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**BJP CMs CORNER KEJRIWAL** 

### SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI

◄he star campaigners of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) have descended in the national Capital going full throttle against the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) ahead of the high-octane Delhi Assembly elections with its prominent leaders including party president and Union president Minister Jaggat Prakash Nadda, and three chief ministers-Uttar Pradesh (UP) Chief Minister (CM) Yogi Adityanath, Madhya Pradesh CM Mohanlal Yadav, and Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhamiholding multiple rallies, public road shows and meetings across the length and breadth of the city.

In his maiden speech ahead of the polls, Adityanath accused the AAP of settling Bangladeshi and Rohingya nationals in Delhi and compromising national security while hitting out at the ruling party for being involved in the riots that took place in the national Capital in 2020.

Sounding the poll bugle, the senior BJP leader launched a scathing attack on the AAP and its supremo Arvind Kejriwal. "There is an Okhla industrial area in Delhi but there has been no trade there for the past 10 years. While the AAP took no interest in setting up industries there, they have undoubtedly settled Rohingyas and Bangladeshis there," he said.

that AAP Yogi claimed leaders are distributing Aadhars at homes to Rohingya and Bangladeshi



New Delhi: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath with BJP MP Bansuri Swaraj, party candidate Dushyant Gautam, and others during a public meeting for the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections, in New Delhi PTI

### **Rahul Gandhi cancels two** rallies on consecutive days

gathering,"

Wednesday.

### STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

ongress leader Rahul Congress relieved in the national capital on Thursday was canceled due to his poor health and medical advice. He was scheduled to hold the rally in Mustafabad in northeast Delhi, but people familiar with him said he is suffering from chest congestion.

The Congress campaign for the Assembly elections was expected to get a big boost from Rahul's three daily rallies on three successive days, starting January 22, but two of these have now been canceled.

leaders will step up the campaign in Delhi," he "As of now, Rahul Gandhi's election rally in Madipur on said

infiltrators. "And on the other side you can see New Okhla [NOIDA]. Compare the roads of Delhi to Noida and Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh, there is a difference Friday is on schedule, and he of sky and earth. There are world class educational is likely to address a massive said Delhi institutions and medical Congress chief Devendra colleges in UP while the Yadav, a day after the Leader educational institutions run of Opposition in the Lok by Delhi government are in Sabha failed to show up for an a very bad condition," he

election rally near Inderlok alleged. Calling it a 'well thought metro station in the Sadar conspiracy', the firebrand leader said, "They have not Assembly constituency on Dismissing speculation that just kept the people of Delhi the cancellation of Rahul's devoid of basic facilities, rallies was aimed at helping they have also compromised the AAP-by preventing a on national security division of Muslim voters-Yadav said, "These are through their actions. You must have seen the riots in rumors. We are fighting the election independently." Delhi in 2020 and how the AAP leaders and "After Republic Day, the party councillors were engaged in that. They are repeatedly messing with national security

### **India-China continue border talks** PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELH

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri will travel to Beijing on a two-day visit starting Sunday to discuss next steps in improving ties between the two nations. This comes after armies of India and China in October last year agreed to disengage from friction points Line of Actual Control(LAC)in Eastern

Ladakh. High level talks between the two countries gathered momentum following the pact. It will be the second top level meeting in the last one and half months between the two neighbours. National Security Advisor(NSA)Ajit Doval travelled to Beijing and held talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang under the framework of Special Representatives(SR)dialogue on the boundary dispute.

"Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri will be visiting Beijing on January 26 and 27 for a meeting of the Foreign Secretary-Vice Minister mechanism between India and China," Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Thursday.

'The resumption of this bilateral mechanism flows from the agreement at the leadership level to discuss the next steps for India-China relations, including in the political, economic, and people-to-people domains," it said in a brief statement. The decision to revive the SR dialogue mechanism and

other such formats was taken at a meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Kazan on October 23.

In the nearly 50-minute meeting, Modi underscored



the importance of properly handling differences and disputes and not allowing them to disturb peace and tranquillity in border areas.

The Modi-Xi meeting came two days after India and China firmed up a disengagement pact for Depsang and Demchok, the last two friction points in eastern Ladakh.

In the SR dialogue, India pressed for a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the overall boundary dispute between the two countries.

Doval and Wang also focused on "positive" direction for cross-border cooperation including resuming the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, river data sharing and border trade.

Last week, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said the India-China relationship is trying to disentangle itself from the complications arising from the post-2020 border situation and more thought needs to be given to the longer-term evolution of the ties

"At a time when most of its relationships are moving forward, India confronts a particular challenge in establishing an equilibrium with China. Much of that arises from the fact that both nations are on the rise," he had

day.

The



could never have been easy. 'But it has been further sharpened by a boundary dispute, by some baggage of history and by differing sociopolitical systems. Misreadings past policy-makers, whether driven by idealism or absence of realpolitik, has actually helped neither cooperation nor competition

with China," he said. "That has clearly changed in the last decade. Right now, the relationship is trying to disentangle itself from the complications arising from the post-2020 border situation," he added.

These meetings came after the two nations arrived at an agreement to resume patrolling along the LAC 'leading to disengagement". The patrolling arrangement came four years after the Galwan Valley clash, signalling de-escalation in a region countries where both stationed tens of thousands of

troops. The disengagement agreement has facilitated the Indian military to resume patrolling up to the old stations in Depsang and Demchok -- the two major friction points that were left to be settled between the two nations.

