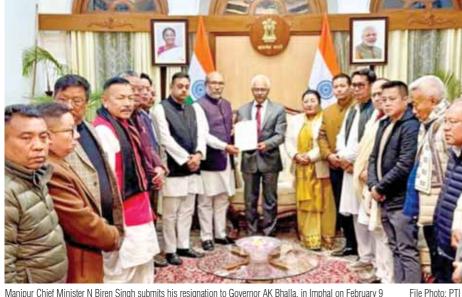
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MANIPUR UNDER PRESIDENT RULE



Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh submits his resignation to Governor AK Bhalla, in Imphal on February 9

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI/IMPHAL

n a quick turn of events in strife torn Manipur, President's rule was imposed in the State on Thursday and the State put Assembly under suspended animation. This comes days after Chief Minister N Biren Singh resigned from his post that led to political uncertainty in the northeastern state and within a month of taking over bureaucrat turned Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla. The Manipur Assembly, which has tenure till 2027, has been put under suspended animation, according to a notification issued by the

Ministry of Home Affairs. imposed in Manipur after Singh, who was heading the BJP government in Manipur, resigned as chief minister after nearly 21 months of ethnic violence that has claimed over 250 lives so far. Singh resigned on February 9 and submitted his resignation to Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla in Imphal, hours after his meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah in the national Capital. The Congress which has been continuously raising the issue of Manipur at every platforms including the Parliament, rued the fact that President's rule in

Home Minister Amit Shah clearly failed to manage state, a task entrusted by Prime Minister. BJP, allies got majority in Manipur in 2022, but their politics led to 'colossal tragedy' 15 months later," the Congress said in a statement. The decision to impose the Central rule was taken after the governor sent a report to President Droupadi Murmu. "After considering the report and other information received by me, I am satisfied that a situation has arisen in which the government of that state cannot be carried on in the state came after fabric of accordance with the provisions state's society was allowed to be of the severely damaged, if not Constitution of India," the destroyed. "President rule notification said.

New I-Tax bill to be simpler

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced the Income Tax Bill, 2025, in the Lok Sabha on Thursday and urged Speaker Om Birla to refer it to a select committee of the House. The much-anticipated Bill will replace terminologies such as "assessment year" and "previous year" with the easier-to-understand "tax year" as part of a move to simplify language while removing provisos and explanations. Following introduction, the Bill was referred to the select committee of the Lok Sabha, which is mandated to submit its report by March 10.

Responding to the objections raised by some Opposition members at the introduction stage of the bill, the Finance Minister said Manish Tewari



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman speaks in the Rajya Sabha during the Budget session of Parliament, in New Delhi

of the Congress and NK Minister said that while in 1961 the Premchandran of the Revolutionary present law had fewer sections, after a of Socialist Party (RSP) were incorrect in stating that the new bill has more has 819 sections. The proposed Act sections in comparison with the existing income tax law. Finance The simplified Income Tax Bill,

after tabling of the new bill. The new bill, introduced in the Lok Sabha, has a word count of 2.6 lakh, lower than 5.12 lakh in the I-T Act. The number of sections is 536, as against 819 effective sections in the existing law. The number of chapters has also been halved to 23 from 47, according to the FAQ issued by the I-T department. The Income Tax Bill PT 2025, has 57 tables, compared to 18 in the existing Act and removed 1,200 provisos and 900 explanations. series of changes over the years it now Provisions relating to exemptions, and TDS/TCS have been made crispier in the bill by putting them in a tabular format.

which is half the size of the 1961

Income Tax Act, seeks to achieve tax

certainty by minimising the scope of litigation and fresh interpretation, said the Income Tax Department,

Modi, Gabbard talk counter-terrorism

PTI WASHINGTON

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met the newly appointed Director of National Intelligence in the Donald Trump administration Tulsi Gabbard, and discussed India-USA friendship, of which he said, she has been a "strong votary".

Modi also congratulated Hindu-American Gabbard on her confirmation as the nation's top intelligence official. She was confirmed on Wednesday.

"Met USA's Director of National Intelligence, @TulsiGabbard in Washington DC. Congratulated her on her confirmation. Discussed various aspects of the India-USA friendship, of which she's always been a strong votary," Modi posted on X. Discussions also focused on enhancing intelligence cooperation in counter-terrorism, cybersecurity and emerging threats, Ministry of External Affairs official spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in a post on X.

PTI



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with USA's Director of National Intelligence, Tulsi Gabbard in Washington DC

"PM @narendramodi held a Attorney General Pam productive meeting with US Director Intelligence National @TulsiGabbard in Washington DC today. Discussions focused on enhancing intelligence cooperation in counter-terrorism, cybersecurity &

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emerging threats," the post said. Modi arrived in the US capital on Wednesday around 5.30 pm (Thursday, 4 am IST) after a visit to France where he had co-chaired the Artificial Intelligence Action Summit with French President Emmanuel Macron.

Modi and Trump will hold bilateral discussions in the White House on Thursday.

Our nations will keep working closely for the benefit of our people and for a better future for our planet," Modi said on X

On Wednesday, Gabbard was sworn in as director of national intelligence on Wednesday in the Oval Office, hours after the Senate confirmed her, The Hill reported.

administered the oath of office to Gabbard, who Trump called "an American of extraordinary courage and patriotism."

He noted that she was deployed three times in the Army National Guard and that she is a former Democratic congresswoman, riffing "Can you believe that?"

Gabbard, 43, a former Democratic congresswoman from Hawaii, had faced bipartisan scepticism about her suitability for overseeing the spy agencies. Gabbard thanked the president for his trust in her and vowed to "refocus our intelligence community" after she was sworn in. "Unfortunately, the American people have very little trust in the intelligence community, largely because they've seen the weaponization and politicization of they've an entity that is supposed to be purely focused on ensuring our national security," the new intelligence chief said.

Waqf Bill report sparks protests

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The report of the joint committee of Parliament on the Waqf bill was tabled in Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha amid uproar on Thursday, with the proceedings briefly adjourned following a heated debate between the treasury and the Opposition benches. In Rajya Sabha the Opposition MPs led by Leader of Opposition Mallikariun Kharge alleged that dissent notes were deleted from the report. Later in Lok Sabha Home Minister Amit Shah asserting the BJP has no objection to the Opposition's dissent notes being included without redaction, and asked the Speaker decide according to procedures. When panel chairman Jagdambika Pal rose to table the report, Opposition members shouted slogans, which were countered by thumping of benches by the Treasury side. The Opposition members then staged a walkout, raising slogans against Pal. Amid noisy protests by the Opposition, Shah said, "Some opposition members have objected to their dissent notes not annexed fully. I wish to request you on behalf of my party that whatever their objections you can attach the same to the report as per parliamentary practice as you feel appropriate". "My party has no objection to it," he added. The Joint Committee of Parliament (JPC) on the Waqf (Amendment) Bill adopted the report on the draft legislation by a 15-11 majority vote. Earlier, reacting to Malikarjun Kharge's charges, at a press conference in Parliament House complex, Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said that certain portions which amounted to casting aspersions on the panel itself were

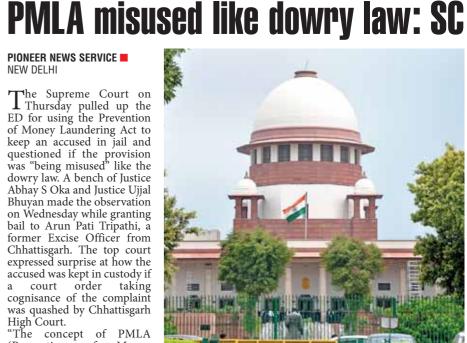


committee of Parliament on Waqf... in which several members had given their dissent note has been taken out. Bulldozing the report by only keeping the views of the majority members is not right. It is condemnable, anti-

democratic," he said. Calling it a "fake report", he said it should be withdrawn and sent back to a committee. The MPs are protesting not for personal reasons but because injustice being done to a community, he said. "This is not about any individual... These MPs are not protesting for their own sake, they are protesting for the community against which injustice is being done," Kharge said. DMK's Tiruchi Siva and AAP's Sanjav Singh also objected to the alleged removal of dissent notes from the Parliamentary report. Affairs Minister Rijiju, however, denied the charge. "There is no deletion or removal of any part of the report. Don't mislead the House. Opposition members (are) making unnecessary issues. The allegation is false," he said. Union ministers Bhupender Yadav and Nirmala Sitharaman also accused the opposition parties of misleading the Upper House, prompting another heated exchange between the treasury and the opposition benches. The Congress' Syed Nasir Hussain Congress' Syed Nasir Hussain accused Rijiju -- who is also the Union Minority Affairs Ainister -- of misleading the House and said, "My own dissent note has been redacted." TMC member Saket Gokhale said it was not a "religious" but a "Constitutional issue". Riiiiu reiterated that the report had all annexures and nothing was taken out. The opposition MPs then staged a walkout and the House proceeded with the Question Hour.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday pulled up the ED for using the Prevention of Money Laundering Act to keep an accused in jail and questioned if the provision was "being misused" like the dowry law. A bench of Justice Abhay S Oka and Justice Bhuyan made the observation on Wednesday while granting bail to Arun Pati Tripathi, a former Excise Officer from Chhattisgarh. The top court expressed surprise at how the accused was kept in custody if a court order taking cognisance of the complaint was quashed by Chhattisgarh High Court. "The concept of PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act) cannot be that a person should remain in jail. If the tendency is to keep the person in jail, even after cognisance is quashed, what can be said? See what happened in 498A cases, PMLA also being misused like that?" the bench asked. Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code protects married women from cruelty by their husbands and their relatives. During the hearing, Additional Solicitor General SV Raju, appearing for the Enforcement Directorate (ED), opposed the grant of bail, saying crooks could not get away on technical grounds. Raju submitted cognisance was quashed for



Members protest in the Lok Sabha during the Budget session of Parliament

redacted. "Some of the points which amount to casting aspersion on the committee itself have been removed. The chairman of the committee has powers to do so," he said, asserting, Everything has been done as per rules," he said. Later redacted portions were also submitted to Rajya Sabha.

on the Waqf The report (Amendment) Bill was tabled in Rajya Sabha by BJP member Medha Vishram Kulkarni, a member of the panel. The tabling of the report was followed by uproar by members from the Opposition benches. The clamour continued as Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar tried to read out a message from President Droupadi Murmu. "Don't show disrespect to the President of India..." Dhankhar said and urged Kharge to ask the Opposition members to take their seats. As the uproar continued, the Upper House was adjourned till 11:20

am When the Upper House reconvened, the chairman read out the message from the president that she had received the expression of thanks by members of the Raiva Sabha on her address to a joint sitting of Parliament on January 31. When the chairman tried to proceed with the Zero Hour, Opposition members continued to protest and some MPs trooped into the well of the House. Leader of the House JP Nadda

regretted that the Rajya Sabha was not in order when the president's message was read out. Chairman Dhankhar said Samirul Islam, Nadimul Haque and M Mohamed "created chaos and Abdulla disruption in the House".

Kharge was then called to speak. The Congress chief said dissent notes from the Opposition MPs to the Waqf bill were redacted from the report."The report of the joint

lack of sanction and that it was irrelevant for bail. Expressing dismay, the bench said, "It is shocking that the ED knows the cognisance was quashed, yet this was suppressed. We should summon the officers. The ED must come clean."

"What kind of signals are we Order taking giving? cognisance is quashed and the person is in custody," the top court bench said. The top court was hearing an appeal of Tripathi, an Indian Telecom Services officer, challenging a Chhattisgarh High Court order denying him bail in connection with the highprofile liquor scam in the state. Tripathi, who served on

deputation Special as Secretary and managing director of the Chhattisgarh and managing State Marketing Corporation Limited, was arrested after an ED investigation.

The ED initiated the probe based on a predicate offence registered by the economic offences wing, Raipur, under multiple sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Prevention of Corruption Act. The federal agency alleged a criminal syndicate comprising senior government officials, private individuals, and political executives manipulated the state's excise policies to extort illegal earnings from the liquor trade.

Wedding crashers: Leopard joins baraat; sends guests running for cover

BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW breath

What was supposed to be a grand wedding celebration in Uttar Pradesh's capital turned into an action-packed thriller when an uninvited guest-a leopard-decided to join the festivities.

Akshay Srivastava and Jyoti Kumari's wedding at MM Lawn was in full swing on Wednesday night, with music, laughter, and clinking glasses setting the mood. That was until, at around 11 PM, a four-legged gate crasher made a dramatic entry, turning the dream wedding into a scene straight out of a survival movie. "I thought it was part of the decor at first-until it moved!" said one themselves inside. stunned guest, still catching his On the other hand, the leopard,

What followed was pure chaos. Guests abandoned their plates and fled in all directions. Some

made a beeline for the gate, while one particularly panicked guest decided that jumping off the first floor was a better ideaunfortunately, he ended up with injuries.

"I could not believe my eyes. One moment we were enjoying the wedding, and the next, we were running for our lives," said Rajesh Verma, a family friend of the groom.

Meanwhile, the bride and groom, proving their teamwork skills early in their marriage, sprinted to their car and locked



A leopard is seen in the left image after it entered a banquet hall amid an ongoing wedding, while the bride and others are seen on the right image running to save their lives, in Lucknow PTI

confused by the flashing lights escape

Forest officials and police arrived and the screaming people, darted around the venue, looking for an after an urgent SOS and began big cat. To locate the leopard, the

what turned into a five-hour game of hide-and-seek with the

authorities then deployed a drone. The live footage confirmed that the animal was on the roof, crouched in a corner. As the forest department's team cautiously climbed the stairs to approach the leopard, the animal, sensing danger, suddenly leaped down

"It all happened in seconds. One moment the leopard was on the roof, and the next, it was charging toward us. It roared and pounced on our officer," said Mukul Yadav, a police constable. The leopard was eventually located on the first floor, crouching in a room, probably wondering why no one had offered it any biryani.

As forest official Muqaddar Ali approached the feline intruder, on the exits.

the animal made its objections clear-by swiping at him with its paw. The next moment, Ali's left hand was covered in blood.

"That leopard had no wedding invitation, but it sure had sharp claws," Ali later said, holding his bandaged hand.

Finally, at around 3:30 AM, the leopard was safely captured, allowing everyone to exhale for the first time in hours. Two camerapersons, caught up in the chaos, also suffered minor injuries.

By morning, with the drama behind them and the leopard safely out of the picture, the wedding rituals resumed-though guests were likely keeping one eye on the mandap and the other



Jharkhand 02

Fin Min urges Governor to order inquiry into NPU's building take over issue

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PNS : DALTONGANJ

State Finance Minister Radha Krishan Kishore has urged the Governor cum chancellor of the universities of the state Santosh Gangwar to order for a probe into the Nilamber Pitamber university in Daltonganj in regard to building taking over.

The minister has sent a missive dated February 13 in this regard to the Governor.

Raising a volley of questions about the taking over of the Academic Building, which has no water facility and its infrastructure quality deems to be not in conformity with the standard,

the minister has raised red flag. The minister has maintained in his missive that apart from the non-availability of the drinking water, the doors and windows appear to be of substandard quality.

The finance minister had inspected the university only on January 11.

Speaking to The Pioneer, Kishore said "There will be an in-depth inquiry into it. No one can get away. This university is the asset of Palamu and the state



and hence it's to be uncompromising of its quality of building and teaching.

Sources said the Raj Bhavan has set up a three member probe team.

The Academic Building was taken over by the university this January 28 three days ahead of the retirement of the then acting vice chancellor of the NPU Bal Kishun Munda who was the Divisional Commissioner of Palamu.

Incharge registrar of the NPU S K Mishra said, "The then acting VC had approved for the tak-

ing over of the building. There was a committee setup for it under the order of the then acting VC.

The committee which is of the university compromises nontechnical persons, abides by the order of the then acting vice chancellor who was too keen to taking over the Academic Bhavan," he said.

Sources said there are noises about deficiencies in the newly taken over building, but no one remembers how deficient is the Kautilya Parshashnik Bhavan as well taken over years ago.

Tatanagar railway station joins

Further it's the Jharkhand state Building Construction Corporation limited that keeps pursuing the University for the taking over of the building and as such it's this corporation that it's to be made more accountable for passing over building still wanting in infrastructure facilities and conveniences.

Sources said as a matter of fact the entire university complex appears to be in water scarcity zone which was never seen or taken note of from the first day of the foundation of this multi crore university.

CMPDI inks an MoA with ALIMCO for distribution assistive devices to Divyangjan



PNS : RANCHI

CMPDI, RI-IV, Nagpur signed Memorandum Agreement (MoA) with ALIMon 13.02.2025 for CO Distribution of Aids & Assistive devices to the Divyangjan (PWDs) and senior citizens in Chandrapur district. Maharashtra under CSR. This multi year CSR project with a budget of

90-day Outreach and Legal Awareness **Programme in** Garhwa

PNS : GARHWA

A 90-day outreach and legal awareness programme was launched at Babu Dinesh Singh University in Garhwa. The programme was organised by the District Legal Services Authority, Garhwa, with support from the National Legal Services Authority and the Jharkhand Legal Services State Authority.

The event was opened by the Principal District and Sessions Judge, Nalin Kumar,

Rs.89 Lakhs, aims to benefit approximately 500-700 indi-

viduals. The MoA was signed by Rajesh Ralhan, Regional Director, CMPDI, RI-IV Nagpur and Sri K.D. Gote, Unit Head from ALIMCO. During this Project. Aids and Assistive devices like Tricycles, Wheel chairs, Battery Operated Motorised Tricycles, Crutches, Walking

sticks, Rolator, CP Chair, BTE Hearing Aid, Braille Cane, Braille Slate. Braille Kit. Sugmava Cane for divyanjans and Walker, Sticks, Knee Brace, L.S. Belt, Artificial Denture, Spinal Support, Cervical Collar etc. will be distributed to the beneficiaries selected in consultation with District Administration by conducting Assessment camps in Chandrapur district of Maharashtra as per eligi-bility and extant guidelines of Government of India.

CMPDI is committed to foster inclusive growth, empowerment of Divyangjan (PWDs) and senior citizens in and around its command

areas This CSR initiative focuses on reducing inequalities faced by socially and eco-nomically disadvantaged groups, integrating them into mainstream society thus creating an inclusive and equitable society where no one is left behind.

'Youth must play on real grounds

instead of virtual platforms'

Love for Jamshedpur brings **Brazilians back to the city**

PARVINDER BHATIA : JAMSHEDPUR

The charm of Jamshedpur, fondly known as the Steel City, continues to weave its magic, drawing people from across the globe back to its vibrant streets. This time, it has brought two Brazilians, Juliana Baeza and Renata Madeira, back to relive the fond memories they created over two decades ago. Their visit is not just a nostalgic trip down memory lane but also a testament to the city's warm hospitality and cultural vibrancy.

Juliana Baeza first visited Jamshedpur during 2002-2003 as part of the Rotary Youth Exchange Programme. Reflecting on her time in the city, Juliana shared, "I have been missing the city and its people for so long that I decided to come back to spend some quality time here. The most vivid memories I have are of relishing 'Dosa' and 'Besan Laddu'. The first thing I did after arriving was to savor these delicacies once again." Now residing in Brasília, the capital of Brazil, Juliana's affection for Jamshedpur remains as fresh as it was two decades ago.

Mother of two kids, Juliana said that her love for India has increased over the years. She would love to send her kids to India as part of student exchange programme

Echoing Juliana's sentiments, Renata Madeira, who visited Jamshedpur in 1998, expressed her joy at returning to a place that holds a special place in her heart. For Renata, the trip was not merely about revisiting old haunts but also about reconnecting with the people who made her time in the city unforgettable.

Bihar, is a certified district for hosting and sending students aged 15-18 years for

Long Term and Short Term Exchange Programs worldwide. This initiative fosters international understanding, promotes peace, and nurtures leadership skills among youth." Youth The Rotary

Exchange Programme offers a unique opportunity for students to live abroad for a year, immersing themselves in new cultures, learning new languages, and forming lifelong friendships. With participation from over 100 countries, the programme aims to bridge cultural gaps and cre-

this programme under the guidance of the late PP Surender Sahni, hosting and sending students to and from gramme continues to build bridges of friendship and

The ongoing success of 3250 Bipin and build meaningful con-

The return of Juliana and Renata to Jamshedpur is a powerful reminder of the city's enduring charm and the transformative power of cultural exchange. As the Rotary Youth Exchange Programme continues to bring people closer, it invites young individuals aged 15 to

elite list of 'Eat Right Stations' **PNS : JAMSHEDPUR**

In a significant development, Tatanagar Railway Station, a key stop on the Howrah-Mumbai trunk route under the Chakradharpur Division of South Eastern Railway, has received the prestigious 'Eat Right Certification'. This recognition underscores the station's commitment to maintaining high standards of food safety and hygiene.

A two-member team from Chennai recently visited Tatanagar to evaluate its catering services. The inspection involved a detailed review of the station's restaurants and stalls, ensuring strict adherence to food safety norms. The team also assessed the Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) percentage of railway tap water, a critical parameter for water quality and safety.

The 'Eat Right' initiative primarily focuses on: Cleanliness and hygiene at food stalls. Special registration requirements for food vendors. Safety measures for the storage and handling of catering items.

The initiative has been beneficial for both passengers and food vendors. By adhering to stringent safety and hygiene standards, vendors enhance their credibility and attract more customers, leading to an overall improvement in business performance. This not only promotes healthier food con-



sumption but also boosts passenger satisfaction.

Tatanagar's certification is a significant milestone, setting an example for other railway stations to follow. It reflects the collaborative efforts of the FSSAI and the Indian Railways to prioritize passenger health and safety. "This achievement is expected to inspire other sta-

tions under the Chakradharpur Division and beyond, contributing to the FSSAI's broader mission of creating a healthier India. As the Eat Right Station initiative continues to expand its reach, millions of passengers can look forward to safer and healthier food options during their journeys. This accomplishment reinforces Tatanagar's reputation as a passenger-centric station, aligning with Indian Railways' vision of enhancing travel experiences through better food safety and hygiene standards," said

tion. Recognizing the importance of safe and healthy food, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) launched the Eat **Right** Station initiative which has been instrumental in ensuring access to nutritious and hygienic food at railway stations across the country. Till now, 150 railway stations nationwide have been certified as Eat Right Stations, a testimony to the initiative's success. The certification process involves rigorous audits of food vendors, comprehensive training of food handlers, and stringent hygiene and sanitation protocols. This holistic approach aims to provide travelers with safe and guality food, fostering a culture of food safety and health awareness

Millions of Indians pass

through railway stations

every day, making them cru-

cial hubs for food consump-



ate global citizens. Our District 3250 started

countries like the US, Brazil, and Germany. Today, Juliana and Renata's visit is a beautiful example of how the prounderstanding between nations," Ronald D'Costa

added. the programme is attributed to the leadership of District Governor Chachan, District Counselor RYE PDG Ronald D'Costa, and District Chair RYE PP Satnam Kaur Kapula. They continue to inspire young minds to explore the world. learn from diverse cultures,

nections.

who is also the Chairman of the District Legal Services Authority. Dinesh Kumar, District and Additional Sessions Judge, was the guest of honour.

The programme began with a lamp lighting ceremony. Dr Tanya from Vananchal Dental College hosted the event.

Nalin Kumar spoke about the law, explaining the Constitution and its rules. He also gave advice on how to avoid cybercrime fraud and how to get help if you are a victim.

Dinesh Kumar talked about protecting children from sexual offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act.

Shivnath Tripathi, District and Sessions Judge 3, discussed intellectual property and motor vehicle law. Ravi Chaudhary, Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority, explained the his-tory of the National Legal Services Authority and its work.

Monica Prasad, SDJM, spoke about violence against women. Abhinav Kumar, Civil Judge Junior Division and Magistrate, talked about cybercrime and

cybersecurity. Around 500 people attended the programme, including students, doctors, staff. and university employees.



PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

The 10th Knockout Cricket Tournament, organized by the Manifit Sports Club, commenced at the DVC Ground in Manifit. The event was inaugurated by social worker Shiv Shankar Šingh, former independent candidate from Jamshedpur East and patron of the organization 'Koshish -Ek Muskaan Lane Ki.' Singh marked the beginning of the tournament by taking a symbolic strike with the bat.

