival of pilgrims at the shrines, checks are usually conducted only for vehicles explicitly heading toward the Char Dham destinations. Sharma said that to close this loophole and enhance road safety, the Transport depart-

ment is considering making green cards mandatory for all public transport vehicles using Char Dham routes. Sharma explained that this measure will help enforce safety protocols more effectively, as checking each document individually for every vehicle is impractical, especially during peak season. "If implemented, it will ensure that all vehicles meet safety standards before entering these routes, making enforcement more efficient during the Yatra. The proposal will be presented before the Garhwal commissioner during the upcoming meeting," he said. He informed that the department is also planning to modify the registration process for the Char Dham Yatra by allocating 50 per cent of the registrations online while reserving the remaining 50 per cent for on the spot offline registrations. Another key consideration is improving the deployment of personnel at the two major checkposts in Rishikesh- Brahmapuri and Bhadrakali. Sharma said that personnel sometimes struggle to reach these checkpoints on time due to early morning pilgrim movements and traffic congestion. To address this, arrangements for personnel to stay at these locations are under discussion. Sharma stated that all these proposals, along with other necessary preparations, will be thoroughly reviewed in Wednesday's meeting to ensure a safer and more organised Char Dham Yatra this year.

Kumar has been appointed as nodal officer for medicines while deputy commissioner (DC), Food

S a f e t y (Garhwal), RS Rawat will be the nodal officer for food safety on the Char Dham

The department has also set up special teams under both the nodal officers for inspection and enforcement activities on the Yatra route.

There are more than 2,000 pharmacy shops on the Char Dham Yatra route. The team headed by ADC Kumar will inspect shops on the Yatra route to check their licences, stock of the medicines, the storage condition, their expiry date and confiscate contra

FDA department starts preparations for Char Dham Yatra

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Food Safety and Drugs **▲** Administration (FDA) department has started gearing up for this year's Char Dham Yatra. Though the Yatra commences in the month of April every year the department has already appointed nodal officers for the Yatra for better coordination and management. The

assistant drugs commissioner (ADC), Sudhir

Yatra routes.

check the restaurants, food joints, hotels and eateries on the Yatra route for enforcement of food safety norms.

The food safety team will

brand drugs in the stores.

The teams will be backed up by the employees of the department and mobile test-

The addi-

tional commis-

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and State drug

controller,

Tajber Jaggi

said that the

department is

fully prepared

for the upcom-Dham Yatra. He said that the pilgrims and people on the Yatra route should ensure that they purchase medicines from the licensed shops only. batch number and expiry date of the medicines. He said that the department will soon get services of newly recruit-

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Fresh snowfall and rain bring temperature down in State

PNS DEHRADUN/JYOTIRMATH

The weather took a turn in Uttarakhand on Tuesday with light snowfall in the higher reaches and rainfall in the lower altitudes and in some parts of the plains. The snowfall and rain brought down the temperature by a few notches in some parts of the State. Similar weather is expected on Wednesday with the State Meteorological Centre issuing a yellow warning (Watch) regarding the possibility of thunder with lightning likely to occur in Dehradun, Uttarkashi and Chamoli districts of the State today. Apart from this, very light to light rainfall is likely to occur at isolated places in Úttarkashi, Cĥamoli, Rudraprayag, Pithoragarh, Bageshwar, Almora, Tehri and Dehradun districts. The provisional State capital Dehradun is forecast to witness a mainly clear to partly cloudy sky with very light to light rain accompanied with thunder/lightning

likely to occur in some areas.

The maximum and minimum

temperatures are likely to be

around 24 degrees Celsius and

nine degrees Celsius respec-

tively in Dehradun

Meanwhile, light snowfall in the higher reaches and rain the lower altitudes revived the cold in parts of the State on Tuesday. In the Chamoli district, snowfall at the winter sports destination Auli brought cheer to tourists and those involved in the tourism

related businesses. People awoke to a cloudy sky in the region. Snowfall began in the higher reaches as the day progressed. High altitude areas including Badrinath, Hemkund, Valley of Flowers and the Niti valley were covered in a blanket of fresh snow. The tourists who had travelled to Auli made the most of the fresh snowfall with most of them indulging in various snow sports and other recreational activities. Rain was reported in various parts of the State with 16 millimetres in Pandukeshwar, six millimetre in



Pauri, 5.5 millimetres each in Tapovan, Rudraprayag and Jakholi, 4.5 millimetres in Agastyamuni, four millimetres each in Ukhimath and Srinagar, 3.5 millimetres in Gauchar and 0.4 millimetre in Dehradun. The maximum and minimum temperatures were 22.8 degrees Celsius and 9.9 degrees Celsius respectively in Dehradun, 27.6 millimetres and 8.2 millimetres in Pantnagar, 16.1 millimetres and 7.9 millimetres in Mukteshwar and 13.2 millimetres and 8.6 millimetres in New

BIS safeguarding consumer interests by ensuring quality products: CM

Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has said that the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is engaged in safeguarding the interests of the consumers by ensuring quality of Indian products and it has been involved in nation building for the last 78 vears. He was addressing the inaugural ceremony of the club carnival of BIS here on Tuesday. He said that the ISI mark has become synonymous with the product quality in the country. He said that the standards are not only the technical guidelines and measure of standards but also form the basis of development of the country.

The CM said that an ecosystem of standards is getting developed in the country in recent years and it is expanding to

every sector including agriculture, road, transport and health. He said that in Uttarakhand the BIS is coordinating with the Public Works Department, MDDA, UPCL and Disaster Management department for spreading awareness on stan-

The CM said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi the dream of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' is getting fulfilled and the BIS has a major role to play in achieving this. He said that the objective of the PM is that Indian products set up an example in the world in their quality, innovation and trustworthiness. The CM said that the

State government has set up an

umbrella brand under the name

House of Himalayas for provid-

ing global recognition for the local products such as handicrafts, organic agriculture products and herbs. He said that the BIS has set standard clubs in more than 10,000 schools in the country and has inked MoUs with 100 renowned educational institutes. The BIS is now raising awareness on the significance of standards in the rural areas of the State, he said.

The CM inspected different stalls and administered an ISI oath to the people on the occa-

The Dehradun Cantt MLA Savita Kapoor, Uttarakhand director of BIS Saurabh Tiwari, Food commissioner HC Semwal and others attended the pro-

U'khand to provide residential facility in cluster schools

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In a novel initiative, the State Education department is planning to provide residential facilities for the students in the cluster schools. Education minister Dhan Singh Rawat said that the State government is consistently working to strengthen the education system in Uttarakhand and setting up cluster schools is part of the effort. He said that the officers of the department have been asked to make provision in the budget to provide residential

facilities to the students in the cluster schools. The minister said that the provision will be included in the budget 2025-26.

He said that in the first phase the facility of residence will be provided to the students in one cluster school each in the five mountainous districts of the State. Residential capacity for 150 students will be developed in each of these cluster schools. Rawat said that at present the State government

operates 13 Rajiv Gandhi Navodaya schools, four Rajiv Gandhi residential schools, 19 Subash Chandra Bose residential schools and 39 Kasturba Gandhi girls' schools in the

The minister added that in view of the tough geographic conditions in the mountainous areas, it is necessary to increase the residential facility in the government schools.

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		Date of Interview : 10 Mar 2025 (Ser No (m) to					
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Rajnath Singh accuses Rahul Gandhi of misattributing Army chief

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday accused Congress leader Rahul Gandhi of making "false allegations' about the statement of the Army chief on the situation at the India-China border.

"The words attributed to the Army Chief by Shri Rahul Gandhi were never spoken by him at any time. It is a matter of deep regret that Shri Rahul Gandhi should indulge in irresponsible politics on matters of national interest," he said in a social media post.

This reaction came after Rahul Gandhi, who is leader of opposition, in his speech on Monday in Lok Sabha during the discussion on the Motion of Thanks to the President's address, claimed that the Chinese have intruded on Indian land but Prime Minister Narendra Modi has denied it. The Army disagreed with the prime minister, he had said.

"The Prime Minister has denied that Chinese forces are inside our territory but for some reason our army keeps talking to the Chinese about their entry into our territory and our chief of army staff has said that the Chinese are inside our territory," Rahul Gandhi had said.

Ón Tuesday, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said in a social media post regarding certain remarks made in Parliament by Rahul Gandhi about the statement of the Chief of the Army Staff on the situation along the India-China border, officials statement said.

A statement by defence ministry about Rajnath's remarks said he stated that the Army Chief's observations pertained to the temporary disturbance of traditional patrolling patterns by both sides along the border. He further emphasised that these patrolling practices have now been restored to their traditional pattern following the recent disengagement efforts. These details were previously shared in Parliament.

The defence minister also clarified that the words attributed to the Army Chief in the parliamentary debate were never stated by him at any time. He 1962 conflict. Furthermore,



underscored the importance of accuracy and responsible discourse on matters concerning national security.

Rajnath Singh reiterated that with respect to territorial issues, it is well documented that 38,000 sq. km of Indian territory in Aksai Chin has been under Chinese control since the 5,180 sq. km of territory was ceded by Pakistan to China in 1963. These historical facts remain an integral part of

India's territorial discourse. Meanwhile, BJP MP Nishikant Dubey on Tuesday wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla for initiating breach of privilege proceedings against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for "bla-

hadn't commenced yet was likely to take "a very long time"

"In such circumstances, when

there is no mechanism available with the human race to return tant lies and vilification campaign" during his speech in the

With the Leader of Opposition's speech on Monday during the discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address drawing strong protests from the ruling BJP, Dubey submitted his notice to the Speaker and claimed that

the Congress leader is using his parliamentary privilege to spread canards without authenticating his charges.
The BJP MP said Rahul

Gandhi's speech carried mainly claims, including that mobile phones were not made in India but only assembled here and China has captured the Indian territory. He had also alleged that India had sent Foreign Minister S Jaishankar to the US get an invite for Prime Minister Narendra Modi for US President Donald Trump's swearing-in ceremony.

In his letter, Dubey touched on the issues as well as the Congress leader's allegations related to his demand for caste

He alleged, "While raising these issues, Rahul Gandhi has not only shamelessly distorted the historical and substantive facts but also made an attempt to ridicule our country and lowering the prestige of our Republic." Dubey noted that Birla had asked Rahul Gandhi to authenticate his claims while noting that the Congress leader

In a swipe at the Leader of Opposition, Dubey said, "This 'erudite' person has neither authenticated his gibberish canards nor apologised of using the pious forum of Parliament to defame our country and the elected government."

He accused Gandhi of blatantly misusing the Constitution's Article 105, which accords privileges to parliamentarians for their comments made inside the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

Claiming that the privilege is subject to provisions of the Constitution and to the rules and standing orders regulating the procedure of Parliament, Dubey alleged that Rahul Gandhi was misusing Parliament on an "utterly false and imaginary notion" that he as an MP has an inherent privilege to speak whatever he likes on the floor of the House.

The Congress leader seemed to believe that even the presiding officer or the Leader of the House or the treasury benches have no authority to discipline his "delinquent" behaviour, he

the Article 105 does not give absolute powers and freedom to any public representative, espe-cially of the ilk of Rahul Gandhi, of there would be

anarchy in the House." Dubey said it is an established legal position that MPs broadly enjoy various privileges are subject to various widely

accepted "mores".

Urging the Speaker to initiate proceedings against Gandhi, he alleged that Parliament's records and proceedings are a testimony to his incessant irresponsible attitude as the guardian of 'India Chapter of Foreign Tool-Kit" aimed at destabilizing the country. In his speech, Rahul Gandhi had claimed that the Modi's 'Make in India' initiative had failed. "When we talk to the US, we wouldn't send our foreign minister to (get) our PM invited to his (US President's) coronation. We will not send our foreign minister 3-4 times (to say) please invite our prime minister," he said while levelling sev-

eral charges against the gov-



Prime Minister Modi congratulates new Belgium leader Bart De Wever

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday congratulated Barr De Wever on taking over as the new leader of Belgium. "Heartiest congratulations to Prime Minister @Bart_DeWever on assuming office.

I look forward to working together to further strengthen India-Belgium ties and enhance our collaboration on global matters.

Wishing you a successful tenure ahead," Modi said in a social media post.

nationalist N-VA party succeeds Alexander De Croo, who had remained in office as a caretaker since the June elections last year.

Delhi court grants bail to accused in Landon High Commission attack



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Ato a London resident in a case related to the alleged attack on the High Commission of India in London in March 2023. According to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), the incident on March 19, 2023 and an agitation organised on March 22, 2023, in which Inderpal Singh Gaba, a resident of Hounslow in west London, participated, were part of the same

Delhi court has granted bail

transaction. However, principal district and sessions judge Vimal Kumar Yaday, in an order on January 29, said Gaba's role seemed to be confined to the incident on

March 22, 2023.

Both the incidents were led and ple with a clear objective of influencing the crackdown on "Waris Punjab De" and its leader Amritpal Singh, the NIA said. "The NIA is unable to establish

was neither present at the spot

nor associated with arranging

anything for the demonstration

and for that matter, nothing

could be shown that he was part

of the conspiracy to organise the

demonstration on March 19,

2023 or for that matter on March

The court said the allegations

over the March 22, 2023 incident

even if "taken true" still did not

"He is a young man with clean

antecedents as nothing objec-

tionable could be brought on

record or shown...His complicity or involvement in any man-

ner could not be shown in the

incident of March 19, 2023," the

"insult to national honour" was

a serious allegation against him,

Gaba wasn't accused of vio-

It appeared the case's trial, which

make a case for life imprison-

22, 2023," the order said.

ment or death penalty.

judge said.

time to anyone, how far then it would be appropriate to keep a person under custody under such allegations?" asked the The NIA cited a photograph where Gaba is allegedly posing any link of the applicant with the with an AK47 rifle and claimed incident of March 19, 2023. He

added the court.

"it reflected and was indicative of his tendencies". The court dismissed the argument saying aside from the photo, which was found in the accused's cellphone's photo

gallery, neither any such rifle was recovered, nor could it be said conclusively that it was an AK 47 rifle or a dummy. "In this era of deepfake photoshop, etc., there can't be any certainty about what has been

shown is correct. More so, it is not very uncommon that people pose for photographs with all kinds of stuff,

the judge said. Gaba was detained by the Immigration Authorities at Attari border on December 9, 2023 while he was coming from London via Pakistan.

April 25, 2024 under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), Prevention of Insult of National Honour Act, and IPC.

India-EU ties more important than ever before amid: S Jaishankar

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar Con Tuesday said in a world that promises to be so volatile and uncertain,

India-European Union(EU)relationship can be an "important stabilising factor", as he asserted that the relationship between the two sides is more important than even before.

In his address at the inaugural session of the IIC-Bruegel annual seminar here, the minister, without naming any country, also said that "in our own continent, international law has been disregarded with significant consequences".

"Even on a question like democracy and military rule, different standards have been applied to our neighbours in the east and and our neighbour in the west," he said. The second IIC-Bruegel annual seminar is being held at the India International Centre (IIC) from February

"The world is currently witnessing two major conflicts, these are often presented as matters of principle. We are told that the very future of the world order is at stake. Yet, the record shows how selectively and unevenly these principles have been applied," Jaishankar said. In his address, he also touched upon the aspects of trade and digital technology, climate action, and their interplay with

geopolitics. the world order unravelling. "The fact is that the consensus which underpinned it, has done so well before.'

"There are North-South contradictions as much there is an East-West divide. In common interests and shared values,



er nationalism," the external affairs minister said. Both economic and political logic of an earlier era needs refreshing, Jaishankar said. "Much of the architecture will undoubtedly continue because we are too deeply invested into it, but some of it, perhaps aspects that are critical and sensitive, will be more nationally driven," he added.

Jaishankar asserted, "We are truly entering a time of multipolarity and rebalancing, the sooner we come to terms with this reality, the better for all of us." He underlined that these are some of the questions that India and the European

"It is important that as we reflect on appropriate policies and responses, there is a quest for convergence as well as an honesty in conversations. We clearly have

to combat cross-border crimes

oritise and specifics, but what binds us is a sentiment much stronger," the minister said. "At the end of the day, we are political democracies, pluralistic societies and market economies," he said. The minister said as the two sides take stock of the changes underway, it is likely that our meeting points will increase". "Moreover, in a world that promises to

be so volatile, so uncertain, a stronger India-EU relationship can be an important stabilising factor," Jaishankar said. India is certainly cognisant of the greater strategic awakening of Europe in the last few years, that too can serve as a "driver of deeper engagement", he added.

example, in defence and security and technology cooperation. The bottom line is that our India-EU relationship is more important than even before,"

India boasts robust system to combat future pandemics: Nadda country has an integrated dis-

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

India has a very robust system to deal with future pandemics and public health emergencies, Union Health and Family Welfare Minister J P Nadda asserted in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday.

Replying to supplementary questions in the Rajya Sabha, Nadda highlighted the steps taken by the government in the last 10 years to strengthen India's health system, especially in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

India has proven under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that we have got a very robust system to address the issue of any pandemic that comes, the minister said.

Listing out India's capabilities, Nadda said the country has the National Center for Disease Control (NCDC), which oversees and keeps surveillance.

"It is the apex body which takes care of the diseases and the pathogens, and the other emerging virus mutation, which takes place," he added. Under the NCDC, he said the

ease surveillance programme, a platform for disease surveil-"We have got the RRT, which is called the rapid response team,

which is there in the states. And we have got very decentralised multidisciplinary teams for health control and containment. And also, we have got an integrated health information platform where advanced data with analysis and analytical data and data modelling tools are there," the minister said. "We give real-time reporting for all the emerging pandemics or the there are chances of having

any pandemic." The Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) has 150 labs, he said, adding that there are viral research diagnostic laboratories. India has a world-class National Institute of Virology in Pune.