The two sides also completed one round of patrolling in November and also agreed to carry out one coordinated patrol every week in the areas where tensions have persisted since 2020. India has maintained that its ties with China cannot be normal unless there is peace in the border areas.

### talks deportation of Indians in US **PTI** WASHINGTON ndia has always been open

**MEA Jaishankar** 

**⊥**to legitimate return of undocumented Indians to their country, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Wednesday, noting that New Delhi is still in the process of verifying those from the US who can be deported to India and the number of such individuals cannot be

determined vet. "As a government, we are obviously very much supportive of legal mobility because we do believe in a global workplace. We want Indian talent and Indian skills to have the maximum

opportunity at the global level. At the same time, are also very we firmly opposed to illegal mobility and illegal migration," Jaishankar told a group of Indian reporters here.

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# **Differential pricing: Uber, Ola, Apple under scanner**

### RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

 $D^{\mathrm{ays}}_{\mathrm{shared}}$  his findings on differential pricing by two ride-hailing apps in a series of posts on X, comparing fares across different devices and battery levels, the Consumer Protection has issued notices to tec Authority giant Apple Inc. and cab aggregators Ola and Uber, seeking clarification on reports of alleged differential pricing based on the type of mobile device used to book rides. This comes after reports that the two companies appeared to charge different fares for the same service, depending on whether the customer was using an iPhone or an Android device. "As a follow-up to the earlier observation of apparent #DifferentialPricing based on the different models of mobiles (#iPhones/ #Android) being used, the Department of Consumer Affairs, through the CCPA, has issued notices to major cab aggregators #Ola and #Uber, seeking their responses," Union Minister for Consumers' Affairs Prahlad Joshi said in a social media post. Apple has been asked to respond to technical issues reported by iPhone users after a recent software update. Apple has been releasing updates, including iOS 18.0.1 in October, to address screen and camera freezing issues, and the latest 18.2.1 update for bug fixes. In its notice, the CCPA asked the companies to explain their pricing methods and address concerns about potential discrimination. The ministry described the practice as "apparent differential pricing" and sought a detailed response to ensure transparency and fairness in fare calculations.



# **Poll chai-naastha fixed by EC**

### RAJESH KUMAR 📕 NEW DELHI

The poll watchdog is closely monitoring the rates of chai, pakora, even cholekulche, and how much is spent on garlands and drones while campaigning in the assembly polls in the national capital. The Election Commission of India has specified rates such a plate of sabzi, Rs 30 for kulche-chole, Rs 19 for a plate of pakoras, Rs 12 for a samosa or bread pakora, Rs 6 for a cup of tea, Rs 12 for a cup of coffee, Rs 20 for a sandwich, Rs 15 for a kachori, Rs 19 for a one-litre water bottle, and Rs 70 for lunch or dinner. Scorpio, among others, According to the rates chart are Rs 2,421 per day approved by the EC, the rate per vehicle. For a for the use of drones is fixed at normal car, the limit is Rs 1,499 Rs 7,000 per day. A small garland cannot exceed Rs 20, per maximum cost for while 10-foot garlands cannot cost more than Rs 1,500. a two-wheeler is Rs Flowers used for stage decorations are priced at Rs 35 84 per day. The rate list also specifies the maximum per square foot. A candidate can hire a horse at Rs 3,075 per expenditure limit for tents, day and an elephant at Rs chairs, tables, podiums, and



the electoral officer, ii consultation with political parties, candidates, and traders, and is handed over to each person filing nomination papers. Though in a city like Delhi, which has 70 assembly constituencies with an average of 22-25 lakh voters each in an area of 1,483 square kilometers, the prices of most commodities a

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

NRAI calls for

**CCI** probe into

Zomato, Swiggy

 $T^{
m he \ National \ Restaurant}_{
m Association \ of \ India}$ (NRAI), which represents half a million eateries nationwide, said it will approach Competition Commission of India over "private labelling" by Zomato and Swiggy and their foray into quick commerce food delivery via Bistro by Blinkit and Snacc, respectively.

In an interview, NRAI President Sagar Daryani raised concerns over "anticompetitive" practices of food delivery aggregators, "data macking" and "deep discounting". "We will be adding to our

petition in CCI about them doing (Zomato, Swiggy) private labels through Bistro and Snacc," Daryani shared. He said NRAI will also request CCI to investigate complaints received from its member restaurants that Zomato and Swiggy were procuring from third party commercial kitchens for Zomato Everyday and Swiggy Daily

Queries sent to Swiggy and Zomato remained unanswered

Daryani said NRAI was "very concerned many as restaurants were already shutting down with several workers losing their livelihoods.

Addressing an NRAI townhall with restaurant NRAI industry stakeholders on Wednesday, Darvani suggested that restaurants need to look at a "third alternative" like ONDC and could replicate the success achieved through a pilot in Bengaluru, throughout India. During the townhall, top restaurateurs raised concerns over the entry of food delivery aggregators like Zomato and Swiggy into private labelling and dining-in, and stressed the need for alternatives in the market.

Recently, a survey by LocalCircles revealed that 60 percent of iPhone users experienced service problems, with call failures being the most significant issue. Nearly 90 percent of surveyed iPhone users attributed their difficulties directly to an iOS update, with no blame placed on Wi-Fi or mobile networks. Last month, the internet was abuzz with speculation that cab aggregators charged different fares - higher for those making bookings on iPhones - for the same ride. However, other social media users soon joined the chorus, alleging they were being charged different fares for identical rides when booking through Android and iOS devices.