Ratan Palsania, one of the organizers, informed that a total of 16 teams are participating in this tournament, with the final match sched-

uled for Sunday. Addressing the audience as the chief guest, Shiv Shankar Singh remarked, "The excitement

for cricket in Jamshedpur is at its peak. This week will be filled with thrilling moments for sports enthusiasts." He took the opportunity to motivate the youth to step out of virtual playgrounds and engage in outdoor sports for better physical and mental fitness. Singh also congratulated the organizers, emphasizing that such tournaments not only promote competitive spirit but also contribute to the overall well-being of players. He highlighted the importance of physical activi-

ty, encouraging the youth to embrace the thrill of playing on real grounds. The event witnessed

enthusiastic participation from cricket lovers and was a celebration of sportsmanship and community spirit.

Their journey back to Jamshedpur is a reflection of impactful cultural the exchange facilitated by the Rotary Youth Exchange Programme. District Counselor RYE PDG Ronald D'Costa explained, "Rotary International District 3250, covering Jharkhand and

18 years to embark on this life-changing journey and experience the world beyond borders. Their visit not only celebrates old friendships but also strengthens the ties between India and Brazil, showcasing the universal language of love, culture, and shared memories.





PNS : BOKARO

The Best Employee of the Month Award program was organized by the Knowledge and Development Department of Human Resources at Bokaro Steel Plant for the months of May to August 2024. A total of 31 employees were recognized for their exceptional contributions to their respective fields. The ceremony was graced by Executive Director (Works) C. R. Mahapatra,

Executive Director (HR) Rajashree Banerjee, along with department heads, senior officials, award recipients, and their family members.

Encouraging the employ-ees, C. R. Mahapatra acknowledged the significant role of both employees and their families in this success. He highlighted Bokaro Steel Plant's expansion plan to enhance production capacity to 8 million tons, expressing confidence that with innovation and increased profitability, this goal will be achieved. Rajashree Banerjee Executive Director (HR) extended congratulations to both employees and their families. She urged employees to embrace new challenges, find solutions, and maintain a steady pace of growth. Acknowledging the challenges in the global steel market, she emphasized that with collective efforts, Bokaro Steel Plant will overcome obstacles and reach new heights.

GARHWA DISTRICT BAGS RS 3 CRORE FROM NITI AYOG NITYANAND DUBEY

GARHWA

Garhwa district in Jharkhand has been awarded Rs 3 crore by the NITI Aayog. The district topped the NITI Aayog's performance index for aspirational districts. This award recognises the district's outstanding performance in agriculture and water

resources management. The NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Programme aims to improve development in lagging districts across India. The programme monitors districts in five key areas: education, health and nutrition, infrastructure, agriculture and water resources, financial inclusion and skill development. Districts that perform well receive additional fund-

ing to help them develop fur-Garhwa district showed



shows the hard work of the

district administration and

the people's positive attitude

towards development. We

will use the prize money to

improve the lives of people in

the area." The Deputy

Commissioner of Garhwa

said that the district has been

allocated ?3 crore for the

development of agricultural

and water resources infra-

structure in the Aspirational

Block. The district adminis-

significant improvement in all five areas compared to February 2024. The district's progress in agriculture and water resources was particularly impressive. Garhwa climbed to second place in this sector in March 2024, after being ranked 26th in February 2024.

Deputy Commissioner Shekhar Jamuar said, "This is a proud moment for Garhwa district. This award tration has already prepared a project proposal and sub-mitted it to the NITI Aayog.

The Deputy Commissioner also highlighted that the district had received ?3 crore in 2023-24 under the Aspirational Districts Programme for basic infrastructure development. This funding is being used to construct changing rooms, toilets, and goalposts at various sports grounds built under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

The Deputy Commissioner congratulated the district administration team for their hard work and dedication, stating that the achievement is a testament to their commitment to transparency and development. The success has brought recognition to Garhwa district at the state and national level.

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IIM Bodh Gaya conducts a MDM for HPCL dealers operational excellence

from different districts of

Bihar and was organized in

National Stock Exchange

(NSE). Prof. Vinita S. Sahay,

Director of IIM Bodh Gaya,

emphasised the importance

of responsible management

and personal effectiveness.

The programme aimed to

strategic thinking, financial

acumen, team-building skills,

and insights into Industry

4.0, customer-centricity, and

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PNS : RANCHI

The Indian Institute of Management Bodh Gaya successfully conducted a threeday Management Development programme (MDP) for dealers of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) in February, 2025. The programme, designed to enhance managerial and operational skills, was attended by 35 HPCL dealers

esteemed faculty members. Dr. Samant Saurabh and Dr. Shashank Kumar, the programme coordinators, played a pivotal role in the seamless execution and successful delivery of this enriching programme. Industry experts Panda, Deputy Devrata Manager, ARB General Business, HPCL and Mr. Vaswani, Chief Pankaj General Manager, Patna Retail RO, HPCL also shared valuable insights on leadership, and emerging trends in lubricants and retailing.

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Sessions

The event concluded with valedictory ceremony, where participants were awarded certificates of completion. The programme underscored IIM Bodh Gaya's commitment to fostering professional growth and addressing the evolving needs of businesses and society.

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CS fiat to speed up schemes running with the support of NABARD High Power Committee meeting on Rural Infrastructure Development Fund held

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▶ hief Secretary Alka Tiwari today directed officials to speed up the scheme implementation while reviewing the progress of various schemes running in the state with the support of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). She said that the benefit of NABARD loan will be available only if the schemes are completed on time. She emphasized on bringing progress in the work of very slow schemes and focusing on those schemes which can be completed

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on time. The CS was reviewing the schemes related to Rural Infrastructure Development Fund and others in the meeting of the High Power Committee on Thursday. During this, there was also a deep brainstorming on the money left (gap) after the withdrawal of the approved loan against the schemes. Along with this, the possible schemes for the financial year 2025-26 were discussed.

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During the review, it was told that loans of Rs 1839.39 crore have been approved or are in process for the implementation of 500 schemes of various depart-



CS Alka Tiwari holds a meeting with senior officers in Ranchi on Thursday. PNS

ments worth Rs 2921.79 crore in the financial year 2024-25. Out of that, a loan of Rs 976.96 crore has been approved for 18 schemes worth Rs 1137.53 crore related to drinking water of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation. A loan of Rs 308 crore has been approved for the Palamu Lift Irrigation Project of Rs 365.30 crore of the Water Resources Department and Rs 461.53 crore for the Pirtand Megalift Irrigation Project of Rs 511.36 crore

It was told that Rs 92.85 crore has been approved against the scheme of Rs 103.66 crore for the

construction of 369 warehouses and marketing centers of the Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Cooperative Department. At the same time, the Rural Works Department has a plan of Rs 803.94 crore for rural bridge construction. Out of this, a loan of Rs 271.35 crore is under process for the construction of 124 bridges. During the review, it was clear that in the financial year 2024-25,

President's programme altered

Power Committee held under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary of Health Department Ajay Kumar, Principal Secretary of Road 22 out of 34 schemes of the Road Construction Sunil Kumar, Construction Department worth Agriculture Secretary Abu Baqu Rs 1,088.36 crore have been com-Siddiqui, Rural Development pleted and 12 are almost com-Secretary K. Srinivasan and senior officials of NABARD were plete. At the same time, out of the irrigation schemes of the Water present.

Resources Department worth Rs 2,873 crore, 4 major projects are

in the state of completion. The

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UD Secretary ensures better civic facilities to citizens water and furniture should

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Principal Secretary of Urban Development Department. Sunil Kumar has said that the responsibility of beautifying and enhancing the dignity of cities lies with the municipal bodies. For this, basic facilities should be increased to make the standard of living of the people living in the cities better. He was reviewing the schemes of the municipal bodies on Thursday. While reviewing the progress of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban). he said that houses should be built and made available under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana to enhance the dignity of cities

for well-organized and urbanization. To develop the standard of living of cities, every basic facility should be provided to

the citizens. The Principal Secretary expressed displeasure over the municipal bodies which have done less than 70 percent work in this scheme and said that the percentage of work should be increased by the end of March. Also, the amount allocated for all the schemes should be spent by March. Under no circumstances, the amount should lapse otherwise action will be taken. The state and cities are respected only by the infrastructure and basic facilavailable ities there

Therefore, plans should be made by selecting land and place for area based development. In this, work should be done in coordination with the concerned Deputy Commissioners. There should be a provision to provide electricity and water under the Pradhan Mantri Awas The Principal Yojana. Secretary directed that the work of tender execution should not be delayed. Action should be taken to terminate the concessionaires, consultants and agencies who show laxity in work by giving them

While reviewing the schemes of sewerage, septage and water supply, he said that sewerage system is an important aspect of excellent urban Therefore, the system. excuse of non-availability of land and other technical facilities should not be made. Within 15 days, DPR of schemes related to sewerage and septage should be pre-pared and work should be allotted. Before laying pipes under water supply schemes, water purification plant and intake well should be constructed. The shelter homes located in cities or being built notice. For small projects, a newly should be kept attracpanel of consultants and agencies should be formed so tive so that people do not hes-itate to stay there. Electricity, that no work gets delayed.

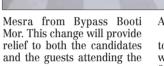
be strong. Proper training should be arranged for the beneficiaries for self-employment so that the needy can expand their business on a large scale. City Mission Managers should be given accountability for this. SUDA Director Amit Kumar, Ranchi Municipal Corporation Administrator Sandeep DMA Director Kumar. Satyendra Kumar, Additional Secretary Gyanendra Kumar. Additional Secretary Jyotsna Joint Secretary Singh, Deepak Kumar Dubey, OSD Vijay Kumar, JUSCO's PDT PDF Amit Gopal ji, Chakraborty and others were present in the meeting.

due to board exams in city **PNS : RANCHI** The timing of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations to be held on February 15 at BIT Mesra has been changed. President Draupadi Murmu is going to attend this program. Earlier this program was to start at 10 am, but now it has been done at 11 am.

This change has been made due to the Jharkhand Academic Council examination. The examination will start at 9:30 am. Barricading would have been done for traffic control on the arrival of the President, due to which the students could have faced difficulty in reaching the examination centre. For this reason, the time of the program of BIT Mesra has been extended by one hour so that the examinees do not face any problem.

The President will reach Ranchi on February 14. Alternative routes have also been decided to keep the traffic smooth during her movement.

The President can go to BIT Mesra from Raj Bhavan via Kanke Road via Ring Road. Arrangements have been made to reach BIT



program. Chief Secretary Alka Tiwari reviewed the preparations for the arrival of President Draupadi Murmu in Ranchi. On this occasion, the Chief Secretary directed the officials to keep the entire system in order during the President's visit as per the

protocol. Chief Secretary The directed to ensure uninterrupted power supply. She also directed the airport director to keep the VIP lounge at Birsa Munda

Airport organized. All the passengers going to the airport on 14 February, whose flights are between 04:00 PM to 05:30 PM, are requested to reach the air port by 03:30 PM. On the other hand, passengers going to the airport on 15 February, whose flights are between 11:00 AM to 01:30 PM, should reach the airport by 11:30 AM

Matric and Intermediate candidates, whose exam is on 15th February in the first shift, should reach the exam center by 09:30 am. Whereas the second shift candidates should reach the exam center by 12:00 am.

Other districts need to learn from the employment of egg production and poultry farming in Gumla: Shilpi Neha Tirkey of other districts. The



Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Cooperation will also provide all possible help in this. It is very important to have a er in thi husiness

Minor girl killed, beheaded by family for alleged love affair

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A minor girl was strangled to death by her brother, and her father later beheaded her, all because she used to talk to a boy in Koderma district.

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vided by the accused, police recovered a bicycle, a sack, and an axe used in the crime,

along with hair from the deceased found in a septic tank where the body had initially been hidden.

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The police have arrested

family for alleged love affair **PNS : RANCHI**

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BJP flays Govt for poor state of higher education in State



State BJP Spokesperson Ajay Sah and others during a press conference at the party office in Ranchi on Thursday. Pix by Vinay Murmu

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BJP state spokesperson Ajay Sah raised an important issue related to higher education in Jharkhand during a press conference held at the BJP state office. He raised questions on the status of two important tenders issued by the Higher Education Department of the Jharkhand government in October 2023—Eklavya Prashikshan Yojana and

Mukhyamantri Shiksha Protsahan Yojana.

tencies in their statements emerged, leading them to eventually confess to the murder. They admitted to killing the girl, disposing of the body, and severing the head to hide evidence.

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Upon further questioning, the father, Madan Pandey inconsistencies in their state-(73), along with the victim's brothers, Nitish Pandey (36) ments emerged, leading and Jyotish Kumar Pandey them to eventually confess to (20). They have also seized the murder. They admitted to the weapons and tools used killing the girl, disposing of the body, and severing the in the crime, including the axe, sack, and bicycle. head to hide evidence.

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San said that the Hemant government had announced these two schemes in the year 2023, which were aimed at benefiting 35,000 students of Jharkhand. Under these schemes, free coaching was arranged for the students for competitive examinations like UPSC, JPSC, Bank PO, Medical, Engineering, SSC, Hotel Management, Mass Communication, Railway Board, etc. Apart from this, there was also a provision to provide financial assistance of Rs 2500 every month to the students.

Ajay Sah, while targeting the government, said that a budget of about ? 350 crore was approved for these two schemes one and a half years ago. But, surprisingly, no action has been taken on it till date. He questioned the government that why the future of thousands of students of Jharkhand was pushed into darkness by stopping such an important scheme without any clear reason?

Ajay Sah expressed his apprehension and asked that if the budget for these schemes had been approved, then was the fund set aside for the students diverted to any other scheme? He also asked the government to clarify whether these schemes have been completely stopped or will they be restarted in the upcoming budget?

Sah said that usually students start coaching with the new session in April every year. If the government does not implement these schemes by March, then these schemes will remain limited to papers only and will never be implemented on the ground. This will affect the future of thousands of students. If the government does not take any concrete decision soon, the educational future of the students will become dark

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Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Cooperative Minister Šhilpi Neha Tirkey visited Basia in Gumla district on Thursday. Here, she had a long discussion with the sisters of the women's committee associated with egg production and poultry farming. Today, a federation has been formed in Basia, Gumla and women's committees of many districts of the state have been linked to it. Currently, about 5 thousand 300 women are associated with the federation. Here, a women's committee consisting of about 300 women is doing good work in the field of egg production and poultry farming.

The annual income of every woman associated with this women's committee has reached 40 thousand, which is a living example of self-employment and making oneself self-reliant today.

The Minister said that there is a lot of demand for both eggs and chicken in the market. This work of the sisters associated with the Mahila Samiti of Basia in Gumla district needs to be adopted by the sisters associated with the Mahila Samiti

of egg production and poultry farming by the department, so that the department can monitor this business by expanding it and providing government assistance. Tirkey took information about the construction of 220 sheds instead of 600 under the Johar project. She said that the women associated

with the committee can be directly benefited by giving them the shed scheme under subsidy. The Minister, while encouraging the sisters of Banai and Jolo villages of Basia, said that their work is being discussed in other districts and even in other states. With time, it needs to be made more systematic and employment oriented. There can be no better employment than this while living in one's own village. one's own home, among

Students of CM SoEs achieve Road accident: 5 persons injured in Minister's convoy success in JEE Mains

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In an attempt to realise the vision of Chief Minister Hemant Soren to improve the quality of education and also to develop an excellent education system, currently as many as 80 CM Schools of Excellence are operating across the State. The students of these schools are making a mark for themselves in every field and have also proved their mettle in the JEE Mains entrance examination- the results for which were declared on February 12.

Nikhil Kumar, a student of RK Plus 2 CM School of Excellence. Balumath. secured 98.30 percentile in the JEE Mains while Prince Raj Gupta of District CM School of Excellence, Dumka



secured 97.27 percentile. Similarly, Rahul Kumar of District CM School of Excellence, Dhanbad scored 96 percentile whereas Nishant Kumar of District CM School of Excellence, Nadia, Lohardaga passed the exams with 93.65 percentile.

Three students of District Ramrudra CM School of Excellence, Bokaro have cleared the exam- Neeraj Kumar secured 85 percentile, Sumit Kumar 83.34 percentile and Rahul Kumar

secured 84.89 percentile whereas Yug Kumar scored 83.51 percentile

Prince Kumar Singh of District CM School of Excellence, BPM, Burmamines, Jamshedpur scored 94 percentile, Lakshya Kumar Gupta got 88.83 percentile and Raunak Prajapati 82.2 percentile.

Kartikeya Tiwari, a student of District CM School of Excellence, Latehar has scored 89.45 percentile.

Jyotika Mahato of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Residential CM School of of Jamshedpur Excellence, qualified the exam with 74.81 percentile while Anushka Dubey of CM School of Excellence, Sakchi Jamshedpur scored 79.58 percentile. Abhishek Kumar, a student of District CM

of School Excellence Medininagar, Palamu scored 84.56, Aaradhya Singh scored 76.73 and Saksham Kumar Gupta scored 72.85 percentile. Aman Kumar, a student of District CM School of Excellence, Hazaribag got 77.93 percentile while Shreya Gupta, a student of District CM School of Excellence, Chatra, secured 82.6 percentile.

As many as 12 students of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Awasiya Vidyalaya, Kalamati, Khunti have successfully cleared the JEE Mains entrance exam- Mahima Kumari, Divya Kumari, Gunja Kumari, Jambi Tutti, Aarti Kumari. Isha Kumari. Akanksha Kumari, Pramila Tutti, Amika Kumari, Anta Kumari, Archana Kumari and Leela Kumari.

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Jharkhand Government's Agriculture, Cooperative and Animal Husbandry Minister Shilpi Neha Tirkey was going on a tour to Basia. During this 3 vehicles in the minister's convoy collided with each other. Total five persons injured due to the accident. In this accident, a total of 5 people including Basia's Block Development Officer (BDO) Supriya Bhagat were injured. BDO and other workers have suffered minor injuries. Basia's BDO was travelling in a Tata Sumo car. A Swift Dzire car was running ahead of her car. The Swift Dzire car has been damaged.

A couple of days earlier Tirkey conducted a surprise inspection of this factory. After the surprise inspection, the minister said that discussions have also been held with Chief Minister (CM) Hemant Soren to revive this closed factory.

At one time this factory used to be Asia's number one factory, but it was closed due to just Rs 25,000.

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Various types of ready-to-eat dishes of pork meat were prepared and branded under the name of Ranbeck brand. Tirkey has said that as soon as this factory starts, people associated with pig rearing will benefit and this will increase the business of pig farmers. Along with this, the Minister has clearly said that everything cannot be left to the trust of bureaucrats and we should work with our willpower and try to get positive results. Along with this, it would be better if the animals being distributed under the Chief Minister Pashu Dhan Yojana are animals prepared in the farm center of the department, she added.

Tirki was very angry after seeing the condition of the regional poultry farm and duck breeding farm Hotwar and also reprimanded the concerned officials for the poor quality of the shed built here.

The Minister clearly instructed the officials of the building construc tion department that such negligence will not be tolerated.

Official Language Workshop at Ranchi Airport

one's family.

A one-day Hindi workshop related to the implementation of official language Hindi was organized by the Official Language Section at Birsa Munda Airport, Ranchi. Personnel from various departments related to airport management were present in it. During this, Manoj Kumar, Assistant General Manager (Official Language) from 'Sail Safety Organization' Ranchi was present as the guest lecturer. Banani Nand, Senior Manager, Human Resource Incharge (AI) was present as the internal lecturer. The program was started by Airport Director R.R. Maurya by lighting the lamp and in his address, encouraged the use of official language. Two sessions were organized in which educational sessions were held on technical terminology and administrative correspondence. A translation competition was also organized in the workshop in which the level of Hindi knowledge of the personnel present was assessed.





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Government to keep inflation in check: Finance Minister

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 $F_{\mathrm{Sitharaman}}^{\mathrm{inance}}$ Minister Nirmala said the government will continue to take measures to check inflation and ensure that citizens are not burdened

Replying to the discussion on the Union Budget in the Rajya Sabha, the minister said the retail inflation based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) reduced to 4.31 per cent in January from 5.22 per cent in December and is moving towards the 4 per cent target given to the Reserve Bank of India

The House witnessed several instances of altercations between the Opposition and the treasury benches over issues like Budget allocations to Telangana, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala.

Several Opposition parties staged walkout from the House during the minister's reply, even though Sitharaman stressed that the Modi government has never discriminated against any state.

On Budget proposals, she said they seek to "accelerate growth, secure inclusive development, and invigorate private sector investments", and there has been no decrease in capital expenditure for the next fiscal year. Sitharaman told the House that the Budget was prepared



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman speaks in the Raiva Sabha during the Budget session of Parliament New Delh

during a challenging time, with serious external chalclose as possible, keeping India's interests as topmost ... lenges beyond estimates or this immense uncertainty is forecasts and there has been still playing out and many reduction in sectoral alloca-Indian imports which are very tions. Despite this, the govcritical for our economy to grow are also going to be left with uncertainty," she said. On inflation, she said data ernment has tried to keep the assessment as accurate as possible, keeping India's interests paramount, she said. "There showed steep correction in are no models that you can prices of tomato, onion and potato prices, and even puls-es. "So food inflation, which build and understand how the trends will be because gets triggered when you have they are very dynamic... Despite that, we have tried an adverse weather condition, keeping the assessments as and supply chain disruptions

are being managed by a group of ministers who are ensuring that timely import happens if there is a shortfall in supply," the minister said. The Reserve Bank of India is keeping a watch on volatility in the Indian rupee, she said.

Sitharaman listed out the steps proposed in the Budget to boost agricultural production in the country. "So it is clear that government's attempt to remove the stress of price rise is actually being received in the ground. The efforts will

continue. We shall make sure that price should not be a burden on the ordinary citizens," Sitharaman said.

The minister, who presented her record eighth Budget in a row, also said the Modi government's Budget numbers are always realistic and neither conservative nor overestimated.

Sitharaman told the House that the first advance estimates from National Statistics Office (NSO) has projected India's economy will grow 6.4 per cent in real terms and 9.7 per cent in nominal terms. So for the Budget, "we have kept our goals" such that we are able to accelerate growth, secure inclusive development, invigorate private sector investments, she said. The minister also highlighted

that the government steered the economy very well during the Covid crisis, and the country emerged as the fifth largest major economy in the world. She also recalled that after the global financial crisis of 2008, India was termed as among the "fragile five" economies.

The minister also rebutted opposition parties' assertions that income tax incentives would only benefit rich people. She said income tax liability of the middle will significantly come down. The House was adjourned for a recess and will meet again on March 10 to continue the Budget session.

RS Chair asserts Parliament's jurisdiction on HC judge removal

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Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on Thursday asserted that only Parliament has the jurisdiction to constitutionally remove a high court judge, saying a notice for removal of Justice Shekhar Yadav of Allahabad High Court is pending with him.

Speaking in the House, the chairman also asked the Rajya Sabha Secretary General to share with the Secretary General of the Supreme Court the information that 55 members of the upper house had given a notice to the Chairman for removal of Justice Yadav in December.

"I am seized of an undated notice for motion received on 13 December 2024, bearing 55 purported signatures of the members of the Rajya Sabha seeking removal from office of Justice Shekhar Yadav of Allahabad High Court under Article 124(4) of the Constitution.

The jurisdiction for the stated subject matter constitutionally lies in exclusivity with the Chairman Rajya Sabha and in an eventuality with the Parliament and Hon'ble President," Dhankhar said.

'Taking note of public domain information and inputs available, it is expedient that the Secretary General, Rajya Sabha shares this for information with the Secretary General, Supreme Court of India," he said.



Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar reacts during the Budget session of Parliament, New Delhi

The Supreme Court had sought a report from the chief justice of the Allahabad High Court on the remarks made by Justice Yadav and had later asked him to appear before senior judges of the court.

Members of several opposition parties had moved the notice in Rajya Sabha on December 13, 2024 for impeachment of Justice Yadav over his alleged controversial remarks at a recent VHP event, sources said.

The notice was signed by Kapil Sibal, Vivek Tankha, Digvijaya Singh, John Brittas, Manoj Kumar Jha and Saket Gokhale among others.

These MPs met the Rajya Sabha secretary general and handed over the notice for impeachment a few minutes before the start of the day's proceedings, the sources said. Other MPs who signed the notice included P Chidambaram, Randeep Surjewala, Pramod Tiwari, Jairam Ramesh, Mukul Wasnik, Naseer Hussain, Raghav Chadha, Fauzia Khan, Sanjay Singh, AA Rahim, V Sivadasan and Renuka Chowdhury. The notice for the motion was

moved under the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968, and Article 218 of the Constitution, seeking initiation of proceedings for impeachment of Justice Yadav. The notice mentioned that the speech/lecture delivered by Justice Yadav during the VHPorganised event prima facie showed that he "engaged in hate speech and incitement to communal disharmony in violation

of the Constitution of India". The notice also mentioned that the judge prima facie showed that he targeted minorities and displayed bias and prejudice against them.