"So, we have got a very robust system wherever any pandemic or any chances of the pandemic are there, these laboratories confirm what type of mutation is taking place, what change, what type of medicine or what type of treatment is to be given," Nadda said.

UN general Assembly President Philemon | India seeks cooperation from Bangladesh Yang begins four-day visit to India

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

 $P^{\text{resident of the UN General}}_{\text{Assembly Philemon Yang is}}$ paying a four-day visit to India beginning Tuesday. Yang, who assumed the responsibility at the global body in September, pre-viously served as the prime minister of Cameroon. The President of the 79th Session

of the UN General Assembly (PGA) is visiting India at the invitation of External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, according



to an official readout. Under his presidency, the United Nations adopted 'A Pact for the Future' -- a vision document for realising "multilateral solutions for a better tomorrow". "During the

visit, the external affairs minister and the PGA will discuss key multilateral and regional issues of mutual interest," the readout said. Yang will also pay a courtesy call on President Droupadi Murmu. Apart from New Delhi, Yang will be visiting Bengaluru.
"The PGA is scheduled to visit Infosys and the Indian Institute of Science, where he would have the opportunity to interact with experts on India's innovations in various fields such as sustainability, digital public infrastructures, etc," the readout said.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ **NEW DELHI**

India has conveyed to Bangladesh that it expects a cooperative approach from the neighbouring country for combating cross-border crimes, the government informed Parliament on Tuesday.

India has also informed Bangladesh that it is observing all existing agreements in this regard, including for fencing along this front, the govern-

NYKS volunteers have been

Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai said in a written reply to Lok Sabha that the total length of the India-Bangladesh border is 4,096.7 km out of which 3,232.21 km has been "covered" with a fence.

The minister was asked if border fencing "impacted" bilateral relations between the two countries. "Construction of fencing is an important security measure for securing the border. Fencing helps to ensure a crime-free border by effec-

tively addressing the challenges of cross-border criminal activities, smuggling, movement of criminals and trafficking," Rai

It has been "conveyed" to the government of Bangladesh that with regard to security measures at the border, including for fencing, India observes all protocols and agreements between the two governments and between the Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), the minister said.

Parliamentary report flags delays in youth empowerment scheme

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parliamentary report has A flagged delays in fund allocations, lack of targeted outreach, and insufficient government action on key recommendations for the youths on disaster preparedness, skilling, and hostel facilities for women. The 360th report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth, and Sports, presented in Parliament on Tuesday, reviewed the government's response to its earlier recommendations on the Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK), a key youth empowerment scheme. The committee expressed dissatisfaction with the pace of implementation and urged the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to take urgent corrective



The report flagged concerns over the lack of a structured approach to youth volunteerism in disaster response, citing a 2022 United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) assessment.

It urged the government to

integrate Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, or NYKS, volunteers into mandatory disaster management committees at the village and district levels and establish Disaster Risk Reduction Teams in every district. While the Ministry reported that over 12,000

trained, the committee called for better coordination with disaster relief authorities to ensure effective deployment. The committee also criticised delays in transforming NYKS centres into District Youth Resource Centres (DYRCs), which could serve as hubs for skill development, employment, and entrepreneurship. The Ministry of Youth Affairs stated that it had forwarded the proposal to the Finance Ministry, but the committee urged stronger follow-ups to secure the required funding. The report also noted a lack of collaboration with the Ministry of Labour and Employment to turn NYKS into a gateway for youth employment. It also called for the creation of 'Girl Child NYKS Centres' to ensure

greater participation of young

women in skill training pro-

grammes and job placements. The committee found gaps in representation from rural youth and students from tier-2 and tier-3 colleges in international exchange programmes. It recommended tracking the long-term impact of such initiatives and ensuring a more inclusive selection process to provide equal opportunities for marginalised stu-

The report expressed serious concerns over the lack of youth hostels exclusively for women, particularly in state capitals, educational hubs, and cultural sites. While the Ministry cited the construction of one hostel in Kota, Rajasthan, the committee deemed it inadequate and directed the government to seek additional funds in the 2025-26 Union Budget for dedicated women

hostels with Wi-Fi, CCTV sur-

veillance, and round-the-clock security. The committee also noted dis-

crepancies in use of funds under the National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP) and recommended more transparent budgeting and expenditure tracking. It criticised the limited aware-

ness and outreach of Scouts and Guides programmes, recommending an expansion of gender sensitisation, environmental protection, and digital literacy initiatives in rural schools.

While the government has acknowledged some recommendations, the committee's report indicates that several key youth empowerment measures remain under-implemented. The committee urged the MYAS to act swiftly and report back on pending issues before the next parliamentary review.

Milkipur by-election: A prestige fight between BJP and SP

BISWAJEET BANERJEE

The upcoming Milkipur assembly by-election in Uttar Pradesh has turned into a high-stakes battle between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Samajwadi Party (SP) with both parties treating it as a prestige contest. This election follows BJP's shocking defeat in the Faizabad Lok Sabha seat, which includes Ayodhya, despite its strong push for the Ram Mandir narrative. SP's victory there was seen as a symbolic setback for the ruling party, making Milkipur the perfect stage for BJP's political counterattack.

The seat was vacated after SP's Awadhesh Prasad resigned as MLA upon winning the Lok Sabha election. Now, The BJP is determined to reclaim lost ground, setting up a direct contest between Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's Hindutva-driven campaign and Akhilesh Yadav's castebased PDA (Picchda-Dalit-Alpsankhyak) strategy.

In a surprising move, BJP has fielded Chandrabhan Paswan, a leader from the Pasi community, bypassing more familiar faces like sitting



MLAs Baba Gorakhnath and Ramu Priyadarshi. This reflects a calculated attempt to break into SP's strong Dalit voter base, which played a crucial role in its Faizabad

SP, on the other hand, has stuck to its traditional formula by nominating Ajeet Prasad, son of Awadhesh Prasad, banking on his father's goodwill among the backward classes and Dalits. The bypoll has, therefore, become a litmus test for both

BIP's outreach to Scheduled Castes and SP's ability to hold its vote bank together.

Sensing the importance of the contest, CM Yogi Adityanath has led BJP's charge in Milkipur, making seven visits to the constituency and dealwing seven ministers to deploying seven ministers to supervise the campaign. His speeches have focused on portraying SP as "anti-Sanatan," reinforcing BJP's broader Hindutva narrative. Meanwhile, SP has raised concerns about alleged

electoral manipulation, filing complaints with the Election Commission and demanding stricter polling oversight. The party claims that certain Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and presiding officers are biased towards BJP, an allegation the ruling party has dismissed as an admission of

Why Milkipur Matters for This by-election is more than

just a contest for a single seatit is a symbolic fight for BJP to

reclaim its dominance in Ayodhya's political landscape. Losing Faizabad despite the Ram Mandir push was a wake-up call, and a victory in Milkipur would help the party reassert its strength, particularly among Scheduled Caste voters.

Caste voters.
For Akhilesh Yadav, defending Milkipur is crucial to proving that his PDA strategy is still effective. A loss here could raise questions about SP's ability to hold onto its recent electoral gains, especially in the lead-up to the 2027 Uttar Pradesh assembly elections.

BJP's confidence is bolstered

BJP's confidence is bolstered by its recent electoral track record-out of the nine bypolls held in Uttar Pradesh, the party has won seven, further tightening its grip on the state's politics.

As the campaign reaches its final stretch, Milkipur has emerged as the most-watched battleground among the ten assembly by-elections, carrying significant political implications for both BJP and SP. The result will not only determine the fate of this seat but will also shape the narrative for the larger battle ahead in Uttar Pradesh.

Bhutanese King takes sacred dip at Sangam with CM Yogi



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE MAHAKUMBH NAGAR

 $\begin{array}{cc} B \text{hutanese King Jigme Khesar} \\ \text{Namgyel} & \text{Wangchuck,} \\ \text{accompanied by Uttar Pradesh} \end{array}$ Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, took a sacred dip at the Triveni Sangam in Prayagraj on Tuesday.

He arrived in Lucknow on Monday to a warm welcome from the Chief Minister before heading to Prayagraj for the spiritual ritual. After the holy dip at Sangam, King Wangchuck and CM Adityanath visited Akshay Vat and Bade Hanuman Temple for darshan. They also toured the Digital Mahakumbh Experience Center, witnessing the spiritual and digital essence of Mahakumbh 2025. The visit of the Bhutanese

King is seen as a significant step towards strengthening the cultural and diplomatic ties between India and Bhutan. The Mahakumbh 2025, one of

the largest spiritual events in the world, has drawn global attention, and the King's participation at the Triveni Sangam highlights the international significance of the sacred gathering.

figures were present, including Cabinet Minister Satyendra Dev Singh, Nand Gopal Gupta 'Nandi', and Jagadguru Santosh Das (Satua Baba) of the Vishnuswami Sampradaya, along with other dignitaries.

During this, several prominent



TMC reading of budget is wrong: Railway Ministry

SAUGAR SENGUPTA

The Railway Ministry has roundly refuted the strong criticism made by the Trinamool Congress that the Union Budget has produced a "high sounding nothing" and that it is "full of depriva-tion for Bengal." This by say-ing that the Centre has effect-ed a threefold increase in the funds that the Railways allocated to the State when Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was the Railway Minister.

The Minister has said that when Banerjee and her TMC nominees like Dinesh Trivedi and Mukul Roy were the Railway Ministers between 2009 and 2014 budgetary allocations for Bengal was Rs 4,380 crores whereas this year it has gone up to Rs 13,955 crores.

'The allocation which has been in Mamata Didi's time has been increased three (Prime Minister)Modi ji," Vaishnav said. Saying that the Railways has invested Rs 68,000 crores in Bengal Vaishnav urged the Bengal government to facilitate land acquisition for the completion of pending

For the development of Railways land acquisition is important and I will request the Chief Minister to help us in land acquisition," the Minister said informing that at present the Railways were

working on Amrit Bharat Station scheme with 101 stations. About 1290 km tracks have been added to the State he said.

Also there were 10 Vande Bharat trains running in the State and that about 3,337 km tracks would be covered by Kavach system. Earlier, TMĆ national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee criticised the Budget saying Bengal was being deliberately neglected by the Centre of which the Budgetary excercise was an example. Calling it an election stunt to bankroll BJP'S electoral machine and appease it's allies, Banerjee who is also the nephew of the Chief Minister said, " not a single meaningful financial allocation has been made for Bengal... Despite BJP having 12 MPs from Bengal the silence on this systematic deprivation speaks volumes about their complicity in this injustice. Another senior TMC leader

and former State Finance Minister Dr Amit Mitra who is also the Financial Advisor of the Chief Minister asked "what did this Budget do," adding, how, "social services has been reduced by 16 percent ... The housing funds have reduced by 4.38 percent... More than 3 percent have been cut off in SC, ST development ... And most importantly the allocation in food subsidy has been

reduced by 5 percent."

Army, IITG sign MoU for research to replace traditional building materials with bamboo

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The army and the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IITG) have signed an MoU for research, design and fabrication of "Epoxy bamboo-based composites" as replacement of traditional building materials used in the construction of bunkers in High Altitude Areas, a defence release said on

Tuesday.
The project will culminate in constructing multiple defence works in highaltitude terrain for field trials. The fabricated panels will provide the same level of protection, albeit with reduced weight albeit with reduced weight, decreasing the time and effort required for ferrying of supplies, and ultimately enhancing preservation.

The memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed on Monday evening in the presence of the GOC Red Horns Division Maj Gen Rohin Bawa and IITG represents a shared Director Prof Devendra commitment to exploring Jallihal.



The signing of this MoU is a step towards innovation and collaboration, setting standards between cooperation government research, development institutions and military educational bodies technological progress, Maj Gen Bawa said.

The partnership is beyond agreement and shared new technological frontiers

and addressing modern battlefield challenges, he Gen

highlighted collaborative industry, academia, industry, researchers, and startups in fostering a whole-of-nation approach and expressed confidence that this partnership will contribute to groundbreaking achievements and support the nation's 'Atmanirbhar Rharat' initiative academia. Bharat' initiative.

Himachal Pradesh recieves fresh snowfall

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The higher reaches of Himachal Pradesh, including the North Portal of Atal Tunnel in Rohtang, received fresh snowfall prompting the police to ask commuters to avoid unnec-essary travel as the roads turn slippery and visibility is reduced.

Kalpa in Kinnaur district received 0.2 cm of snow.

A western disturbance as a cyclonic circulation lies over west Afghanistan and adjoining Iran, which is likely to move eastnortheast wards during the next two days, the Met office said.

As a consequence, light snowfall is likely at many places and isolated spells of moderate snowfall are very likely in Kinnaur, Lahaul-Spiti and higher reaches of Kangra, Chamba, Shimla, Mandi, Sirmaur and Kullu districts. Light rainfall is expected over many places in the remaining parts of Kangra, Chamba, Shimla, Mandi, Sirmaur and Kullu districts from afternoon of February 4 to midnight of



Sirmaur districts. Thunderstorms lightning are likely at isolated places in Una, Bilaspur, Hamirpur Chamba and Mandi districts on February 4.

at isolated places in Kangra,

Shimla, Solan, Kullu and

Few spells of light snowfall with one or two moderate spells are likely over tourist destinations of Kufri, Narkanda, Manali, Solang Valley, Dalhousie, Sissu and

areas from afternoon of February 4 to evening of February 5, the Tabo in tribal Lahaul and

Spiti district was the coldest at night recording a low of minus 7.1 degree Celsius, while Bhuntar in Kullu district with 25.2 degree Celsius was the hottest on Monday afternoon.

The winter season rain deficit in the state from January 1 to February 4 was 86 per cent as the state received 13.4 mm of rain against 94.1 mm normal rainfall seen during this

7000 people get letter of appointment from Bihar government

he said.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Nitish Kumar government in Bihar on Tuesday said it filled close to 7,000 posts in various departments, which had been lying vacant for years because of legal wrangles.

Appointment letters were given away to a total of 6,341 junior engineers, who will be posted in eight departments, at a function which was attended by the chief minister. 496 instructors Besides,



(anudeshak), to be posted in at the same function The Department of Water

the Labour Department, got their letters of appointment Resources, currently held by senior JD(U) leader Vijay Kumar Chaudhary, was the authority

recruitment of all JEs. Chaudhary later briefed iournalists development.

"Most of these posts had been advertised way back in 2019 by the Bihar Technical Service Commission. But many aspirants, including those already rendering services on a contractual basis and the ones who held diplomas awarded by nongovernment institutions,

challenged the process of recruitment in Patna High Court and Supreme Court,

As the nodal department, we reviewed the roadblocks that came in the way of the chief minister's resolve to fill up vacant government posts. On the CM's advice, a proposal for resolving the impasse was submitted before the apex court which gave its nod for the recruitment process," the minister said.

Notably, the Water Resources Department also accounts

for the highest number (2,338) of fresh appointees, followed by Planning and Development (1,273) Rural

Works (759) and Road Construction (503). "Since 2005, when our leader took over as the chief minister, development has been the government's sole agenda.

So much so that the opposition has realised that failure to admit that growth has taken place would be a political blunder and its leaders are now busy trying

to claim their share of credit,"

Revenue officials go on mass

he claimed.

The allusion was apparently to RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, who has had two short-lived tenures as the deputy chief minister, as a result of brief alliances between his party and the

Asked about Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's visit to Patna scheduled on Wednesday, the JD(U) leader said, "He often harms his own party... His refusal to accept that caste census was a brainchild of Nitish Kumar smacks of dishonesty.'

Hindu Munnani holds massive protest in TN over Thiruparankundram hill issue

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE MADURAI

⊓he Hindu Munnani members staged a massive protest at Palanganatham here on Tuesday evening, barely hours after the Madras High Court gave its nod for the agitation at the new venue against the incident of a group of persons consuming non-vegetarian food at Thiruparankundram hill.

Though the temple on the hilltop is dedicated to Lord Subrahmanya, there's a Sikandar Badusha Dargah on the hill. Things had been normal in the town until a group of people allegedly consumed non-vegetarian food on the hillock much to the ire of the Hindu devotees, recently. On Tuesday, several thousands of devotees, Hindu Munnani functionaries, and members participated in the

protest raising slogans hailing Murugan (Lord Subrahmanya), the Hindu Munnani said. Some even raised slogans:

"reclaim Thiruparankundram

the occasion. Hindu Munnani state president Kadeshwara Subramaniam and

devotees defeats detention" on

scores of activists were arrested proceeded to Thiruparankundram to stage the protest against a group of people who consumed nonvegetarian food on the sacred

leader Subramanian Swamy in a letter warned Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin about the dare consequences of supporting the people who trying to create mosque at the holy site. Many DMK Ministers BJP state chief K Annamalai hill," and "Murugan's army of

creation, said Swamy. BJP senior H Raja said the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court granted permission for the Hindu Munnani's protest. The court also directed the police to release all Hindu Munnani and BJP members either detained or kept under house arrest.

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The court had permitted the agitation to be staged betwee 5 and 6 pm at Palanganathan and not Thiruparankundram as originally sought by the protesters.

accused the ruling DMK of imposing the prohibitory order in Madurai to prevent the protest aimed to protect the sanctity of the temple and condemning the organisations that were against Hindus.

In a post on social media platform X, he said the DMK government was conducting itself in a discriminatory manner in the events related to ThiruparankundramArulmigu Subrahmanya Swamy Temple Hill.

He said the BJP leaders kept under house arrest should be released immediately. "There is a limit to everything.