Joshi had emphasized "zero tolerance for consumer exploitation" and asked the CCPA to conduct a thorough inquiry into these allegations. He had described this practice as a "prima facie unfair trade practice" and a "blatant disregard" for consumers' right to transparency.

6,150 per day. generators. For gatherings of Candidates need to get the poll panel's approval to hire up to 2,000 people, for example, the maximum rate, animals for campaigning. The including all related expenses, daily wage rate ranges from Rs is set at Rs 30,000 per event. 692 for unskilled workers to Rs For smaller gatherings of fewer than 250 people, the 913 for graduates and above. staging rate is Rs 6,150. A The EC has also set rates for accommodations in hotels and broom, the party symbol of the Photo: Ranian Dimri/The Pionee

ruling Aam Aadmi Party for vehicles. The rates for (AAP), used for maintaining vehicles like Tata Sumo, Toyota Innova, and Mahindra party offices, event venues, or during campaigning,

cannot cost more than Rs 25 each. There are also price limits for flags, posters, h a n d b i l l s , Si hoardings, cut-outs, and stickers. Pens used in party election offices cannot exceed Rs 6

each. Among the musical instruments used at campaign events, drums are priced at Rs 500 per day.

According to officials, each returning officer prepares the rate list of services and materials used by the candidates. Officials said the itemized rate list is finalized by a committee, which includes

the same but may vary occasionally. Candidates are required to submit their expenditure report to the poll panel within 30 days of the completion of an election. The expenses are also monitored by the commission through video recording during the

campaign.

done from the date candidates file their nomination papers until the day of the results. In the event of a violation or claims, incorrect the candidacy of the person is canceled as per Election Commission rules. As a norm, the poll panel tracks candidates' expenses itempoll during election wise campaigns. The rates are fixed based on feedback from district election officials, market dealers, political parties, and the prevailing Consumer Price Index (CPI).

The accounting of expenses is

## **Doubts raised in Saif Ali attack case**

### TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

There is still more than what meets the eye in matters relating to the recent attack on Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan and the arrest of the accused Shariful Islam Shehzad Mohammad Amin Fakir for his alleged involvement in the incident. Or so it appears, going by the questions being raised in different quarters about the actor's rapid recovery and also the identity of the arrested Bangladeshi national.

On his part, Shariful's father Mohammed Ruhul Amin Fakir has questioned the authenticity of the of the CCTV footage used to make the arrest of his son did not match with that of the person in the CCTV footage taken from actor's building on the day of incident, in which the intruder to Saif;s house is seen climbing down the stairs. The CCTVbased photograph which initially made it to social media has been featured widely in print and electronic media.

Talking to a leading television, the accused's father Mohammed Fakir said:



'The person in the CCTV footage is not my son. But the police have used this footage as the basis to arrest my son (in connection with the Saif Ali Khan attack)".

Mohammed Fakir also defended his son by saying his son had never kept his hair long, unlike the person in the video.

Shariful was arrested by the Mumbai police from Hiranandani Estate at Thane

(west) on January 19. Police said Shariful hailed from Rajabariya village in Nalchity sub-region of Jhalokati district in southern Bangladesh.

When Shariful was produced before a holiday court on the same day, the accused's lawyer Sandeep D. Sherkhane had contested the claim made by the police that his client was a Bangladeshi who came to Mumbai six months ago.

'The accused has been living in Mumbai with his family for the past 7 years. I argued in court yesterday very clearly on this. The police are trying to make him a scapegoat as this case involves a Bollywood celebrity," Sherkhane had said

It may be recalled that during the knife attack carried out on him allegedly by Shariful in the small hours of January 16, Saif had had sustained six stab wounds, including the one in his spine while he was grappling an intruder in the actor's 12th floor apartment in posh "Satguru Sharan" building at Bandra (W) in north-west Mumbai.

### INDONESIA IN INDIA



Band of the Indonesian contingent marches during the full dress rehearsal for the Republic Day Parade on January 25. Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto is the chief guest at India's 76th Republic Day celebrations Photo: Ranian Dimri



## Newly constructed flyover to be named after BR Ambedkar

### STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

hief Minister Mohan Yadav today inaugurated ⊿a flyover in Bhopal costing Rs 154 crore, which will significantly accelerate the city's development. This three-kilometer-long flyover, connecting Gayatri Mandir to Ganesh Mandir, has been named after the great patriot and constitution maker, Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar.

Yadav said that Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, has transformed from a small village in 1956 to one of the most beautiful capitals in the country. Under the current government, the city's development will continue at a rapid pace. The inauguration coincided with the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The flyover will connect the Netaji Subhash Chandra Setu

Armed miscreants attack businessman

and Veer Savarkar Setu, improving connectivity. Dr. Yadav congratulated the Public Works Minister and his department for overcoming challenges during the construction of this flyover. Additionally, Dr. Yadav British announced the construction of

another flyover at Bavadiya-Kalan costing Rs 180 crore, and mentioned that the Bairagarh Bridge will also be dedicated soon. Chief Minister Dr. Mohan

Yadav was addressing the gathering after inaugurating the 3 km flyover in Bhopal on Thursday. He said the flyover will help ease traffic routes to Obaidullaganj, Narmadapuram, Betul, Khandwa, and Jabalpur. Praising Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose with whose birth anniversary the event coincided, Dr. Yadav said Netaji's life is an inspiration for all of us. He highlighted the leader's achievements, including passing

the ICS examination in 1923 and winning the Indian National Congress Presidential election with the highest number of votes, choosing patriotism over servitude to the