Delhi HC seeks status on DFI forgery case PM Modi to inaugurate SOUL Leadership Conclave

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 $D_{\text{directed the Directorate}}^{\text{elhi High Court has}}$ General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) & Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) to submit Status Reports on why FIR was not filed against Drone Federation India (DFI) for forging DGCA docu-ments with the signature of the Director General.

Delhi High Court on Wednesday expressed displeasure with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) while issuing notice on a public inter-est litigation (PIL) filed against the Drone Federation of India over allegations of forgery.

The bench led by Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyay, also comprising Justice Tushar Rao Gedela, DGCA should have filed a complaint and registered an FIR regarding the forgery. Court also directed DGCA, MCA and other authorities to submit separate reports on the status of the investigation. The court fixed the matter for March 19, 2025 for detail hearing. The bench also orally observed how a private entity could protect itself by presenting itself as a government organisation.



ed that MCA suspected the issued to individuals associauthenticity of the provided No Objection Certificate (NOC) and subsequently sent a letter to DGCA. The concerned ministry stated that an inspection was ini-

cations for covering Indian Premier League held in Dubai, senior officer of Dubai tiated, which eventually led to an investigation. Senior Advocate PV Dinesh, Civil Aviation Authority representing petitioner RTI (DCAA) had written to activist Tej Pratap Singh, stat-DGCA to verify the authenticity of these certifications, ed that the Drone Federation of India (DFI) forged an it said.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the first edition of the SOUL Leadership Conclave by the School of Ultimate Leadership here on February 21, officials said on Thursday.

The two-day event at Bharat Manadpam will bring together leaders from across politics, sports, arts and media, public policy, business, the social sector and the spiritual world to talk about their personal leadership journeys, engaging in insightful conversations and sharing transfor-



mative experiences to inspire a new generation of thinkers. The conclave will feature speakers such as Rail Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, former Chief Justice of

India D Y Chandrachud, former Reserve Bank of India governor Shaktikanta Das, Spiritual Leader of the Brahma Kumaris BK Shivani, chess world champion D

Gukesh, Piramal Group chief Ajay Piramal, and Bharti Enterprises Chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal, among others.

"Leadership is not just about guiding others. It is about inspiring them to act with vision, purpose and integrity -- towards the greater cause of public good. Our imperative at SOUL is to help broaden the landscape of political leadership in India through formal training and to include those who rise through merit, commitment and passion for public service and not just from political lineage," said Saurabh Johri, director in-charge, School of Ultimate Leadership (SOUL).

leadership and its profound impact on society, creating a platform where new ideas can flourish and the next generation of leaders can find inspiration," he added. Located on the periphery of GIFT City in Gandhinagar,

"The SOUL Leadership Conclave

offers a unique opportunity to

spark meaningful dialogue on

SOUL is a privately-funded leadership institution, designed to equip government and public sector leaders with access to tools, skills and expert insights necessary to navigate the complex challenges of leadership in today's world.

President urges Government to embrace emerging technologies



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Indian Railway Management Service (Accounts), the presi-Postal Service had called on the dent said a strong public finan-

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During the hearing, the counsel representing concerned ministries of Union of India submitted that the we looking at the complaint and seriously perusing it. It was also stat-

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was allegedly submitted to the MCA, misleading the public into believing the organisation had official government endorsement. The petition was filed by Advocate Piyo Harold Jaimon. The plea further alleged that

DFI has in collusion with Pioneer Flying Academy (Respondent) issued drone pilot certifications to two individuals, without securing any approval or authorisation from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation or Ministry of Civil Aviation. These certifications were

ever, DGCA has failed to initiate any enquiry and has even refrained from cooperating with DCAA. The entity has not only escaped from the investigations but also organised the Bharat Drone Shakti Event at the Air Force Station, Hindan, Uttar Pradesh, where DFI used pilots without valid licenses

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(Respondent), to operate

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Zone, plea added. According to the petitioner, the body, by forging a letter from the regulatory authority, is not only attempting to project patronage from the Government of India but has also evaded accountability for its actions as described

above.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE for flying drones in the Red NEW DELHI It is essential for government departments to modernise

their systems by making the best use of emerging technologies to cater to the ever-rising expectations of the public for efficiency in service delivery, President Droupadi Murmu said on Thursday.

Addressing a group of probationers from different govern-

ment services, she asked them to keep abreast of advanced technologies, skills and strive to create more citizen-centric, efficient and transparent governance systems. The probationers from the

Indian Civil Accounts Service, Post Indian and Telecommunication (Finance

at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

There is an ever-rising expectation among the public for greater speed and efficiency in service delivery, along with increased transparency and accountability, the president said. "To cater to these requirements, it is essential for government departments to modernise and digitise their systems by making the best use of emerging technologies," she said. Such technologies include machine learning, data analytics, blockchain technology and artificial intelligence, she added. Addressing the probationers from the Indian Civil Accounts Service, Indian Post and Telecommunication (Finance

the foundation of good governance

"Keeping pace with the fastchanging technology is another area of challenge. You have to take measures to make accounting and payment systems smooth and effective," she said. Their role goes beyond optimising the use of financial resources and "involves analysing the impact of policies and suggesting inputs to improve governance systems, including the financial management systems", President Murmu added.

Speaking to the probationers from the Indian Postal Service, she appreciated the efforts of India Post Payments Bank for

ment and services more customer-centric, innovative, digitised, inclusive and sustainable You have to ensure that the postal network continues to serve as a big uniting factor in a vast and diverse nation as ours," the President said.

'You should remember that you will be able to play a vital role in empowering citizens, especially the less privileged, through enhanced connectivity and financial inclusion," she added.

She expressed hope that the offi-cers would make all efforts not only to excel in their individual careers but contribute to effective delivery of government services.

Aditya Thackeray meets Rahul, UPSC introduces new online India to procure 1,000 surveillance application module for 2025 helicopters for high-altitude operations

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new module of registra-Ation and online application form replacing the Detailed Application Form (DAF)-I and DAF-II has been introduced by the UPSC in civil services examination-2025, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said on Thursday.

The primary objective for implementing this module is to enhance convenience for the candidates, streamline the application process and optimise the examination cycle, he said in the Rajya Sabha.

The civil services examination (CSE) is conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) annually in accordance with the CSE rules notified by the Department of Personnel & Training, said Singh, the Minister of State for Personnel.

"A new module of registration and online application form replacing the Detailed

Application Form (DAF)-l and DAF-II has been introduced by UPSC in CSE-2025," he said in a written

reply to Rajya Sabha. Singh cited sections of the notified rules that make it mandatory for the applicant to submit requisite information and supporting documents towards various claims, such as date of birth, reservation category and edu-cational qualification among others along with the online

required information/documents along with the registration and online application form will entail cancellation of candidature for the examination," read the rules.

The civil services examination is conducted annually by the UPSC in three stages preliminary, main and interview - to select officers of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and Indian

was issued.

application form. "The failure to provide the

adds.

Police Service (IPS), among others

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The government has begun the The government may process to procure nearly 1,000 surveillance helicopters with accessories capable of operating up to an altitude of 5,500 metres above sea level and both during day and night time, as a Request for Information (RFI) The RFI says the surveillance

helicopters, along with the accessories, are planned to be procured in the spirit of the 'Make in India' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' pro-grammes. "The preferred categorisation for the project as per provisions of Chapter-II of DAP-2020 may be indicated by the vendors with due justification," it

The defence ministry intends to procure an "approximate quantity of 1,000 surveillance copters (high altitude area) with accessories", according to the RFI document. This RFI is being issued to "finalise SQRs (Service Qualitative Requirements), decide procurement category



and identify probable Indian vendors who are capable to supply surveillance copter (HAÅ) along with accessories"

The first part of the RFI incorporates the intended use of the equipment and the operational requirement that should be met by the surveillance copter with accessories. The RFI also mentions the terrain conditions under which the "surveillance copters' will be employed primarily in high altitude (up to 5,500 metres), mountainous terrain in India. The surveillance copters with accessories should be operational by day and night and in

commonly encountered weather conditions in all kinds of terrains in the country, the RFI says. "Surveillance Copter (High Altitude Area) be modular in design, thereby lending itself to future upgrades through simple modifications, not leading to design or structural change. It should also facilitate integration and installation, without impacting the performance of any system/sub-system," it added. The Indian Army is also planning to procure 50 "heavy crawler rock

drill" with the government on Wednesday issuing a draft RFI. "The RFI intends to achieve aim

and objectives as per Paragraphs 2 to 4 of Chapter II of DAP 2020," it said.

The Indian Army deployment in Northern, Eastern and Central Commands comprises inaccessible areas with some of the most difficult and treacherous terrain, the document reads.

"Creating sustainable infrastructure in these areas in the shortest time frame is an inescapable operational necessity. Quick development of suitable lines of communication (L of C) is the most critical element of this aspect," it said.

'A self-propelled heavy-duty crawler-based rock drill with an on-board compressor shall be used extensively for moving and positioning the drill machine to the initial formation site for drilling and road cutting in hard rock strata, powering pneumatic/ hydraulic motors fitted on the rock drill. "It shall be used for quarry operations and initial road formation cutting by drilling bench holes, toe holes for charging and blasting in mountains, it said.

Kejriwal on INDIA Bloc unity audit trail)," Aditya Thackeray

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Chiv Sena (UBT) leader JAditya Thackeray met Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and AAP convenor Arvind Kejriwal, days after their losses in the Delhi assembly polls, with a message to strengthen the fight for free and fair elections.

Aditya Thackeray, on a whirlwind tour of the national capital, also met the party's parliamentarians amid reports of dissent in the ranks and some leaders planning to join the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena. He met Rahul Gandhi late on Wednesday and called on Kejriwal, the former Delhi chief minister, whose party faced defeat in last week's assembly elections on Thursday. "Is there any difference between the BJP and the Election Commission (EC)?... I don't even know where my vote goes. There needs to be more clarity on EVMs (electronic voting machines) and VVPATs (voter-verifiable paper

said. After calling on Kejriwal, Aditya Thackeray described the meeting as a gesture of friendship. "Governments keep

coming and going but relationships continue. We met Kejriwal as a gesture of friendship. However, our democracy is not free and fair. Elections are not free and fair," he told

reporters after the meeting. He was accompanied by party MPs Sanjay Raut, Arvind Sawant, Priyanka Chaturvedi, Sanjay Dina Patil and Bhausaheb Wakchaure, among others.

The Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT) and the NCP (SP) had alleged irregularities in the conduct of last year's Maharashtra assembly election, claiming that there were more registered voters in the state than its total adult population. The three parties, which formed the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) grouping, claimed 39 lakh new voters were added between the Lok Sabha elections in May and the November assembly polls.



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Smooth traffic ensures seamless holy dip in Sangam for pilgrims

BISWAJEET BANERJEE MAHAKUMBH NAGAR

Prayagraj's traffic remains smooth despite the massive Magh Purnima rush, as effective administrative arrangements ensure a hassle-free pilgrimage to the Sangam.

According to the Fair police, traffic is moving smoothly on all major routes, including Malak Harhar (Lucknow), Mirzapur Road, Rewa Road, Sahson (Jaunpur), Phaphamau (Lucknow), Andawa (Varanasi route), and Kaushambi.

In view of Mahakumbh, security forces and traffic police have been strategically deployed on all major routes to ensure devotees do not face any inconvenience.

The Traffic department has urged devotees to adhere to the instructions issued by the administration and avoid unnecessary halts on any route. Chhattisgarh Governor, CM, cabinet take holy dip

On Thursday, a 166-member Chhattisgarh delegation, led by Governor Ramen Deka, CM



Thousands of devotees gathered to takle holy dip at Sangam during ongoing Maha Kumbh Mela 2025, Prayagra

Vishnu Deo Sai, and Speaker Dr. Raman Singh, also joined, along with several opposition MLAs. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for the divine and grand organization of Mahakumbh. for them. Along with taking a dip in Triveni Sangam, he prayed for

the welfare and prosperity of the people of Chhattisgarh. Later, CM Sai visited the Chhattisgarh Mandap in Sector 7 to check on the well-being of devotees from his state and review the arrangements made

Vishnu Deo Sai, accompanied by his wife Kaushalya Sai, Governor Ramen Deka,

PT Assembly Speaker Raman Singh, MPs, and MLAs, reached Arail Ghat for the holy bath.

The entire delegation took a dip in the Sangam together. CM Sai expressed his gratitude to CM Yogi Adityanath, saying, "Today, the Governor, MLAs, MPs, and my entire cabinet have come to take this sacred

dip of faith. We are deeply thankful to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for inviting us to this divine event." Following the holy bath, CM shared his experience on social media, writing, "Today, I took a dip in the Triveni Sangam at Tirthraj Prayag, seeking the happiness, prosperity, and wellbeing of three crore people of Chhattisgarh.

Mahakumbh is a grand festival of divinity and spiritual energy in Sanatan Dharma, where faith transforms into nectar and unites the soul with the divine.

Chhattisgarh Assembly speaker Dr Raman Singh emphasized the privilege of participating in the Mahakumbh, saying, "It is a matter of great fortune for matter of great fortune for Chhattisgarh that under the leadership of our Chief Minister, we along with the Governor, ruling party MLAs, and even opposition MLAs have come together to take this sacred bath. Mahakumbh is a blessing for the peace, prosperity, and well-being of our state.



Captain Karamjit Singh

Bereaved family members of martyr Captain Karamjit Singh Bakshi are seen as his mortal remains are being brought to his home, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand

Tuesday.

The air was thick with grief as

the body of the man was cremated at the burning ghat

silently among the crowd.

was received by his family.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE HAZARIBAG/JHARKHAND

The mortal remains of Captain Karamjit Singh Bakshi, an army man who was killed in Jammu and Kashmir, were consigned to flames in Jharkhand's Hazaribagh on , Thursday.

The 27-year-old army man who belonged to Punjab Regimental Čentre was among two defence personnel killed after suspected terrorists set off an improvised explosive device (IED) near the Line of Control (LoC) in Akhnoor sector on

journey wrapped in a tricolour The streets were lined with mourners, many of whom knew Captain Bakshi since his childhood.

The town that had celebrated Karamjit's engagement a few days ago. His uncle Sardar Amarjit Singh Bakshi told PTI, "Karamjit was like Kohinoor for family and friends. A very charming youth who was always there for people. He had come to Hazaribag for a week and left on January 24 for Akhnoor where he was posted."

The uncle said the deceased was due to be married in Jammu on April 5. "When we were expecting a celebration, we received such a setback," his other uncle Sardar Devinder

Singh said. in Khirgaon here in the presence of his teary-eved The Army Captain is survived parents and other people. by his mother, father and sister. Bakshi's fiancee, an Army Jharkhand Governor Santosh doctor stationed in Jammu, Kumar Gangwar, Finance whom he was supposed to marry in April, also stood Minister Radha Krishna Kishore and a large number of Army and Civil officials paid Earlier, Captain Bakshi's body tributes to the fallen soldier at the Birsa Munda Airport on His parents, Sardar Ajinder Wednesday. Chief Minister Singh Bakshi and Neelu Bakshi Hemant Soren condoled the stood still as they watched their only son embark on his final death of Bakshi and an army iawan in the IED blast

Haryana cracks down on illegal Change of Odisha government in 2024 was a declaration of faith: Odisha Governor mining, seizes 324 vehicles PIONEER NEWS SERVICE empower 25 lakh women as 'Lakhpati Didi' by 2027. He



Photo: File photo

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH

The Mines and Geology Department, Haryana has stepped up its efforts to combat illegal mining in the state, with district-level officials inspecting 3,950 locations across the state under a special drive, an official statement said on Thursday.

The extensive effort from January till February 10 led to the seizure of 324 vehicles involved in illegal mining, it said.

According to the statement, the department has set up a robust enforcement strategy including inspections, monitoring, and cutt

hefty fines are being levied on violators.

Acting swiftly on a complaint of illegal mining in Bhagwapur village of Yamunanagar district recently, the department conducted an inspection of the area.

Investigations revealed that boulders, gravel, sand, and ordinary soil were illegally mined over approximately two acres of land. A fine of Rs 65,37,732 was imposed, and an FIR was registered on February 11, the statement added.

As per the guidelines of the mining department, regular inspections are ongoing in every district of Haryana. Notably, in Yamunanagar seized, and 116 FIRs have been registered for illegal mining activities during the months of January and February (till February 10). "The department remains committed to fully eradicating illegal mining to ensure the responsible exploitation of the state's natural resources and prevent revenue loss," it said.

human resources, struggled to fulfil its immense potential. "The state's promises often $O_{\rm Kambhampati}^{\rm disha\,Governor\,Hari\,Babu} \,\, {}_{\rm on}$ remained unrealised. The people of Odisha, with hope in Thursday said the people of the state opted for a change of govtheir hearts and a vision for the future, opted for change ernment in 2024 general elecover continuity in the 2024 general elections," the

governor said. ical decision, but a "declaration Noting that they were tired of The people changed the nearly two-and-half decade long waiting for a transformation that never seemed to come, the government in the state with a governor said: "They (people) vision for the future and hope embraced the promise of my government that they would of a transformation in their listen, understand and act. The governor said this while Their vote was not just a political decision, it was a addressing the Budget Session of Odisha Assembly which commenced on Thursday. He declaration of faith.

The people entrusted his government with the hope of the poor, aspirations of youths,

dreams of farmers and aims of women believing that change scheme 'Subhadra' which is poised to benefit about a crore would usher in a new era, an era of unmatched prosperity, he said.

Kambhampati said that with the mandate of the people and a determined vision for the future, the new government shouldered the onerous responsibility of taking the state forward in the path of prosperity. He said it is just eight months of assuming responsibility and during such a short span of time, the new government has taken various landmark decisions, launched numerous schemes and hosted several programmes in the interest of the people.

"The government implemented its flagship

of women of the state, rolled out the 'Samrudha Krushak Yojana' to provide input assistance of Rs 800 per quintal of paddy over and above the MSP, opened the 'Ratna Bhandar' of Shree Jagannath Temple honouring the demands of devotees and took up many initiatives to revive Ôdia Asmita (pride).

The governor also highlighted the state government hosting the DG/IGP conference, 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, visit of Singapore President and Utkarsh Odisha-Make in Odisha conclave. He said the state government has received three lakh suggestions for 'Vision 2036' which aspires to

build a developed Odisha targeting a 500 USD billion economy by 2036.

his speech Starting chanting 'Jai Jagannath', the governor said poor, youth, women empowerment are the main pillars of the state government. He said the state has implemented the National Education Policy, Ayushman Bharat in the health sector, Kamadhenu scheme for dairy farmers and others. Stating that 1.5 lakh government jobs to be filled in

five years duration, the governor said as many as 65,000 posts to be filled in two years. More than 24,000 posts have been filled in 2024-25. The governor also said the state government

Satkosia projects to elevate them to a global standard tourist destination, he said. "My government remains committed to a people first approach in delivering essential services, creating livelihood opportunities and developing infrastructures," the governor said.

said the state government has

proposed a new scheme 'Swachha Odisha' to enhance

solid, liquid and wastewater

The state has also launched a

new scheme 'Urban Mobility'

transportation in urban areas,

and secured approval for development of Hirakud and

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Centre dispatches teams to tackle bird flu outbreak in Andhra Pradesh PIONEER NEWS SERVICE strict implementation of AMARAVATI

ndhra Pradesh Animal AHusbandry Minister K Atchannaidu said on Thursday that the Central Government has dispatched teams to assess the Avian Influenza situation in the state following the outbre-

said the state, despite its glorious past and abundant



Gampalagudem in NTR district saw 7,000 deaths. "The Chief Minister spoke in datail with space." detail with senior scientists in Bhopal and the Central Government secretary. Following this, the Central Government secretary dispatched teams to Andhra Pradesh," Atchannaidu said the

containment measures. He added that the culling of chickens has been completed at three affected poultry farms and will be completed at the remaining been chickens has two farms today. According to the minister,

Criminal with ₹10,000 bounty arrested at India-Nepal border

officials are monitoring the STAFE REPORTER situation on an hourly asis GURUGRAM Reiterating that there is no

technology, to conserve natural resources and stopping unauthorized mining activities. Additionally, drones and other advanced tools are being deployed to detect illegal mining operations, while vehicles associated with illicit activities are being seized, it said. The statement said that FIRs are being registered and the viral disease in three districts.

lives, he said.

Over the past 45 days as many as 5.4 Lakh chickens have died in the southern state due to the disease, prompting the Animal Husbandry Department to begin culling birds and creating restricted zones in the affected areas.

Photo: File photo



Badampudi village in Eluru district reported the death of 2.2 Lakh chickens, Velpuru in West Godavari district

recorded 2.5 Lakh deaths. Kanuru Agraharam in East Godavari district reported 65,000 deaths and

secretariat.

The minister also noted that a senior official from the Centre will visit Andhra Pradesh on February 14. In addition to declaring the affected poultry farms as bio-secure zones, the senior

TDP leader stated that officials have been deputed to these areas to ensure the mainstream media.

harm in consuming boiled eggs and cooked chicken, Atchannaidu assured people that they can eat them without fear.

He urged restraint against unnecessary rumourmongering about the disease on social media and

criminal with a bounty of A₹10,000 was arrested from the India-Nepal border, who was absconding after out of jail on parole on Wednesday, police said.

The accused was identified as Surender alias Choti, a resident of the village Bans Aliyar district Gurugram.

According to the police, on September 9, a complaint was received at Police Station Sector-7 IMT Manesar, Gurugram from District Jail Gurugram that an inmate Surender, who was serving a life sentence on murder District Jail charges Gurugram was sent on parole for four weeks on 14.08.2024 and was asked to surrender in District Jail Gurugram on 12.09.2024. The prisoner did not surrender in the jail even after the expiry of parole. On this complaint, a case was registered under the Haryana Good Conduct Prisoners (Temporary Release) Act at Police Station Sector-7 IMT Manesar, Gurugram. During swift action, the police team led by Sub-Inspector Lalit, Incharge Crime Branch Manesar, Gurugram, nabbed the absconding accused from the India-Nepal border on Wednesday. According to the jail records,

about 80 charges were registered against the criminal under burglary, attempt to murder, murder and the criminal and he was sentenced to life imprisonment for killing his wife. "The accused was residing in Nepal to avoid police action. Further action is being taken by the police team as per the rules in the matter. The case is under investigation," Sandeep Kumar, spokesperson of the district police said. Apart from this, the Gurugram police have also arrested 6 people from different

Will not allow fudging voters list: TMC general secretary Abhishek Banerjee

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

The Trinamool Congress continued to attack the BIP Government for manipulating elections and warned of adequate counter measures against all efforts to tamper with electoral rolls ahead of next year's Bengal Assembly elections. Questioning the "doubtful

appearance or

disappearance of names" in and from the electoral rolls in Delhi Assembly seat "which might have been a cause for Aam Aadmi Party's defeat" TMC general secretary Abhishek Banerjee on Thursday said that in "Bengal all such moves would be thwarted."

"More than 4 Lakh doubtful new names were added in the electoral rolls in the eight months - from June to



Photo: File photo

January - before the Delhi election process was not genuine ... and the failure of Assembly elections which is unprecedented four Lakh AAP is that they could not votes made the difference," handle it ... but in Bengal such things will not allowed to take place." In Kolkata senior TMC leader and Banerjee said. Adding how "in New Delhi seat alone 20,000 names disappeared whereas in some other place Parliamentary Sobhandeb 30,000 suspicious names Minister appeared ... this trend has Chatterjee warned the BJP no satisfactory answer and against trying to make a arouses suspicion ... this mess of the electoral rolls.

"They have used this formula in a number of States ... now they are trying to do it in Bengal by allowing online registration of names in the voters' list but we will not allow these names to be finalized until there is a physical verification with relevant credentials ... we are taking this up with utmost Chatterjee said. priority,[†] Chatte Earlier Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee too had slammed the BJP for elections winning by fudging electoral rolls. "How will you explain the

ghost voters that swell the voters' lists causing you to win elections ... from where 40 Lakh voters came in Maharashtra," Banerjee on Wednesday said alleging that the BJP has been "taking the help of the Election Commission.

Alleging that the voters' lists manipulated were Haryana and Maharashtra Banerjee said that the Election Commission was made to look the other way. "And if anyone will protest you will send ED and CBI to frighten them ... and here I have reports that the voters' lists are being fudged thousands of names are being added from Bihar we have alerted our people and the administration ... we will thwart all your attempts and once again you will be defeated here," Banerjee said.