Are there separate rules for a DMK minister and the public? The DMK government should immediately stop supporting unnecessary activities that continue to harass the people,' Annamalai said in the post. Earlier in the day, the scenic Thiruparankundram hill town, where the abode of Lord

Subrahmanya graces devotees,

had turned into a police citadel

with over 4,000 police and

officers from 10 districts taking

following

control

prohibitory orders clamped by Madurai administration.

About eight activists from the Hindu Munnani, which had announced an agitation have been detained by the police. Police said eight Hindu Munnani members have been detained as a precautionary measure.

Condemning the arrest and also the administration's decision, Raja said when national agencies were involved in arresting terrorists hiding in Tamil Nadu, the state police resorted to arresting members of Hindu organisations that wanted to stage a peaceful protect Thiruparankundram hill. "This situation will change one day,"

he said. Terming the ban order as "suppression of democratic rights and feelings of devotees," Kadeshwara Subramaniam who came to Madurai with a 'Vel" (spear) in his hand, said his organisation would not hesitate to launch a freedom struggle for Hindus from to defame them forcibly.

Madurai soil.

leave for a day in Haryana STAFF REPORTER 370 Patwaris in a list across

GURUGRAM

 $T^{\text{he Naib Tehsildar and}}_{\text{Tehsildar were gone on strike after alleged allegations}}$ of corruption in the Revenue Department and a case registered against a woman Tehsildar of Faridabad. The Tehsildars have accused

that a female Tehsildar Neha Saran in named Faridabad was falsely implicated in a case. However, sources said that after revenue officials went on mass leave, sub-divisional

magistrates registered deeds. Due to this, other revenuerelated works, including the registry, remained stalled in all the tehsils of the district

on Tuesday People had to face a lot of trouble due to the strike. The Tehsildars alleged that a conspiracy was being hatched



shown involved corruption, which is not only wrong but also an attempt to harm their reputation. A member of the Harvana

Revenue Officer Association said that if the government does not pay attention to their demands, the mass strike will continue. This will have a direct impact on the functioning of the tehsils and the common people will have to face problems.

It may be noted that the government has included the Without any investigation names of 47 Tehsildars and

the state regarding the alleged corruption in the Revenue Department. Apart from this, the names of 404 Tehsildars and 152 Patwaris have also been included in the list. Tehsildars say that despite putting the names on the list, the government has not taken any concrete action so far, due to which anger is increasing among revenue officers and employees. In support of the Tehsildars' strike, Patwaris

expressed their displeasure. They say that whatever allegations are being made regarding corruption, they should be investigated should be impartially.

It is not right to blame all the employees without any basis. On average, more than 60 per cent of registrations take place in the 9 tehsils of Gurugram district on normal days, from which the government gets

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-PAPER WITH PASSION-

Delhi decides

A 'do-or-die' for AAP, a prestige battle for the BJP and a fight for survival for Congress—Delhi heads to the polls today

In a battle of promises, power and prestige, Delhi votes today. The stage is set for the 2025 Delhi Assembly elections, with voters heading to the polls today and results expected on February 8. With 1.56 crore voters across 70 constituencies, the political atmosphere in the national capital is charged, reflective of the high stakes involved. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), led by Arvind Kejriwal, aims for a third consecutive term while the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Congress vie to reclaim relevance and power in the capital. The month-long campaign was intense, marked by fiery rhetoric and personal jabs. The BJP leaders accused AAP of corruption, branding their governance as 'AAP-da' (disaster). In return, Kejriwal took aim at the BJP, accusing them of law and order failures and even alleging that the BJP-led Haryana government "mixed poison" in the Yamuna, framing it as a 'genocide' attempt. The Congress, meanwhile, targeted both AAP and BJP with accusations of corruption and inefficiency. This elec-



tion, like many others, saw a flurry of promises aimed at wooing voters with tangible benefits. AAP pledged monthly payments to temple priests, free bus rides, and extensive schemes for youth and students. Both BJP and Congress promised subsidised cooking gas cylinders and financial support for women and unemployed youth. The BJP additionally promised Rs 21,000 for expecting mothers, while Congress offered Rs 8,500 per month to unemployed youth.

Security for the elections is tight, with over 30,000 police personnel and 220 paramilitary companies deployed across the city. Nearly 3,000 polling booths have been marked as sensitive. While assembly elec-

tions are a state matter, the fact that this election is taking place in Delhi, the nation's capital with a cosmopolitan character, gives it national significance. A win for AAP could solidify Kejriwal's model of governance and offer a template for other states and bolster its claim in other states, while a victory for BJP might signal a resurgence of the party in urban governance, reinforcing Modi's narrative of efficient governance. For Congress, a good showing could be the much-needed revival signal after a series of setbacks. As the voters cast their ballots, the outcome of these elections will not just shape Delhi's immediate future but could also influence the national political discourse. The Delhi elections, while significant, are not an ideal model for other states to replicate. The city's unique status as the national capital, with a mix of local and national issues influencing voter behaviour, creates an electoral landscape unlike any other. Additionally, the campaign narratives in Delhi tend to be dominated by highpitched rhetoric and personality-driven politics rather than substantive policy debates. This makes the Delhi election an exception rather than a benchmark, highlighting the need for states to focus on governance models that prioritise long-term development over short-term electoral gains.



Labourers plant paddy saplings in a field, in Nadia

Imbuing warrior ethos through strength In Narendra Modi's cabinet, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh enjoys the optics

of seniority, but not necessarily the authority that should come with it

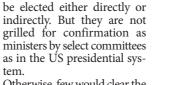
n Prime Minister Narendra Modi's cabinet, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is de jure numero uno. He sits next to him at meetings and in Parliament and like most another minister, regularly invokes Modi's greatness and vision. The optics of seniority are excellent. So is his pedigree. He is a Thakur, dyed-in-the-wool Sanghi and twice President of BJP. His political graph starts as Education Minister to UP, CM Kalyan Singh. As Education Minister in 1992, his signal achievement was ending a regional malaise - copying in exams, sometimes with a knife dug into the desk.

Like infiltrators across LoC, invigilators feared to cross the red line. He had an ordinance passed making copying a non-bailable offence - the onus of proving oneself innocent was on the accused. Fourteen and 15-yearolds were sent to jail on charges of copying. The pass percentage in the UP high school board examination for Class X in 1991 was 58.03. In 1992, after the anticopying law was put in place, it slipped to 14.7. He lost the 1993 assembly elections.

A great believer in astrology Singh was ambitious and usually took his cue from RSS leadership. He rose to become chief minister of UP, the second Thakur to do so. As president of BJP, he was asked to inform seven times MP, former Finance, Defence and Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh that he was no longer a member of the BIP (expelled). Jaswant had written the offending book - Jinnah -Partition Independence.

Following a stint as Home Minister, he became defence minister after Modi had shuffled around Arun Jaitley, Nirmala Sitharaman and Manohar Parrikar as defence minister. Last month at the Republic Day NCC rally he revealed he was in NCC and a physics teacher. His fondness for Dabang - strength and power – is well known but his association with the redoubtable Raja Bhaiyya of Kunda, famous for rearing crocodiles in his pond - is less known.

In the Westminster Parliamentary system cabinet ministers are After inflation and foreign selected by the PM and have to exchange fluctuations, mod-



Otherwise, few would clear the viva, especially for the Defence Minister. Last week former Fox News commentator, Pete Hegseth former Army National Guard who was President Trump's most endangered cabinet choice went through hell before the Senate Armed Services Committee for his confirmation. Poor Pete! he was facing multiple allegations of abuse including sex and alcohol.

He pledged to never drink alcohol if confirmed. Professionally he was well prepared, answering accurate questions on military equipment like the size of a 9mm bullet and the number of rounds in a carbine magazine. He told his examiners he would restore 'warrior ethos' in armed services. Americans have much to worry about as the Chinese are catching up in technology, military and economic prowess. Singh has no similar worries. India has abandoned any catch-up with China, its main enemy. It hopes to make up the deterrent and capability gap through diplomacy as was evident from the meagre defence allocations (1.9 per cent of GDP) in last week's budget.



THE ARMED

FORCES ARE **EXPECTED** TO EMPLOY **FORCE MULTIPLIERS** LIKE INVOKING CHANAKYA, **IMBIBING ANCIENT MILITARY CRAFT AND BECOMING CONTEMPORARY THROUGH** THE FUSION OF PAST, **PRESENT** AND FUTURE

ernisation funds have decreased. In a tweet, Singh described the budget as 'wonderful' and congratulated Sitharaman for fulfilling the resolve of PM Modi for Viksit Bharat. No defence minister, service chief or CDS has ever put his job on the line, asking for additional funds. Recently a French CDS did so. He had to resign when the Euro 1bn extra that he demanded was not provided. Later, President Macron reinstated him along with Euro 1bn.

For the last few years, Sitharaman has ceased mentioning defence allocation in budget presentations. The armed forces are expected to employ force multipliers like invoking Chanakya, imbibing ancient military craft and becoming contemporary through the fusion of past, present and future, as reflected by the new painting on this theme that replaced the once-in-1000-year surrender ceremony painting in the Army Chief's annexe. For all his virtues – injecting Hindutva in a hitherto secular armed force, venerating weapons with religious symbols and motivating triservice warriors by pledging mooh tod jawab, Singh has ceded his area of responsibility to PMO and NSA. Former Defence Minister AK Antony in contrast was the Rock of Gibraitar, never letting the NSA or even the PM bypass

So little reform got done. Singh is an affable team player guided occasionally by a Defence Advisor, a retired Lt General. Recently at a function of the Directorate of Civilian Personnel of Naval Head Quarters, he eulogised the 'civilian in armed forces': "you are civilian before you join service; in some ways, you're civilian even while you serve; and civilian even after you have retired. Your families are also civilians". No mention of veterans! I envy Singh for his immaculately starched white kurta and flowing dhoti which reminds me of my era of razor-sharp starched olive

greens. Last month, Singh went to Madhya Pradesh accompanied by Army Chief Gen Dwivedi. At Ujjain they prayed at the Maha Kaal temple, Dwivedi kitted like Singh. Later Singh visited military institutions in Mhow. At the Army War College, he began reading his speech: "COAS, Gen Umeshji Dwivedi; Commandant Armedpause....kaun sa hai...?' someone prompted "War". Pause...someone repeated 'War". "Yeah. War College, Lt Gen JS Shahi..." Singh might infuse warrior ethos in the armed forces but as an aspiring politician, will remain the bridesmaid, never the bride.

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THE EDITOR

The digital age and the decline of meaningful connections



ASHA IYER KUMAR

In a time when relationships are often reduced to fleeting digital interactions, staying connected through phone calls filled with warmth and laughter shows genuine care

¬here is a remarkable trait I have observed in my 92-year-old mother-in-law, a habit that sets her apart in an age where relationships are often reduced to fleeting digital exchanges. She remembers former colleagues, distant relatives, neighbours who once lived next door. And more than just remembering them, she stays in touch.

At an age when many resign themselves to solitude, she picks up the phone and calls people from decades ago. Not just text messages, voice notes, or hurried "Hope you're well" followed by silence. She calls, she converses, she cares. It is a simple act, yet in today's world, it feels almost extraordinary.

Her phone conversations are not perfunctory check-ins; they are rich tapestries of shared history, laughter, and updates on each other's lives. And the warmth with which she is received at the other end of the line is a testament to the bonds she has nurtured over the years. She is remembered because she remembers. She is loved because she has loved.

It makes me wonder: What been?'

are we losing in this hyperconnected yet increasingly impersonal world? Relationships today are often

sustained by a string of forwarded messages, impersonal likes on social media, and hastily typed responses to keep up appearances. In the race for efficiency, we have sacrificed depth.

Consider this: How many times have we opted to send a WhatsApp message instead of calling, simply because it's quicker? How often do we reply with an emoji rather than words that could convey something deeper? I suspect relationships have become more superficial, and perhaps we are to blame. It is easier to type a quick "Happy birth-day!" than to call and hear the person's voice. It is more convenient to react to a post than

to ask, "How have you really

And yet, watching my mother-in-law, I realise that relationships, like wealth, require investment. The bonds we forge and sustain over time are the greatest savings we make in life. They are the human equivalent of a wellkept treasure-present when we need warmth, support, and belonging.

One of the reasons we don't stay in touch is because we assume people are busy. They probably don't have time to talk. Or worse, we convince ourselves that if they really cared, they would call us too. And so, we let months slip into years, waiting for the other person to make the first

But my mother-in-law doesn't wait. She doesn't hesitate to pick up the phone, regardless of how long it has been. And what's more, people respond to her with the same warmth and eagerness. It reminds me that relationships are not about keeping score; they are about keeping the connection

A strong social network isn't just about having company for celebrations; it is also about having shoulders to lean on in times of need. It is

about knowing that when life throws its uncertainties at us, there will be familiar voices to comfort us, guide us, and remind us that we are not alone. And yet, many people find themselves growing lonelier with age, not because they lack family or friends, but because they did not nurture those bonds

What would it take for us to revive the lost art of staying in touch? It doesn't take grand gestures. It doesn't require hours of free time. Sometimes, all it takes is a simple phone call. A heartfelt message. A conversation that goes beyond the surface.

So here's a small invitation: Think of someone you haven't spoken to in a while-perhaps an old schoolmate, a former colleague, or a distant cousin. Instead of sending a message, call them. Ask about their life. Listen to their stories. Share something about yours. It may feel unfamiliar at first, but you may be surprised at how quickly the warmth

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CANCER CASES RISING RAPIDLY Madam — Cancer is a major health issue

in Southeast Asia with high rates of incidence and mortality. WHO has reported that more than 2.3 million people are diagnised with cancer each year. It is estimated that by 2050 there will be an 85 percent increase in the number of new cancer cases and deaths in the WHO's South East Asia region. It is unfortunate. Among the new cases, breast, cervix, and lung cancer were the most frequently reported. Economic transitions, lifestyle changes, and rising obesity prevalence are increasing cancer risk in this region with existing risk factors such as tobacco and indoor-outdoor pollution.

Although cancer is a life-threatening disease, it can be prevented and treated if detected early. Screening programmes such as breast self-examination and mammography substantially increase breast cancer survival. Options such as breastconserving surgery and breast reconstruction surgery should be more available in the SEA region. Cervical cancer is the second most frequent cancer in the SEA region, caused by high-risk human papillomavirus (HPV), and can be prevented by vaccination. Tobacco is another major cause of cancer and preventable deaths

More actions are to be taken as tobacco and smoking are still the cause of many deaths in the region. Equal attention should be paid to less prevalent types of cancer. Governments need to include cancer treatment in national insurance as done in countries like Indonesia, not restricted to surgeries but allowing lifelong treatment. There is an urgent need for continued efforts from clinicians, researchers, and policymakers to collaborate and find the most effective strategies to serve cancer patients in the best way possible.

P Victor Selvaraj | Tirunelveli

PROMOTE RENEWABLE ENERGY

Madam— India's need and its policy related to power are yet to come close to each other. The allocation of Rs 20,000 crore is

Retired judges to boost efficiency



the reappointment of retired judges offers several advantages. Their vast experience and familiarity with legal procedures can enhance efficiency, especially in handling complex matters. Time-bound assignments ensure focus on specific case clusters, improving disposal rates without overburdening the regular bench. Additionally, this reduces the dependency on fresh judicial appoint-

a mere token of its gesture, and it falls too short of the fund it requires to generate 100 GW of power. In fact, this is the same case with other segments of renewable energy also. It needs a lot of political will to do away with the fossil fuels, as the investments and commercial interest of the private players are huge.

It needs a lot of social commitment towards the future generations to clear the climate challenges and pass on a safe earth to live in. All over the world, the power of profit is predominating over the safety of the people to live on this secured earth. Recurrent costs in nuclear energy are less, and it makes it the most economical one. But the amount of safety measures to be taken up discourages many countries from thinking of this segment. More than fear of falling lives, the fear of falling profits to the private players in the field seems to be dragging the government from going ahead at a speed it requires. There is a dire need to extend substantial subsidies and promote renewable energies, including

A G Rajmohan | Anantapur

ments, which often face administrative delays. However, concerns remain regarding the potential impact on judicial independence, as government approval could raise questions about executive interference. Transparency in the selection process, clear tenure guidelines and defined performance metrics are essential to mitigate these risks. Moreover, the absence of a concrete framework for lower courts highlights a critical gap. Given that the bulk of pending cases lie at the subordinate level, swift policy formulation for these courts is imperative. This initiative reflects the judiciary's proactive stance in judicial reforms, recognising that traditional measures are inadequate for the scale of India's legal

Gopalaswamy J | Chennai

EGGS ESSENTIAL FOR NUTRITION Madam — According to the data, around 35-40 per cent of children in rural areas in Maharashtra are underweight, and the highest rate of malnutrition is found in North Maharashtra. Lack of access to nutritious food is one of the major factors behind malnutrition. With this backdrop, it is surprising to learn why the state government dropped eggs from the mid-day meals. Egg is a major source of protein and its substitute, pulses, are costlier than eggs, so eggs should remain a core part of midday meals, and if any student does not want to eat it, he can skip it.

Earlier states like Madhya Pradesh and Goa also made such decisions, while it should be noted that a few states in Southern India have added the number of eggs given to children to ensure protein requirements are met. Such drastic decisions could prove detrimental to the families living below the poverty line. Bal Govind | Noida

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A DARK CLOUD BEFORE THE GOLDEN DAWN

Are we past the point of no return, or is there still hope for a new dawn?



RAJYOGI BRAHMKUMAR **NIKUNJ JI**

one of us would deny the fact that the whole world is in chaos today. The human race is in more pain and suffering than ever before. The root cause of this is, because three key powers i.e., religion, politics and science that run the world have miserably failed to function by their essential characteristics to look after the wellbeing of people at large. These powers have deviated from their normal course, lost their essential traits and degraded to the lowest level, which is quite visible from the sorry state of affairs across the world.