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav highlighted Baba Saheb Ambedkar's pivotal role in advocating equality and shaping the Constitution of India, noting his opposition to Article 370. He announced the development of 'Panch Teerth' pilgrimage sites to honour Ambedkar's legacy, encompassing his birthplace, initiation place, karmabhoomi, education site, and the location of his demise

Yadav praised the contributions of great warrior women like Devi Ahilyabai, Rani Durgavati, and Rani Lakshmibai, emphasizing their role in enhancing the nation's pride. He announced the forthcoming implementation of a

women empowerment policy and highlighted the government's mission focused on the welfare of women, youth, farmers, and the poor. Yadav also shared that significant efforts are being made to attract investments to the state, with industrialists expressing interest during a recent investors' conference in Pune. He noted that the natural beauty of regions like Bhopal has impressed potential investors. Public Works Minister Rakesh Singh said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Yadav, development in the state is touching new heights. He said that the flyover will bring about a great improvement in the traffic management of the city and provide relief to the commuters. Minister Singh said that modern infrastructure is the backbone of any state with the moving ahead at a rapid pace in this direction. Yadav has always given priority to development works. When it came to the inauguration of the flyover, he stressed on dedicating it to the public immediately. This is proof of his sensitivity and his commitment to the public. He informed that elevated corridors are being constructed in the metros of the state at a cost of about Rs 3000 crore.

Along with this, the construction of 361 bridges is also in progress. Roads are being expanded to remote areas of Madhya Pradesh. Four-lane roads are being constructed in place of two-lane roads and sixlane roads will replace the four lane roads. Along with this, the construction of expressways is also going on at a fast pace. Minister Singh said that recently along with senior officials I visited various states and studied the development works and now those models will be implemented in Madhya Pradesh.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav during the inauguration ceremony of GG Flyover, in Bhopal on Thursday

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one-day Hindi work-

shop was organized at

A shop was organized at AIIMS Bhopal for all

the faculty members, officers

and employees. The workshop

was inaugurated by Professor

(Dr) Ajai Singh. Expressing his

views, Professor Singh said,

that such workshops are very

important for the employees to

develop the habit of working in

Hindi. We should adopt sim-

ple and popular Hindi words in our work so that it becomes

easier for people to understand and the official language can be

propagated. With everyone's efforts we will be able to do

more and more work in the

Earlier during the workshop,

Deputy Director (Admin)

Colonel (Dr.) Ajit Kumar said

that such workshops provide

ease and proficiency in work-

official language.

### AIIMS organises daylong Hindi workshop

### STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

n a violent and shocking incident in TT Nagar area on Wednesday evening, a group of six miscreants barged into a shop and attacked a businessman, Ashish Ahirwar. Armed with swords, sticks, and rods, the attackers viciouslv assaulted Ashish, forcing him to flee to a neighboring shop in an attempt to save his life.

However, the attackers followed him there and continued their assault. The entire incident was captured by the CCTV cameras installed in Ashish's shop, providing crucial evidence for the police investigation.

The attack is believed to be a result of an old rivalry between Ashish and a local miscreant named Bali. According to the police, Ashish

beaten up Bali's associate six days ago on Smart City Road, which led to the attack to take revenge. Bali, along with his partner Chinu and other accomplices targeted Ashish. The police confirmed that the earlier altercation had also been recorded on CCTV.

had previously attacked and

Ashish, who runs a photocopy shop at Jawahar Chowk, was repeatedly beaten by the attackers despite seeking refuge in another shop. Following the incident, Ashish filed a complaint, and an FIR has been registered by TT Nagar police. TT Nagar police station incharge Sudhir Arajaria assured

the public that raids are underway to capture the accused, particularly Bali and Chinu, who have been named in the FIR. Police are working to identify their accomplices, and further arrests are expected soon

speedy recovery. Shukla highlighted the effective

**STAFF REPORTER** BHOPAL use of green corridors and the adhya Pradesh has PM Shri Air Ambulance achieved a historic Service in this process. He L milestone in healthacknowledged that under the leadership of Chief Minister care services with the success-Mohan Yaday, this citizenful completion of its first-ever focused service has elevated the heart transplant. Deputy Chief Minister state's healthcare system to Rajendra Shukla expressed new heights. Shukla praised the immense happiness over this coordination between the health department, police, and

achievement and stated that it reflects the dedication and diliadministration, which ensured gence of the medical staff at the timely transport of organs through green corridors creat-Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Medical College, Jabalpur, and AIIMS Bhopal. He empha-sized that the state health department is fully committed ed in Jabalpur, Bhopal, and Indore—marking a first in the state's history. Shukla lauded the family of 61-year-old Shri Baliram to public service.

Shukla congratulated the doc-Kushwaha, a resident of tors, support staff, and police Manakyai village in Sagar disadministration, whose prompt trict, for their initiative to actions and teamwork made donate his organs. He this accomplishment possible. described their decision as He also wished the patient a both noble and inspiring, espe-

cially during a difficult time. Shukla stated that their selfless act is not only commendable but also sets an example for society. Their contribution symbolizes humanity and the gift of new life. He urged the citizens of the state to draw inspiration from this extraordinary act and work towards

First heart Transplant successfully conducted in Madhya Pradesh

raising awareness about organ donation. Shukla remarked that the PM Shri Air Ambulance Service is being utilized not only for critical patient transport but also for emergency and essential medical services. This initiative is strengthening the healthcare system significantly. He wished for the patient's speedy recovery post-transplant and emphasized that this achievement is not just a milestone in the medical field but also a beacon of hope for patients and their families. Shri Shukla called this

accomplishment a pivotal step in the delivery of healthcare services.