The TMC leadership's strong comments not with standing the Opposition came out with a sharp reply saying "fear is gradually settling in their hearts ... the Chief Minister and other TMC leaders are afraid of losing elections in 2026.

Arunachal's Tawang district faces power, communication disruptions amidst heavy snowfall

Affairs

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ITANAGAR

Tawang district in Arunachal Pradesh has been experiencing heavy snowfall since Tuesday evening, throwing life out of gear in the border district. The entire district has been covered under a thick blanket of snow, district officials said.

to disruptions in essential services. electricity, water supply,

and communication. Uprooted trees and the accumulation of thick snow on power communication lines have caused service disruptions in some areas.

necessities. Attendance in educational including institutions significantly reduced, as vehicles are not plying. Various departments, and including power, public health engineering, Border Roads Organisation, PWD,

and rural While snowfall is not Although most shops department are working

uncommon in the region, remained open, footfall is tirelessly to restore and the prolonged and heavy nature of this spell has led only to purchase daily officials added.

Police and army personnel are actively assisting stranded tourists and has commuters at Sela and Jaswant Garh areas. According to the latest weather forecasts, snowfall is likely persist for the next few days. "If the situation continues, works further disruptions to

normal life may occur. However, as of now, no reports of significant damage or accidents due to snowfall have been the officials received," informed. The district administration has advised citizens of the

border district to take necessary precautions, avoid unnecessary travel, and stay updated with official advisories.

Accused arrested for ₹20,000 reward in ₹2 Crore ganja seizure case

STAFF REPORTER GURUGRAM

n accused was arrested Afrom Mathura for allegedly carrying a reward of ₹20,000 in connection with a drug peddling case, police said.

The police on August 8, had recovered with more than a tonne of ganja valued at about ₹2 Crore from the suspect hideout from a locked house in Gurugram's Pataudi area.

The alleged drug was being transported from Odisha, police said on Thursday. The arrested accused was identified as Deshraj, a resident of Kuni Daulatabad

village here in Gurugram. During police interrogation, it was found During that the recovered ganja was brought by the accused in a truck from Orissa and was hidden in his closed house. "The estimated cost of the ganja was found to be ₹2 Crore. The ganja was sold in small packets to the customers. Gurugram Police had dealt a tough blow to the smugglers of ganja by seizing such a huge consignment of illegal

ganja. Before this drug could be supplied to various places, Gurugram Police had taken major action against the smugglers and recovered bags.

the illegal contraband," Sandeep Kumar of spokesperson the Gurugram police said.

The accused has been produced in the court for further interrogation and was taken on 8 days police remand.

During the remand period police will assertain the whereabouts other members of the accused. Whatever facts emerge in the proceedings being conducted by the police team," the spokesperson said.

The investigation team earlier had said that, the crime branch DLF Phase-IV had received secret inputs from their reliable sources that a huge quantity of Ganja was stocked in the Pataudi area. Based on the information a team from the crime branch reached the disclosed spot but found that the house was locked. Meanwhile, the police team somehow manage to trace the owner of the house who gave us in writing to open his house.

Police then in the presence of duty magistrate and village head (Sarpanch) opened the house and recovered the huge quantity of illegal contraband. The illegal contraband was stuffed in at least 21 plastic

locations here in the city for possession of illegal liquor.





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Revamping the tax regime

Nirmala Sitharaman introduces the Income Tax Bill 2025 in Parliament, aiming to replace the 1961 Act with a more taxpayer-friendly framework

inance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced the Income Tax Bill 2025 in Parliament on Thursday. This new bill aims to replace the Income Tax Act, 1961, which has become cumbersome due to numerous amendments over the last six decades. The bill focuses on simplification, clarity and ease of compliance for taxpayers while retaining the fundamental structure of the tax system. The bill consists of 536 sections, 23 chapters and 16 schedules within 622 pages, making it significantly more concise than the 880-page 1961 Act. One of the major changes is the replacement of the term 'previous year' and 'assessment year' with 'tax year,' eliminating confusion regarding tax filing timelines. To further enhance clarity, ambiguous terms such as 'notwithstanding' have been replaced with 'irrespective.' The new bill also introduces tables and formulae for key calculations, such as TDS, presumptive taxation, salary taxation and deductions for bad debts. Complex explanations and provisos have been omitted, making the



law more comprehensible and user-friendly. A formal Taxpayer's Charter has been included, outlining rights and responsibilities to promote transparency and fairness in tax administration. All TDS-related provisions have been consolidated under a single clause using simple tabular formats, reducing complexity and improving compliance. Additionally, the bill integrates key court rulings from the last 60 years, providing more legal certainty and reducing disputes. The tax treatment for employee stock options has been refined, offering a more transparent taxation structure to ensure fair and predictable tax treatment for employees receiving stock options. To make tax exemptions clearer,

income that does not form part of total income has now been moved to dedicated schedules instead of being scattered throughout the Act. These changes are expected to bring multiple benefits, such as simpler compliance, a clear taxation structure, reduced litigation, an easier TDS framework and greater predictability for employees with stock options. Despite these advantages, the bill faces certain challenges. Taxpayers and businesses will need time to adapt to the new terminologies and provisions. The removal of 'previous year' and 'assessment year' may cause temporary confusion during the transition. Additionally, the introduction of tables and streamlined TDS clauses will require updates in income tax return (ITR) forms, software utilities and reporting systems. The Income Tax Bill 2025 marks a significant step toward a more transparent, efficient and taxpayer-friendly system. While it does not introduce new taxes, its simplification of language, removal of redundancies, and integration of judicial precedents will reduce compliance costs and tax disputes. If successfully implemented, this bill could enhance tax administration efficiency and encourage better voluntary compliance among taxpayers. After deliberation by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance, it is expected to come into effect from April 1, 2026. How it will actually work will only be clear then.



Russia combines diplomatic strategy with military tactics



NISHAKANT OJHA

Russia's military philosophy extends beyond traditional warfare, incorporating hybrid tactics that blend Eastern endurance with Western innovation

ussia's military strategy has long been shaped by its geopolitical posi-tion, straddling both Europe and Asia. This dual identity has led to a warfare doctrine that merges Western technological advancement with Eastern strategic depth and endurance. The ongoing evolution of Russian military tactics provides valuable insight into its approach to global conflicts, shaped by a fusion of European and Asian influences. From the European side, Russia has historically adopted a professionalised military structure similar to Western armies, particularly during the Imperial era and through Soviet reforms. Its command structures have evolved to centralise authority while enabling flexibility on the battlefield.

The modernisation of weaponry has also followed Western advancements, integrating precision-strike capabilities and network-centric warfare. Drawing lessons from NATO conflicts, Russia has enhanced its rapid manoeuver warfare strategies, incorporating elements of German Blitzkrieg and modern NATO doctrines, which were evident in its campaigns in Georgia and Ukraine.

On the other hand, Russia's Eastern influences are deeply rooted in its strategic patience and attritional warfare, a legacy of the Mongol conquests and Soviet-era endurance strategies. Rather than seeking swift victories, Russia often engages in prolonged, resource-draining conflicts that wear down its adversaries over time. Its embrace of asymmetric and hybrid tactics aligns with guerrilla warfare methods, employing unconventional approaches such as cyberattacks, disinformation campaigns and proxy warfare.

This strategic approach mirrors the methods used by China and other Eastern powers, relying on destabilisation rather than direct confrontation. Furthermore. Russia's influence in regional conflicts extends beyond conventional military engagements, utilising mercenaries like the Wagner Group and supporting separatist movements, a strategy similar to

Iran's and China's use of regional proxy forces. Russia's military doctrine extends its influence over neighboring states, shaping their security and geopolitical dynamics. Úkraine has been the epicenter of Russia's hybrid warfare, where cyberattacks, military incursions, and disinformation campaigns have been employed to destabilise the country. Belarus remains a critical ally, hosting Russian forces and acting as a logistical facilitator for military operations. The Baltic states-Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania-are under constant Russian influence, facing frequent cyber intrusions and political destabilisation efforts, despite their NATO membership. In Central Asia, Russia maintains a military and economic presence in former Soviet republics like Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, ensuring their alignment within its sphere of influence.

Similarly, in the Caucasus, Russia has engaged in military conflicts, as seen in Georgia, and continues to exert influence in Armenia and Azerbaijan through peacekeeping operations and strategic alliances. Beyond its immediate borders, Russia balances relationships with China and india, maintaining military cooperation with the former while supplying arms to the latter, ensuring its strategic autonomy amid shifting global alliances.

The geopolitical strategy of the United States in the Russia-Ukraine war has been pivotal in countering Russian aggression through military, economic, and diplomatic means. One of the most significant aspects of US involvement has been its military support for Ukraine. The US has supplied Ukraine with advanced weaponry, including Javelin anti-tank missiles, HIMARS rocket systems, and Patriot air defence systems, significantly enhancing its defensive and offensive capabilities.

Another key aspect of the **RUSSIA HAS** economic strategy has been ENHANCED reducing Europe's dependence on Russian oil and gas. The ITS RAPID US.has increased its liquefied MANOEUVER natural gas exports to Europe and supported alternative WARFARE energy sources to mitigate Russia's ability to use energy as STRATEGIES, political weapon. Additionally, billions of dollars INCORPORATING in direct economic aid have ELEMENTS been provided to Ukraine to stabilize its economy and sus-OF GERMAN tain its military operations. India, as a key global player, **BLITZKRIEG AND** has maintained a delicate bal-**MODERN NATO** ancing act in the Russia-Ukraine war due to its histor-DOCTRINES, ical ties with Russia and its growing partnerships with the WHICH WERE West. Economically, India has **EVIDENT IN ITS** continued its energy cooperation with Russia, increasing lactics imports of Russian oil at discounted prices to mitigate global energy inflation. At the same time, India is expanding

its trade partnerships with Western nations to ensure diversification and avoid overreliance on any single economic partner. In the geopolitical sphere, India has positioned itself as a neutral entity, abstaining from several UN votes condemning Russia and advocating diplomatic dialogue over sanctions.

India's military procurement strategy reflects this balance, as it continues to acquire Russian military hardware such as S-400 missile systems while simultaneously strengthening defense ties with the US and France to modernise its armed forces. The broader Indo-Pacific security landscape remains a key concern for India, as it remains wary of deepening Russia-China military ties. Given China's aggressive posturing in the region, India has increased its engagement with Western powers, particularly through the QUAD alliance with the US, Japan and Australia, to counterbalance Chinese influence. Russia's military philosophy extends beyond traditional warfare, incorporating hybrid tactics that blend Eastern endurance with Western innovation. Cyber and information warfare play a significant role in Russia's strategy, heavily influenced by China's cyber (The writer is an expert on cyber security and counter terrorism; views expressed are personal)

CAMPAIGNS IN **GEORGIA AND** UKRAINE

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The true cost of 5G: Why prices are high now-but will not stay that way



GAURAV GANDHI

New technologies start costly but become more affordable as adoption grows. With economies of scale, 5G costs will drop, unlocking new opportunities for businesses

reducing costs.

lion by 2030, at a CAGR of

28.67 per cent, according to

Mordor Intelligence. These

massive investments will drive

economies of scale, further

lowering the cost of private

prices. As these prices drop,

the overall cost of related

hardware and services will fol-

technology is **◄** widely recognised for its ability to deliver lower latency, faster speeds and improved connectivity, supporting a vast number of devices simultaneously. However, many consumers perceive 5G as an expensive innovation, primarily due to the high cost of chipsets, while overlooking broader cost factors. Although chipset expenses are a component, they do not represent the complete financial picture. The Cost of 5G Hardware When considering 5G, it is common to focus on the price of chips. While 4G chips are priced below \$10, 5G chips currently exceed \$100. However, focusing sole-

ly on chipset costs ignores the larger financial framework. The primary expense of 5G stems from the extensive infrastructure required to support the network. Telecom providers must invest in building new base stations, fibre-optic networks, and antennas to enable 5G con-

nectivity. Historically, new technologies such as cloud computing and smartphones were expensive when first introduced.



However, as demand grew and adoption increased, prices gradually decreased. A similar trend is anticipated with 5G. The Inevitable Drop in 5G

Costs Technological progress consistently follows a pattern: initial prices are high, but they decline over time. A case in point is the smartphone market, where the average cost dropped from \$443 in 2011 to \$372 in 2013. Similarly, cloud computing services have

become significantly cheaper 5G network deployment for over the past decade. The businesses Affordable 5G Handsets and same economic principles apply to 5G. As technology **Private Networks** The competition in chipset advances and adoption rates increase, costs will inevitably manufacturing is already pushing down 5G handset decrease

Economies of Scale and Cost Reduction

One of the key drivers of cost reduction in 5G is economies low, accelerating global 5G

of scale. As more telecom adoption.

5G's Impact on Business providers, businesses and consumers adopt 5G, the cost As 5G technology becomes of deployment will continue more affordable, businesses to decline. The larger the will have greater opportuniglobal 5G network, the more ties to enhance their operations. While early adoption cost-effective its implementation becomes. Research by may come with higher costs, Juniper predicts that global the long-term benefits will far 5G connections will surge outweigh these expenses. 5G's from 5 million in 2019 to 1.5 billion by 2025.Mass producultra-fast connectivity and real-time data transfer capation plays a crucial role in bilities will drive productivity, streamline processes, and Increased production volfacilitate better decision-makumes lead to lower prices for 5G hardware, including chips, ing.Furthermore, 5G can revolutionise industries by antennas, and base stations. enabling advanced applica-The 5G base station market is tions in customer service, video streaming, and mobile expected to grow from \$37.44 billion in 2025 to \$132.06 bilcapabilities.

The Future of 5G Affordability

As adoption scales up, deployment costs will decline, making 5G a more democratised technology. This affordability will allow businesses of all sizes to embrace 5G, fostering innovation in artificial intelligence, augmented reality, and beyond. The widespread availability of 5G will enable businesses to stay competitive in the digital world.

(The writer is Founder & CEO, Echelon Edge Pvt Ltd; views are personal)

COUNSELLING CENTRES FOR COUPLES

Madam - Recently, many cases of divorce rocked the nation. The case of Atul Subhash, who ended his life, giving up due to the mental agony faced by his wife during divorce and another incident where a Karnataka woman demanded Rs 6.16 lakh per month as alimony, raised doubts among youth on the institution of marriage. To curb the rising cases of divorce, the Odisha government has come up with a welcome initiative to open a pre-marriage counselling centre in the state. CM Mohan Charan Majhi, following a proposal from National Commission for Women (NCW) Chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar, took this thoughtful initiative. With the changing times, the mindset of the young couples is changing. The word 'divorce' is becoming very common in the country these days.

In case of any conflict, be it external or internal, without giving a second thought, the married couple is straightaway heading for a divorce, just like returning a defective product to a shop. Due to a lack of guidance and understanding, some couples don't even put effort into fixing their marriage, which later leads to affairs and family disputes. This practice needs to change; this is where the pre-marriage counselling centres will help the couples. There are some conflicts that can be resolved under proper guidance and advice that the pre-marriage counsellors will provide to couples. This initiative will pave the path for young couples to take the right call at the right time without falling prey to any misjudgments and misunderstandings. The initiative from the Odisha government is a commendable approach to curb divorce cases and to ensure the mental and emotional wellbeing of married couples.

Manoj Kumar Jena | Cuttack

IAF CHIEF CRITICISES HAL

Madam- Indian Air Force Chief Air Marshal Amar Pratap Singh has said his confidence in defence PSU Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) continues to

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee | Faridabad

Supreme Court slams freebies



ecently, during the hearing of a PIL seeking R shelter for the homeless in Delhi, the Supreme Court's bench deprecated the distribution of freebies ahead of elections and remarked that it would be better if the homeless were sought to be integrated into mainstream society so that they could contribute to the nation. The order has been passed in the backdrop of a chart handed over in the court by a petitioner in person, which showed the statewide position with regard to the number of homeless persons, the

erode over its failure to fix delays in delivery and upgrades to the light combat aircraft Tejas. I think the Air Force Chief should be more circumspect in issuing such statements, which harm our nation globally. He should understand that this will be watched by our enemy countries. Let him air his views with the defence minister or the Chief of all the services.

This is not the way one has to mock our own enterprises, that too in the defence sector. He should be aware that the GE firm in the US has been the main obstacle in developing the Tejas, as they are not willing to transfer the technology of the engines because of a lack of certain key materials like titanium. GE might be sending these engines this March, so let us wait for them. The delay from HAL is a combination of various factors. No one should be allowed to speak openly about the state of our defence industries; it's a matter of national security. India should hasten up and ought to go in for Sukhoi/Rafel, as the US can hardly be trusted for reasons well known to all of us.

number of shelters available, and the number of persons who could be accommodated in the said shelters. The Supreme Court expressed concern over political parties promising freebies and asking whether it was not "creating a class of parasites" instead of bringing people into the mainstream workforce who could contribute towards the nation's development.

The bench has also remarked that people are not willing to work due to the lure of cash transfer schemes like "Ladkhi Behin" and free rations. Shooting down his submission. Justice B R Gavai recounted his personal experience of how agriculturists in Maharashtra were not getting labourers as they were getting things free at home. SC's strong observation comes at a time when political parties go all out to woo voters by promising freebies like free electricity and water with little concern for state finance.

P Victor Selvaraj | Tirunelveli

INVEST IN AI

Madam - The Chinese DeepSeek has motivated the major countries including India seeking deep into the Artificial Intelligence pursuit. China surprised the world with its latest AI application but it is the hard work of their government, fund managers, institutions, regulatory authorities for two decades with the investment of billions of US Dollars. The global cooperation in developing the latest AI technology to excel ahead of DeepSeek is welcome. Our 23 IITs and 26 IIITs, IISC have thousands of students, researchers and the most competent faculty who can synergise their efforts, resources and infrastructure

to develop our own advanced AI. The Government should immediately thrust their concerted efforts with the regulatory framework, funding and infrastructural resources and pool our top and globally prestigious engineering institutions to develop our own AI at a fast pace. Vinod Johri | Delhi

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India's plan to host the fourth global AI summit in Delhi

underscores its strategic push for leadership in AI innovation



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

rime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visits to Paris and Washington, where he engaged with two of the most influential leaders from the developed world, come at a crucial juncture of shifting geopolitical dynamics. The central theme of these highlevel bilateral discussions revolved around advanced technology cooperation in an increasingly fragmented world. India played a significant role as the co-chair of the Al Action Summit in Paris, alongside host nation France. This marked the third global event dedicated to artificial intelligence, drawing comparisons to the Kumbh Mela of technology-bringing together policymakers, corporate leaders, experts, and world leaders.

The summit's primary focus was on leveraging the transformative potential of AI, a technology that has been likened to groundbreaking human advancements such as the invention of the wheel and the mastery of fire. Meanwhile, China introduced DeepSeek, a nimble generative AI tool, posing a serious challenge to the near-monopolistic dominance of US tech giants that have invested billions in AI research and development. Compounding the complexities of global AI governance, former US President Joe Biden, during his final week in office, passed an executive order known as the Interim Final Rule (IFR) on the Framework for Artificial Intelligence Diffusion.

This order imposed export restrictions on critical software and hardware essential for AI development, targeting nations deemed adversarial to US interests-chiefly China-but also impacting close allies



such as India. Global technology stakeholders have since urged the new US administration to maintain consistency with the previously established Regulatory Freeze Order. They have called for the suspension of the AI Diffusion Rule until further review and stakeholder consultations ensure that the regulations align with both national security and international trade interests.

Despite industry appeals, President Donald Trump has yet to overturn the executive order signed by his predecessor. However, his administration issued a fresh executive order on January 23, signalling a possible shift in approach. Within days of assuming office, President Trump reaffirmed the United States' commitment to AI leadership, stating that the country has historically been at the forefront of AI innovation due to its robust free-market economy, world-class research institutions, and entrepreneurial drive. His directive emphasized eliminating barriers that could hinder American AI progress, revoking certain existing AI policies, and reinforcing the US's global leadership in Al. He further asserted that sustaining Al dominance was vital for human advancement, economic competitiveness, and national security. India, aiming for a prominent role in global AI governance, innovation and development, has set forth an ambitious AI mission of its own. This vision, however, is heavily reliant on high-end semiconductor chips and Graphics Processing Units (GPUs) currently controlled by US technology firms. Any restrictions on access to these critical processors could pose significant challenges to India's AI aspirations. Modi's engagements in Paris, India's announcement to host the fourth global AI summit in Delhi, and his discussions with President Trump and other world leaders signal a strategic move toward securing India's place at the forefront of global AI advancements. These diplomatic efforts mark an essential step in navigating the rapidly evolving AI landscape and ensuring India's stake in shaping the future of this transformative technology.

Will 'Jan Vishwas 2.0' deliver real reform



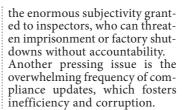
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While initiatives like upcoming Jan Vishwas 2.0 aim to ease regulatory burdens, deeper reforms are essential to cut red tape and curb the menace of bribery



espite concerted efforts to combat corruption, redtapism and bribery remain formidable barriers to busi-ness growth in India. The recent "India Business Corruption Survey 2024" presents a troubling picture: 66 per cent of business entities admit to paying bribes, with 54 per cent stating they were coerced to expedite government processes, obtain permits, ensure compliance, or acquire duplicate licenses. The problem is most acute in sectors governed by overreaching officials in labour, GST, income tax, pollution, provident funds, property registration, drug and health departments. The economic impact is undeniable.

A survey by EY-FICCI reveals that four out of five respondents believe corruption is a significant deterrent to foreign direct investment (FDI). This underscores the urgent need to overhaul India's compliance framework to foster a transparent, fair, and predictable regulatory environment. While the government initiated compliance reforms two years ago, progress has been sluggish. The Jan Vishwas Act of 2023 was a step forward, decriminalising 180 provisions related to imprisonment clauses that burden businesses and entrepreneurs. However, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's 2025 budget announce-ment about 'Jan Vishwas 2.0' aims to fur-



Over the past year alone, there have been 9,420 compliance updates-an average of 36 daily changes. This staggering rate of FOR INDIAN change indicates either regulatory incompetence or a deliberate design to create systemic corrup-BUSINESSES, COMPLIANCE tion pipelines. A bureaucracy that needs to update rules at such IS ALREADY an erratic pace is either incapable of foresight or complicit in foster-ing an environment where bribes A COMPLEX become inevitable.

CHALLENGE, The Food Safety and Standards India's BUT ITS Authority of Índia's (FSSAI) recent directive is a promising initiative to curb this chaos. INTERSECTION WITH Effective this January, changes to CORRUPTION food label regulations will be announced only once a year, offering a model for predictable regulatory changes. Similar measures should be extended across NEARLY all regulatory bodies. INSURMOUNTABLE Labour Laws: The Elephant in the Room A significant portion of compliance-related imprisonment clauses stem from labour laws, which fall under the Concurrent List of the Constitution. While India has replaced 29 colonial-era labour laws with four modern labour codes, they remain in limbo, awaiting implementation. Without this critical step, the long-touted "biggest labour reforms in independent India" remain mere rhetoric. State governments must act swiftly to operationalise these reforms. Simplifying Business Permits: A Digital-First Approach Establishing a factory in India

requires submitting hundreds of self-attested and notarised documents across more than 40 government departments. This archaic system breeds cor-

ruption and inefficiency. A digital-first approach could transform the process. Imagine a scenario where entrepreneurs can apply for factory permissions using a single business identifier, granting regulators access to verified documents via an entity called Digi Locker. Such a tamper-proof, authenticated repository could cut approval times from months to days, mirroring the success of India's Digi Yatra in streamlining airport security. One Nation, One Business

Identity

Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) has revolutionised governance, but business compliance remains fragmented. A clear, well-structured compli-Entrepreneurs must navigate at ance framework-ushered in least 23 identity numbers issued by various Union and state authorities—from PAN, GSTIN, and CIN to professional tax numbers and factory licenses. Each identifier has its lifecycle, requiring periodic renewals and payments, leading to inefficiencies and corruption.A unified One Nation, One Business Identity system could dramatically simplify compliance, reducing bureaucratic friction and the opportunities for corrupt practices. A small budgetary allocation toward this initiative could streamline regulatory interactions, enhancing India's appeal as a business destination.

Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), to make business operations seamless. If the world's largest economy (GDP: \$27 trillion) becomes even more business-friendly, why would investors choose India's \$4 trillion economy, where red tape and corruption persist? The answer is simple: they won't. As American efficiency attracts global capital, India risks losing out on both investment and entrepreneurial talent, a fundamental driver of its knowledge economy. The Way Forward

The time for complacency is over. What was an opportunity yesterday is now an urgent necessity. To sustain its economic momentum, India must dismantle bureaucratic hurdles, create a predictable compliance environment, and eradicate corruption. through Jan Vishwas 2.0—is not just about ease of doing business; it's about safeguarding India's economic future. The government must act decisively to attract global companies and empower Indian entrepreneurs to innovate, expand, and create jobs without fear or unnecessary regulatory friction. India stands at a crossroads. Whether the High-Level Committee for Regulatory Reforms embraces a bold compliance overhaul or hesitates, the stakes are high. The choice is clear: modernise or risk being left behind in the global economic race. (The Author is Vice-Chairman of Sonalika ITL Group, Vice-Chairman of the Punjab Economic Policy and Planning Board and Chairman of ASSOCHAM Northern Region Development Council. Views *expressed are personal*)

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ther decriminalise around 100 provisions. While this is a welcome step, it barely scratches the surface—over 20,000 pro-visions with imprisonment clauses remain untouched.

The Constant Flux of Compliance Rules

For Indian businesses, compliance is already a complex challenge, but its intersection with corruption makes it nearly insurmountable. Regulatory officials often wield compliance provisions as tools to extract bribes. Many businesses report that unofficial payments are still required to secure regulatory approvals, even when all necessary compliances are met. A significant flaw in the system is

A Global Perspective: The US Efficiency Threat

The global competition for investment and talent is intensi-fying. The United States is advancing governance reforms, including the proposed

Making road safety a national priority: A targeted mission to save lives

To achieve meaningful change and save lives, India must move beyond symbolism and adopt a mission-driven approach, treating road safety as a national imperative

and programmes are organised by the government and civil society organisations at national and regional levels. These initiatives focus on raising awareness and educating the public on ways to reduce road casualties.

While this acknowledgment is a step forward, the critical question remains-has road safety truly become a national priority? Unfortunately, our approach is often reactive, addressing the issue only after tragic accidents occur, rather than proactively implementing global best practices to prevent them. A Grim Reality: What the Data Reveals

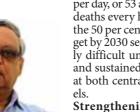
Road Safety Month, dur-ing which various events citizens. Road accidents are an everyday occurrence in India, and there is rarely a day when one does not hear about a fatal crash.

According to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) report for 2022, India witnessed 461,312 road crashes, resulting in 168,491 deaths and 443,366 injuries. Alarmingly, nearly 70 per cent of these fatalities involved

whom were the primary earners of their families. While the 2023 report is yet to be released, officials have already indicated a steep rise in casualties, making Indian roads even more hazardous.



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ASHIM SANYAL

Action for Road Safety aims to reduce road deaths by 50 per cent by 2030, and India is a signatory to this ambitious goal. However, despite past commitments, the recent MoRTH report shows an 11.9 per cent increase in accidents, with deaths rising by 9.4 per cent and injuries by 15.3 per cent compared to 2021. This translates to an average of

per day, or 53 accidents and 19 deaths every hour. Achieving the 50 per cent reduction target by 2030 seems increasingly difficult unless immediate and sustained action is taken at both central and state lev-Strengthening Laws and

Enforcement The introduction of the Motor

Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019, was a significant step toward improving road safety, imposing stricter penalties and regulations. Initially, the law was taken seriously, but its impact faded over time due to inconsistent enforcement. Socio-cultural factors often override the fear of legal consequences, making road safety a neglected concern.

The reality is that road crash-Road accident statistics paint The United Nations Decade of 1,264 accidents and 462 deaths es are preventable, and the



term "accident" itself is mis-

leading. The Urgent Need for Action Adopting a structured and data-driven approach to road safety is imperative. Studies indicate that focusing on key risk factors—such as speeding, non-compliance with seatbelt and helmet laws, and unsafe road designs-can significantly reduce casualties.

of all road accidents in India. Scientific speed limits should be enforced on expressways, highways, urban roads and even rural areas where mobility is increasing rapidly.Noncompliance with safety measures is another major concern. In 2022, over 16,715 people lost their lives due to not wearing seatbelts, and more than 50,000 two-wheeler riders died because they were not wearing helmets. These numbers highlight the urgent need to enforce safety regulations strictly and create widespread awareness about their importance

Road Safety as a National Mission

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has successfully led Speeding alone contributes multiple national missions, to approximately 73 per cent including Swachh Bharat A Collective Commitment to

Saving Lives

for Fitness, Yoga Immunisation Programmes, and Child Health Initiatives. These programmes achieved remarkable success through targeted policies, funding and regular progress reviews. Given the scale of road safety concerns, India must adopt a similar mission-driven approach. Declaring road safe-ty a National Mission would ensure the allocation of dedicated budgets, the establishment of clear targets, and continuous monitoring at both central and state levels. Regular progress reviews, monthly reports, and rigorous enforcement mechanisms would motivate authorities to

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take proactive steps toward for all. (The author is COO consumer improving road safety. *VOICE; views are personal)*

Road safety is not just about reducing casualties; it is about safeguarding the wellbeing of every citizen, strengthening the economy, and securing the future of India's youth. The financial burden of post-crash medical care, loss of productivity and emotional distress on families is immense. As a global signatory commit-

ted to saving lives, Índia must take decisive steps to ensure road safety is not merely a campaign but an integral part of governance. The time to act is now-by adopting a mission-mode approach, enforcing existing laws and making road safety a top national priority, we can create safer roads



Asia.



Erdogan urges India, Pak NATO allies insist Ukraine, to resolve Kashmir issue

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He thanked Turkiye for stand-

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and thin" during earthquakes

and floods. "Your visit to

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it people of Gaza, Palestine or

Kashmir," Sharif said. "When

globe hears you when you

The prime minister and President Asif Ali Zardari

contingent of armed forces

speak," he added.

PTI ISI AMABAD

Jurkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Thursday said that the Kashmir issue should be resolved through dialogue between India and Pakistan, with due consideration for the aspirations of the Kashmiri people.

President Erdogan, who is in Pakistan on a two-day visit, made the comments after holding one-on-one and delegation talks with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

The leaders also witnessed the signing ceremony of 24 agreements and a Memorandum of Understanding between the two sides.

Following this, they read statements to the media, expressing resolve to strengthen their bilateral ties, during which Erdogan also talked about the Kashmir issue.

"The Kashmir issue should be addressed according to the UN resolution through dialogue and keeping in mind the aspirations of the people of Kashmir," Erdogan said.

"Our state and our nation, as in the past, stands in solidarity with our Kashmiri brothers today," he added.

India has repeatedly empha-sised that the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh were, are, and "shall forever" remain an integral part of the country.

The ties between the two countries nosedived after India abrogated Article 370 of the Constitution, revoking the spe-



ume. Within the framework of this Emine Erdogan and a delega-



cial status of Jammu and Pakistan today has given a new Kashmir and bifurcating the level to our brotherly rela-State into two Union Territories tions," Shehbaz said. on August 5, 2019.

In his statement, President important and highly respect-Erdogan also showed keen inter- ed leader of Islamic world. est in promoting ties with "You have also led from the est in promoting ties with Pakistan. "In the seventh session front, speaking for the probof our council, which we just lems and speaking for the concluded, we have agreed to rights of oppressed people, be further strengthen our relationship," he said.

In the 7th Pakistan-Turkiye you speak, not only millions of High-Level Strategic people in Islamic world hear Cooperation Council meeting, you very attentively but the the two countries agreed to continue their efforts to achieve the goal of a USD 5 billion trade vol-

At its conclusion, the two lead- received Erdogan at the Nur ers signed a joint declaration to Khan airbase when he arrived further deepen, diversify and early in the morning. institutionalise their Strategic The Turkish president was Partnership. accompanied by First Lady

visit, we have signed a total of 24 tion of investors and business agreements and MoUs in the leaders. A formal welcome fields of trade, water resources, ceremony was held in Erdogan's honour at the Prime agriculture, energy, culture, family, and social services, along Minister's House, where a

with science, banking, educa-**OUT AT ISRAEL** Turkiye's President Recep

Speaking on the occasion, Tayyip Erdogan lashed out at Shehbaz said that Pakistan Israel during a visit to Pakistan was the second home of the Turkish leader and added that on Thursday, speaking up in defence of Palestinians in Gaza and condemning ideas to forcibly displace them from it was wonderful to have him 'The people of Pakistan are their land. extremely happy today to see

Speaking at a business forum, Erdogan accused Israel of failing to keep to a ceasefire agreement, warning that the region was being dragged "toward blood and tears again."

Erdogan reiterated his opposition to President Donald Trump's proposal to relocate Palestinians from Gaza.

"Gaza belongs to our Gazan brothers and sisters and will remain so forever," he said in a televised speech at a business forum in the capital, Islamabad. Erdogan arrived on a two-day visit on Wednesday night."The homewhich the land for Palestinians have sacrificed tens of thousands of their children is not up for bargaining," he added. Earlier on Thursday, Erdogan held talks on Gaza and bilateral Turkive Pakistani trade and cooperation with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. "Alongside Pakistan, we strive to provide every effort possible to support to the just cause of our Palestinian brothers, both within the United Nations, the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and other platforms," Erdogan also said. "We must strengthen this determined stance, especially at a time when there are unlawful and morally unacceptable proposals such as tearing our Gazan brothers from their homeland," he added.

Europe must be in peace talks Europe is "supposed to play a central or the main role in the It's appeasement. It has never most powerful member - sig nalled that its security priori-ties lie elsewhere, including in PTI BRUSSELS

peace order."

There is no betrayal there.

There is a recognition that the

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Several NATO allies stressed on Thursday that Ukraine and Europe must not be cut out of any peace negotiations as US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth denied that the United negotiations about its future States is betraying the war-ravaged country. European govand then Zelenskyy, Trump ernments are reeling after the said on Wednesday he would Trump administration signalled that it is planning faceto-face talks with Russia on ending the Ukraine war without involving them, insisted that Kyiv should not join NATO, and said that it's up to Arabia. Europe to protect itself and Ukraine from whatever Russia whole world and the United States is invested and interestmight do next.

ed in peace. A negotiated There can be no negotiation peace," Hegesth told reporters. The European Union's foreign policy chief, Kaja Kallas, about Ukraine without Ukraine. And Ukraine's voice expressed surprise that Hegseth and Trump had listed must be at the heart of any talks," UK Defence Secretary what appeared to be conces-John Healey told reporters at sions to Russia even before NATO headquarters, as the organisation's 32 defence mintalks have begun in earnest. isters met for talks on Ukraine. German Defence Minister Boris Pistorius said: "For me, the table before the negotiations have even started, it's clear ... that Europe must because it plays to Russia's court," she said. "Why are we be involved in the negotiations — and I think that's very easy to understand," particularly if they want even before the

It's appeasement. It has never worked?

Europe "will have to live direct-Hegseth warned that the war in Ukraine must "be a wakeup call" for NATO's European ly" with the consequences, he Hegseth denied that the US has allies to spend more on their betrayed Ukraine by launching own defence budgets.

Twenty-three of the 32 memwithout Kyiv's full involveber countries were forecast to ment. After talks with Putin have met the organisation's guideline of spending 2 per cent of gross domestic product "probably" meet in person on their national defence budwith the Russian leader in the gets last year, but a third still near term, possibly in Saudi do not.

But Hegseth's French counterpart, Sebastien Lecornu, described the wrangling over greater defence spending as "a false debate," saying that governments and parliaments across Europe are already approving more weapons purchases and bigger military budgets while helping Ukraine stave off an invasion Lecornu warned that the future

of NATO itself is now in question. We shouldn't take anything off

"To say that it's the biggest and most robust alliance in history is true, historically speaking. But the real question is will that still be the case in 10 or 15 years," he said, after the US — by far NATO's biggest and giving them everything that

NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte, who was chairing Thursday's meeting, said that whatever agreement is struck between Russia and Ukraine, it is crucial that the "peace deal is enduring, that Putin knows that this is the end, that he can never again try to capture a piece of Ukraine." Touting Europe's investment in Ukraine, Swedish Defence Minister Pal Jonson said European nations provided about 60 per cent of the military support to Kyiv last year and must be involved, especially given US demands that Europe take more responsibility for Ukraine's security in the longer term. His Estonian counterpart, Hanno Pevkur, underlined that the European Union has driven sanctions against Russia, has invested heavily in Ukraine's defence, and will be asked to foot the bill for rebuilding the war-ravaged country."We have to be there. So there is no question about it. Otherwise this peace

will not be long lasting," Pevkur

warned.

Aus accuses Chinese fighter of endangering surveillance plane over South China Sea

added.

China claims.

between Chinese and Australian

forces that Australia has dis-

Chinese J-10 fighter of unsafe

and unprofessional behaviour

over the Yellow Sea in May last

year by dropping flares in the

path of an Australian navy

Australia said the helicopter

pilot had to take evasive action

closed in nine months. Australia accused the pilot of a

Seahawk helicopter.

Melbourne (PTI): Australia protested Thursday what it described as an unsafe and unprofessional interaction over the South China Sea where a Chinese fighter is accused of releasing flares that endangered an Australian military surveillance plane. Chinese J-16 fighter released flares on Tuesday that

feet) of a P-8 Poseidon surveillance jet in daylight and in international air space, Defense Minister Richard Marles said on Thursday.

The Australian plane usually carries eight or nine crew. The plane was not damaged and no crew member was injured, Marles said. "The J-16 was so close that there's no way you

could have been able to ensure ful, professional and restrained" that the flares did not hit the P-Guo said. 8." Marles told Sky News.

Australia has protested in its cap-"Had any of those flares hit the ital Canberra and in Beijing on Wednesday and Thursday, P-8, that would have definitely had the potential for significant Marles said. The protest accused the two damage to that aircraft," he

Chinese pilots of an "unsafe and unprofessional maneuver China's foreign ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun in that posed a risk to the aircraft turn accused the Australian miland personnel," a statement said. itary aircraft of "deliberately" The protest highlights that while intruding into airspace over the bilateral diplomatic and trade disputed Paracel Islands, which relations have improve, relations between the two militaries remain dangerous. The interac-"China's measures to drive away tion is the first significant clash the aircraft were legitimate, law-

to avoid the flares. There were no injuries or damage, although experts warned the helicopter could have been forced to ditch at sea if a flare had

struck an engine. China protested at the time that the helicopter had flown close to Chinese airspace and had attempted to carry out reconnaissance on a Chinese navy training exercise.

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presented him with a guard of honour. He was also honoured with a fly-past by F-16 fighter jets. ed greetings on his visit.

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RenServ Global Private Limited (Formerly known as ReNew Services Private Limited) CIN No. : U74999DL2019PTC348911 Regd. Office: 138, Ansal Chambers II, Bikaji Cama Place, Delhi-110066 Corporate Office : ReNew.hub, Commercial Block-1, Zone-6, Golf Course Road, DLF City Phase-V, Gurugram, 122009, Haryana, Phone – 0124-4896 670/ 80 Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2024 (Amounts in INR millions, except share and per share data, unless otherwise stated, Particulars Quarter ender 31 December 2023 9 months ended 31 ecember 2024 9 months ended 31 ecember 2023 Year ended 1 March 2024 Audited Quarter ended 30 September ar. J Septer. 2024 Total Income from Operations 1,266 1,214 1,053 3,589 3,08 4,214 Net Profit for the year (before Tax 183 120 405 140 157 Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) 9 Net Profit for the year before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) 157 183 120 405 140 9

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1	Total Income from Operations	562.90	357.90	162.76	1,101.36	484.71	644.4	
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax,							
	Exceptional and/or extraordinary Items#)	335.33	155.08	35.70	514.04	90.32	147.0	
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax							
	(after Exceptional and/or extraordinary Items#)	335.33	155.08	35.70	514.04	90.32	147.0	
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax							
_	(after Exceptional and/or extraordinary ltems#)	236.36	116.79	27.55	378.44	66.84	106.6	
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period							
	(Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))							
6	Equity Share capital	742.85	742.85	300.00	742.85	300.00	300.0	
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown	742.00	742.00	300.00	742.03	300.00	300.0	
'	in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year		_	_				
8	Earning per Share (face Value of Rs. 10/- each)							
-	(not annualised)							
	1. Basic	0.64	0.38	0.69	1.02	0.69	0.7	
	2. Diluted	0.64	0.38	0.69	1.02	0.69	0.7	
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Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	142	16	183	114	405	189
Total Comprehensive Income for the year						
[Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period						
after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income						
[after tax)]	142	16	183	114	405	192
Paid up Equity Share Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	128	(14)	228	128	228	16
Vet worth**	278	136	228	178	228	16
Debt Equity Ratio*	3.36	2.63	3.76	3.36	3.76	2.39
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each						
for continuing and discontinued operations)						
L. Basic : (in INR)	14,221.74	1,581.51	18,304.30	11,377.16	40,514.97	18,869.11
2. Diluted : (in INR)	14,221.74	1.581.51	18,304.30	11.377.16	40.514.97	18,869,11
Debenture Redemption Reserve*	0.58	1.53		0.90		2.64
Debt Service Coverage Ratio*	0.58	1.53	11.57	0.90	10.80	2.64
nterest Service Coverage Ratio*	1.79	1.53	7.65	1.52	10.80	2.64
Current ratio	1.26	1.30	1.98	1.26	1.98	2.18
ong Term Debt to Working Capital	1.02	1.02	1.03	1.02	1.03	1.03
Bad debts to Account receivable Ratio*	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Current Liability Ratio	0.78	0.75		0.78		0.45
otal Debts to Total Assets Ratio	0.59	0.57		0.59		0.59
Debtors Turnover Ratio*	0.27	0.36		0.81		1.24
nventory Turnover Ratio*	0.56	0.58		1.86		3.18
Operating margin (%)	20%	6%		12%		8%
Net profit margin (%)	11%	1%	17%	3%	13%	4%
lotes :						
. Ratios have been computed as follows :						
- Earning per share (Basic & Diluted) = Pro	ofit after Tax	/ Weighted a	average num	ber of equity	shares	
- Debt Equity Ratio = Debt (Amount due to						nium + quasi
equity i.e. Short term borrowing)						·····
- Interest Service Coverage Ratio = Profit I	before interes	st. prior perio	od items, tax	extraordina	rv items and	depreciation
/ (Total Interest Expense).		, prior point			.,	
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- Current Ratio= Current Assets/ Current L		511(5)				
- Long Term Debt to Working Capital= Non		rrowing inclu	dina current	maturities o	f Non-curren	t horrowings/
(Current Assets - Current Liabilities exclu						c borrowings/
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- Bad debts to Accounts Receivable ratio= Bad debts / Average Trade receivables and Average unbilled Revenue Current Liability Ratio = Current Liabilities/ Total Liabilities
- Total Debts to total Assets= Total outstanding debts/ Total Assets
- Debtors turnover= Revenue from operation/ Average trade receivables and Average unbilled Revenue

Inventory Turnover= Revenue from operations/Average inventories

- Operating margin(%)= (Profit before tax + Finance costs Other income)/ Revenue from operations
- Net Profit Margin (%) = Net profit after Tax/ Revenue from Operations

Asset Coverage Ratio = (Total Assets) / Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders)

2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial results filed with the BSE Limited (BSE) under regulation 52 of the Listing Regulations. The full format of the quarterly financial results is available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company - https://renew.com.

. For the other line items referred in regulation 52(4) of the Listing Regulations, pertinent disclosures have been made to the BSE and can be accessed on the URL https://www.bseindia.com/

4. The company is in the business of operation and maintenance of wind and solar power plants. There is only one segment (business and/or geographical) in accordance with the requirements of IND AS - 108 "Operating Segments

- 5. The above financial results of the Company for the guarter and nine months ended 31 December 2024 have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at the meeting held on 13 February 2025
- . The statement has been prepared in accordance with recognition and measurement principles laid down in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" ("Ind AS 34") as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 ('the Act') read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and relevant rules issued thereunder and other recognized accounting practices and policies
- Care Rating has assigned long term issuer rating and rating for the outstanding non-convertible debentures of the Company to "CARE A+ (CE)" with stable outlook.

8. Previous period figures have been re-grouped / re-classified wherever necessary, to conform to current period's classification.

For and on behalf of the

Managing Director, DIN : 07852390

Date: 13.02.2025

Place: Noida

RenServ Global Private Limited (Formerly known as ReNew Services Private Limited) (Sd./-) Sanjay Jagadish Kulkarni

Place :	Gurugram
Date :	13 February, 2025

respective meetings held on 13th Feb 2025

The above Unaudited financial results have been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards (AS), the provisions of th Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act"), as applicable and guidelines issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI").

There are no reportable segments, which signify or in the aggregate qualify for separate disclosure as per provisions of the relevant Accounting Standards. The Management does not believe that the information about segments which are not reportable under Accounting Standards, would be useful to the users of these financial statements.

EPS for 9 months ended on 31.12.2024 has been calculated by taking basis of weighted average no. of shares

Figures has been rounded off and regrouped / re-arranged wherever necessary.

The company has adopted the policy to submit financial results on quarterly basis. Comparative figures of quarter ended December 31, 2023 have been restated by the Management of the Company and Prepared by exercising necessary due diligence to ensure that the Financials reflect. true and fair view of company affairs. In Q3, FY'25, the Company has acquired the 100% Shares of M/s Fusionnet Web Services Private Limited & M/s Parametrique

Electronics Private Limited during the period

For SAR Televenture Limited

Pankaj Nagpal Director

slavery in Myanmar, Indians among 260 foreigners being repatriated

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PTI BANGKOK

Come 260 people, including Some Indians, believed to have been trafficked and trapped into working in online scam centres are to be repatriated after they were rescued from Myanmar, Thailand's army announced Thursday

In a fresh crackdown on scam centres operating from Southeast Asia, the Thai army announced Thursday it is coordinating an effort to repatriate some 260 people believed to have been victims of human trafficking after they were rescued and sent from Myanmar to Thailand.

Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos, which share borders with Thailand, have come to be known as havens for criminal syndicates who are estimated to have forced hundreds of thousands of people in Southeast Asia and elsewhere into helping run online scams including false romantic ploys, bogus investment pitches and illegal gambling schemes.

Such scams have extracted tens of billions of dollars from victims around the world, according to UN experts, while the people recruited to carry them out have often been tricked into taking the jobs under false pretenses and trapped in virtual slavery.

An earlier crackdown on scam centres in Myanmar was initiated in late 2023 after China expressed embarrassment and concern over illegal casinos and scam operations in Myanmar's northern Shan state along its border. Ethnic guerrilla groups with close ties to Beijing shut down many operations, and an estimated 45,000 Chinese nationals suspected of involvement were repa-

The army said that those rescued in the most recent operation came from 20 nationalities with significant numbers from Ethiopia, Kenya, the Philippines, Malaysia, Pakistan and China. There were also nationals of Indonesia, Nepal, Taiwan, Uganda, Laos, Brazil, Burundi, Tanzania, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Nigeria, Ghana and India. They were sent across the border from Myanmar's Myawaddy district to Thailand's Tak province on Wednesday.

Reports in Thai media said a Myanmar ethnic militia that controls the area where they were held, the Democratic Karen Benevolent Army, was responsible for freeing the workers and taking them to the border. Myanmar's military government exercises little control over frontier areas where ethnic minorities predominate.

Several ethnic militias are believed to be involved in criminal activities, including drug trafficking and protecting call-cen-

ter scam operations. The Thai army statement said the rescued people will undergo questioning, and if determined to be victims of human trafficking, will enter a process of protection while waiting to be sent back to their countries.

Deputy Prime Minister Phumtham Wechayachai, who is also defense minister, said Wednesday that there might be many more scam workers waiting to be repatriated from Myanmar through Thailand, but that Thailand would only receive those that are ready to be taken back right away by their country of origin.