The power of religion which was meant to show human beings the righteous path which is necessary to maintain social harmony has today become a perpetrator of conflict. It's evident from the facts that religion has failed to uphold moral values in society which can be seen in the form of ever-increasing molestation and sexual assault cases at homes, workplaces, public places and even at schools and colleges that are considered temples of learning.

The historic Nirbhaya case is still very fresh in the minds of people who were shattered to see the height of barbarism to which a human can



go. Today the power of politics is also in a state of crisis. No government anywhere in the world can claim that they are free from corruption. Laws that are made for the benefit of the common public are turning out to be mere eyewash. People in power go scot-free despite breaking several laws, whereas a common man keeps paying penalties on various occasions for not abiding by the law.

On one side governments talk of clean fuels & make pollution checks mandatory, and on the other side, they continue to add a greater number of vehicles to roads each year to please the automotive sector. So, instead of reducing vehicular traffic by introducing greater modes of public transport, the government is making more and more cars accessible to the public at cheap rates. Is this right? Science, the third key power that runs the world, emerged as a result of man's search for a better life. It harnessed natural resources to channel them into means useful for human consumption. However, today the scenario is such that the energy tapped from nature has gone out of human control.

The use of science in violating the laws of nature has become the root cause of environmental imbalance leading to a rise in natural calamities which is evident by the recent report by the UN Panel on Climate Change making it crystal clear that large-scale global warming has triggered the melting of polar ice caps which is the biggest danger facing humankind. Modern scientific advancement that was meant to help humans live a better life has led to a proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, endangering global peace and harmony. So, in short, we can say that three powers governing the world have gone haywire & they are steering us to mass destruction. But, what's more surprising is that despite ample knowledge of this phenomenon, nobody seems inclined to save the situation. Hence it won't be exaggerating to say that we have surely come to the point of no return, because with scarcity of non-renewable natural resources, spread of diseases, population explosion, social chaos and nuclear threat accompanied by natural disasters, the world scenario looks utterly scary. Under such darkness, the common man is bound to look UP to seek Almighty Supreme's help as the last resort to safety. Just imagine, when the world reaches its highest peak of unrest, it will be a sight that only a few of us would be able to bear because the kind of destruction that the world has prepared for is bound to shake the conscience of the most stone-hearted and guilty. Perhaps this impending destruction and clearing of human conscience is like a silver lining in the dark cloud which is perhaps the only way to the golden morning that we human souls have been endlessly waiting for. Remember !! Many hidden truths are often unobserved, not invisible

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A fierce three-way battle for the capital's throne With a closely contested fight and shifting voter sentiments, the Delhi election results could send ripples across the national political landscape

hilly Delhi, though, the blitzkrieg of a high-octane election campaign, not bordering on the sort of "AAPda" while going at hammer and tongs of Tu-Tu-Mai-Mai storm during a prime-time TV news show, for claiming Delhi Ki Kursi, has heated the political cauldron. A strong 1.55 crore voters of Delhi are healing in the sun voters of Delhi are basking in the sunshine of campaign songs for the Delhi Assembly Elections 2025: "Bahane Nahi Badlav Chahiye..." rendered by BJP against the AAP's Bhojpuri-laced tagling "Pahya Phir Sa CM Haviba tagline "Babua Phir Se CM Hoyihe... Delhi Ke Badal Dihe Surat, Suhawan, Khubsurat Ho, A Rajaji..." From all perspectives, who will win the ballot bat-

Will AAP score a hat-trick? Or will the resurgent Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), relying on Prime Minister Narendra Modi as its face, hit Mauka (anti-incumbency) Pe Chauka? Or will the Grand Old Party deliver the googly of Har Jarurat Hogi Puri, Dilli Mein Congress Hai Jaruri," an effort to regain its lost electoral ground in the triangular contest? The fate of Delhi will be sealed on February 5 when people exercise their franchise. And the Dday, February 8, when the results will be announced, will blow the conch of the new beginning of the 70-member eighth Vidhan Sabha.

The Phalodi Satta Bazar, which earlier showed AAP crossing the majority mark of 36, has revised its estimates. The Arvind Kejriwal-led AAP—whose mainstay of incorruptibility is being challenged by the Congress and BJP, which have levelled allegations against its top brass leaders—could clock a significantly reduced tally this time

According to the latest revised estimates, the BJP-which looks bullish after its recent victories in Maharashtra and Haryana—may bag around 31 seats, a good 5 seats short of the majority mark. A projection of a waferthin margin of victory between the AAP-BJP fierce slugfest has made party workers and strategists somersault to pump up their tally amidst the Delhi election campaign hitting its last

leg.
To woo voters, manifestos, guarantees, and welfare schemes appear to be tearing apart the atmosphere of the city-state. The Delhi Assembly Elections 2025 appear to be a big free-bie face-off. Mahila Samman Yojana, Sanjeevani Yojana, Sankal Patra, Ayushman Bharat Scheme, Yuva Udaan Yojana, Pyari Didi Yojana, et al-innocent voters find themselves in an Alicein-Wonderland.

BJP Resurgence

Winning the Delhi assembly poll has become an Achilles' heel for the PM Modi-led BJP while the saffron juggernaut swept Delhi's seven seats in the Lok Sabha Elections in 2014, 2019 and 2024. Having last won the Delhi election in 1993, the BJP wants to turn the tide this time by dismantling the proverbial equation of Modi for PM and Kejriwal for CM. Riding on the cusp of being the only party among the three in 2020 to have recorded an increased vote share, the BJP is leaving no stone unturned to repeat this achievement in 2025 as well. For the BJP, the road to victory runs through North and Northwest Delhi. In the



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Wazirpur constituency, Prime Minister Narendra Modi handed over keys to more than 1,650 flats to slum residents, creating a significant connection with local voters. Key areas like Chandni Chowk, Northwest Delhi, and Northeast Delhi have become pivotal grounds for the BJP's potential resurgence.
The BJP should prioritize the 38

constituencies where it secured over 40% of the vote share in 2020. Out of these, the party narrowly lost 17 seats to AAP by less than five percentage points but managed to win eight. These represent easier opportunities to gain ground. For the remaining 21 seats, the BJP will aim to cap-italize on anti-incumbency sentiments against AAP to sway

AAP Strategy
AAP of 2025, which might dominate the elections as the C-Voter survey suggests, looks different from its 2020 avatar. The Lok Sabha Elections 2024 speaks volumes that APP, despite an alliance with Congress, drew nought in all seven parliamentary seats of Delhi. Kejriwal's AAP looks lacking in sympathy as experts opine. Besieged with corruption charges and stern antiincumbency, AAP has meticulously evolved strategies to launch popular welfare schemes to outweigh the allegations.

The party leaders are burning the midnight oil to retain floating voters who keep changing allegiance during the Lok Sabha polls and assembly elections. Kejriwal's poll manoeuvre is trying hard to win the hearts of Dalit sense, if Muslims—accounting and Muslim voters. AAP has for 12.86 per cent of Delhi's pop-

viscerally attracted voters from the Purvanchal community—a key demographic in Delhi hailing from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand that account for around 40 per cent of the electorate and holds a significant sway on 27 seats—by connecting the community on the ground level as the party, according to media grapevine, has held around 600 meetings in this context.

Congress Revival With nothing to lose, Congress, which went from dominating Delhi's electoral landscape from 1998 to 2013 to not having a single MLA since, has entered the poll fray late yet remains determined to lock horns with AAP and dislodge the Kejriwal-led establishment from power, avenging the campaign that cost the UPA government heavily over a decade ago. The results of the 2022 Delhi Municipal polls, in which Congress won five wards in the Northeast district areas that were hit by the riots, buttress the perception that the minority community is disillusioned with

This electoral scenario could reinforce the poll fortune of the BJP, especially the vote bank of Muslims-21.6 lakh in the national capital—who have Congress in their heart and AAP in mind.

The Muslim voters could play a key role in six assembly seats: Babarpur (35 per cent), Okhla (43 per cent), Seelampur (50 per cent), Matia Mahal (48 per cent), Matia Mahal (48 per cent), Matia Mahal (48 per cent) Mustafabad (36 per cent), and Ballimaran (38 per cent). In that

ulation—are divided between Congress and AAP, BJP will have the upper hand. The Delhi Elections 2025 is deemed the cynosure of all states' eyes. The domino effect of its results,

which will be declared on February 8, could rattle the poll pitch in Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and Kerala, where assembly 2015 are slated to take place in 2025-26. If BJP wins, it will boost the image of the National Democratic Alliance, positioning BJP on top to record a hat-trick after winning Maharashtra and Haryana. On the other side, the victory of AAP will zoom out the political credibility of Arvind Kejriwal as a principal challenger to PM Modi. Also, if it loses the poll battle, the ramifications of which will give a jolt to Punjab, where AAP is in power. Trying to make the high-decibel contest triangular, Congress has put a concentrated campaign in the boroughs dominated by Dalits and minorities. If the grand old party succeeds in regaining the space it had in 2013—after being relegated to the third position behind BJP and AAP, bagging only eight seats— Congress will muster the courage to reach the position it held in 2008 when it secured 43 seats with around 40 per cent of the votes. So far in the campaign, there is no Kejriwal wave, nor is BJP having tailwinds. In the BJP vs AAP battle, only February 8 will decide who will get the reins of the Delhi Sultanate.

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for exporters.

Budget 2025: Bold reforms and innovations to put startups on growth trajectory

Key measures, including an expanded Credit Guarantee Scheme, higher Mudra loan limits, position India as a powerhouse for entrepreneurship and self-reliance

¬he Union Budget 2025 has laid a strong foundation for a transformative leap in India's startup and MSME ecosystem. At a time when entrepreneurship is fueling economic growth and job creation, the government has introduced a series of strategic measures aimed at fostering financial inclusion, innovation, and global competitive-

A key highlight of this budget is the enhanced access to capital. The expansion of the Credit Guarantee Scheme will enable MSMEs and startups to secure funding without collateral, addressing a significant challenge for emerging businesses. Additionally, the substantial increase in the Mudra loan limit will allow early-stage entrepreneurs to scale their



ventures without financial constraints. Simplified tax structures, reduced corporate tax rates, and streamlined GST compliance will further ease cash flow issues, enabling businesses to reinvest in growth.Beyond financial growth.Beyond financial is its emphasis on regulatory incentives, the budget simplification and skill development of the simple simplification and skill development. embraces a futuristic vision by opment. By easing compliance

integrating infrastructure development with digital transformation. The allocation for plug-and-play industrial parks and logistics hubs will provide businesses with ready-to-use infrastructure, significantly reducing setup costs and expediting time-to-The establishment of e-com-

merce export hubs will open new global opportunities, particularly benefiting sectors such as manufacturing, agritech, and handicrafts. Furthermore, a renewed focus on AI-driven automation and deep-tech innovation ensures that Indian startups remain competitive on a global scale. A crucial aspect of this budget norms, streamlining FDI regulations, and encouraging private sector collaboration in skilling initiatives, the government is fostering an environment where startups can concentrate on scaling rather than navigating bureaucratic complexities. These measures position India as a dynamic startup hub, reinforcing the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Ankit Kumar, CEO of Skye Air, lauded the government's initiatives, stating, "The Union Budget 2025 strengthens India's startup and MSME ecosystem with a Rs 10,000 crore fund, ensuring better access to capital and innovation support. Simplified tax structures and compliance reforms will further ease operations, fostering growth and scalability. By integrating dig-



ital infrastructure with financial incentives, the budget paves the way for startups and MSMEs to expand, innovate, and compete globally." The budget also provides a significant boost to innovation

and research. The extension of the period of incorporation for startups by five years is expected to empower the next generation

encourage entrepreneurship. Additionally, the allocation of Rs 20,000 crore to support private-sector-driven research and infrastructure expansion at IITs will create a fertile ground for technological advancements.

The introduction of the Credit Guarantee Startup Scheme (CGSS) and the Customised Credit Card for Micro Enterprises (ME-Card) will improve access to credit for startups and MSMEs, fueling growth and development. Ashish Gupta, CEO of Fretbox, remarked, "The Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs (MCGS-MSME) will facilitate collateral-free loans, giving a major boost to the manufacturing sector. These initiatives will

of entrepreneurs, researchers, and innovators, and we look forward to seeing the tangible results of these efforts."

By enhancing geospatial data capabilities, this initiative will equip businesses with better insights for logistics, infrastructure, and resource management. Saurabh Rai, CEO of Arahas Technologies, high-lighted its impact: "Leveraging AI and advanced computing, startups can drive innovation in sectors like agritech, smart mobility, and climate tech. The mission's open data-sharing framework will reduce dependency on foreign sources, fostering self-reliance and accelerating growth." The budget also prioritizes

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boosting exports and manufacturing. Dr. Mahesh Gupta,

operational efficiency." Overall, the Union Budget 2025 signals a bold commitment to making India a global leader in entrepreneurship, technology, and innovation.

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EU leaders scramble to avoid US friction, tariff war

PTI BRUSSELS

After three years spent trying to deter Russia from destroying Ukraine, European Union leaders grappled on Monday with how to respond to a major ally who appears determined to start a trade war or even seize part of their territory. It would "be a cruel paradox if, during the time of this direct Russian threat and Chinese expansion," the EU and the United States might end up in a "conflict among allies," said Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk, whose country currently holds the

EU's rotating presidency. Since taking office last month, US President Donald Trump has threatened to impose tariffs on EU imports and refused to rule out military force to take control of Greenland, an autonomous territory of NATO ally Denmark.

Trump has also mystified

Europeans by showing little sign of how he intends to end security challenges." the war in Ukraine within six months as promised, let alone in a day, as he boasted while campaigning last year.

"We have to do everything to avoid this totally unnecessary and stupid tariff war or trade war," the Polish prime minister told reporters in Brussels, where EU leaders met for talks on boosting and improving military spending and ramping up Europe's defense industry. Tusk said Trump's threats amount to "a serious test" of European unity, and "in a very strange context, because it's the first time where we have such a problem among allies." French President Emmanuel Macron said the EU is "a power that stands its ground" and that if hit with tariffs, the 27-nation bloc "would have to make itself respected." He said Trump's threats are "pushing Europeans clearly new challenges and to be more united, more active growing uncertainty" and the

Trump slapped tariffs on European steel and aluminum during his first term, and EU leaders have already been in contact with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau since Canada imposed retaliatory duties on US goods in response to a 25 per cent tariff levied by Trump. The US president later on Monday agreed to a 30-day pause on his tariff threat as America's two largest trading partners took steps to appease his concerns about border security and drug trafficking. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen underlined that ties between the bloc and the United States are part of "our most consequential relationship. It is fundamental to promoting peace, security and prosperity But she warned that "there are

EU stands ready to defend itself. "When targeted unfairly or arbitrarily, the European Union will respond firmly," von der Leyen told reporters after the meeting. Meanwhile, Denmark's prime

minister again insisted on Monday that Greenland isn't for sale and called for a robust response from the EU should U.S. Trump press ahead with his threat to take control of the island. "I will never support the idea of fighting allies. But of idea of fighting allies. But of course, if the US puts tough terms on Europe, we need a collective and robust response," Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen told reporters. Last month, Trump left open the possibility that the American military might be used to secure Greenland, as well as the Panama Canal. "We need Greenland for national

security purposes," he said.

Frederiksen said she has "great

support" from her EU partners

on the fact "that everybody has to respect the sovereignty of all national states in the world, and that Greenland is today a part of the Kingdom of Denmark. It's part of our territory and it's not for sale." European Council President

Antonio Costa, noting that the EU has stood beside Ukraine in defense of its borders, said of Greenland: "Of course, we will stand also for these principles, all the more so if the territorial integrity of a member state of the European Union is questioned?

Frederiksen acknowledged US concerns about security in the Arctic Region, where Russia and China have been increasingly active. "I totally agree with the Americans that the High North, that the Arctic region is becoming more and more important when we are talking about defense and security and deterrence," Frederiksen



Britain's Prime Minister Keir Stammer, left, speaks with European Council President Antonio Costa as he arrives for an EU summit at the Egmont Palace in Brussels, Monday

Trump and Netanyahu hold talks

US Prez warns 'no guarantees' Gaza peace will hold

PTI WASHINGTON

 $P^{\text{resident Donald Trump and}}_{\text{Benjamin Netanyahu are}}$ set to meet Tuesday as the Israeli prime minister faces competing pressure from his right-wing coalition to end a temporary truce against Hamas militants in Gaza and from war-weary Israelis who want the remaining hostages home and the 15-month conflict to end. Trump is guarded about the long-term prospects for the truce, even as he takes credit for pressuring Hamas and Israel into the hostage and ceasefire agreement that went into effect the day before he returned to

I have no guarantees that the peace is going to hold," Trump told reporters Monday.

office last month.

The leaders' talks are expected to touch on a long-sought Israel-Saudi Arabia normalization deal and concerns about Iran's nuclear program, but hammering out the second phase of the hostage deal will be at the top of the agenda.

Netanyahu's arrival in work of brokering the next of the broader goals of this Washington for the first foreign phase of a ceasefire agreement. administration." leader visit of Trump's second term comes as the prime minister's popular support is lagging. Netanyahu is in the middle of weekslong testimony in an ongoing corruption trial that centres on allegations he exchanged favours with media moguls and wealthy associates. He has decried the accusations and said he is the victim of a "witch hunt."