Following the news of a braindead patient in Jabalpur, the state administration acted promptly. A team of doctors from AIIMS Bhopal reached Jabalpur overnight and carried out the organ retrieval process. The entire procedure involved the creation of three green corridors—in Jabalpur, Bhopal, and Indore.

Exceptional coordination between the police and medical departments ensured the timely transport of organs. The heart was transported from Jabalpur to Bhopal via a green corridor and air ambulance, and successfully transplanted at AIIMS Bhopal. Meanwhile, the liver was transported to Choithram Hospital in Indore using a combination of helicopter and aircraft.

ing in Hindi and this is a very good initiative. More and more people should learn from this workshop and try to work in Hindi which will lead to development of the official language.

capital 02

During the first session of the workshop, AIIMS Bhopal's health educator Mr. Samad Hashmi and Psychiatric Social Worker Dr. Rishi Pandey provided important information to the participants on the topic "Impact of Mental Health on Human Life."

In the second session of the workshop, Hemant Kumar Jaiswal, Consultant (Official Language), and Ms. Anju Chauhan, Junior Translation Officer, provided guidance on important points for the Hindi Quarterly Progress Report. More than 100 participants participated in this workshop.

**◄**he day temperatures have soared to 31 degree celsius in the

state marking the concluding

of winter season on Thursday.

Mandla recorded the highest

The weather forecast for



### Missing FSL scientist Pankaj located in Ujjain Day temp reaches 31 degrees in Mandla

### PNS INDORE

hopal's Forensic Science Bankaj Mohan (51), who was missing for 4 days, has reached Ujjain. He left his house in Bhopal on January 18 for Delhi for an interview and later he went missing and remained uncontactable.

According to the police, Pankaj Mohan lives in the Kolar area of Bhopal. On Wednesday night, his family registered his missing report in Kolar police station.

A police team left for Delhi in search of the scientist. His last location was traced at a sta-Delhi. Since then, his

mobile was found to be

On Thursday, Pankaj Mohan

Ujjain. The police have con-

tacted him. He has been

called to Bhopal for ques-

tioning. He informed the

one of his bags was lost in

switched off.

**His departmental** interview was to be held in Delhi on January 19. For which he left for Delhi on the evening of **January 18** 

Delhi. It contained his mobile, purse and important documents along with a letter for the departmental interview to be held in Delhi. Due to the loss of the letter, he could not even give the interview in Delhi. The police team that reached Delhi in search of him is now preparing to return to Bhopal. Pankaj Mohan lives in reached his home district Revenue Colony located in Kolar police station area. His departmental interview was to be held in Delhi on January 19. For which he left for Delhi on the evening of January 18 by Goa Express

but he did not reach for the STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL interview the next day. Since then, no information about

him was available. Family members and friends tried to contact him on the phone but the call did not come after which police were informed.

Initial investigation by the police revealed that Pankaj day temperature at 31.2 degree celsius. had done the transaction Madhya Pradesh predicts a from an ATM booth at a railreturn to severe cold condiway station in Delhi. After this, SI Santosh Singh of tions starting January 25. This will be due to the shift Kolar police station, Head in wind direction from south-Constable Mohammad Ahmed and Constable easterly to northern winds, Kanchan Yadav reached expected to cause a drop of 2 Delhi. to 3 degrees in both day and

Chief Secretary Anurag Jain speaks at the Capacity Building workshop on Sustainable Development Goals Monitoring Framework, Environmental Accounting and Gender Statistics at Kushabhau Thackerav convention center in Bhopal on Thursday. Pioneer photo Gender Statistics at Kushabhau Thackeray convention center in Bhopal on Thursday.

### **IIFM Bhopal with HCL Foundation** conducts three-day workshop

### **STAFF REPORTER** BHOPAL

he Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal, in collaboration with the HCL Foundation, inaugurated a three-day training program "Environment on Management" for HCL Foundation officials.

The program has drawn a diverse group of participants, including Program Officers, Project Leads, Associate Managers, Managers, Senior Program Officers, Deputy Managers, and Group Managers from the organisation.

The inaugural ceremony was honoured by the presence of Dr K. Ravichandran, Director, IIFM; Mr Shantanu Basu, Program Director and Project Director (Harit), HCL Foundation; and C.P. Kala, Chairperson (MDP), IIFM. In his inaugural address, Dr. Ravichandran applauded the HCL Foundation's efforts in restoring degraded land and emphasized the significance of the three-day event as a platform to tackle key challenges in environment management. He highlighted the potential of the Trees Outside Forests in

### India initiative to expand tree

cover without disrupting agriculture or horticulture. Additionally, he addressed the growing demand for wood and underscored the impor-tance of restoring degraded land through the Green Credit Program. This three-day workshop

from January 22-24, 2025 features various technical sessions covering vital topics namely - Environmental Leadership and Life Skills, Economic Valuation and Natural Resource Accounting, Science and Art of River Rejuvenation through NbS, Natural Resources and Environment Management, Integrated Watershed Management, Lifecycle Analysis, Baseline, Midterm, and Endline Monitoring Framework for Climate Action Projects, Community Leadership Team Management and Conflict Skills, Resolution Development of an Indicator Framework and Theory of Change for Climate Action Projects, Environmental Communication Awareness Campaigning, and Resource Community Management.

### STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

at CIC office

ccusing senior officials high-handed of Aexploitation, employees at the State Information Commission office staged a fierce protest under the banner of the Madhya Pradesh Employees Forum in Bhopal on Thursday. Agitated employees submitted

Employees protest

a memorandum to Chief Information Commissioner Vijay Yadav, who has promised prompt redress of their grievances

Ashok Pandey, the state president of the Employees Forum, charged Information Commissioner Omkarnath and Vandana Gandhi with exploiting employees detailed to them.

He accused the officials of forcing employees posted at their residences to carry out menial household chores, amounting to a violation of their rights.

The protesting employees have demanded that both officials be re-posted to the State Information Commission office within seven days. If this demand is not met, they will go on strike and submit a memorandum to the Governor.

### Burglars target two high-profile houses at Char Imli, Neelbad

### **STAFF REPORTER** BHOPAL

n a concerning turn of events, two high-profile houses in Bhopal were targeted in separate burglary attempts, raising serious questions about the ade quacy of security measures in the city. The incidents involved the government residence of Anupam Rajan, Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) of the Higher Education Department, and the private residence of Upendra Joshi, a former staff member of the Chief Minister's office.

The first incident occurred on Tuesday night at ACS Anupam Rajan's government bungalow in the high-security Char Imli area, known for housing several top bureaucrats and officials. A thief managed to gain access to the premises and peered through a bedroom window. However, a relative inside the house heard the noise and raised an alarm, prompting the suspect to flee the scene.

Police were alerted about the incident on Thursday. Investigators have collected fingerprint samples from the gate and conducted a thorough crime scene inspection. However, no formal First Information Report (FIR) has been filed yet. The breach in this highly secured area has drawn

attention to the effectiveness of existing security protocols, which are expected to provide top-

The second incident took place on January 18 at the residence of Upendra Joshi in Balaji Phase-1, Neelbad. Joshi and his wife were away, accompanying their daughter to a train station. Upon their return the following morning, they discovered the house had been broken into. The locks were smashed, and valuables, including cash and jewelry worth an estimated ?3 lakh, were missing. In this case, an FIR has been registered, and the police have launched an investigation. Initial suspicion has fallen on a servant employed by the family, who has not reported to work since the theft.

These incidents underscore significant lapses in security, even in areas considered well-protected. The breach at Char Imli has especially raised alarm bells about the vulnerability of highprofile government residences. Experts have called for a reassessment of security protocols, including the implementation of advanced surveillance systems, stricter monitoring, and comprehensive background checks for household staff.

family was in Ujjain. His inlaws live here. Pankaj returned from Ujjain on January 17. After this, he left for Delhi on January 18 after packing essential items in his bag from his Kolar home. His family consists of a son and a wife who is a housewife.

ngni temp the state. This change is linked to two active systems, a cyclonic circulation in Punjab and a Western Disturbance.

Over the past few days, most cities in Madhya Pradesh have experienced sunny weather, with dry conditions prevailing across all divisions.



BJP State Media In-charge Ashish Usha Agarwal shares views with Congress State Media In-charge Mukesh Nayak during foundation day celebration programme of a daily newspaper in Bhopal on Thursday. Pioneer photo

### IGRMS organises lecture on TB Free India

### STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

Ajay Singh, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, AIIMS Bhopal, delivered a lecture on the topic of TB-free India: A National Aspiration under the Museum popular Lecture Series organized by Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal

At the beginning of the programme, head of office Dr Surya Kumar Pandey welcome and introduce Singh. In his address, Dr Ajay Singh said that the launch of TB Free India Campaign has taken an important step towards strengthening community participation and ownership in the fight against TB. This initiative received widespread supNotably, Nishchay

Mitras have pledged to help people affected by TB. Nikshay Poshan Yojana provides financial assistance for TB patients by distrib-uting Rs. through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). port and to increase its reach, government institutions actively participated in awareness campaigns and programs to remove the fear of TB from the minds of people.

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notch protection for such residences.



## State upholding good governance, social welfare ideals of Lokmata

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hief Minister Mohan Yadav has said that today marks a historic occasion as the Madhya Pradesh Cabinet convenes its significant meeting in the holy city of Maheshwar, the revered home of Lokmata Devi Ahilyabai. During her reign, Devi Ahilyabai Holkar set unparalleled examples of good governance, excelling in areas such as justice, education, social welfare, religious welfare, water conservation, and public welfare.

The state government is progressing rapidly by adopting her principles as benchmarks for governance, efficient administration, and social development. Inspired by her legacy, the government has launched numerous schemes, programs, and activities to carry forward her vision. On Friday, the entire

Maheshwar to pay homage to the remarkable Punyashloka Devi Ahilyabai and reaffirm its commitment to her ideals.