RANCHI | FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 14, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to all that my client Mr. Ajay Kumar S/o Sham Sunder and Mrs. Nirmal W/o Ajay Kumar R/o D-93, 1st Floor, Fateh Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have disowned/debarred their son Deepak Valecha and daughter in law Jaya Babuta from all their movable & immovable properties and severed all relations with both of them due to their misconduct. Any person dealing with them shall be doing at his/her own risk. PRAVEEN RASTOGI (Advocate)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public at large that on the instructions of my client, M/s The MN Matrimony Pvt. Ltd., my client, including its Directors, employees, website: www.thematrimonyindia.com. and it's subsidiary "Shivay Services" have no relation, connection, or affiliation whatsoever in any manner with the company named M/s Weblink in Pvt. 1 td hereinafter referred to as "the said company") or its website. Any custome who chooses to engage with the said company and subsequently approaches my client does so entirely at their own risk and discretion. My client is neither responsible for nor involved in any dealings, transactions, services, or representations made by the said

ompany. Ms. Seema Rani, Advocate For DASK & CO. Advocates & Solicitors E-57. Karkardooma Courts, Delhi-110032

C-	Ph0671-2440841, E-mail: <u>sep</u> <u>NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING</u> Invitation For Bids (IFB) No.ACEPHCT	THROUGH e-Procureme	
SL No.	Name of the work		Estimated cost (Approx)
1.	Improvement of water supply to Pattamundai Muni- 5 years under AMRUT 2.0 SWAP-III.	cipality including O&M for	Rs.611.40 lakh
1	Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal	:- 11.00 Hrs. of dt.17.02. 17.30 Hrs. of dt.06.03.2	
2	Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal	:- 06.03.2025 upto 17.30	Hrs.
3	Date & time of opening of bids	:- 07.03.2025 at 12.30 Hr	S.
4	Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid	:- The Additional Chief F P.H. Circle, Nayabazar Cuttack-753004, Odish Ph.(0671)2440841, email:sephctc@gmail.c	а,
F	urther details can be seen from the web site www	.tendersorissa.gov.in	
01	PR-13029/11/0004/2425	Addl. Chief P.H. Circle	

28.02.2025.



APPOINTMENTS

The Punjab state Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited (Milked Punjab) in vites applications/resumes for appointment of one full time consultant (Sales &Distribution) with Head Quarter at Delhi on contract basis initially for period of one yea (which could be extended further as per requirement) :-

Qualification & Experience:- The desired candidate should have MBA in Marketing/Equivalent from a reputed institute and should have minimum 15 years of experience in Sales & Marketing, out of which minimum 10 years experience in dairy sector. Preference shall be given to candidates having prior working experience in Delhi-NCR.

Salary for the above consultant shall be negotiable. Interested eligible candidates may send their resumes by post/e-mail. The last date of receipt of the resumes is 02.03.2025. Milkfed Punjab reserves the right to evaluate the resumes and call selected number of candidates for further interview.

For further detailed information & updates, may please visit our website https://verka.coop/career/

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Dy. General Manager (HR)

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE My client Sh. Manish Sharma s/o sh. Dhanesh Chan ed in public that my father SH. INV clent Sh. Manish Sharma s/o sh. Dhanesh Chand Sharma Owner of Residential House, area measuring 231 sq. yards i.e. 193.13 sq. meter, out of Khasra no. 206, situated at Village Shahdara, Pargana Dadri Tehsii And District Gautam Budh Nagar U.P. Through Registered Giff. Dated 04.02.2025 executed Sh. Dhanesh Chand Urf Dhanesh Chand Sharma Vide Reg. no. 4100 at SR-G NOIDA U.P. The above-mentioned prometry is most to be metarea with RAJBIR SINGH was the lessee of 50 % share of Plot No. 008, Block P.K. Sector-122, Noida, Distt-Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh 201301 measuring 450 sq. mtr. My father SH. RAJBIR SINGH executed a will in my favour or 29-09-2023 of his share which was registered rentioned property is going to be mortgage with Fedbank Financial Services Limited. If an person/bank/ financial institution having any claim your own risk. my client shall not be held liable for any dealings/ actions involving them, arising n the office of Sub Registrar –II, Noida Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh at Book No. III from their misconduct and unlawful behavio /olume No. 963 at pages 271 to 282 at right, lien, Any objection whatsoever in regard to th above property, should notified to the undersigned Document No. 226 on 29-05-2023. My father Adv vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardona Court, Adv vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardona Court, Delhi-110092 along with documentary evidence under address through registered within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which any claim, lien or objection shall be deemed to have been swind Adv Wiech Mehan E-723, Karkardonan SHRI RAJBIR SINGH expired on 15-01-2025. I want to mutate above property in my favour o Karkardooma Court Shahdara, Delhi-110032 the basis of will, if any body have any objection PUBLIC NOTICE for above mutation may file objection in the residential plot of **NOIDA** Authority Sector-6. M/s R R TEXKNIT LLP, is pleased to inform that the waived. Adv. Vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardoom Court. Delhi-110092; Mobile Number - 9811215181 Noida, within 30 days MOHIT BENIWAL. Grant of Environmental clearance had been

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE is hereby given that Mrs. Sarcena Singh (hereinatter referred to as the said Mortgagor/Borrower) is purchasing Flat Bearing PV. No. 38, adm. 2506 S2, FL, Second Floor, built on Plot No. B-8, adm. 2506 S2, FL, Second Floor, built on Plot No. B-8, adm. 2506 S2, FL, Second Floor, built on Plot No. B-8, adm. 2506 S2, FL, Second Floor, built on Plot No. B-8, adm. 2506 S2, FL, Second Floor, built on Plot No. B-8, adm. 2506 S2, FL, Second Floor, built on Plot No. B-8, adm. 2506 S2, FL, Second Floor, built on Plot No. B-8, adm. 2506 S2, executed in their favour by Deutsche Bank AG India through it's Authorised Officer Mr. Vishal Charan, Regd. as Ooc. No. 2548 on 09.05.2022. The Borrower will regate mortgage in respect of the said property in favour of our clients Indusind Bank Limited. 12th Floor, Hyati Regency Complex, Bhkaji Cama Place, New Dehi-I10666. Any person, body, individual. institution having any claim and/or objection in respect of the said property inheritance, Lestamentary deposition or otherwise or having in their custody any tille documents pertaining to the said property shall communicate the same to the publication of this notice with documentary evidence in having in their custody any tille documents pertaining to the said property shall communicate the same to the publication of this notice with documentary evidence in having in their custody any tille documents pertaining to the said property shall communicate at the same to the publication of this notice with documentary evidence in having in their custody any tille documentary evidence in having in their custody any tille documentary evidence in having in their custody any tille documentary evidence in having in their custody any state at the same to the publication of this notice with documentary evidence in havendoned. Any objections raised after the completion of the 10 days shall not be binding upon the said property or purchaser. PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE TENDER Sealed item rate tenders are invited from reputed firms for repair of OHT's, Ramps and basement tunnels of Block 2.3 & 9. Tenders can be downloaded from Society website http://www.navsansad.in/Tenders.as px and can be submitted in the Society office on or before

Secretary Nav Sansad Vihar CGHS Ltd. Plot No.4, Sector-22, Dwarka New Delhi-110077

Mr. Akhil Gupta (Advocate)

Khaitan & Khaitan A-38, Kailash Colony New Delhi, 110048 Tel. + 1149774545/99

PUBLIC NOTICE Reg. Portion of Property bearing No. B-61B, area measuring 64 sq.yds. "said portion", out of total land area measuring 850 sq.yds., falling in Khasra No. 12/18, Situated al Village Karawal Nagar in the abadi of Mukand Vihar, Illaqa Shahdara, Delhi (Hereinafter referred to as the "Said Property"). Be it known to all that our electre Min. Be it known to all that our clients, Mr. Bantu Kumar & Mrs. Pooja (hereinafter called the Kumar & Mrs. Pooja (hereinafter called the "Purchaser") intend to purchase the said portion from Mr. Jayant GPA of Mr. Narender Kumar (hereinafter called the "Attomey-holder"). In this connection, the Attomey-holder has informed the purchaser that he is the sole and absolute attorney holder in respect of the said property vide POA documents viz., GPA (registered as Document No. 12333 on 25.03.2003, and Will (registered as Document No. 5465 dated 25.03.2003) executed by Mr. Narender Kumar in bis favour: The Attomey holder bas further his favour. The Attorney holder has furth formed that Mr. Narender Kumar owned th aid property by means of Revenue record 'hus, the Attorney holder is the sole ar absolute attorney in respect of the said property including the said portion. The Attorney holder has also informed the purchaser that the said portion is no

ortgaged anywhere and there is no charg dispute or any litigation pending regardin e said portior Any person including Bank/s, Financi ution/s. relative/s having any claim, rigl

itle or any interest of any nature whatsceven nto or upon the said portion is hereby calle into or upon the said portion is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AL Post, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 07 days o publication of this notice and in the event of no response having been received to the notice the title of the attorney-holder in respect of the said portion shall be deemed to be clear of any charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever and any subsequent claim shal not bind our clients/Purchaser, in any manner whatsoever.

histoeven. Shivkant Arora, Advocate //s Intellective Law Offices \-74, LGF, Defence Colony, lew Delhi -110024

110001. Any person having any objection for transfer of the said flat in favour of Mrs. Sushma Watts S/o Late. Sh.Naresh Watts may send at the above noted office of company with supporting documents or through email customer.care@tdiinfracorp.com within 15 days of the publication of this notice otherwise it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the proposed transfer of the said flat in his/ner name. After that company shall not be liable for any claim whatsoever after 15 days. TDI Infracorp India Ltd. Having its office Vandana Building, 11, Tolstov Marg, New Delhi-110001, Phone No. 011-43111111

PUBLIC NOTICE

louse No. C-19, Rani Garden, Shastri Nag

East Delhi, Delhi-110031, disowned/severed a

relations with his brothers, Karan and Prem

along with their wives, Jyoti @Sonia and Jyot

excluded them from any claim to his movab

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towards him, and their failure to adhere to his

Tushar Malhotra (Advocate), Ch. No. G-720,

scorded with Environmental Clearance vid

Environmental Clearance No. EC24C3801DL5556057N

The copies of the clearance letters are available

with Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate

Change, New Delhi and can also be seen on their

website and on our website (www.rrtexknit.in)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Watts W/o Late Sh. Naresh Watts R/o 32.GF.SBI

Colony, Paschim Vihar Delhi-110063 applied for

customer ID No. KLH4/00038/16-17 Plot/ Floor, LAKE HEIGHT, Sonipat ,Haryana in her/his name

Carming nervini soft be legal heir of decased Late Sh.Naresh watts Sfo Harbans Lal Watts per document, dated 04.02.2017 in records of company Le. TDI INFRACORP (INDIA) LTD. Having its office Vandana building,11, Tolstoy Marg, New Delhi-

transfer of ownership of flat No. customer ID No. KLH4/00038/16-17

General public is

M/s R R TEXKNIT I P

Rakesh Kumar Sharma

Designated Partner

Sd/

Plot/ Floor,

Dated 13.01.2025 from the Ministry of Environ

Forest & climate change (MoEF& CC), Delhi.

ly client Sh. Gopal S/o Ram Lubhava, resid

CIN: L67120DL1992PLC047890 Regd Office: 10-A, UNDERHILL LANE, CIVIL LINES, DELHI-54

Ph : 011-47087300, 23930655. EMAIL ID : mymoneyviews@cutlook.com Extract of the Standalone Unauditied Financial Results for the Quarter and nine months ended 31st December, 2024

							(Rs.	In Lakhs)	
	S.	Particulars	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Nine	Nine	Year	
	NO.		Ended	Ended	Ended	Months	Months	Ended	
						Ended	Ended		
			31.12.2024	30.09.2024	31.12.2023	31.12.2024	31.12.2023	31.03.2024	
			Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	
	1	Total Income from operations (net)	(84.38)	135.44	73.46	1542.26	189.44	367.93	
	2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period							
		(Before Tax and after exceptional	(230.87)	91.69	40.49	1253.22	103.31	221.25	
		items)							
	3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period							
		after tax (after exceptional items)	(223.12)	97.26	31.98	915.39	81.20	208.19	
	4	Total comprehensive Income for							
		the period (comprising profit/(loss)	(223.12)	97.26	31.98	915.39	81.20	208.19	
		for the period after tax and other							
		comprehensive income after tax							
	5	Equity Share Capital	1680.03	1680.03	1680.03	1680.03	1680.03	1680.03	
	6	Earning per share (of Rs .10/- each)							
		(*EPS for the Quarter ended are							
		not annualised)							
		Basic	(1.328)*	0.579*	0.191*	5.449*	0.484*	1.239	
		Diluted	(1.328)*	0.579*	0.191*	5.449*	0.484*	1.239	
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The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites. (www.bseindia.com) and company website www.mymoneyviews.com For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

Place : Delhi Dated : 13.02.2025

JINDAL LEASEFIN LIMITED

CIN: L74899DL1994PLC059252

Regd. Office: 110, Babar Road, New Delhi - 110 001 EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF STANDALONE UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 31.12.2024 (Rs. in Lacs) Three Months Quarter Ended Nine Months Period Ended Year End

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Particulars						31.03.2024
	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Audited
Total Income from Operations	-138.93	11.37	-	-126.06	-	0.73
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax,	-142.21	9.51	-2.07	-136.82	-8.85	-18.56
Exceptional and/or extraordinary Items#)						
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax	-142.21	9.51	-2.07	-136.82	-8.85	-18.56
(after Exceptional and/or extraordinary Items#)						
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after	-106.64	-3.59	-1.53	-113.24	-6.55	-15.77
Exceptional and/or extraordinary Items#)						
Total Comprehensive Income for the period	-108.68	13.72	8.36	-85.88	27.07	30.48
(Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period						
(after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income						
(after tax))						
Equity Share capital	300.89	300.89	300.89	300.89	300.89	300.89
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	439.98	548.67	522.44	439.98	522.44	525.86
as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the						
previous year						
Earning per Share						
(face Value of Rs. 10/- each)(not annualised)						
1. Basic	-3.54	-0.11	-0.07	-3.76	-0.24	-0.52
2. Diluted	-3.54	-0.11	-0.07	-3.76	-0.24	-0.52
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Shri Chirojit Bhattacharya son of Shri Biswaji Bhattacharya resident of A-9, Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi 110019 has agreed to sell us, entire Third Floor, & Entire Terrace above/upon the Third Floor and thereabove up to the limit of sky (with right to construct, own and possess any number of floor% on the said terrace and on subsequent betrace(s). Chiroi on the said terrace and on subsequent terrace(s as and when permitted by the authorities concerned), in/of the said property bearing no. A-9, measuring 409 square yards, situated a Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi 110019 free from al Chitaranjan Park, New Delhi 110019 free from all encumbrances. Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said property, is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the undersigned at B-31, Soami Nagar, New Delhi 110017 within fourteen days from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed, without any reference to such claims and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

rights in their names in respect of property No. 1B/82, Single Storey, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi-110015 to Land & Development Office (L&DC) If any person (from general public) has any objection for the said substitution/mutation then such person should notify the same to the L&DC forthwith alongwith valid documentan

PUBLIC NOTICE To be known to all that, I MANOJ KUMAR

VIMAL S/O SH, BADHA MOHAN B/O FLAT NO. 67A, 1ST FLOOR, BLOCK-C-7, LAWRENCE ROAD, KESHAV PURAM, DELHI mutatee of the DDA LIG FLAT NO:-67A, 1ST FLOOR, BLOCK-C-7, LAWRENCE ROAD KESHAV PURAM DELHI-35 has applied for conversion of the aforesaid flat from leasehold to freehold.

Dear Sir. The original document i.e. Mutation Letter of the above-mentioned property has been ost, An FIR against this effect has been odged in Police station.

Any persons claiming any right, interest, having any objection of found in vrite contact with above named person at above address/phone No. 9999905657 with 15 days. from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right interest objections with respect to his property can personally inform or write to Dy Director (LIG) or Director (H)-2, D-Block, 2nd floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi-110023.

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Rishi Kumar Srivastava E-mail ID : srishi@yahoo.com Mobile No. : +91-9871577722 Address : B-31,Soami Nagar, New Delhi-110017

dwelling unit and your deposited amount shall be refunded as per BBA Claus.

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the said flat.

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STATE BANK OF INDIA PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT REGISTERED A.D. POST

Public Notice regarding cancellation of property

This Public Notice is from M/S JKG Construction Pvt Ltd for Mr Manish

Dutt Sharma and Mrs Shikha Sharma bearing unit no. C1-1604 at JKG

Palm Court, Plot No. GH-01D, Sector 16C, Greater Noida West, Uttar

We have offered possession of your allotted unit in February 2021, basis

which we have shared final demand notice of unit C1-1604 on

21.06.2021, 30.11.2022, 17.08.2024, 21.08.2024, 24.08.2024 &

27.08.2024 but you failed to make the payment as per final demand

notice. Hence we have cancelled your allotted unit via cancellation

intimation letter dated 02.12.2024. Neither got any response from your

end nor we have received any payment so far which tantamount to your

tacit acceptance that you are no more interested in taking possession of

Hence your allotted flat C1-1604 is being cancelled on 16.01.2025, as

such the allotment has become null & void and you have no claim on the

SHRI ABHISHEK KUJUR Flat No. 611, Rama Apartments, Plot No 2, Set 11, Dwarka, South West Delhi-110075

No.: HR/SS/1821, Date: 11.11.2024

VOLUNTARY VACATION OF SERVICE

It is observed that you have been absenting from duty, despite your leave being refused/beyon the period of sanctioned leave, since 18.07.2023. In this connection, we refer to the Registered A. D. notice HLC/BC/11/2024-25/20, dated 07.08.2024 (and paper publication on 09.08.2024) issued by the Assistant General Manager, Home Loan Centre, Bengaluru Central instructing you to report for duty and explain the reasons for your absence within 30 days of the notice. It is however, observed that you have so far not compiled with the instructions contained therein. Now that you have failed to report for duty in spite of the above said notice, it is deemed that you have voluntarily vacated your service amounting to voluntary resignation from service of the Bank with effect from 09.09 2024.

3. You are hereby requested to pay three months emoluments within 15 days of the receipt of this notice failing which the Bank will be constrained to set off the same against your terminal dues and any other amount payable to you without prejudice to recovering the full amount or par thereof by suit Yours faithfully

Its for the Overter and Nine Months anded 21 12 2024

General Manager. NW I, Appointing Authority

Rungta Irrigation Limited

Regd. Office: 101, Pragati Tower 26, Rajendra Place, New Delhi 110008 Tel: 011-40453330,31,32, E-mail: cs@rungtairrigation.in, Website: www.rungtairrigation.in CIN : L74899DL1986PLC023934

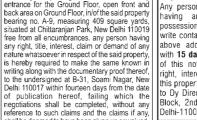
Statement of Standalone Unau	idited Financ	ial Results fo	or the Quarter	and Nine Mic	onths ended a	\$1-12-2024		
				(Rs. in Lak	hs, Unless Othe	rwise Stated)		
	For	the Quarter E	nded	For the Nine Months Ended Year Ended				
Particulars	31/12/2024 Unaudited	30/09/2024 Unaudited	31/12/2023 Unaudited	31/12/2024 Unaudited	31/12/2023 Unaudited	31/03/2024 Audited		
Total income from operations	7001.00	5445.19	4115.66	15486.41	9753.64	14877.30		
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	241.43	339.23	200.84	749.89	601.76	761.33		
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	241.43	339.23	200.84	749.89	601.76	761.33		
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	215.26	219.21	150.27	561.10	450.87	565.06		
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	215.38	219.09	150.45	561.48	451.04	564.76		
Equity Share Capital	1992.35	1992.35	1992.35	1992.35	1992.35	1992.35		
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) - 1. Basic: 2. Diluted:	1.08 1.08	1.10 1.10	0.75 0.75	2.82 2.82	2.26 2.26	2.84 2.84		
 The above financial results have been m 13th February, 2025. The above is an extract of the detailed Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Results are available on the https://www.rungtairrigation.in/financial 	format of Quarte Other Disclosu Stock Exch	erly and Nine Mo re Requirement ange websit	onths ended Finar s) Regulations, 2	ncial Results filed 015. The full for dia.com and	with the Stock Ex mats of the Qua	changes under rterly Financial y's website:		
Place: New Delhi Date: 13/02/2025			8	Whole Ti	me Director D	Shruti Jain IN: 00229045		

RAMPUR FERTILIZERS LIMITED Regd. Office: Judges Bareilly Road, Rampur 244 901 (U.P.)

	CIN: L15136UP1988PLC010084		÷ .			•	com
	Extract of unaudited fir	nancial resul	ts for the qu	arter ended	on 31st Dec.	. 2024	(Rs. In Lacs)
			Standalon	e Results		Consolidate	ed Results
S. No.	Particulars	Qu	arter Endec	1	Year Ended	Quarter ended	Year ended
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited
		31.12.2024	30.09.2024	31.12.2023	31.03.2024	31.12.2024	31.03.2024
1	Total Income from Operations	695.08	481.81	566.41	2240.00	695.08	2240.00
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax	135.47	17.11	-55.04	-166.88	135.47	-166.88
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax	135.47	17.11	-55.04	-167.08	135.47	-167.08
4	Net Profit / (Loss) after Share of Profit						
	/ (Loss) of Associtates	135.47	17.11	-55.04	-167.08	132.01	-128.93
5	Net Profit / (Loss) after other						
	comprehensive income	121.83	14.40	-27.95	-176.18	118.37	-138.03
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	494.82	494.82	494.82	494.82	494.82	494.82
7	Earnings/(loss) per share (in Rs.)						
	Basic / Diluted	2.74	0.35	-0.56	-3.38	2.67	-3.38



For M/S JKG Construction Pvt Ltd





Ferefrice to Such claims and the claims in any shall be deemed to have been given up or waived Rishi Kumar Srivastava E-mail ID: srishi@yahoo.com Mobile No.:+91-9871577722 Address:B-31,Soami Nagar, New Delhi-110017

Whole Time Director & C.F.O DIN : 00350518

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MY MONEY SECURITIES LTD.

BUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to all by way of this Public Notice that my clients Rajesh Shanker Khatwani and others

ave applied for the substitution/mutation of lease

hold rights in their names in respect of property No

37/22, East Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008 to Land

& Development Office (L&DO) If any person (from

general public) has any objection for the said substitution/mutation, then such person should notify the same to the L&DO forthwith alongwith

Notify the same to be cable forumin abargment valid documentary proof, through regd, post or by personally visiting L&DO at Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi and/or through an email at Ido@nic.in within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Jagdish Chandra Trikha (Adv.), M-4, Civil Side, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all by way of this Public Notice that my clients Tajinder Kaur and others have applied for the substitution/mulation of lease-hold

proof, through regd. post or by personally visiting L&DO at Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi and/o

through an email at Ido@nic.in within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Jagdist

Chandra Trikha (Adv.), M-4, Civil Side, Tiz

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Shri Chirojit Bhattacharya son of Shri Biswajit Bhattacharya resident of A-9, Chittaranjan Park, New Dehi 110019 has agreed to sell us, the entire Ground Floor including but not limited to entire exclusive drive user and porting with exclusive drive user

drive way and parking with exclusive drive way

Hazari Court, Delhi-110054.



LOST & FOUND

Original Lost property documents including, purchase agreement, possession letter for sale/purchase of Flat no.703 Rattan Jyoti Apartments, Sector 4. Vaishali, Ghaziabad, Finder may contact: 9911461345 PD(1483)A

CHANGE OF NAME

I, JITENDAR S/o Hukam Singh R/o 846, GF-2, Sector-5, Vaishali, Ghaziabad (U.P) 201010 declare that my name has been wrongly written as Jitender in my Driving License No. P08062005442091. The actual name of mine is Jitendar. In future I will be known as litendar.

PD(1480)A I, Jheel Jain D/o Shri Praveen

Jain R/o B-601, Kushal Vatika Near RTO, Pal, Surat City, Navyug College Surat, Gujrat. I have change my name from Dixita Pravinbhai Jain to Jheel Jain for all future purposes.