Being seen with Trump, who is popular in Israel, could help distract the public from the trial and boost Netanyahu's standing. It's Netanyahu's first travel outside Israel since the International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants in November for him, his former defense minister and Hamas military chief, accusing them of crimes against humanity during the war in Gaza. The US does not recognise the ICC's authority over its citizens or territory. Netanyahu and Trump's Mideast envoy Steve Witkoff on Monday began the daunting

But Netanyahu is under intense pressure from hard-right members of his governing coalition to abandon the ceasefire and resume fighting in Gaza to eliminate Hamas. Bezalel Smotrich, one of Netanyahu's key partners, vows to topple the government if the war isn't relaunched, a step that could lead to early elections.

Hamas, which has reasserted control over Gaza since the ceasefire began last month, has said it will not release hostages in the second phase without an end to the war and Israeli forces' full withdrawal Netanyahu, meanwhile, maintains that Israel is committed to victory over Hamas and the return of all hostages captured in the Oct. 7, 2023, attack that triggered the war.

Mira Resnick, a former deputy assistant secretary of state for Israeli and Palestinian affairs, said Trump may "have little patience for political woes of Netanyahu if it gets in the way

"The president started his term by saying that he wanted the ceasefire to be in place by Jan. 20. That's what he got," Resnick said. "He is invested in this because he was able to take credit for it."

Einav Zangauker, whose son Matan is among the hostages, called on Trump to use American leverage to keep Netanyahu committed to the agreement. Matan, 24, is among those who are expected to be included in the second phase of the deal, when all remaining living hostages including men under the age of 50 and male soldiers — are to be exchanged for a yet-to-bedetermined number of Palestinian prisoners. The second phase is also expected to include the full withdrawal of Israeli troops from Gaza.

"I want President Trump to know there are certain extreme elements from within Israel who are trying to torpedo his vision," said Zangauker, who travelled to Washington from Israel to join a planned Tuesday rally outside the White House. 'We are representative of the vast, vast majority of Israel. The ultra-extremists are blackmailing the prime minister to do their bidding."

Since returning to office, Trump has called for relocating Palestinians from Gaza to neighboring Egypt and Jordan, even as Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi and Jordanian King Abdullah II have rejected it. Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, the Palestinian Authority and the Arab League have joined Egypt and Jordan in rejecting plans to move Palestinians out of their territories in Gaza and the occupied West Bank. Yet Trump insists he can persuade Egypt and Jordan to come around to accept displaced Palestinians because of the significant aid that the US provides Cairo and Amman. Hard-line right-wing members of Netanyahu's gov-ernment have embraced the

call to move displaced Palestinians out of Gaza. Shibley Telhami, the Anwar

Sadat Professor for Peace and Development at the University of Maryland, said the push by Trump to move Palestinians out of Gaza is helpful to Netanyahu. But he added that it undercuts Trump and Netanyahu's desire to land a normálization deal with Saudi Arabia. The Saudis, the biggest Arab power in the Middle East, have said they would only agree to such a deal if the war ends and there is a credible pathway to a Palestinian state in Gaza and the West Bank. "This push by Trump doesn't square with the idea of a Palestinian state as well." a Palestinian state as we know it," Telhami said. "It's hard to see the Saudis going along with it." Netanyahu on Monday met with Trump's pick to serve as ambassador to Israel, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee. and evangelical leaders. Huckabee has long rejected a Palestinian state in territory previously seized by Israel.

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China hits back with tariffs on US goods, probes Google

hina countered President ○Donald Trump's tariffs on Chinese products with tariffs of its own on multiple US imports Tuesday as well as announcing an antitrust investigation into Google and other trade measures. US tariffs on products from Canada and Mexico also were to go into effect Tuesday, though Trump agreed to a 30-day pause on his threats against Mexico and Canada as they acted to appease his concerns about border security and drug trafficking. Trump planned to talk with Chinese President Xi Jinping in the next few days.

This isn't the first round of titfor-tat actions between the two countries. China and the US had engaged in a trade war in 2018 when Trump raised tariffs on Chinese goods and China responded in kind.

This time, analysts said, China is much better prepared to

'They have a much more developed export control regime. We depend on them for a lot of critical minerals: gallium, germani-um, graphite, a host of others. So ... they could put some significant harm on our economy," said Philip Luck, a former State Department official and director at the Center for Strategic Monday at a forum.

The slew of measures announced Tuesday cut across different sectors of the economy

from energy to individual US companies China said it would implement a 15 per cent tariff on coal and liquefied natural gas products as well as a 10 per cent tariff on crude oil, agricultural machinery and large-engine cars imported from the US. The tariffs would take effect next Monday. "The US's unilateral tariff increase seriously violates the rules of the World Trade Organisation," the State Council Tariff Commission said in a statement. "It is not only unhelpful in solving its own problems, but also damages normal economic and trade cooperation between China and the US." China is the world's largest importer of liquefied natural gas, with its top suppliers being Australia, Qatar and Malaysia. The US, which is the biggest exporter of LNG globally, does

In 2023, the US exported

not significantly export LNG to

173,247 million cubic feet of LNG to China, representing about 2.3 per cent of total natural gas export volumes, according to data released by the US Information Administration.

Further export controls on critical minerals

In addition to the tariffs, China announced export controls on several elements critical to the production of modern high-tech products. They include tungsten, tellurium, bismuth, molybdenum and indium, many of which are designated as critical minerals by the US Geological Survey, meaning they are essential to US economic or national security that have supply chains vulnerable to disrup-

The export controls are in addition to ones China placed in December on key elements such as gallium used İn manufactur-

In addition, China's State Administration for Market Regulation said Tuesday it is investigating Google on suspicion of violating antitrust laws. The announcement did not mention the tariffs but came just minutes after Trump's 10 per cent tariffs on China were to take

It is unclear how the probe will affect Google's operations. Google has a limited presence in China, and its search engine is blocked in the country like most other Western platforms. Google exited the Chinese market in 2010 after refusing to comply with censorship requests from the Chinese government and following a series of cyberattacks on the company. The Commerce Ministry also placed two American companies on an unreliable entities list: PVH Group, which owns Calvin Klein and Tommy Hilfiger, and Illumina, which is a biotechnology company with offices in China. The listing bars them from engaging in China-related import or export activities and from making new investments in the country. Beijing began investigating PVH Group in September last year over improper Xinjiang-related behaviour" after the company allegedly boycotted the use of Xinjiang cotton.

6 hurt in West Bank; attack assailant killed

Jerusalem (PTI). At least six neo ple were injured in a shooting attack at a checkpoint in the Israeli-occupied West Bank early Tuesday morning, according to the Israeli military and area hospitals. The Israeli military said an attacker fired at soldiers at a checkpoint in the village of Tayasir, which is in the northern West Bank. In a tense exchange soldiers returned fire and the attacker was killed, the military added.Israeli hospitals said they had received a total of six people injured in the shooting attack. Israeli media reported the injured are soldiers and at least two of them were critically

injured.Hamas and the smaller Islamic Jihad militant group praised the attack but neither claimed responsibility for it. Israel has carried out an extensive operation in nearby Jenin over the past weeks to clamp down on what Israel said is militant activity in the city, as soldiers and armored bulldozers have caused widespread damage and destroyed scores of homes

Rubio to push Trump's migration plans amid USAID turmoil

PTI SAN SALVADOR

T JS Secretary of State Marco Salvador on Monday to press a friendly government to do more to meet Trump administration demands for a major crackdown on immigration amid turmoil in Washington over the status of the government's main foreign development agency.

Rubio arrived in San Salvador shortly after watching a U.S. funded deportation flight with 43 migrants leave from Panama for Colombia. That came a day after Rubio delivered a warning to Panama that unless the government moved immediately to reduce or eliminate China's presence at the Panama Canal, the US

would act to do so. Migration, though, was the main issue of the day as it will be for the next stops on his five-nation Central American tour of Costa Rica, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic after Panama and El Salvador. President Donald Trump's administration prioritizes

'El Salvador to accept US deportees of any nationality and violent American criminals

San Salvador (PTI): US Secretary of State Marco Rubio says El Salvador's president has offered to accept deportees from the US of any nationality as well as violent American criminals now imprisoned in the United States

President Nayib Bukele "has agreed to the most unprecedented, extraordinary, extraordinary migratory agreement anywhere in the world," Rubio

"He's also offered to do the same for dangerous criminals currently in custody and serving their sentence in the United States even though they're US citizens or legal residents."

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio was visiting El Salvador

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One idea being floated is to negotiate a so-called "safe third country" agreement with El Salvador that would allow for non-Salvadorean migrants in the US to be deported to El Salvador.

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Georgia's Russia-style crackdown jails dozens



Tailed journalist Mzia Amaghlobeli gets weaker every day as her hunger strike has reached three weeks in Rustavi, a town near the Georgian capital of Tbilisi, her lawyer says.

Now the 49-year-old is having difficulty walking the short distance from her cell to the room where they usually meet, and human rights officials, colleagues and family fear for her life.

Amaghlobeli was arrested January 12 during an anti-government protest in the coastal city of Batumi, one of over 40 people in custody on criminal charges from a series of demonstrations that have hit the South Caucasus nation of 3.7 million in recent months. The political turmoil follows a parliamentary election that

was won by the ruling Ukraine in 2014 that ousted a Georgian Dream party, although its opponents allege the vote was rigged.

Its outcome pushed Georgia further into Russia's orbit of influence. Georgia aspired to join the European Union, but the party suspended accession talks with the bloc after the election.

As it sought to cement its grip on power, Georgian Dream has cracked down on freedom of assembly and expression in what the opposition says is similar to President Vladimir Putin's actions in neighbouring Russia, its former imperial ruler.

Minister Irakli Prime Kobakhidze defended the actions of his government, accusing the protesters of seeking "to inflict harm on the state" and trying to stage a revolution akin to the uprising in the large majority are report-

pro-Kremlin leader.

Georgian Dream last year adopted a series of laws similar to ones in Russia imposing restrictions on rights groups and media outlets and severely curtailing LGBTQ+ rights. Those laws, condemned by the EU, also drew protests.

Amaghlobeli, founder of two prominent independent media outlets in Georgia, faces charges of assaulting a police officer, with a possible prison sentence of up to seven years. Many of those detained by police have reported being abused physically and verbally by police or while in detention. International human rights groups are sounding

the alarm. "All of that paints a picture of an aggressive campaign to halt these demonstrations of which

ed to have been peaceful," Alice Jill Edwards, the UN special rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or pun-ishment, told The Associated

A video released by the media showed Amaghlobeli slapping Batumi's police chief in the protest. Witnesses and her lawyers say police physically and verbally abused her beforehand, and the slap was her reaction to it. The abuse continued while in

custody, when the police chief "spat in Mzia's face and denied her access to drinking water or using the toilet," her lawyer,

Juba Sikharulidze, told AP. Authorities were investigating the accusations, the lawyer said. The Interior Ministry has not responded to an AP request for comment. Kobakhidze has said authorisay her life is in danger. Michael O'Flaherty, the Council of Europe's commissioner for human rights, told Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty that Amaghlobeli's situation "requires urgent action. This is not just a matter of freedom and imprisonment -

ties would investigate any

excessive use of force, but in

Amaghlobeli's case, her actions

Amaghlobeli, who founded

the independent media sites

Batumelebi and Netgazeti,

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came "in front of cameras."

this is a matter of life and death. And I very much hope that the authorities will act with the necessary speed in this extremely difficult situation," O'Flaherty was quoted by the outlet as saying.



Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo, Monday as the U.N. health agency said 900 died in the fight.

'Sri Lanka must unite to achieve economic freedom'

PTI COLOMBO

President Anura Kumara Dissanayake on Tuesday said that Sri Lanka must work in unison to achieve economic freedom rather than yield to vulnerabilities within the global economic system.

Addressing the Independence Day celebrations of the island nation, Dissanayake

"Collectively, we must persist in our struggle for freedom on behalf of this motherland. 'To secure our economic freedom, rather than succumbing to weakness in the global economic system and being overwhelmed by its every fluctuation, we must unite in our efforts for this motherland," said the 56-year-old presi-

In keeping with his government's policy of minimizing state expenditures as the island nation struggles to emerge from the 2022 economic crisis, this year's celebrations saw a reduction in the usual pomp and pageantry.

Only 1,800 military personnel were deployed in the parade, a reduction of over 1,500 personnel from last year. From

morning's celebrations featured only three aircraft.

Dissanayake, who was elected president in a narrow win in September's presidential election, created history for his National People's Power (NPP) party in the parliamentary election held in November last year. His party won two-thirds of control in the 225member assembly and more significantly, overwhelming support in the Tamil regions. The Tamils had eschewed support for the main Sinhala community political parties in Sri Lanka's political history. This was the first time that a government had won twothirds control or over 150 seats in a parliamentary election held since 1989.

Dissanayake inherited an economy battered by the 2022 crisis. He has completed the long-drawn-out-debt restruc-turing of the island's external -- a process all but completed by his predecessor Ranil Wickremesinghe before last year's presidential election. The island nation, in April 2022. declared its first-ever sovereign default since gaining independence from Britain in



Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake, center, hoists the Sri Lankan national flag during the country's 77th Independence Day ceremony in Colombo, Sri Lankan

Pak to send registered Afghan refugees back to their country

Pakistan government has devised a plan to move registered Afghan refugees out of Islamabad and Rawalpindi and gradually repatriate them back to their country. Authorities have also been directed to implement the plan without making any public announcement, Dawn newspaper reported quoting

It reported that the plan was finalised in a series of meetings presided by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif last week.

One of the meetings was also attended by Chief of Army Staff Gen Syed Asim Munir, a source in the prime minister's office confirmed.

Under phase I of the relocation plan, Afghan nationals having the Afghan Citizens Card (ACC) will be "immediately" moved out of Islamabad and Rawalpindi.

They will then be sent back to Afghanistan alongside illegal and undocumented refugees.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public at large is hereby informed that Mr. Dev Raj
Mehta died intestate on 12-01-2020 and leaving

Mehta died intestate on 12-01-2020 and leaving behind his only legal heirs namely;

1 Mrs. Santosh Mehta (wife)

2 Mr. Muneesh Mehta (son)

3 Mr. Bhupesh Mehta (son)

And there are no other legal heirs of Late Sh. Dev Raj Mehta except aforementioned. Alter the demise of Mr. Dev Raj Mehta, all legal heirs sit together and mutual agreed that the Property bearing Flat No 11. Mayur Bagh Socioust A-6, Paschim Mirar, New Dehi-11003 shall be transferred on the name of Mrs. Santosh Mehta. Other Legal heirs shall give NDC before the competent authority/court if any person has any objection kindly contact Balraj Tanwar Advocate, Chamber No 235, Lawyers Chambers, Saket Court Complex, New Dehi-110017.

Balraj Tanwar (Advocate), Ch No. 235, Saket Court Complex New Delhi-110017 Mob. 9811430001

ACC is an identification document issued to registered Afghan nationals by Nadra. According to the UN's International Organisation for Migration (IOM), ACC gives temporary legal status to Afghans during their stay in Pakistan.

However, the federal govern-

ment makes the decision on the duration for which the ACC would remain valid.

Afghan nationals who have a Proof of Registration Card (PoR), which allows them to stay anywhere in Pakistan legally, will be repatriated in the second phase of the plan. They would be "moved out" of Islamabad and Rawalpindi, but wouldn't be deported immediately, sources said, adding that the cabinet had allowed POR-holding Afghans to remain in the country till June. The total number of Afghans living in Pakistan with PoR and ACC is estimat-

US, Philippine aircraft patrol disputed shoal region guarded by China

Philippine fighter aircraft staged a joint patrol and training Tuesday over a disputed South China Sea shoal where Chinese fighter jets fired flares last year to drive away a Philippine aircraft, Philippine officials said.

The joint patrol and air-intercept drills over the hotly dis-puted Scarborough Shoal off the northwestern Philippines were the first by the longtime treaty allies since US President Donald Trump took office

Trump's "America First" foreign policy thrust has sparked concerns among Washington's allies in Asia about the scale and depth of US commitment to the region in his new term. His predecessor, Joe Biden, had moved to strengthen an

Toscow's renewed attacks on

IVI Ukraine's electricity infrastruc-

ture this winter have heightened scruti-

ny over the Ukrainian Energy Ministry's

failure to protect the country's most crit-

ical energy facilities near nuclear power

Despite more than a year of warnings

tial Russian attacks, the Energy Ministry

failed to act swiftly, current and former

Ukrainian officials in Kyiv told The

Associated Press. Two years of punish-

ing Russian strikes on its power grid

have left Ukraine reliant on nuclear

power for more than half of its electric-

ity generation. Especially vulnerable are

the unprotected nuclear switchyards

located outside the perimeters of its

three functioning nuclear plants, which

are crucial to transmitting power from

the reactors to the rest of the country.

"The switchyards that handle electrical

In 2022, Salman Rushdie was about to deliver a lecture before a live audience in western New

York when a man ran towards him and plunged

a knife into the author's hand as he raised it in self-

defence."After that there are many blows, to my

neck, to my chest, to my eye, everywhere," Rushdie

recalled in a memoir that followed. "I feel my legs

give way, and I fall." In the coming weeks, Rushdie

is expected to return to the same New York coun-

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that the sites were vulnerable to poten-

Manila (PTI): US and arc of security alliances in the region to counter China's increasingly assertive actions. Two US Air Force B-1 bomber aircraft and three Philippine Air Force FA-50 fighter jets joined the brief patrol and training, which involved practising how to intercept a hostile aircraft, Philippine air force spokesperson Maria Consuelo Castillo said in a news briefing.

It was not immediately known if the joint patrol encoun-tered any challenge from Chinese forces guarding the Scarborough Shoal.