Devi Ahilyabai took over the reins of the Indore state and made important reforms in the fields of justice, religion, and education. Her rule was a symbol of a prosperous and advanced society. She became famous as an efficient administrator. During her time, the security system in the Indore state was strengthened, trade grew, and cultural and religious harmony reigned in the society. Her love for justice and kindness have been her special identity. She always made strict decisions to punish the criminals in her state. She left no stone unturned in helping the poor, the helpless, and the

needy

Cabinet will arrive in important works for the welfare

disciplined ruler but also a strong military ruler. Her military force was very strong and she led her army in many wars. Her war skills and strategic approach were always appreci-ated. Devi Ahilyabai fought off

state

ruled the royal family of the of women and weaker sections Holkar dynasty from the year of society. She built temples and 1767 to 1795 from Maheshwar made an unforgettable contriin Madhya Pradesh. Her rule is bution to the propagation of known for her farsightedness religion. She particularly got and justice. She carried out many temples constructed and many reforms for the welfare of reconstructed. Apart from this, the people of her state and her administration was fair, diligent, she took many initiatives to proand effective. Her rule focused mote Indian culture and traditions. She got wells and step on the welfare of farmers, the wells constructed for water conpromotion of trade, and infraservation and enrichment. She structure such as roads, water supply, and education. She built started Anna Kshetra, got kiosks the fort, temples, and other constructed and ghats built. infrastructural works of Devi Ahilyabai was not only a

Maheshwar. Devi Ahilyabai was a great ruler of Indian history, whose contribution was remarkable not only in the Maratha Empire but also in the history of Madhya Pradesh. Known for external attacks many times her administrative capabilities and ensured the safety of her and vision in the 18th century, the reign of Devi Ahilyabai became a symbol of develop-Devi Ahilyabai did many Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar

ment and cultural prosperity in Madhya Pradesh.

Devi Áhilyabai was not only an excellent ruler but also a great patron of culture. She built many temples, forts and other religious structures. She renovated and reconstructed important religious sites like Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Somnath Temple and Mahakaleshwar Temple in Ujjain. Her aim was to preserve religious and cultural heritage. Devi Ahilyabai took many ini-

tiatives for social welfare dur-ing her rule. She not only gave priority to education, health, and infrastructure but also tried to end the discrimination prevalent in the society by including people from every caste and community in her court. Many schemes were made for the poor and deprived during her rule, which provided relief to them.



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Preparations are in full swing ahead of the Republic Day celebrations at Lal Parade ground in Bhopal on Thursday. Pioneer phot

Indian players have made their mark in the whole world

Yadav announced a grant of Rs.

11 lakh for the committee and

with their strength, valour, skill and intelligence: CM



Madhya Pradesh police contingents during parade rehearsals ahead of the Republic Day celebrations at Lal {arade ground in Pioneer photo

### No loudspeakers till 6 AM, places of worship to comply: Collector

### STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

nvoking section 163, District Collector District Collector Kaushalendra Vikram Singh on Thursday barred the use of loudspeakers, DJs, and PA systems in the district from 10 PM to 6 AM. Places of worship have not been exempted from the order. Citing orders from the Supreme Court, the High Court, and the National Green Tribunal, Singh issued the orders, which he said were pertinent for citizens to be able to rest, work, sleep and communicate. The collector, however, made

an exception for emergency situations that may require the use of PA systems. "A noisy environment can

### cause effects such as high blood pressure, anxiety, mental stress, and insomnia. Excessive noise can also dam age the inner ear," said Singh in the order, copies of which were circulated to the media on Thursday evening. The fresh restrictions are

will be met with penalties and confiscation under Sections 15 and 16 of the Madhya Pradesh Noise Control Act, 1985, warned Singh.

hotels, restaurants, and bars, which have been advised to obtain a license for operating a DJ unit. Furthermore, only one sound system, conforming to prescribed standards or lower, can be used per DJ unit. Violations of the restrictions

their strength, valour, skill and intelligence. Players have made binding on all DJ operators, the country proud in various international and national games. Kabaddi and wrestling players have won medals in every event. Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav said that the future belongs to the youth, highlighting efforts under Prime Minister Modi's leadership to promote players and sports, include it as a subject in

the new education policy, and recruit Jan Shikshaks to support these initiatives. Yadav commended the efforts

of the Maninagendra Singh Foundation and Sahayog Krida Mandal for promoting traditional sports and organizing a grand Kabaddi competition, which has been held continuously for the past 41 years. He noted that the committee's efforts have produced numerous national and state-level players, emphasizing that every Kabaddi player has played from Gotegaon. He also praised the committee's contributions to sports and social service. Dr.

Bhopal: Chief Minister Mohan

Yadav while addressing the All

#### vide permanent homes to every India Pro-Kabaddi Tournament stated that a Kabaddi League organized by Sahayog Krida would be organized in the poor by 2028 and to fill over Mandal in Gotegaon said that future to further encourage one lakh government posts for the country's players have made a mark in the whole world with youth, with plans to fill 2.70 lakh posts in the next five traditional sports. Member of Parliament Choudhary Darshan Singh, MLAs Vishwanath Singh Patel and years. He also stated that all the pending Public Service Mahendra Nagesh, founder member of Sahyog Krida Mandal Mulam Singh Patel Commission examinations will be held soon. A state-wide youth welfare campaign is being run alongside initiatives and other prominent public representatives were present. Yadav praised Kabaddi for reflecting Indian philosophy and being linked to Pranayam in school education, higher education, and employment. Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav praised Lokmata Devi and exercise. He linked the Ahilya Bai Holkar for her game's structure to the Chakravyuh of Mahabharata, remarkable contributions to good governance and emphahighlighting the coordination of valour and energy. Dr. Yadav noted that Kabaddi is gaining sized the state's commitment to following her ideals and establishing the parameters of good international recognition, with players bringing pride to India, and emphasized the state's commitment to promoting traditional sports. He also expressed that the unique joy of

playing on the soil is unmatched, with Kabaddi and similar sports being embraced warmly in foreign countries. Yadav highlighted the government's commitment towards welfare of women, the poor, youth and farmers through various campaigns. He men-tioned that under Prime

governance. He also stated that the government will work to provide basic facilities and enhance healthcare across all regions. Yadav highlighted the nationwide excitement on the completion of one year of the Ram temple construction in Ayodhya, with cultural rituals being organized all over. He also mentioned that in the state, locations where Lord Shri Ram and Shri Krishna stepped in will be developed as religious

tourist centers.