PD(1481)C I, Ashish Rathore , S/o Rajinder, R/o Plot No 10-A, Khasra Number 39/14 and 17 Gali No 9, Gautam Colony, Narela, Delhi -110040, holder of Aadhaar Number 962154980742 and Pan Card Number FOOPA7225N declare that I have changed my name from Ashish Dewan to Ashish Rathore for all purposes. PD(1482)C

I, Chaitanya Arora S/o Mr. Sanjay Arora R/o H.No-2602, Gali No-4, Shadipur Main Bazar, Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008, declare that my name has been written in my 10th certificate as Chatney Arora instead of Chaitanya Arora. My correct name is Chaitanya Arora which may amended accordingly. С

I, Krisna Singh, Mother of-JC-472354M Sub Manoj Kumar Singh, R/o- Vill-Medhauna, Tiloi, Dist-Amethi, U.P., have changed my name from Krisna Singh to Krishna Devi, vide affidavit dated 13/02/2025 before Notary Public Delhi. PD(1485)C

I, Sorabh Singh S/o- JC-472354M Sub Manoj Kumar Singh, R/o- Vill- Medhauna, Tiloi, Dist- Amethi, U.P., have changed my name from Sorabh Singh to Saurabh Singh, vide affidavit dated 13/02/2025 before Notary Public Delhi. PD(1486)C

I, No.14835492A Hav/MT Mahesh Singh Yadav, R/o-Vill/ Post- Tandwa M (Kajipursiraj), Teh-Mohammdabad, Dist-Ghazipur, U.P.- 233227, have changed my daughter's name from Gauri to Gauri Yadav, vide affidavit dated 13/02/2025 before Notary Public Delhi. PD(1487)C

I, R Archana W/o- JC-355597M Nb/Sub Arun Kumar, R/o-2/242, Thiru Murugan Nagar, Pillanthipattu, Mudinampattu, Dist- Vellore, Tamilnadu-632204, have changed my name from R Archana to A Archana, vide affidavit dated 13/02/2025 before Notary Public Delhi. PD(1488)C

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Place : New Delhi Date : 13.02.2025

1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Standalone Un-Audited Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2024 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website www.bseindia.com . The same is also available on the Company's website www.jindalleasefin.in 2. The above results duly reviewed by the Audit Committee, were approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 12.02.2025





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	CIN:- L51109DL1980PLC256335, Tel.: +91-120-2529335
	E-mail: atul.addi@gmail.com & addiind@gmail.com
	Statement of Unaudited Standalone & Consolidated Financial Results
	For The Quarter and Year Ended December 31, 2024
	(Bs, in Lakh, exc

				Standal	one		
Sr		Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	9 Months	9 Months	Year
No.	Particulars	ended	ended	ended	ended	ended	endeo
		31.12.2024	30.09.2024	31.12.2023	31.12.2024	31.12.2023	31.03.2024
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited
1.	Total income from operations	264.86	136.04	135.40	400.90	389.52	726.8
2.	Net Profit for the period (before Tax and						
	exceptional items)	203.67	101.90	103.23	305.57	310.52	617.4
3.	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, after						
	exceptional items)	203.67	101.90	103.23	305.57	310.52	617.4
4.	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after						
	exceptional items)	154.13	77.42	78.56	231.55	236.16	453.3
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period						
	(Comprising Profit for the Period after Tax and						
	Other Comprehensive Income after Tax)	(0.60)	(0.30)	(0.03)	(0.90)	(0.07)	(1.20
6.	Paid-up equity share capital(Face Value Rs.5/- each)	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.0
7.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.5/- each)(Not Annualised)						
	Basic	1.43	0.72	0.73	2.14	2.19	4.2
	Diluted	1.43	0.72	0.73	2.14	2.19	4.2

		(Rs. in Lakh, except per share d Consolidated					
Sr		Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	9 Months	9 Months	Yea
No.	Particulars	ended	ended	ended	ended	ended	ende
		31.12.2024	30.09.2024	31.12.2023	31.12.2024	31.12.2023	31.03.202
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited
1.	Total income from operations	273.22	140.21	139.37	413.43	401.26	742.6
2.	Net Profit for the period (before Tax and						
	exceptional items)	211.69	106.01	107.07	317.70	322.06	632.9
3.	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, after						
	exceptional items)	211.69	106.01	107.07	317.70	322.06	632.9
4.	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after						
	exceptional items)	160.97	80.93	81.87	241.90	246.08	466.6
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period						
	(Comprising Profit for the Period after Tax and						
	Other Comprehensive Income after Tax)	(0.60)	(0.30)	(0.03)	(0.90)	(0.07)	(1.2)
6.	Paid-up equity share capital(Face Value Rs.5/- each)	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.0
7.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.5/- each)(Not Annualised)						
	Basic	1.49	0.75	0.76	2.24	2.28	4.3
	Diluted	1.49	0.75	0.76	2.24	2.28	4.3

totes : . The above results were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and then approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting led on February 13, 2025. The financial results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2024 have been limited reviewed y the Statutory Auditors of the Company. . The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly/annual financial results filed with the stock exchanges under regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation,2015. The full format of the quarterly financial results is valiable on the stock exchange websites of BSE (www.bseindia.com) and NSE (www.nseindia.com) and Company's website at http:// www.addiindustries.com/ The same can also be accessed by scanning the given OR Code. . There is no change(s) in accounting policies which have impact on net profit / loss, total comprehensive income or any other relevant financial item(s). . Exceptional items adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with Ind-AS Rules.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors Addi Industries Limited Chaman Lal Jair DIN: 00022903 認識

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Place : Rampur Date : 13.02.2025

The above is an extract of the financial results for the quarter ended on 31st Dec. 2024 filed with the stock exchanges under regulation 33 of SEBI (LODR) Regulation, 2015. The full Financial results for the quarter ended 31st Dec. 2024 are available on www.msei.in, "www.cse-india.com and www.rampurfert.com

By order of the Board	
Sd/-	
Anshuman Khaitan	
(Managing Director)	

EMAAR INDIA LIMITED

CIN- U45201DL2005PLC13361

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UNAUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (Rs. in million)							
		Quarter ended			Nine months ended		Year ended
		31	30	31	31	31	31
S. No.	Particulars	December	September	December	December	December	March
110.		2024	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	9,883.17	2,840.83	9,112.95	15,665.72	25,102.27	27,565.67
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period						
	(before Tax, Exceptional and /or Extraordinary Items)	5,014.15	(1,160.84)	2,163.34	2,739.90	1,294.97	(2,385.20)
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period Before Tax						
	(after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary Items)	9,049.33	(1,160.84)	2,163.34	6,775.08	1,294.97	(2,385.20)
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax						
	(after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary Items)	9,049.33	(1,160.84)	2,163.34	6,775.08	1,294.97	(2,385.20)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period						
	(Comprising profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and						
	other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	9,053.93	(1,159.10)	2,168.75	6,774.45	1,303.80	(2,382.86)
6	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value of Rs. 10 each)	1,693.87	1,693.87	1,693.87	1,693.87	1,693.87	1,693.87
7	Other equity (Reserves excluding revaluation reserves)				-	-	(39,951.20)
8	Net worth				-	-	(38,257.33)
9	Paid up debt capital / Outstanding debt	80,353.54	81,063.45	78,124.21	80,353.54	78,124.21	78,485.34
10	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Debt / Equity Ratio	(2.62)	(2.04)	(2.31)	(2.62)	(2.31)	(2.10)
12	Earnings per share (EPS) (Face value of Rs. 10/- each)						
	1. Basic	53.42	(6.85)	12.77	40.00	7.65	(14.08)
	2. Diluted	53.42	(6.85)	12.77	40.00	7.65	(14.08)
13		-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Debenture redemption reserve	738.13	738.13	738.13	738.13	738.13	738.13
15	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.26	0.18	0.37	0.68	0.37	0.21
16	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	6.24	0.37	2.42	2.31	1.28	0.65

Place: New Delhi

Date : February 12, 2025

The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with stock exchange under regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full formats of financial results are available on the website of the stock exchange www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website www.in.emaar.com.

For the other line items referred in regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulation, 2015, pertiner disclosures have been made to the Stock Exchange and can be accessed on the website of stock exchange <u>www.bseindia.com</u>.

3. The above financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on February 12, 2025.

For and on behalf of Board of Directors of
Emaar India Limited
Sd/-
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Income Tax Bill aims to achieve tax certainty: IT dept India's white-collar hiring grows by 32 per cent: Report

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 $T^{he \ simplified \ Income \ Tax}_{Bill, \ which \ is \ half \ the \ size \ of \ the \ 1961 \ Income \ Tax \ Act,}$ seeks to achieve tax certainty by minimising the scope of and litigation fresh interpretation, the Income Tax department said on Thursday. The new bill, introduced in the Lok Sabha, has a word count of 2.6 Lakh, lower than 5.12 Lakh in the IT Act. The number of sections is 536, as against 819 effective sections in the existing law.

The number of chapters has also been halved to 23 from 47, according to the FAQ issued by the I-T department.

The Income Tax Bill 2025, has 57 tables, compared to 18 in the existing Act and removed 1,200 provisos and 900 explanations.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, while introducing the Bill in the Lok Sabha, had said that "substantial changes" have been made in the Bill. The number of words have been halved from 5.12 Lakh, and sections reduced from 819 Following 236.

introduction, the Bill was referred to the select committee of the Lok Sabha and mandated to submit its report by March 10.

Provisions relating to exemptions, and TDS, TCS have been made crispier in the Bill by putting them in a tabular format, while the



chapter for not-for-profit organisations has been made comprehensive with use of plain language. As a result of this, the word count has come down by 34,547. **While**

simplification exercise, a conscious attempt has been made to minimise the scope of litigation and fresh interpretations," it said to a query on whether principles of Tax Certainty were followed in drafting of the new bill. Key words, phrases, especially where courts have given

rulings, have been retained with minimal modifications. Provisions have been made clear to minimise scope of multiple interpretations and

tax certainty has been ensured with regard to various sections of international taxation. The FAO further said that while "no major policy-related changes" or tax rates changes undertaking have been made in the IT Bill,

"material" changes are being proposed in the existing law. The bill consolidated provisions pertaining to salary fresh at one place for ease of understanding so that the taxpayer does not have to refer to separate chapters for filing return of income.

Deductions, like gratuity, leave encashment, commutation of pension, compensation on VRS and retrenchment compensation, are now part of the salary chapter itself.

"The drafting style of the new bill is straightforward and clear, making the provisions easier to understand... This (Tables) minimises crossreferences and conflict by aggregating all applicable provisions related to a single scenario in one place," the FAO said.

A significant aspect of the bill is the elimination of the concepts of "previous year" and "assessment year".

As a taxpayer had to track two different periods, it presented difficulties in complying with the provisions of the Act, especially for a new taxpayer who had to keep track of "previous year", "assessment year" as well as the "financial

vear", the FAO said. It said provisions involving the same issues, which were present in different chapters in the current Act, have now been consolidated.

In case of provisions relating to non-profit organisations (NPOs), it has been consolidated and structured into seven sub-parts.

The FAQ further said the current Income Tax Act was enacted in 1961 and came into existence with effect from April 1, 1962. It has been amended nearly 65 times with more than 4,000 amendments. Concerns were expressed over the accumulation of amendments, intricate language, detailed provisions, redundancies and the heavy structure of the IT Act and hence the government decided to come out with a new law. Consultations were held with

various stakeholders, including Australia and the UK where tax laws were rewritten in the past. A total of 20,976 online suggestions were received

Also, references were drawn from the 2009 Direct Taxes Code as also the 2019 report of the government constituted six-member committee to redraft the IT law. The FAQ said 150 officials of the IT department were involved in drafting of the Income Tax Bill, 2025, and more than 60,000 man hours were dedicated in its drafting.

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 $H^{\mathrm{iring}\ \mathrm{for\ white-collar\ jobs}}_{\mathrm{witnessed\ a\ 32\ per\ cent}}$ year-on-year surge in January, driven by industries such as semiconductors, energy, waste management and manufacturing in India, a report said on Thursday.

The growth in hiring is attributed to surging consumer demand, strategic incentives outlined in the Union Budget 2025-26 and an increased focus on sustainability initiatives, according to foundit Insights Tracker.

There was a 32 per cent yearon-year jump in hiring for 2025, signalling January renewed confidence in the market, it said.

The report revealed that green jobs stood out in January, witnessing a 41 per cent increase over the last two years led by expanding clean energy initiatives.

Sectors like semiconductors, energy, and waste management are leading this growth, fuelled by global netzero emission targets, the report said.

Bengaluru, Delhi and Pune are emerging as key hubs for these roles. which demand specialised skills in areas like energy auditing and sustainability strategy, it added. Demand for green jobs is



projected to rise another 11 per cent in 2025, driven by renewable energy, EVs, and green hydrogen initiatives.

India's job market continues to grow at a strong pce, with hiring surging across key industries. Sectors like travel, retail, and green jobs are seeing sustained momentum, reflecting business confidence and evolving industry priorities," foundit Chief Revenue and Growth Officer Pranav Kale said. Government policies, including key budget provisions, are accelerating this shift - especially in renewable ÉVs, energy, and sustainability-focused

industries. "As hiring expands beyond metro cities, Tier II hubs are also emerging as key employment centres reinforcing India's transition to а future-ready, greener

economy," Kale said. Further, the report added that the travel and tourism sector recorded a 17 per cent increase in hiring growth in January 2025, driven by strong consumer demand and favourable government

initiatives.

This trend is evident across aviation, luxury, and ecotourism segments, and new roles emerging in travel technology that leverage AI and data analytics, the report

said. Similarly, the retail sector saw a 24 per cent year-on-year surge, driven by rising consumer spending and digital transformation, it added.

Consequently, demand for skilled professionals in supply chain management, customer experience, and AI-driven retail analytics is rising, according to the report.

IOC signs long-term LNG import deal with UAE firm Rupee settles three paise higher at 86.92 against US dollar PTI NEW DELHI towards

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The rupee settled almost I flat with a gain of just 3 paise at 86.92 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday as the support from soft American currency and and easing crude oil prices overseas was negated by a lacklustre trend in domestic equities.

According to forex traders, the unabated outflow of foreign funds weighed on the Indian currency and capped its recovery even though the greenback weakened after the US data showed higher-thanexpected inflation, trimming hopes of a rate cut by the

Federal Reserve At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened stronger at 86.82, touched a high of 86.77 during intraday trade. However, the unit pared most oains

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appreciated 66 paise, logging projected the \$-INR spot price in a range of ₹86.60 to the maximum single-day gain since March 3, 2023, to close ₹87.30. Meanwhile, the US 86.79 against the dollar index, which gauges greenback. the greenback's strength Anuj Choudhary, Research

against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.33 Analyst at Mirae Asset Sharekhan, said the rupee per cent lower at 107.47 traded flat to positive on Thursday amid weak US Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, dropped 1.17 per dollar index and selling cent to \$ 74.30 per barrel in pressure from FIIs. futures trade.

He said the rupee is expected In the domestic equity ·ket the 30-share bias ma Sensex declined 32.11 points, or 0.04 per cent, to settle at 76,138.97, while the Nifty fell 13.85 points, or 0.06 per cent, to 23,031.40 points. institutional Foreign investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth ₹4,969.30 crore on net basis on Wednesday, according to exchange data.

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), the nation's largest oil firm, has signed a \$7-9 Billion deal to import LNG from UAE on a long-term 14vear contract.

IOC signed a long-term deal to receive 1.2 Million tonnes per year of LNG from the United Arab Emirates beginning 2026 for 14 years. "ADNOC Gas has signed a 14-year sales and purchase agreement with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOC) for the export of up to 1.2 Million the export of up to 1.2 Million tonnes per annum (mtpa) of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to India's largest integrated and diversified energy and diversified energy company which will be supplied from Das Island liquefaction facility," ADNOC Gas said in a statement.

The deal was signed on the sidelines of India Energy Week here.

'The agreement, valued in the range of \$7 Billion to \$9 on over its 14-vear term signifies a major step forward in the partnership with IOC and we look forward to supporting India's plans to make gas 15 per cent of its primary energy basket by 2030," it added. The deal with IOC is the second LNG supply deal that the UAE giant signed with an Indian firm at the IEW. It

signed a deal with Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) to supply 2.4 Million tonnes of LNG over a period of 5 years, starting April 2025. The agreement is extendable The agreement is extendable by another 5 years with mutual consent.

Separately, French energy giant TotalEnergies signed a deal to sell 4,00,000 tonnes a year of LNG to Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Ltd (GPSC) for 10 years starting 2026.

The LNG, sourced from TotalEnergies' global portfolio and delivered to terminals on India's west coast, will primarily serve GSPC's industrial customers. It will also supply Indian households for domestic use, businesses, and service stations for vehicles running on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), such as autorickshaws.

TotalEnergies had in June last year signed a deal to sell 8,00,000 tonnes a year of LNG to state-owned Indian Oi Corporation (IOC) for 10 years starting 2026. While GSPC has an LNG import facility at Mundra in Gujarat, IOC can import the LNG at Dahej in Gujarat or at its Ennore terminal in Tamil Nadu.



(SPA) with IOC which converts the last year's Heads of Agreement signed by them. First deliveries will begin in 2026.

Fatema Al Nuaimi, ADNOC Gas CEO, said, "This agreement strengthens our long-standing partnership with IOC and is a testament to the dynamic and robust energy ties between the UAE and India. As a reliable and responsible supplier of loweron gas, DNOC Gas

India's energy security and diversification of its sources.

Also, India signed its first LNG export agreement when the IOC signed a sales agreement with Yogya Holdings Nepal for the export Yogya of around 1,000 tonnes of LNG to Nepal. It will be the first-ever sale of LNG to Nepal from India by cryogenic trucks through Dhamra Terminal in Odisha. Contract for 5 years with an annual quantity of 240 tonnes

per annum. BPCL has also partnered with Eco Wave Power to develop India's first wave energy pilot potential as a

technology, converter demonstrating wave energy in Mumbai through a 100 kW pilot installatio

per annum to 1.2 Million tonnes. They are for periods ranging up to 14 years and reinforce its position as a leading supplier of reliable, lower-carbon LNG to key growth markets in Asia, such

as India. The LNG will be supplied from ADNOC Gas' Das Island liquefaction facility, which has a production capacity of up to 6 million tonnes per annum. As the world third longest. operating LNG plant, Das Island has shipped over 3,500 LNG cargoes worldwide since starting operations. Other agreements signed at IEW include BPCL inking an optional term contract with Brazil's Petrobras for the import of Brazilian crude grades up to 6 Million barrels. This is another milestone

and niche segments, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

collaborative efforts required between the Reserve Bank

and the NBFCs, the Governor stressed upon balancing

growth aspirations with

sound practices for ensuring inclusive development,

customer protection and financial stability.

"He also underscored the

significance of ensuring fair

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said in a statement.

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project, leveraging the nation's substantial wave energy sustainable and commercially viable renewable resource. The proposed system for BPCL will utilise Eco Wave Power's proven wave energy

touched the day's low of 86.94 before ending the session at 86.92 (provisional) against the American currency, higher by just three paise from its previous close.

On Wednesday, the domestic unit closed 16 paise lower at 86.95 against the dollar. In

amid overall weakness in the domestic equities and underlying strength in the US

dollar. "FII selling may also weigh on the rupee. However, any further intervention by the RBI may support the rupee at lower levels. Traders may take the preceding session on cues from PPI data from the Tuesday, the rupee had US," Choudhary said and

ADNOC Gas plc and its

looks forward to supporting India's plans to make gas 15 per cent of its primary energy basket by 2030."

The agreement builds on ADNOC Gas' strategy to expand its customer base, following a series of LNG ADNOC Gas plc and its subsidiaries signed a 14-year sales and purchase agreement range from 0.4 Million tonnes

BPCL also signed a MoU with the National Sugar Institute (NSI), Kanpur, UP. The National Sugar Institute (NSI), Kanpur, renowned for

its expertise in sugar and allied industries, has successfully demonstrated the potential of sweet sorghum for bioethanol production at its in-house facility.



Gold rises ₹140 to reclaim ₹88,000 per 10 grams

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old prices rose ₹140 to ₹ G88,100 per 10 grams in the national capital on Thursday amid strong trends in the international markets, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

The precious metal of 99.9 per cent purity had closed at ₹87,960 per 10 grams on Wednesday.

Gold of 99.5 per cent purity went up ₹140 to ₹87,700 per 10 grams from the previous close of ₹87,560 per 10 grams. "Gold recovered from a recent swing bottom and traded higher on Thursday, as haven demand remains intact in response to multiple disruptive tariff announcements by President Trump that are scheduled to be implemented shortly," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst - Commodities at HDFC Securities, said. Silver prices also jumped ₹800

to ₹98,000 per kg on Thursday. The white metal had settled at ₹97,200 per kg in the previous trading session. Investors remain worried that

US President's trade tariffs might trigger a global trade war, which continues to act as a tailwind for safe-haven metals like gold, Gandhi said. In futures trade on the MCX, gold contracts for April delivery climbed ₹364 to trade at ₹85,845 per 10 grams.

"Gold prices gained once again despite the US CPI (Consumer Price Index) data not rising significantly and the US Federal Reserve indicating no urgency in cutting rates," Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst -Commodity and Currency at LKP Securities, said. The safe-haven appeal of gold continues to support its strength, keeping the broader

NSDC plans to set up 50 new Future Skills Centres



National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)on Thursday announced a significant expansion in its skilling footprint across India with plans to set up 50 new Future Skills Centres and 10 NSDC International Academics to advance skill Academies to advance skill development and training

programs. Addressing the annual press conference, Ved Mani Tiwari, CEO, NSDC and MD, NSDC International, shared his roadmap to skill and upskill the Indian youth for domestic and global job markets.

The number of industryaligned programs will increase beyond 300, covering 12 major emerging technologies. The goal is to train over 2 lakh candidates and establish over 2.70 Lakh square feet of training infrastructure, further strengthening employability and workforce readiness," he said

The industry aligned programs aim to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and theoretical knowledge and practical skills by aligning education with emerging technologies and industry needs. So far, 33 global corporations have partnered, and 21 Future Skills Centres bullish sentiment intact, Trivedi added.



Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Over 200 industryaligned programs have been assessed and certified by corporations, covering 9 major emerging technologies. More than 27,000 candidates have been trained, with over 1.20 lakh square feet of training space developed. NSDC aims to make quality

education accessible to students from tier 2 and 3 by adarcsong s in emerging through colleges challenges technologies through collaborations with Institutes of National Importance. So far, 11 premium institutions have partnered to launch 17 microcredential programs, awarding more than 75,000 credits and training over 5,000 candidates. Looking forward, NSDC plans to collaborate with 15 premium institutions, introduce over 30 microhave been established in credential programs, and

award around 1,80,000 credits, further enhancing access to quality education and skill development. Students will receive specialised training in emerging technologies across key industry verticals such as aerospace, automotive, aerospace, automotive, mining, and infrastructure. The OEMs' tools and curriculum will be integrated into structured guided pathways, supporting different proficiency levels and leading to job opportunities across to job opportunities across

training DEMs, bring in training partners, select industry-specific tools, design career progression pathways, implement joint certification with NSDC and OEMs, and introduce new industry verticals in a phased manner."



Ensure fair treatment to customers: RBI Governor to NBFCs

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RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra on Thursday asked NBFCs to ensure customers are treated fairly and put in place a mechanism for quick redressal of

The governor met with managing directors and chief executive officers of select non-banking financial non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) across all layers, including government NBFCs, housing finance companies and micro-finance institutions. These NBFCs constitute nearly 50 per cent of the total assets of the NBFC sector.

mechanism," the RBI said. Urging the NBFCs to further their contribution towards financial inclusion, the Governor requested them to become part of Unified Lending Interface (ULI) Malhotra, in his opening remarks, underscored the role played by NBFCs in credit intermediation, particularly in making credit available for small businesses being put in place by the Reserve Bank.

Paytm Money settle market norms violation case with Sebi

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Paytm Money, an arm of fintech firm One97 Communications, on Thursday settled with markets regulator Sebi a case pertaining to alleged violation of norms after paying ₹45.50 Lakh in settlement amount. The case stemmed from

The case stemmed from alleged violations of Sebi's technical glitch framework outlined in its circular dated November 25, 2022.

The order came after Paytm Money filed a settlement application in September last year, proposing to settle the instant proceedings initiated against it, without "admitting or denying the findings of facts and conclusions of law".

The instant adjudication proceedings initiated against the noticee vide SCN dated July 24, 2024, is disposed of in terms of the settlement regulations," SEBI's adjudicating officer Asha Shetty said in the order.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India initiated (SEBI) adjudication proceedings against Paytm Money Ltd for the alleged violation.

grievances. As part of the Job-as-Skills model, Tiwari said, "There are plans to onboard 1 million

students, establish MoUs with leading OEMs, bring in training partners, select

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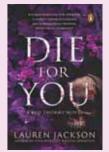


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Book: A Year of Celebration and Spectacle Author: Ruskin bond Publisher: Rupa Price: ₹295



Book: Dating Dr. Dil Author: Nisha Sharma Publisher: HarperCollins India Price: ₹250



Book: Die For You Author: Lauren Jackson Publisher: India Penguin Price: ₹499

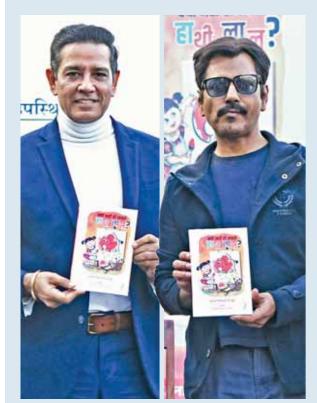


Book: Everyone Has A Story Author: Savi Sharma Publisher: HarperCollins India Price: ₹499



Exploring the Magic of Childhood

Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Anup Soni bring Vani Tripathi Tikoo's imagination to life, says TEAM VIVA



t the heart of every child's world lies A a boundless imagination, a place where rules fade and dreams take flight. It's this magic that Vani Tripathi Tikoo's book Kyon Nahi Ho Sakte Haathi Lal brings to life. The launch event at the National School of Drama in New Delhi was a celebration of creativity and storytelling, filled with warmth and nostalgia.