"The exercises focused on enhancing operational coordination, improving air domain awareness and reinforcing agile combat employment capabilities between the two air forces," the Philippine Air

Russian attacks near Ukraine's nuclear

homes, schools, hospitals, and other crit-

ical civilian infrastructure. Given

Ukraine's heavy reliance on nuclear

energy, military attacks on these switch-

yards would be devastating, severely

impacting civilian life and undermining

the resilience of the energy grid," said

Marcy R. Fowler, head of the office for

research and analysis at Open Nuclear

Network, a programme of the US-based NGO PAX sapiens that focuses on

Only in the fall, after Ukrainian intel-

ligence agencies warned of potential

Russian strikes targeting the nuclear

switchyards, was action taken to begin

building protection — far too late in the

"If two (nuclear switchyards) are hit, we

are out of supply for a minimum of 30

to 36 hours, and there will be a huge

limitation on energy supply for at least

ty to recount the experience as one of the first witnesses in the trial of the man charged with wield-

ing the knife that day, Hadi Matar.Jury selection

is scheduled to begin Tuesday. Matar, 27, of

Fairview, New Jersey, has pleaded not guilty to

charges of attempted murder and assault. Under

different circumstances, Rushdie's book, which

details his account of that day and his recovery,

might offer important evidence in the Aug. 12

2022, attack that left the 77-year-old blind in his

right eye and his hand permanently damaged.

event of an attack, analysts said.

sites raise preparedness concerns

reducing nuclear risk.

Man charged with stabbing Salman

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Rushdie will soon go on trial

In August last year, two Chinese air force aircraft flew close then fired flares in the path of a Philippine air force plane on routine patrol over the Scarborough Shoal in actions that were strongly con-demned and protested by the Philippine government, military officials said

All those aboard the Philippine air force NC-212i turbo-prop transport plane were unharmed, the Philippine military said.

The Southern Theater Command of the Chinese People's Liberation Army said then that a Philippine air force aircraft "illegally" entered the airspace above the shoal and disrupted training activities by Chinese forces. It warned the Philippines to "stop its

routing from nuclear power plants are a vital component of Ukraine's nuclear Oleksandr Kharchenko, a Ukrainian

spent fuel.

extended outage.

infringement, provocation, distortion and hyping-up." The Philippine military chief, Gen. Romeo Brawner, said at the time that the incident "posed a threat to Philippine air force aircraft and its crew, interfered with lawful flight operations in airspace within Philippine sovereignty and jurisdiction and contravened international law and regulations governing safety of aviation.

China and the Philippines have had increasingly alarming faceoffs in the shoal, which is called Bajo de Masinloc by the Philippines and Huangyan Island by China.

We are always prepared for any contingency, it's part of the training," Castillo said when asked if the allied forces had prepared to address any challenge by Chinese aircraft.

would take three to five weeks to trans-

port and install new equipment, a mis-

erable scenario for Ukraine's people dur-

Even more worrying, these nuclear

switchyards also have a second critical

function: delivering electricity to nuclear

plants from the offsite grid that is

essential to cooling their reactors and

A disruption could potentially spell dis-

aster, the U.N. nuclear agency has

repeatedly warned since the Russian

attacks began in August. And while

Ukraine's nuclear plants have backup

emergency power systems, these "are

designed to provide temporary support,"

Fowler said. "Without functioning

switchyards, the backup systems alone

would not be sufficient to sustain oper-

ations or prevent safety risks during an

ing the bitterly cold winter months.

Public Notice

This is to inform the general public that Smt. Kamlesh is the owner Ptot no. C-17 (old), new Ptot no. C-306 out of Khasra no. 1007, area measuring 186.5 sq. yds., situated at Janakpuri Hadbast village Pasonda, pargana Loni, tehsil & Distl. Giazziabad, U.P. through Sale Deed dated 18.10.2006 as doc. No. 11466 executed by Mr. Subhash Chand Ujlaan in favour of Mr. Gurmel Chand Bectan in respect of said plot, Later, Mr. Gurmail Chand Beetan died on 15.10.2017. After his death, Gift Deed dated 30.01.2025 as doc. no. 1257 was executed by his legal heirs i.e. Mr. Kamla & Mr. Kulvinder Singh in favour of Smt. Kamlesh in respect of their share in the said property.
Smt. Kamlesh is in the process of mortgaging the said Ptot with Here Fincorp Limited. Any objections or concerns regarding this transaction should be raised within a period of 07 days from the date of this public notice. Any objections submitted after the completion of this 07-day period will not be considered binding with respect to the said

considered binding with respect to the sa properties or the interests of our client.

If anyone wishes to raise an objection, please do st within the stipulated 07-days period by contacting Law Veritas: North (Advocates & Lega Consultants) at Office No. 11, 1st Floor, Building No. A-44/A, Sector-16, Noida, Uttar Pradesh 201301; Landline(s): +910120-3101683, e-mail

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CHANGE OF NAME

I. Krishnamma, Mother of-No.15825871Y Hav Suresh Gorsupati, R/o- Garida (Vill & Post), Gurla (Md), Dist-Vizianagaram, A.P.- 535217, have changed my name from Krishnamma to Gorsupati Krishnamma, vide affidavit dated 04/02/2025 Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1386)C I, Thavudu, Father of-No.15825871Y Hav Suresh

Gorsupati, R/o- Garida (Vill & Post), Gurla (Md), Dist-Vizianagaram, A.P.- 535217, have changed my name from Thavudu to Gorsupati Thoudu, vide affidavit dated 04/02/2025 before Notary Public Delhi. PD(1387)C

Vaghela Avantikaben Manubhai W/o- No.16027819K Rfn Zala Vijaykumar Rameshbhai, R/o- At Post-Badarakha, Ahmedabad, Gujarat- 387810, have changed my name from Vaghela Avantikaben Manubhai to Zala Avantikaben Vijaykumar, vide affidavit dated 04/02/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1388)C I, No.15417353W Hav Teke Rajendra Kashinath, R/o-Vill & PO- Wari, Teh- Kopargaon, Dist-Ahmadnagar, Maharashtra- 413708, have changed my daughter's name from Swra to Swara Rajendra Teke, vide affidavit dated 03/02/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

I, Manisha Ramesh Kalwate,

W/o- No.4287142N Hav Kumare Prafull Sukhadev, R/o- Narendra Nagar, Near Ramkrushn Convent Balapur Road, Akola, Maharashtra- 444002, have changed my name from Manisha Ramesh Kalwate to Manisha Praful Kumare, vide affidavit dated 04/02/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1390)C I, Varsha, W/o, Suraj Halvadiya, R/o, A - 239, Near Guiarati Mata Mandir, Jahangirpuri Delhi-33 have changed my name to Varsha Halvadiya for all purposes.

PD(1392)C

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PUBLIC NOTICE Information is given to the general public at large by my client Mrs. Alka Taneja who is the owner of Rear Side Ground Floor built on Property bearing No. 5, total measuring 1575 sq. ft. (covered) / 2094 sq. (super) Block No. 34, Khasza No. 863/757, situated at Western Extension Area, Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005, by virtue of Relinquishment Deed Regd. dated 02.03.2022 executed by Mr. Abhishek Taneja and Mr. Ishaan Taneja (Doc. No. 1291), they infend to seek a loan from Aditya Bira Finance Limited and they do not endorse the Original Conveyance Deed dated 23.07.2021, vide its Doc. No. 5301, Any person(s), Bank/NBFC/Institution(s) having any claim and/or objection/or litigation in respect of the said property shall communicate the same to the undersigned at our address within 07 days from the publication of this notice with documentary evidence in support thereof, falling which all the claim, of such person(s)/institution(s) shall not be binding upon the said property or purchaser. Witksha Legal, Ram Prakash Pandey, (Advocate), ZE/23, 3° Floor, Jhandewalan Extn. New Delhi-110055, Mobile: 9711281479 PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements)
Regulations, 2015, that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Friday, February 14, 2025, inter-alia, to consider and approve Unaudited Financial Results of the company for the Third Quarter ended December 31, 2024.
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website at www.ashnoortex.com and also or

Managing Director DIN-00052084

the website of BSE, i.e. www.bseindia.com.

February 4, 2025

Gurugram, Haryana

Abhay Bakhshi

Greater Noida 201303.

Private Limited has been accorded Environmental Clearance from State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Haryana (Vide Letter No.EC24C3802HR5942334N;

ated:01.02.2025) for Commercia Colony Project at Sector-83 Village Sihi, Gurgaon, Haryana

REALTOWN PROPERTIES PRIVATE LIMITED
REGISTERED OFFICE 294/1, Vishwakarma Colony, Opposite ICD, M.B Road, Lal Kuan, New Delhi-110044.

ed to be 1.3 million and

700,000, respectively.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Tuesday, 11th February, 2025, inter-alia, to consider and approve the Un-Audited Financial Results of the Company for the autor carde and 21d he Company for the quarter ended on 31s December, 2024. The information contained n this notice is also available on the Company's website www.cubical90.com as lso on the website of the Stock Exchange viz. BSE Limited-www.bseindia.com

For Cubical Financial Services Limite Place: New Delhi - Ashwani Kumar Gupta

Date: 03-02-2025 Managing Director

Baba Farid University of Health Sciences PUBLIC NOTICE Sadiq Road, Faridkot -151203 Ph. 01639-256232, 256236 My wife Late Mrs. Geeta Bakhshi

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

iversity of Health Sciences, Faridkot hereby Invites Expression nterest from PSUs. Government/Private agencies. Cooperatives for various Civil Mechanical, Electrical, Public Health Works for Baba Farid University of Health ciences, Faridkot and other constituent institutes and hospitals at Bathinda, Badal Fazilka, Jalalabad and Goindwal Sahib for empanelment to execute various works @15% below latest Common Schedule of Rates of Punjab Govt. for various Govt repartment and must submit their financial status and list of works executed by nem. Applications must reach in the office of undersigned within 15 days from the date of publishing of EOI along with application fee of Rs.2000/ Terms and conditions can be downloaded from the University website i.e

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Indira Gandhi University Meerpur, Rewari



इंदिरा गांधी विश्वविद्यालय मीरपूर रेवाडी

(A State University Established under Haryana Act No. 29 of 2013)

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Employment Notice (Advt. No. 01/2025)

Indira Gandhi University invites online applications from the eligible candidates for recruitment to the post of Training & Placement Officer against sanctioned vacant post. Detailed instructions, requisite qualifications, pay scales and modalities for selection are given on the University Website www.igu.ac.in. The link for submission of online application shall be available on the University Website w.e.f. 28.01.2025.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in 13/2025/40/32265/1/27

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Dated: 03.02.2025

NOTICE

Indira Gandhi University intends to seek open bids for renting out its CANTEEN in the campus. Interested parties/individuals are requested to see our Notice and "Terms & Conditions of Auction" on University Website www.igu.ac.in. Auction date, time and venue is described below:-

24th Feb. 2025 (Monday)

Board Room, Sardar Patel Bhawan

Prospective venders will have to fulfill the requisites of our terms & conditions. Interested individuals/parties are sought to guote their bid in this open auction. Further, vendors are advised to visit and take appraisal before bid, if necessary. Once bid is accepted, thereafter no excuse of ignorance will be accepted. Earnest Money of Rs. 10,000 will have to be deposited by prospective

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No. of the work

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Date of opening of Bid from Portal

Chief Construction Enginee N.H. Circle, Keonjhar

Singh and Smt. Sadhna Singh W/o Shri Arv

PUBLIC NOTICE

Singh both R/o G-2, Badarpur, Saurabh Viha Jait Pur, New Delhi-110044 do hereby severe a their relations with their son Harsh and his w mmoral acts and deed as they have been acting ntrary to the interest of my clients and want ust them from their own properties. My clients ereby also disown and debar them from heir movable and immovable properties. The ublic is hereby informed that if any perso nakes any deal of whatsoever nature with them ss or consequences.

Alok Kumar (Advocate) Off: Ch.No.321, Western Wing Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054. Mob. 9069069096

8mt. Suman Sahni, W/o Shri Ärun Sahni, both R/o as disowned and severe their all relations with th son Shri Janit Sahni and his wife Smt. Shreen A son Shri Janit Sanni and his wife Smit. Shreen Aro, both R/o K-27, First Hoor Hauz Khas Lnolave, Dell 110016 from the right of inheritance in respect their all movable and immovable properties, present held singly or jointly or to be held an purchased in future and they shall have no concer right, interest or lien in the same in any mann whatsoever for all the time to come as they are r whatsoever for all the time to come as mey are in taking care of my clients. My clients have in concern with the above-named Shri Janit Sahni an Streen Arora in future as my clients has severed their relations, socially and economically with the Any body dealing with the above named Shri Jan Sahni and/or his wife Smt. Shreen Arora in an arospec shell be doing at their big file provided and the shell of their big file provided and their samin androff in swift Shitt. Sincer Nota III a manner shall be doing at their/his/her own risk a my clients are not held responsible for any conduct/offence/action/act done of conducted them in any manner. Even my clients were not to held responsible/involved in disputes of any natibetween. Shri Janit Sahni and Smit. Shreen Ari Detween them or with any third persongarb of a etween them or with any third person/party of

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to the public at large that my clients St Arun Sahni S/o late Shri Joginder Nath Sahni ar

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Neerai Suri (Advocate) Ch.-211, Civil Side

02.30 PM

IGU Meerpur Rewari.

bidder one hour before start of auction in the form of DD/Cash. Cheques will not be accepted.

:- From 11.00 Hours of 05.02.2025 to 16.00 Hours of 20.02.2025

:- Chief Construction Engineer, N.H. Circle, Keonjhar-758002

No corruption in foodgrain procurement: Pralhad Joshi junks Opposition charges

Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Pralhad Joshi on Tuesday claimed there was no corruption in procurement foodgrains and farmers were paid 100 per cent directly into their bank accounts

Responding supplementary questions on alleged corruption through middlemen procurement process, the minister in the Rajya Sabha rejected charges that there was any corruption in the system anymore.

He also took a swipe at Congress MP Digvijaya Singh on alleged corruption and said he would be probably talking about the



During the Question Hour, corruption during the UPA tenure. Upendra

Kushwaha from Bihar also raised the issue corruption

through middlemen who exploited farmers. He also claimed that there was third-party entry of people in procurement and farmers

were not getting the money meant for them and were usurped middlemen.

Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge also

raised the issue of alleged corruption, saying those procuring foodgrains are daily wagers and act as mediators between procurement agencies and the government and that is why there is corruption. "We transfer money directly to farmers through Direct

Benefit Transfer (DBT). We send the money directly to farmers' accounts within 48 hours," the minister said adding that the Centre pays adding that the Centre pays states or central agencies which directly pay to farmers in their accounts. "Earlier it used to happen that only 15 paise out of a rupee sent by the Centre actually reached the beneficiary. This does not happen any more...We are

next few days.
This isn't the first round of happen any more...We are paying directly into the accounts of farmers there is no corruption.

China imposes tariffs on US goods, launches investigation into Google

China President countered Donald Trump's tariffs on Chinese products with tariffs of its own on multiple US imports Tuesday as well as announcing an antitrust investigation into Google and other trade measures.

US tariffs on products from Canada and Mexico also were to go into effect Tuesday, though Trump agreed to a 30-day pause on his threats against Mexico and Canada as they acted to appease his concerns about border security and drug trafficking. Trump planned to talk with Chinese President Xi Jinping in the

tit-for-tat actions between the two countries. China and the US had engaged in a trade war in 2018 when Trump raised tariffs on Chinese goods and China responded in kind. significant harm on our economy," said Philip Luck,

This time, analysts said, China is much better prepared to counter. They have a much more

developed export control regime. We depend on them for a lot of critical minerals: gallium. germanium, graphite, a host of others. So ... they could put some a former State Department official and director at the Center for Strategic and International Studies on Monday at a forum.

The slew of measures announced Tuesday cut across different sectors of the economy, from energy to individual US companies.

Hindenburg's Nate Anderson defends Adani report, closure not due to threats

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ctivist short-seller Nathan Activist short select high-profile campaigns against the likes of Adani Group, said the decision to shut his firm, Hindenburg Research was not because of any legal or any other threat, but due to workload. And that he stands by all its reports including the one against Adani Group.

said Anderson Hindenburg's January 2023 report accusing Adani Group of "the largest con in corporate history" was a result of following "red flags" raised against the conglomerate in

media reports. Adani Group had repeatedly denied all allegations in the

He termed as "goofy conspiracy" the attempts by some to link Hindenburg with alleged anti-India groups like OCCRP and George Soros, saying his outlet never commented on them as it followed the policy of not feeding into "silly conspiracy theories"

Anderson, who came to be for meticulously detailed reports against companies he alleged were committing fraud, last month announced shutting down his forensic research firm nearly eight years after he founded it. down Hindenburg when he could have stepped back and passed on the reins of the company to someone else, he said there is "no way to separate

me from the brand. "Hindenburg is basically synonymous with me," he said. "If it was a software application or a bicycle factory you can sell the application or the factory. But when it's research driven by me, you can't really just hand that off, and so I would not actually be 'done'. But I am happy to support the team if they want to launch a new brand, which I expect they

Anderson, who first shot to fame with a report against electric truck company Nikola and had gone after the companies of major financial figures, including Carl Icahn's Icahn Enterprises LP, had last month blamed the "intensity and focus" of the job for the

decision to wind up. He had spent much of the last eight years either in fights or preparing for the next fight. Many times during this period, he was often trailed and attempts were made to

infiltrate his system. "As to why I retired - it is all in the letter (released on January 16 that announced shutting

down of Hindenburg) - it is not based on any threat, health issue, personal issue or

otherwise," he said. Conspiracy theories like being on the verge of an investigation by the US Department of Justice and, or US SEC to 'concoct a counter-narrative about my retirement is a great example of why I am happy to instead be enjoying more time with family, friends and good music," he said.