Nawazuddin Siddiqui, reflecting on his time at NSD with Vani Tripathi Tikoo, shared how their theatre journey shaped their understanding of narrative and imagination. He highlighted the book's core message, adults should embrace a child's creativity and view the world through their eyes, full of possibility.

Anup Soni's captivating reading added to the evening's charm, drawing the audience into the whimsical story.



Kyon Nahi Ho Sakte Haathi Lal captures the playful spirit of childhood, offering a reminder that some of the most meaningful lessons come from the stories we tell our children. The book is a tribute to the boundless imagination of childhood, celebrating art, creativity and the magic of storytelling. It encourages readers to embrace curiosity, cherish the joy in small moments and never lose sight of the wonder that makes childhood and every new idea, so special.

Australian cricket captain steps off the pitch into the world of storytelling with his book Tested, writes **ABHI SINGHAL**

n life, every decision, big or small, plays a role in shaping our journey. It is in the moments of choice that our true character is revealed, and our ability to navigate challenges determines our growth. Australian Test captain Pat Cummins, known for his fearless leadership on the cricket field, now brings this philosophy to the pages of his book, *Tested*. Releasing tomorrow, *Tested* is an analysis into the trials of leadership, resilience, and the defining moments that shape individuals.

Pat Cummins, widely regarded as one of the finest fast bowlers and a leader par excellence, has faced his own share of trials, both on and off the field. From injuries that threatened his career to the immense responsibility of captaining one of the most scrutinised cricket teams in the world, he has learned firsthand the value of resolve. In this book, he turns the spotlight away from himself and onto eleven extraordinary individuals

who have inspired him with their ability to rise above adversity Through Tested, Cummins explores the stories of a diverse set of personalities, ranging from Australia's first female Prime Minister, Julia Gillard to a groundbreaking scientist, an indigenous leader to a cricketing legend, and more. These individualso have one common thread, an unbreakable spirit that allows them to push through moments of doubt, seize opportunities, and create meaningful impact. Their journeys serve as powerful testaments to the idea that resilience is not just about bouncing back but about pushing forward with intent and purpose.



Big Decisions. Small Decisions. The remarkable power of resolve.

PAT CUMMINS

ABOUT THE BOOF

CUMMINS

Book: Tested Author: Pat Cummins Publisher: HarperCollins Price: ₹499/-

Tested has been divided into 11 different conversations as chapters, like Beyond all of the noise and glory of leadership is the work, which can be a harbour when you need on which is a conversation with Julia Gillard, Every inspired person has stood on the shoulders of giants which is a conversation with Richard Scolyer and many more.



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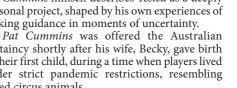
Lillee, Ronnie Screwvala, Rob Sitch, Richard Scolyer and more. All the 11 invited guests or the people in conversation with Pat in the book have a story to tell about the life lived, decisions made be it big or small.

Cummins himself describes Tested as a deeply personal project, shaped by his own experiences of seeking guidance in moments of uncertainty.

captaincy shortly after his wife, Becky, gave birth to their first child, during a time when players lived under strict pandemic restrictions, resembling caged circus animals.

To this Pat wrote in the book, "I didn't feel prepared. I'd recently captained New South Wales in a handful of one-day matches, but before that I hadn't captained a side since I was fifteen. I hadn't even really thought





MOMENT OF CHALLENGES IN PAT'S LIFE

When Pat Cummins unexpectedly became Australia's 47th Test captain at age 28, it was the beginning of a personal leadership journey for him, a unique moment of challenge and pressure that would see him become a seasoned captain and, in his private life, become a father and husband but also lose his mother to cancer.



As it hits bookshelves tomorrow, it promises to be an essential read for anyone and everyone looking to understand the true essence of resilience and leadership.

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ABOUT THE BOOP

Book: On the Banks of the Mayyazhi

Author: M Mukundan

Publisher: HarperCollins

Price: ₹399/

ing narratives, Tested is

a master class in overcoming adversity.

> Book: Izmirli, My Last Love Author: Firat Sunel, Fevza Howell Publisher: India Penguin **Price:** ₹599

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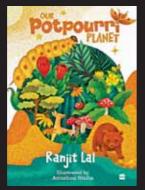
BY TEAM VIVA

amayana in World Art and Thought -An Anthology of Perspectives, edited by *Padmashri Shovana Narayan*, features contributions from sixteen respected writers, scholars and thought leaders, including Sharon Lowen, Lady Kishwar Desai, Amb. (Retd.) Sangeeta

Bahadur, Dr. K.K. Mishra, Dr. Abira Bhattacharya, Rear Admiral (Retd.) Dr S. Kulshreshtha and Rana Safvi. Produced by Shubhi Publication, this coffee table book examines ethics, spirituality and morality within the Ramayana. It offers readers insightful perspectives on the epic's influence on art, culture and history across the world.

A Call to Protect the Earth

ur Potpourri Planet' by Ranjit Lal is both a wakeup call and a guide to understanding the environmental crisis. With a blend of personal anecdotes, facts and sharp observations, Lal highlights urgent solutions ranging from lifestyle changes to policy reforms. The book also confronts our changing world: rising temperatures, melting glaciers, vanishing forests and polluted cities. Blending personal anecdotes with sharp facts, Lal highlights environmental crises and actionable solutions, criticising profit-driven policies. Engaging and hopeful, this book urges societal change, reminding us that while challenges are immense, the power to shape our future remains in our hands



A Story of Unseen Affection forever

"On the Banks of the Mayyazhi", A moving saga of Mahe's people under French rule, says KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

ay back in the 1960s, in the neighbourhood Kanjirakkadu where we have our house, lived a Tamil Nadu-born woman named Pappamma. She was one of the early migrants to Perumbavoor who came there as a sanitary worker. Pappamma, tall and lean with a dark complexion, spoke only Tamil and covered herself in a sari sans blouse/jacket. The sanitary workers from Tamil Nadu, numbering around a dozen, were "herded" into a colony set up by the municipal authorities. They were given small tiled houses to stay in. While mornings were peaceful, the silence gave way to a kind of cacophony in the evenings when the workers returned home fully drunk.

Pappamma was an exception and kept away from the merrymakers. She developed an instant friendship with my mother and was always ready with a helping hand, whether it was drawing water from the well or washing utensils. In return for a couple of dosa and idli, my mother would get all the local news from Pappamma. Her friendship extended to me as well, and I still remember her bringing home coconut burfi from the local bakery. She was an embodiment of love and affection and would always scold my mother whenever she thrashed me for my childhood mischief.

When a person living at the far end of the alley bought an old Ambassador car, we children were thrilled because cars were a rare sight in our area. This was the first four-wheeler to join the neighbourhood and we would gather around it, watching the driver trying to kick-start the engine. One day, Pappamma told me, "Kumar, you should buy a car of your own so that I too can travel in it." I had no reply to her comment, but it was she who instilled in me a craving for an Ambassador car, a wish that remains unfulfilled even today.



Memories of Pappamma always haunt me, as she was like a member of our family, though the residents of the locality treated her and others in the colony as "untouchables." Pappamma passed away long ago, but her descendants continue living in the same colony. Interestingly, many of them now own cars, both used and brand new.

What brought Pappamma to my mind all of a sudden was the novel On the Banks of the Mayyazhi by M Mukundan, an avant-garde Malayalam writer. Mukundan was born in Mahe, a former French enclave in Kerala, now administered by the Union Territory of Puducherry. The novel, published in 1974, tells the story of the agitation launched by a section of people in this enclave for freedom from French rule and integration with India. However, there was an older generation in the French colony for whom Europeans remained the real masters. It was Kurambi Amma, grandmother of Dasan, the protagonist of the story, who reminded me of Pappamma.

Kurambi Amma, a staunch French loyalist, held the Sayivs (Malayalam term for Europeans) in high esteem. Leslie Sayiv, a half-French man, was an icon for Kurambi. Every evening, he would visit her for a pinch of snuff. One evening, Kurambi asked him to buy a car, one similar to that of the local French administrator. The interactions between Kurambi Amma and Leslie Sayiv, though described briefly, reveal much about the people who lived in the French colony in those days.

The story revolves around Kurambi's grandson Dasan and his love interest, Chandrika. Dasan, a rev-

olutionary, was imprisoned by the French government for his Communist ideology. He later escaped to India and returned to Mahe after the French flag was lowered. Though the French authorities offered him the opportuni-

ty for higher education and a government job in Paris, Dasan rejected it, as he could not reconcile with the bourgeois system. This forms the core of the novel, but what makes it truly engaging is Mukundan's ability to create relatable characters. The story flows like the Mayyazhi River taking the readers along with it in its journey in search of the Arabian Sea.

On the Banks of the Mayyazhi placed Mukundan in the league of top writers. Gita Krishnankutty's translation of the novel is commendable. The usual hitches and awkwardness that plague translated works are absent, making this book a delight to read.

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Shreyas was never supposed to be benched: Gambhir

PTI AHMEDABAD

ndia head coach Gautam Gambhir has rubbished speculation that Shreyas Iyer was being side-lined from the ODI rubbished set-up despite his brilliant form, saying that the consistent righthander was always in the "scheme of things" and will be an important player in this month's Champions Trophy (CT).

Iver displayed excellent form during the just-concluded 3-0 ODI series sweep against England, hitting a counter-attacking 36-ball 59 in the opener when India were 19/2 chasing 249 in Nagpur, and scoring 44 and 78 in the next two games

After the opening match, he created quite a stir by stating that he got into the side only after Virat Kohli had to sit out of the game because of a sore knee. This led to speculation that he would be dropped for Kohli in the next two games.

"He was not supposed to be benched throughout the series. We wanted to give Yashasvi (Jaiswal) a go in the first game and see what he can bring on the table because he was in (a) really good form in Australia," Gambhir said after the third and final match here on

Wednesday. Iyer was preferred over Jaiswal eventually and Gambhir described him as an "important player" in the side. "I know that you cannot judge someone (Jaiswal) by one innings. But we always knew that Shreyas was going to be an important player for us. Sometimes when

you've only got three games, you want to try and rotate your squad as well," the coach reasoned. "(And) when you have got Champions Trophy around the corner, you want to try and maximise these three games and try and give everyone an opportunity. But Shreyas was always in the scheme of things (and it is) good that he played all the three games," Gambhir added. The Champions Trophy gets underway on February 19 with India talking Bangladesh on February 20 in Dubai.

Harshit and Arshdeep will have

to step up Someone's missed opportunity is another person's golden chance, believes Gambhir, who expects the of Harshit Rana and likes Arshdeep Singh to step up and fill the void created by pace talisman Jasprit Bumrah's injury-forced absence from the Champions



Trophy Bumrah, who played a decisive role in India's T20 World Cup win last year with 15 wickets including a vital spell in the final, has been ruled out of the eight-team event

which begins on February 19 owing to a nagging back problem. Someone missing out opportunity could be a great opportunity for someone else as well, that is how sport goes.

Hopefully, these guys (Rana, Arshdeep and Mohammed Shami) can deliver and put their hand up and do the job for the team," he said. "It's a great opportunity for them

to try and deliver for the country, (it is) as simple as it can get. What we don't have, we do not have. What we have is what we have, and we are going to try and go with a very clear mind," he added.

Bumrah's replacement, Rana, has done reasonably well and was drafted into the Champions Trophy squad on Tuesday night. "I think guys have shown some really good signs. Harshit has come along really well. Arsh (Arshdeep) was really good today (Wednesday) as well. Obviously, you would always miss a bowler like Jasprit Bumrah," Gambhir said said.

"But then, it is always good to have someone like Mohammed Shami back with his experience and quality."

When asked if Bumrah's absence will give opposition teams any psychological advantage over India, Gambhir said, "We can't help it."

"If he's not available, he's not available. If he's injured, he's injured," Gambhir said. "Whether it's me, (or) whether it's

the captain, we can't do much about it. We know that he's an important factor, but as I just mentioned, people like Harshit, Arsh (and) Mohammed Shami, all

these guys will put their hand up." Axar's elevation to No.5

Gambhir said the promotion of all-rounder Axar Patel at No 5 in the first two ODIs was largely to ensure a left-handed batter in the

mix. "That's the way cricket is meant to be played. I know a lot of people talk about it but that's the way we've got to play the game and that's the way cricket should be played," he said.

'It's not about the batting order, it's about who can create what (kind of) impact. If you have the option of putting a quality left-hander in the middle, why won't you do that? Why would you want to have top five as right-handers?" he asked.

Gambhir said he the only criteria for deciding the order is the impact assessment of a player, which he believes, cannot be done

purely through statistics. "We don't look at averages and stats and all that stuff, we look at who can deliver more at that

number and Axar has done fabulously well, (in) both the games he got the opportunity, (and) he delivered for us," he said.

"I know there will always be people talking about it but I think that's the way we want to go in the future as well," he added.



Families not to travel with Team India for ICC Champions Trophy

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 $F^{\rm amilies \ will \ not \ be}_{\rm accompanying \ the \ Indian}$ cricket players heading to Dubai on February 15 for the ICC Champions Trophy (CT) as the BCCI's new travel policy comes into effect for the first time with this tournament.

added The Indian team starts its campaign in Dubai against Bangladesh on February 20, followed by the marquee clash against arch-rivals Pakistan and

BCCI source told PTI on conditions of anonymity. "Since the tour is of less than

vehicle to come for practice. All state units have been one month, families won't be notified. Similarly once the players assembled in Kolkata accompanying the players. But if exceptions are made, I think (for the T20I series against England) and Nagpur (for the that individual will have to bear the full expenses as BCCI ODI series against the same side), the team has travelled won't be covering any cost," he

The BCCI policy document states: "Players absent from together," he confirmed. The stars have also adhered to India for more than 45 days the new regulations of playing during overseas tours can be domestic cricket when they get joined by their partners and time off from their 18) for one intern visit per series (format wise) of up to a two-week period. "Any deviation from this policy must be pre-approved by the coach, captain and GM Operations. Additional expenses outside the visitors' period will not be covered by the BCCI." However, families will be there with the team during the five-Test tour of England in June-July-August as the five-Test. The window for their twoweek stay during the trip will be worked out later. The new rules were drafted after India's horror tour of Australia during which the team was outplayed 1-3, leading to speculation about lack of discipline and cohesion in the dressing room. Rules already put into effect The senior official said that most of the rules have already been enforced by the BCCI. home series.

RCB names Rajat Patidar as captain for IPL 2025

PTI BENGALURU

I^{PL} franchise Royal Challengers Bengaluru on Thursday named Rajat Patidar as its captain for the upcoming season starting March 21, replacing South African Faf du Plessis who was released from the squad last year.

Patidar was among RCB's retained players before the mega auction in November, 2024 and has the experience of leading Madhya Pradesh in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (T20) and the Vijay Hazare Trophy (ODI).

The 31-year-old, who signed up with the franchise in 2022, guided Madhya Pradesh to the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy final where his side lost to Mumbai by five wickets last vear.

"Rajat has the simplicity, (he) cares about the people around him, we have closely seen how he has led Madhya Pradesh, we really liked it," RCB chief coach Andy Flower said at the franchise event to announce



Patidar's elevation.

longest stint as captain after the legendary Mahendra Singh Dhoni for Chennai Super Kings. He congratulated Patidar on

the appointment.

Prior to the announcement on Thursday, there was some "Myself and the other team members will be right behind

you, Rajat," Kohli said in a video statement shared by the franchise.

The way you have grown in this franchise and the way you have performed, you've made

have performed, you ve made a place in the hearts of all RCB fans. This is very well deserved," he added. Kohli had a fine run as RCB captain, though he could not land them the title. The 36-year-old led RCB in 143 matches the second longest matches, the second longest stint as captain after the legendary Mahendra Singh Dhoni for Chennai Super Kings. Under him, the team won 68 games, and logged 70 losses

and four no-results. In 2016, Kohli had led the franchise to the IPL final, and made 973 runs, to date the highest for a batter in a single IPL season.

In IPL 2024, Kohli was the top run-getter with 741 runs at a strike-rate of 154.

The franchise conceded that Kohli's name was also discussed for the leadership role.

Three Pakistan players fined for breaching ICC Code of Conduct

Rajasthan Royals spin-bowling coach PTI 📕 JAIPUR

> Former India cricketer Sairaj appointed Rajasthan Royals' spin-bowling coach for the upcoming IPL season, adding to the long list of support staff led by head coach Rahul

Bahutule appointed

Dravid. Bahutule, a former leg-spinner and left-hand batter, played two Tests and eight ODIs taking a total of five wickets but his exploits in first-class cricket put him in the league of domestic greats. Bahutule, 52, scored

over 6,000 runs and took 630 wickets, besides 197 scalps in List A games. "The 52-year-old returns to the Royals having been a part of the setup from 2018-21. He represented India in two Tests and eight ODIs and has since transitioned into a successful coaching career, mentoring teams such as Mumbai, Bengal, Kerala and the Indian national men's team where he has been instrumental in developing emerging talents," said Rajasthan Royals in a statement. Head coach Dravid said Bahutule would bring a wealth of experience to the side that won the inaugural edition of the IPL in 2008 under the legendary Shane Warne. 'Sairaj's deep understanding of spin bowling and his extensive coaching experience make him an invaluable addition to our

speculation about Virat Kohli The right-hander was also the returning as captain of the franchise. Kohli was the RCB second highest run-getter in the premier domestic T20 tournament, behind Ajinkya captain from 2013 to 2021 and has a fine record though he could not land them the title. The 36-year-old led RCB Rahane, scoring 428 from 10 matches at an average of 61 and a strike-rate of 186.08. in 143 matches, the second

Patidar takes over from du Plessis, who was released after captaining the team from 2022 to 2024. The 40-year-old South African will play for Delhi Capitals this season.

preliminary face-off with New Zealand on March 2. The Rohit Sharma-led squad will play its games in Dubai while the rest of the tournament unfolds from February 19 in Pakistan across three venues. Given that the the duration of the tour is just over three weeks even if the final on March 9 is taken into consideration, the BCCI will not allow families to accompany the players. As per the new policy, families can be

with players for a maximum of two weeks during a tour which is of 45 days or more. "If anything changes then it is different but as of now, the

players are unlikely to be accompanied by their wives or partners for this tour. One of the senior players had enquired about it and he was told that the policy decision will be followed," a senior

tional assignme Accordingly, Rohit Sharma, Suryakumar Yadav, Yashasvi Jaiswal, and Shivam Dube turned up for Mumbai.

"If you look at it, already no

player can ask for a private

Virat Kohli played his first game for Delhi in more than 12 years amid a lot of fanfare. So did Rishabh Pant while KL Rahul represented Karnataka. Ravindra Jadeja played for Saurashtra.

Personal staff to stay at different hotel

Restrictions have also been imposed on personal staff (managers, agents, chefs), who were accompanying the team and the coaching group earlier. Accordingly, the personal secretary of a member of the coaching staff, who was regularly seen staying at the team hotel, now stays at a different facility even though he has been seen at every venue during the England

PTI 📕 KARACH

International Cricket Council (ICC) has slapped Pakistan's Shaheen Afridi, Saud Shakeel and Kamran Ghulam with fines and a demerit point each for their belligerent behaviour during the tri-series match against South Africa here. Shaheen was fined 25 per cent

of his match fee for breaching Article 2.12 of the Code, which pertains to "inappropriate physical contact with a Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire, Match Referee or any other person (including a spectator) during an International during Match?

The incident occurred in the 28th over of South Africa's



Shaheen fine and one demerit point on when deliberately obstructed batter Indian star Virat Kohli for Matthew Breetzke as he ran a barging into Australia's Sam Konstas during the Border single, resulting in physical Gavaskar Trophy series. contact and a heated exchange Interestingly, while Kohli got a between the two players on

Wednesday. The ICC had imposed a Shaheen has hardly been similar 20 percent match fees criticised in Pakistan for his

behaviour.

The tall fast bowler admitted after the match that he had been trying to rile up and disturb Breetzke for a while in team.

the match but once it was over everything was forgotten and both shook hands.

In another incident, Shakeel and substitute fielder Ghulam were fined 10 percent of their match fees for celebrating too closely to batter Temba Bavuma following his run-out in the 29th over.

Both players were found guilty of breaching Article 2.5 of the Code, which relates to "using language, actions or gestures which disparage or which could provoke an aggressive reaction from a batter upon his/her dismissal during an International Match?

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Kane lifts Bayern to beat Celtic in Champions League playoffs

PTI MUNICH

 $B^{\mathrm{ayern\ Munich\ looks\ set\ to}}_{\mathrm{survive\ the\ new}}$ Champions League playoffs round. AC Milan joined Atalanta and Monaco losing their first-leg games Wednesday.

Bayern got high-class strikes from Michael Olise and Harry Kane either side of halftime in a 2-1 win at Scottish champion Celtic. The return game is Tuesday in Munich.

"The (Celtic) fans haven't seen many losses here, especially in Europe, so we appreciate the importance of the game and the victory," Bayern coach Vincent Kompany said. Bayern had joined Real

Madrid and Manchester City

as Champions League title winners in the past five years who surprisingly found themselves in the playoffs because they finished outside the top eight in the new 36team single standings format. Madrid won 3-2 in Manchester on Tuesday.

Feyenoord's goal in a rainsoaked 1-0 win over Milan came in the third minute and relied in France goalkeeper Mike Maignan spilling Igor Paixão's shot into the net. Fevenoord's Brazilian winger gave Milan new signing Kyle Walker a tough first game in the competition for the

seven-time European champion. It also was a quick winning start for Feyenoord's interim coach Pascal Bosschaart in his

first game after the firing Monday of Brian Priske. Benfica won 1-0 at Monaco with another goal from Vangélis Pavlídis, a delicate chip shot in the 48th. Monaco had Al Musrati sent off four

minutes later. Club Brugge scored with a disputed penalty kick in stoppage time to beat Atalanta 2-1. That was a meeting of teams that finished 24th and ninth, respectively, in the 36team standings two weeks ago. The top eight teams in those standings advanced direct to the round of 16 in March, leaving Nos. 9 to 24 to compete this month for eight more entries in playoffs over

back-to-back midweeks. Kane vs Schmeichel Harry Kane loves scoring

innings

against Kasper Schmeichel, his longtime rival in Tottenham vs Leicester and England vs Denmark games.

Bayern star Kane's sharp volley in the 49th, when left unmarked at the back post at a corner, was his 19th career goal past Schmeichel, more

than any other goalkeeper he has faced

It was a second impressive goal conceded by Schmeichel, who was helpless against Michael Olise's rising left-footed shot in the 45th.

On a tough evening for Celtic's all-American central defense

of Cameron Carter-Vickers and Auston Trusty, the Scottish champion has more hope next Tuesday thanks to Japan forward Daizen Maeda cutting the deficit late on. "At 2-1, Bayern are hanging on," Celtic coach Brendan Rodgers said. "Let's go and have no regrets and see where it takes us. We've shown we can play football and be a threat. Pavlídis hot streak

Benfica's Greece forward might be the most in-form striker in the Champions League. It is now six goals in the competition and five in the past three games including a hat trick against Barcelona.

A late light-touch clash between two Sweden The 26-year-old Pavlidis teammates was decisive in latched onto a pass from the halfway line and shrugged off Club Brugge's 2-1 win over Atalanta.

defender Mohammed Salisu before neatly clipping the ball over goalkeeper Radoslaw Majecki in the 48th minute. Benfica's win was soured by another injury for veteran winger Angel Di Maria. The 2022 World Cup winner with Argentina lasted 20 minutes as a substitute before sustaining a left hamstring injury. He pulled up near the penalty area and immediately lay on the

It was Benfica's second win in

Monaco, adding to a 3-2 victory in November in the

Atalanta anger in Brugge

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league phase.



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