Hindenburg has said it is not under investigation by the US SEC over anonymous reports linking its founder to a hedge fund for preparing reports targeting companies.
Asked if he stood by

Hindenburg's reports, particularly against the Adani group, Anderson said, "We 100 per cent stand by all of our research findings."
Hindenburg had alleged that

Adani Group had used a web of companies in tax havens to inflate its revenue and manipulate stock prices, even debt piled up. The conglomerate vehemently denied all claims but the damning report at one point sheared over USD 150 billion off its value, losses it eventually recouped in over a year's time. This, as it slashed debt, pared share pledges and won new investors.

The issue was agitated before not find any need for a probe other than the one markets regulator, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) had initiated into certain issues prior to the Hindenburg report.

some seeing Hindenburg report as against India and India's growth story, Anderson said, "We have always believed in India's potential and view market transparency and strong corporate governance as key factors that can fuel India's growth story." He did not elaborate.

We initially saw media articles outlining red flags, took a closer look, and just kept following the evidence," he said on why the Adani group was chosen.

On allegations of being in cohorts with OCCRP and George Soros, he said, "Of course not, but we have a policy of not feeding into silly conspiracy theories. When the main response to 100 plus pages of evidence (presented in the report against Adani Group) is a goofy conspiracy, we view it as a sign that we were right on the mark."

Asked about the response of regulatory bodies in India to Hindenburg reports, he said,

"We view our role as researching and writing about issues in need of transparency. The rest is out of our hands. He dismissed allegations of sharing reports with hedge funds, saying, "We have always maintained full editorial control over all of our research.

"As we and many other US-based short sellers have discussed in public interviews for years, our model involves investing our own capital and sometimes also bringing on a balance sheet partner. This is one of the most common business models in our industry, it is fully compliant with all applicable laws, and we disclose this in our reports," he added.

The 40-year-old son of a university professor and a Nathan (Nate) Anderson on January 15 issued a personal note that Hindenburg Research was being wound up after it "finished the pipeline of ideas we were working on.'

The Connecticut man, who worked for 10 months as an ambulance medic in Israel, and studied international business, finance, and accounting, believed he could make money exposing corporate corruption.

Hindenburg, founded in 2017, placed bets against the And it made money when stock prices of its targets tumbled on disclosure of fraud and other abuses that it unearthed through deep forensic financial research.

It however made surprisingly little money -- just over USD 4 million -- from the report on billionaire Gautam Adani's sprawling business empire in January 2023.

That figure was disclosed for the first time by Hindenburg on its website last year, along with details of a letter it said it had received from India's markets regulator, SEBI. Anderson appears to be wanting to move on, having achieved what he and his colleagues wanted. "We shook some empires that we felt needed shaking," he wrote in a personal memo last month.

But, this did take a toll on him "It has come at the cost of missing a lot of the rest of the world and the people I care about," he had written. "It wasn't always obvious to me, but I now view all of this as a love story.

Hindenburg's research has led fraud charges and indictments against dozens of individuals but has also resulted in expensive legal

SEBI grants IPO approval to SMPP, Aditya Infotech and six others

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

As many as eight firms defence equipment manufacturer equipment SMPP, Aditya Infotech, Brigade Hotel and PVC blend-based building material maker Kumar Arch Tech have received market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India's (SEBI) go ahead to raise funds through Initial Public Offerings (IPOs)

Other companies that have received SEBI's approval include Solarworld Energy Solutions, Indogulf Cropsciences, Globe Civil Projects, and Prostarm Info Systems, an update with the markets regulator showed on Tuesday

Together, these firms aim to raise more than ₹7,800 Crore, merchant bankers said. So far in 2025, six companies

floated their maiden public issues. This came after the primary market witnessed a remarkable year when 91 **IPOs** were launched collectively raising ₹1.6 Lakh Crore.

Going by the update on Tuesday, SEBI received preliminary IPO documents from eight firms between October and November, and issued its observations during January 28-31.

In SEBIs parlance, obtaining the observations means its go ahead to float the public issue.



Meanwhile, auto component development, and procuring looking to raise ₹900 Crore maker Viney Corporation withdrew its draft IPO papers on January 27 without giving a reason. The preliminary documents were filed in

As for SMPP Ltd, its ₹4,000-Crore IPO includes a fresh issue of equity shares worth up to ₹580 Crore and an offerfor-sale (OFS) of shares worth ₹3,420 Crore by promoter Shiv Chand Kansal. according to the draft papers. At present, Kansal holds a 50 per cent stake in the company. Proceeds from the fresh issue will be utilised primarily for capital expenditure of ₹437.04 which includes Crore, constructing buildings, land

plant and machinery for a planned ammunition manufacturing facility through an investment in a subsidiary. The remaining amount will be allocated for general corporate purposes. Aditya Infotech's proposed

IPO is a combination of a fresh issue of equity shares worth ₹500 Crore and an OFS of shares valued ₹800 Crore by promoters, as per the draft

Proceeds from the fresh to the tune of ₹375 Crore have been earmarked for payment of debt and besides a portion will be used for general corporate purposes.

Brigade Hotel Ventures is

through a fresh issue of equity shares. Proceeds from the issue to the

tune of ₹481 Crore will go towards payment of debt, ₹412 Crore will be allocated to the company and ₹69 Crore to its material subsidiary, SRP Prosperita Hotel Ventures Ltd. Additionally, ₹107.52 Crore will be used to purchase an undivided share of land from the promoter, BEL, and the remaining funds will support acquisitions, other strategic initiatives, and corporate purposes. Kumar Arch Tech's IPO is a

mix of fresh issuance of shares worth ₹240 Crore, and an OFS of ₹500 Crore by promoters.

tariffs. Escalation of the tariff

war by China may dent global

risk sentiments wherein the

US dollar may strengthen and investors would look out for

safe haven. However, any

central bank intervention

may support the rupee," Anuj

Choudhary, Research Analyst

at Mirae Asset Sharekhan,

may

cautious ahead of the Reserve

Bank of India's (RBI)

remain

said.

Investors

Centre frames schemes to empower exporters

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The government is framing schemes for MSME exporters to provide credit at easy terms, promote alternate financing instrument through strengthening services for them, and offer assistance to deal with nontariff measures imposed by other countries, an official said on Tuesday. The commerce, MSME and

finance ministries are working on these schemes, Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) Santosh Kumar Sarangi said.

These schemes are being formulated under the export promotion mission, announced in the Union Budget for 2025-26. The schemes are expected to be rolled out in about four-

five months, he said. The government on February 1 announced the setting up of an Export Promotion Mission with an outlay of ₹2,250 Crore to promote the country's outbound shipments. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said through the mission, the government will facilitate exporters to get easy access to credit, and cross-border

factoring support. Stock markets surge as Trump Rupee recovers three paise against USD postpones tariffs on neighbors **PTI** ■ MUMBAI uncertainty over US trade

PTI ■ MUMBAI

 $B_{\text{Sensex}}^{\text{enchmark stock indices}} \xrightarrow{\text{and Nifty}}$ rebounded nearly two per cent on Tuesday in line with a recovery in Asian peers after US President Donald Trump delayed tariffs on Mexico and Canada for a month.

The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 1,397.07 points or 1.81 per cent to settle at a month's high of 78,583.81. During the day, it surged 1,471.85 points or 1.90 per cent to 78,658.59. The NSE Nifty soared 378.20 points or 1.62 per cent to 23,739.25, a level not seen since January 3. From the 30-share blue-chip pack, Larsen and Toubro rallied nearly five per cent. Adani Ports, IndusInd Bank, Tata Motors, Reliance Industries, UltraTech Cement and Asian Paints were also among the major gainers. ITC Hotels, Zomato, Nestle and Maruti were among the laggards. In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo and Hong Kong ended significantly higher.

European markets were trading mostly lower. US markets ended in the negative territory on Monday.

"Yesterday, the Indian market struggled to absorb the optimism generated by the good Union Budget due to heightened geopolitical risks stemming from 'Trump tariff war'. However, India could outperform in a weak global market, and as a rebound has been triggered in the global sentiment, it has fuelled a sharp surge in domestic equities, Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit Financial Services, said. Global oil benchmark Brent crude dropped 1.05 per cent to USD 75.16 a barrel.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth ₹3,958.37 Crore on Monday, according to exchange data. The BSE bellwether index Sensex declined 319.22 points or 0.41 per cent to settle at 77.186.74 cm. Mar. 1 77,186.74 on Monday, snapping its five-day rally. The Nifty declined 121.10 points or 0.52 per cent to 23,361.05.

The rupee recovered three paise from its all-time low level to close at 87.08 (provisional) against US dollar on Tuesday, as the American currency index retreated from its elevated level after President Donald Trump agreed to pause tariffs

on Mexico and Canada.

Forex traders said the US dollar index, which had surged past 109.88 level, retreated to 108 level after Trump announced the temporary pause on tariffs for 30 days. At the interbank foreign

exchange, the rupee opened at 86.98 and touched an intraday low of 87.13 against the American currency during the session.

at 87.08 (provisional), higher close.

all-time low of 87.11 against the US dollar. "We expect the rupee to trade

by 3 paise over its previous On Monday, the rupee plunged 49 paise to close at an

with negative bias over

The local unit finally settled

monetary policy meeting this week, Choudhary added. Monetary The Committee (MPC) of the (RBI will begin its three-day meeting on February 5. The MPC will announce its policy

decisions on February 7 Trump on Monday held off on his tariff threats against Mexico and Canada for 30 days after they pledged to boost border enforcement. Meanwhile, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday said the value of Indian rupee is market-

determined, and there has

been no devaluation, which is

a feature of a fixed exchange

The rupee has been falling in recent weeks, and on Monday touched an all-time intraday low of 87.29 against the

American currency. Finance Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey on Monday said there is no concern over the rupee value and the RBI is managing the volatility of the

local currency. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.48 per cent lower at 108.47. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, fell 1.18 per cent to USD 75.06 per barrel in

futures trade. In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex closed 1,397.07 points, or 1.81 per cent, higher at 78,583.81 points, while the Nifty settled up 378.20 points, or 1.62 per cent, at 23,739.25

points. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth ₹3,958.37 Crore in the capital markets on a net basis on Monday, according to

exchange data.

Shein India to keep data local, partner with Reliance Retail for sales

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The new Shein India application, which went live last Friday, has products which are manufactured, marketed and sold only by Nextgen Fast Fashion, a fully owned subsidiary of Reliance Retail

Ventures Ltd. Nextgen manufactures these products on the Shein India platform through a wide network Indian manufacturers, in which most of which are Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME),

according to an industry

market almost five years after its ban through the country's leading retailer Reliance Retail. The new Shein Platform is built and hosted in India and its ownership and control will always remain with Reliance Retail, he said. Shein India Fast Fashion App

from Reliance Retail currently has over 10,000 downloads on Google's Play Store and is ranked among the top 10 among peers on Apple's store. There is no equity ownership of Shein in the Indian company and application Shein India has

Shein has re-entered the Indian Retail and is hosted in the

country The newly launched platforms have no links with the now inoperational Shein app and the former website (Shein.In) which were previously managed and operated directly by Shein, he said.

Further, the platform will be hosted on infrastructure in India and all platform data will remain in India. Shein will not have any access to, or rights, over such data, the industry insiders informed.

Reliance Retail is now working and application Shein India has with Shein to develop a been developed by Reliance completely localised model for

digitising the supply chain of Indian MSMEs and factories, creating jobs and enhancing the competitiveness of the Indian textile sector globally. Moreover, Nextgen is also

scaling up the network of Indian manufacturers so that India can become a supply source for Shein's global operations in future. This will also help to create substantial export opportunities for Indian

manufacturers, he said. Shein was one of the apps that was banned by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in June 2020 after

the escalation of tensions with China. Almost three years after getting

banned in India, Shein signed a partnership in 2023 with Reliance Retail, led by Isha Ambani, the daughter of billionaire Mukesh Ambani. Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL), through its subsidiary Reliance Retail Ltd (RRL), had entered into a technology agreement with Roadget Business Pte Ltd, which owns Shein, to develop an indigenous e-commerce retail platform. In December last year, the government informed the Lok

Sabha that the sale of branded

products from Shein was not banned, though its app was blocked. This platform is intended to create a network of local manufacturers and suppliers who will manufacture products under the brand Shein and sell them domestically and globally, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal had said in a written reply.

The Ministry of Textiles consulted with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), which in turn consulted the Ministry of Home Affairs, and conveyed no objection to the proposal of RRVL, he added.

INBRIEF

POWERGRID POSTS PAT OF ₹3,862 CRORE FOR Q3 FY25 ON CONSOLIDATED BASIS

NEW DELHI: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a 'Maharatna' CPSE has announced unaudited financial results for the quarter and nine months ended 31st December 2024. The company has reported PAT and total income of ₹3,862 Crore and ₹11,743 Crore respectively on consolidated basis during Q3FY25

VICE CHANCELLOR PROF KARAMJEET SINGH LAUNCHES BOOK ON THEORIES OF PERSONALITY

AMRITSAR: Vice Chancellor Prof Karamjeet Singh graced the launch of Dr Balbinder Singh's book on theories of personality at Guru Nanak Dev University. The event marked a significant moment for the university and in the field of psychology, as it aimed to make complex psychological concepts more accessible to the Punjabi-speaking community.

Man City, PSG and Aston Villa go big in the winter window

PTI ■ LONDON

Manchester City and Aston Villa made big moves just before the midseason transfer window closed.

Four-time defending Premier League champion City secured a late deal for Porto midfielder Nico Gonzalez on Monday for a reported \$61.8 million, while three-time Champions League winner Marco Asensio joined Villa on loan to the end of the

Uncertainty over Bayern Munich forward Mathys Tel finally ended when he completed a loan move to Tottenham with the option of a permanent deal in the summer.

Paris Saint-Germain was one of the most active clubs during the window by signing Khvicha Kvaratskhelia from Napoli, and releasing several players. Columbus completed the permanent transfer of MLS All-Star forward Juan Camilo "Cucho" Hernández to Real Betis for an undisclosed fee. Man City goes big to salvage

City usually makes its moves in the offseason. But in a bid

unraveled at the end of last year and was derailed again in a 5-1 loss at Arsenal, City spent big in January on five new signings. Gonazalez took its outlay past \$200 million. City signed Egypt forward Omar Marmoush for \$73 million and defenders Abdukodir Khusanov from Lens and Vitor Reis for a combined \$77 million. Christian McFarlane, an 18year-old left back, joined from sister club New York City FC while captain Kyle Walker left for AC Milan. Gonzalez's arrival finally gives City a defensive midfielder in the mold of Rodri — the Ballon d'Or holder who was ruled out for the season in September because of an ACL injury. The Premier League title seems well beyond City, which is 15 points behind leader Liverpool, and a Champions League bid has been made extra difficult after being drawn against holder Real Madrid in the playoffs. But City manager

to rescue a campaign that



Pep Guardiola will hope the new additions can return the club to the Champions League next season.
PSG re-enters the galactico'

market

Paris Saint-Germain has lost much of its star appeal in recent years following the departures of Lionel Messi, Neymar and Kylian Mbappé. A shift in strategy has seen

the Qatar-backed club focus more on younger and French talents rather than superstar names.

But the Kvaratskhelia deal for a reported fee of around \$72 million represents another marquee signing.

The Georgia forward isn't at the level of Messi and Neymar but he has long been among the most sought-after players in Europe with thrilling, match-winning

PSG offloaded striker Randal Kolo Muani million signing last season to Juventus on loan, and central defender Milan Skriniar to Fenerbahce, and

Villa's Champions League

Through to the Champions League last 16, Aston Villa boosted its attacking options in the form of Marcus Rashford and Asensio.

Rashford was one of the big stories of the window after falling out of favor at Manchester United. Despite being linked with clubs across Europe, as well as Saudi Arabia, he secured a loan to Villa for the rest of the season

If Unai Emery can get the best out of the former England international, he could prove to be an inspired signing in terms of Villa's League Champions campaign and push for a top four finish. Meanwhile, in former Real Madrid midfielder Asensio, Villa has a player with Champions League-winning knowhow.

Saudi recruitment stalls? Neymar's high-profile move to the Saudi league was cut short last week when the Brazil great's contract was terminated by Al-Hilal and

Along with Cristiano Ronaldo and Karim former

he left for boyhood club

Barcelona and PSG superstar was a standout signing as the Saudi league launched a recruitment drive to lure the world's top players. But injury meant Neymar was reduced to seven games for Al-Hilal following his 2023 move for a reported \$98 million and his departure brought an underwhelming

end to his time there. Previously, Henderson left Al-Ettifaq after just six months to join Ajax, and Portuguese forward Jota spent a year at Al-Ittihad before leaving for French team Rennes. Jota rejoined Celtic during this window.

The big signing for the league during this window was Jhon Duran, the Colombia striker who joined Ronaldo's Al-Nassr from Villa for a reported 64 million pounds (\$80 million).

Perhaps bigger is to come in the future, with Liverpool's Mohamed Salah out of contract at the end of the season and repeatedly linked with a move.

Relief for Barcelona Rather than bringing in new players, Barcelona's biggest it already owned. Dani Olmo and Pau Víctor

were registered only after the government sports authority intervened. The Spanish league and the federation had denied Barcelona's request to re-register the duo because it missed the end-of-year deadline to comply with

salary cap rules. Barcelona accused the league making unrealistic sests for extra requests for extra documentation and said payment for VIP seating at the new Camp Nou stadium became available only on Jan. 3. That payment allowed the

Major moves in women's soccer

club to comply with the league's financial fair play

The deals are getting bigger in women's soccer. U.S. Defender Naomi Girma became the first milliondollar player in the women's

game when she moved from the San Diego Wave to Chelsea, which also spent big to bring England midfielder Keira Walsh back to the Women's Super League from Barcelona.

Anmol Kharb

wins gold in

National Games



Carlsen accuses FIDE chief of coercion, broken promises

PTI NEW DELHI

World number one Magnus Carlsen has demanded that International Chess Federation President Arkady Dvorkovich resign for "coercion of players, misuse of power and broken promises" after talks to thrash out an agreement between the world body and the Freestyle Tour cofounded by him collapsed.

superstar was reacting to FIDE's statement on Monday in which it declared that efforts to work out a consensus with the Freestyle Chess Tour, co-founded by Carlsen and German entrepreneur Ian Henric Buettner, had failed over the use of the term world championship.

FIDE also asked players wanting to participate in the Tour's events to sign a waiver to remain eligible for the official World Championship

The Freestyle Tour reacted by lambasting FIDE but at the same time, agreed to postpone the use of term world championship for its grand finale this year. The decision means that players will not be required to sign a FIDE waiver anymore.

Sharing a few personal messages from Dvorkovich, Carlsen said the Russian had promised to leave players out

of this tug of war in a text to questionable tactics. To his father before the world rapid and blitz championship in New York last month.

...To convince me to play the Rapid & Blitz in New York, you wrote Dec 19th to my Just want to pass a message to you and Magnus that whatever happens between FIDE and Freestyle in terms of recognition, players will NOT be affected in any way. They can decide on their and FIDE will not take any negative action," Carlsen revealed

"You added later that day: 'I will step down if my word will be undermined by the Council.' By forcing players to sign an unacceptable waiver you have reneged on your promise. Will you resign?" Carlsen asked.

Neither FIDE Dvorkovich did immediately respond to Carlsen's sharp statement. The first leg of the fiveround Freestyle featuring classical starts February games,

Germany. Tournaments will then be planned in Paris (April), New York (July), New Delhi (September) and Cape Town (December). Reigning world champion D Gukesh is among the players listed to compete in the Tour's events. but provides them with a "Freestyle committed to protecting players from FIDE's

ensure that no player is forced into a difficult position, we have decided -effective immediately, as of February 3 -- to postpone the decision to award the title of 'World Champion' to the winner of the Freestyle Chess Grand Slam Tour for an additional 10 months," Buettner said in an open letter to FIDE president.

"This decision ensures that between signing the unlawful letter FIDE is coercing them into or facing its threatened consequences The current cycle is officially titled The Grand Slam Tour, he added.

This was after FIDE said no agreement was reached with the Tour despite several concessions from its side. The Freestyle Chess Tour

has chosen not to acknowledge FIDE's existing authority over the World Tour, Championship title and has opted to remain a privately tournament organised primarily featuring handpicked elite players, rather than an open and qualification transparent process," the FIDE stated.
The FIDE said that the

waiver "does not impose new requirements on the players remains one-off exception from their existing contractual obligations."

David Beckham wins gold in National Games

Santos.

PTI ■ RUDRAPUR

Andaman and Nicobar Islands cyclist David Beckham Elkatohchoongo, whose last name saved him from denying entry in the United Kingdom for the 2022 Commonwealth Games, on Tuesday won gold in the men's elite sprint event at the National Games here.

21-year-old Elkatohchoongo clocked a time of 10.691 seconds in two laps to win the gold while Laitonjam Ronaldo Singh (10.724 seconds) of Manipur and another Andaman and Nicobar Islands cyclist Esow Alben (10.826 seconds) took silver and bronze respectively.

It was a tough fight among the three best cyclists of the country competing at the brand new Shivalik Velodrome here, Elkatohchoongo emerging on top ultimately.
When Elkatohchoongo

landed in the UK for the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games, the British immigration officers were

 $P^{\text{unjab FC will look to carry forward}}_{\text{their winning momentum when they}}$

take on league leaders Mohun Bagan Super Giant in the India Super League

The Shers, currently ninth in the league

table with 23 points from 17 matches, will

be aiming to put up a strong fight against

Mohun Bagan, who sit comfortably at the

A positive result in this game would

provide a significant boost to Punjab's

playoff ambitions as they look to close the

Speaking ahead of the game, Punjab FC

head coach Panagiotis Dilmperis

emphasised on the importance of

maintaining focus and taking the fight to

"Every match is important for us from

this point on. We will have to play every

match like a final and any point we can

take is really important. Tomorrow's

match will be crucial like the others. We

have to be focused during the entirety of

the game and stick to our game plan," said

top with 43 points from 19 matches.

gap on the teams above them.

the league leaders.

match here on Wednesday.

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Punjab FC look to upset Mohun Bagan Super Giant

Dilmperis. The Shers will take confidence

from their thrilling 3-2 victory over Bengaluru FC, in which Luka Majcen's

injury-time winner secured all three

The Slovenian striker remains Punjab

FC's talisman upfront, with seven goals

Filip Mrzljak, who also found the net in

the previous match, has been a vital

presence in midfield alongside Ezequiel

Pulga Vidal, both of whom have played

crucial roles in creating and converting

New signing Petros Giakoumakis

points for the former.

chances.

and three assists this season.

his name. They asked him if David Beckham was his real

After double checking of his passport, he was allowed entry by the immigration

Elkatohchoongo's name was given by his father who was a street footballer' and a fan of charismatic English football great and former captain David Beckham.

Elkatohchoongo's first love was also football but later shifted to cycling which is quite popular in Andaman and Nicobar Islands which has produced the likes of

Indian cyclist to win a medal Asian Championships and world number four at one time. Elkatohchoongo was the best Indian cyclist at the 2022

Asian Games in Hangzhou, reaching to the quarterfinals. 22-year-old and Ronaldo's presence in the Indian cycling team for the Hangzhou Asian Games created a lot of buzz in the foreign media because of their names.

Ronaldo was given his name by his father as he was born during the 2002 World Cup which Brazil won with

Ronaldinho playing a big role in the triumph.

Ronaldo is a sprint silver medallist at the 2022 Asian

Championships. Esow Alben was the first Indian cyclist to win an individual medal at the global level, a silver in keirin event at the 2018 junior track world championships. He won a silver in sprint and a bronze in keirin in the 2019 edition

Esow and Ronaldo were also part of the quartet that won the team sprint gold in the 2019 junior track world

championships. In other events of the day, Karnataka's Keerthi Rangaswamy won the gold medal in the women elite scratch 10km race. Assam's Chayanika Gogoi clinched the silver medal, while Meenakshi from Haryana bagged the bronze.

In the men's elite scratch race (15km), Services Sahil Kumar won the gold medal. Kerala's Adwaith Sankar and Krishna Navakodi, also of Services. clinched the silver and bronze medals respectively.

impressed on his first start and will be eager to build on that performance.

However, the Shers will miss the services

of Asmir Suljic, who is suspended after

Defensively, Ivan Novoselec, who played a

crucial role in Punjab FC's last-minute

winner against Bengaluru, will need to

marshal the backline effectively alongside

Nikhil Prabhu, Tekcham Abhishek Singh

accumulating four yellow cards.

PTI ■ DEHRADUN

Rising shuttler Anmol Kharb continued her impressive run, defeating top seed Anupama Upadhyaya in straight games in the women's singles final to claim the gold medal at the 38th National Games here on Tuesday.

18-year-old Haryana, a member of the gold medal-winning Indian team at the Asia Team Championships, showcased her skill and determination by outclassing world number 43 Anupama 21-16, 22-20 to secure the top prize.

The gold medal marked

rising career, following her runner-up finish at the Guwahati Masters Super 100 tournament last December and her victories at the Belgian and Internationals last year. In other events, Satish Kumar Karunakaran and Aadya Variyath battled hard to

overcome Deep Rambhiya and Akshaya Warang 21-11, 20-22, 21-8 in the mixed doubles final and win the gold

In men's doubles, Nithin HV and Prakash Raj S defeated Vaibhay and Ashith Surva 21-16, 21-14 in a one-sided final to take home the coveted

Later in the day, top seed Sathish Kumar Karunakaran will face Survaksh Rawat in

favourite Lakshya Sen, ranked world number 10, withdrew from the competition at the last moment on Monday.

and Suresh Meitei. The youngsters have racked up 48, 36 and 29 interceptions respectively placing them in the top five of medal. the league statistics. Mohun Bagan enter this match in formidable form, unbeaten in their last five matches, including a dominant 4-0 win over Mohammedan SC in their most

Under the guidance of José Francisco Molina, the Kolkata-based side boasts of the best home record in the league, with eight wins and one draw.

recent outing.

Their attack, led by Dimitri Petratos and Jamie Maclaren, has been lethal, scoring 36 goals this season, while their defense has been equally resolute, keeping 11 clean sheets.

the men's singles final. Star shuttler and home state

One series does not define the form of whole team: Gill

PTI ■ NAGPUR

India's vice-captain Shubman Gill on Tuesday defended their performance in the Test rubber loss in Australia, saying that one poor series does not define a team and that it is unfair to criticise a side after a rare bad outing.

India suffered a 1-3 defeat in the five-match series in Australia, bringing to an end decade-long dominance in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

Key players such as Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, KL Rahul, Rishabh Pant, and Gill himself are now set to return for the three-match ODI series against England

before heading to Dubai for the all-important Champions Trophy. "One series does not define

There are a lot of players who, in the past, have performed consistently in a lot of series and tournaments," Gill told and reporters here ahead of the first ODI against England. "Definitely, we did not play

as per our expectations in the Australian series, but still we played some good We cricket. were unfortunate not to have (Jasprit) Bumrah on the last day and we would have won the match and the series would have been a draw and this talk wouldn't have

happened. "One match and one day doesn't define us, we won there twice before and earlier won a World Cup and then reached the final of a World Cup, so we should keep all those things in

the form of the whole team. mind." Before the reverse in Australia, India were also whitewashed 3-0 by New Zealand home, unprecedented in the country's cricket history Rohit's batting in ODIs has been game changing

The spotlight is firmly on senior players Rohit and Kohli, who have struggled with the bat in recent times. However, Gill was quick to highlight the skipper's sensational form in whiteball cricket, which played a pivotal role in India reaching the 2023 ODI World Cup final. Even in the Sri Lanka series, Rohit scored two half centuries.

The way Rohit bhai has been batting in the ODIs in the past one year and a half, it's been really gamechanging for us. "Taking the momentum environment



form ball one and it makes the job of the non-striker and the batsmen coming in a bit easier and I think it has helped our team a lot." Chopping and changing team will create insecure

but was overlooked for the Champions Trophy.

importance of continuity to

However, Gill stressed the

Hazare Trophy, averaging 389.50 in the tournament,

ensure a secure team environment rather than it as a challenge to lead my

making frequent changes based on domestic performances.

Karun had a great Vijay Hazare Trophy, but that doesn't mean the current players should be dropped. They have also performed well to reach this stage.

"We have lost only one game in the World Cups. The players in the squad have contributed significantly, and while it's unfortunate for those excelling in domestic cricket who weren't picked, constant chopping and changing will affect players' Without confidence. continuity, we can never

build a strong team." Gill has been made a part of the leadership group, and on taking up the additional responsibility of being a vice-captain, he said "I take

firstly and then performance definitely in the field if Rohit bhai would want my opinions. It's my duty to let him know what my thoughts

No toxic competition between Yashasvi, Abhishek and me

With Yashasvi Jaiswal and Abhishek churning out top performances, Gill is in a scramble for a spot at the top of the order, but the 25-yearold asserted that there is no "toxic competition" between the three.

"Abhishek is a childhood of friend of mine. Jaiswal is also a friend, I don't think there any toxic competition between us. Obviously if you are playing for the country, you want to perform in every match, and not think that 'I wish this guy doesn't perform'. You are playing for the country and for the team and whosoever performs

you congratulate them," Gill England are a good side,

this series is important The three ODIs against England are the last bit of

preparation the Indian team gets before the Champions Trophy, starting February The 0-2 series loss to Sri

Lanka in August was the last time India played ODIs last "We are playing against a good side and three ODIs

and we are not taking this as a practice for Champions Trophy as it is a very important series for us and we are looking to dominate and win this series like any

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Varun Chakravarthy added to Indian ODI squad

PTI ■ NAGPUR

n-form mystery spinner Varun Chakravarthy has **⊥**been included in the Indian ODI squad after his heroics in the just-concluded T20I series against England as the team management wants the KKR mystery spinner to "keep up the momentum". There is a fair chance that

Chakravarthy might just replace one of the four specialist spinners in the Champions Trophy (CT) squad. It could be one among Kuldeep Yadav Washington Sundar, who be could axed accommodate Chakravarthy before the final squad is announced. A lot will depend on how he fares in the ODIs. Chakravarthy, who got 14 wickets in five T20Is against England and was adjudged the 'Player of The Series', has not been picked for the three

Chakravarthy was seen training_and bowling in the nets on Tuesday. "Yes, Varun Chakravarthy is

month.

ODIs against England and the Champions Trophy later this

part of the squad," India vice-Shubman Gill captain confirmed in a media interaction after the team's training. It is understood that head

coach

and final match against

Australia starting here on

The 36-year-old, one of the

most prolific batters for Sri

Lanka, has scored 7,172 runs

at an average of just under 40, with 16 centuries and 34 half-

centuries in 99 Tests over

nearly 14 years. He has also featured in 50 ODIs, scoring

1,316 runs with one century

"It is difficult for a Test player

to keep himself motivated to

play four Tests for a year and

Karunaratne, who made his

Test debut in 2012, was

quoted as saying by 'Daily FT'.

"In the last two-three years

after the WTC (World Test

introduced, we have been having very little bilateral

series. My current form is

another reason; completing

my 100 Tests, the end of the

WTC cycle (2023-25), I thought is the right time to

Karunaratne plans to relocate

to Australia with his family

next month. Having made his

first-class debut for Sinhalese

Sports Club (SSC) in 2008, he

will play his final match for them against NCC in the SLC

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remain in rhythm and bowl to four spinners and you only the likes of Virat Kohli, Rohit have three ODI games. Sharma, and Rishabh Pant. With the deadline for squad changes for the Champions Trophy set for February 12, he remains a strong candidate for selection. However, it is unlikely that he will be added to the CT squad without

playing a single ODI. India have got three finger spinners – two left-armers (Ravindra Jadeja and Axar Patel) and one right-arm off-spinner in Washington Sundar. Kuldeep Yaday, who is returning to the Indian team after undergoing a sports hernia surgery in October 2024, is the lone wrist spinner in the squad.

"As of now, the team management wanted Varun to bowl in ODI squad nets ahead of England series. Varun doesn't play red-ball cricket," a senior BCCI source said on conditions of

season already concluded, he not have assignments till start of IPL end March. He is in good rhythm and they want him to continue that," he added. When asked if there is a possibility of him being selected for the ODI series and subsequent Champions derstood that head Trophy based on current Gautam Gambhir form, the source replied, "The Chakravarthy to selectors have already picked

"But if team management

wants Varun, it will certainly have to speak to the chairman selection committee. Whether they intend to or not, is still not known."

The Men in Blue don't have a second wrist spinner and Chakravarthy's strong form could work in his favour. When he last played on the

flatter tracks in Dubai during the 2021 T20 World Cup, Chakravarthy struggled to make an impact. However, he has significantly

improved since then, focusing more on over-spin to refine his variations. The English team has not read

him well and in Champions Trophy, one of the opposition is Bangladesh, which was bamboozled by him in October during the T20I series. He could also be an unknown entity for most of anonymity. the New Zi "With domestic white ball Pakistan teams. the New Zealand and

Additionally, performed consistently on batting-friendly surfaces in the recent T20I series against England, finishing as the leading wicket-taker at an impressive average of 9.85. India are set to play all their league matches in Dubai. Chakravarthy picked up 18 wickets for Tamil Nadu in the National One

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Dimuth Karunaratne

to retire from cricket

go for my next target - 10,000 runs - with the lesser number of Tests being played. "I am happy with what I have achieved so far. I want to

first because I know I cannot

announce my retirement with a happy moment like playing in my 100th Test." Karunaratne has been struggling for form of late,

managing scores of 7 and 0 in the first Test against Australia in which Sri Lanka slumped to an innings and 242 run defeat to go 0-1 down in the two-Test series. "Any cricketer's dream is to

play 100 Tests and score 10,000 runs. It's a big achievement. When you start playing cricket, you don't think of those targets, but when you continue playing, you come across different targets," he said. "But as Sri Lanka are playing less Test matches for a year, getting to 10,000 runs seems far away. Appearing in 100 Tests I feel is an achievement," he added. He would look back at his career as a satisfied man due

to its sheer longevity "Several players play Test cricket but only a handful are able to go and play 100 Tests. To become a member of that exclusive club I am very happy. To become Sri Lanka's seventh cricketer to play in

Rashid Khan said he wanted to lead MI Cape Town in the same manner as

he led Afghanistan during the T20 World Cup and credited his improved leadership this season to his familiarity with the team, which helped secure a spot in the SA20 playoffs. After two forgettable seasons, MI CapeTown now sits at the

top of the points table with 30 points from nine matches ahead of the playoffs. 26-year-old

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(Via Prayagraj Jn.)

Afghanistan to a historic victory over Australia in the Super Eight stage of the T20 World Cup 2024, following which the team made it to the semifinals. "I wanted to lead MI

CapeTown the way I led Afghanistan in the T20 World Cup. Coach Robbie Peterson also encouraged me in this direction," Rashid, who captained MI Cape Town in Rashid, who the first season but missed out last season due to injury, said in a media interaction ahead of the first qualifier against Paarl Royals. "I think this year I knew the

players quite well and spent more time with them so I had the knowledge about which bowler to use at what point of time.

The most important thing was to have clear communication with the players. To have what is happening in the mind of the captain and to know what is going through in their minds. think I could have done better in the first year but you just keep learning.

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