Minister Modi's leadership,

efforts are being made to pro-

#### Manakaleshwar temperatur in Ujjain, known for its spiritual significance, has firmed that the ban was implemented a strict ban on enforced from the Bhasma mobile phones during the Aarti conducted on Thursday, sacred Bhasma Aarti. The deci-January 23. Devotees will be sion comes in response to required to deposit their

Providence and the the temple premises. The temple administration, led by Additional District points before entering the temple hall.

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Mahakaleshwar Temple

Magistrate (ADM) and temple

committee administrator

Anukool Jain, decided to pro-

hibit mobile phones during

the Bhasma Aarti to preserve

The Mahakaleshwar Temple attracts devotees from across the country, many of whom book their attendance for the Bhasma Aarti through online and offline systems. The

devotion rather than digital distractions. Jayant Rathore, the Security Officer on Special Duty (OSD) for the temple committee, con-

mobile phones with security guards or temple staff at the designated checkpoint after Lokmata Ahilyabai: Life dedicated to verifying their entry permits. The phones will be safely stored and returned to the society, culture, self-respect and nation devotees after the conclusion of

the Aarti The administration has assured devotees that this measure will enhance the spiritual experience while protecting the sanctity of the

sonal or family

RAMESH SHARMA

The marriage took place in would marry the individual 1733, but due to her young age, ost people live their Ahilyabai stayed in her mater- the state's security system, lives focused on per- nal home for four years. In showcasing her commitment to ony was ier gauna cerem kingdom. held, and she moved to Indore as a royal bride. She was wel-During Ahilyabai's time, India comed into a much larger famwas plagued by widespread ily than the one she had grown anarchy. The Mughal Sultanate up in, yet her upbringing in a had weakened, and groups like strong family tradition prethe Ruhelas, Pindaris, and Pathans roamed freely, causing pared her for her new role. Malharrao Holkar had four plunder and destruction. wives who lived harmonious-Ahilyabai took decisive steps to ly together, along with other restore order. She resettled family members. Ahilyabai's nomadic communities and formelodious voice and devotion est warriors in the border villages by granting them agri-cultural land. This initiative, endeared her to everyone. She was entrusted with coordinatcoordinated by Nayak Phanse, ing daily bhajans and aartis in the palace, becoming the cenhad two significant outcomes ter of affection within the famwhich included external robily. Recognizing her excepbers were effectively controlled and the wandering and unemtional qualities, Malharrao assigned her the responsibility ployed populace finding sta-bility through agricultural of managing the family's internal arrangements. In 1745, Ahilyabai gave birth to a son, work, leading to increased production and prosperity in the Malerao, and in 1748, she had state. Impressed by this success a daughter, Mukta Bai. Her life and Navak Phanse's leadership, was filled with joy and famil-Ahilyabai arranged her daughter Muktabai's marriage to him. ial warmth until tragedy struck. On 24 March 1754, her hus-After ensuring peace and safeband, Khanderao, died in the ty in her state, Ahilyabai laid the foundation of Maheshwar, a city Kumbher war, leaving Ahilyabai widowed at the built with a deep sense of enviyoung age of 29. After Khanderao's death, ronmental responsibility. She avoided cutting stones from Ahilyabai was determined to mountains and instead used commit sati on his funeral pyre. However, Malharrao

Holkar stopped her, empha-

sizing her responsibilities

towards her young children.

Recognizing her strength and

intelligence, Malharrao

involved her in state affairs,

gradually helping her heal from

her grief. Over time, Ahilyabai

became an invaluable partner

in governance, assisting her

father-in-law with administra-

tive matters. When Malharrao

passed away on 23 March 1766,

Ahilyabai's son Malerao

Unfortunately, his rule was

short-lived as he died on 5

April 1767, leaving the state in

a precarious position. Finally,

in December 1767, Ahilyabai

assumed the throne.

Demonstrating her progres-

sive thinking, Ähilyabai prior-

itized merit over lineage for her

daughter Muktabai's marriage.

She declared that Muktabai

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who could effectively enhance the welfare and stability of the

### Health camp for kids with congenital | Mobile phones banned during Bhasma Aarti at temple ailments at Hamidia on R-Day PNS 📕 UJJAIN

### STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

n a humanitarian effort, Hamidia Hospital has Lannounced plans to organise a special sports competi-tion and health camp for hundreds of children suffering from congenital diseases to mark the 76th Republic Day on Sunday.

Around 400 children are expected to participate in the event, which involves six departments that are busy preparing for the camp, which begins at 10 AM at the hospital premises.

from the Departments of Ophthalmology, Blood Bank, Radiology, and Paediatrics will examine the eyes, heart, bones, and other organs of the

charge.

Hospital Superintendent Dr. Suneet Tandon has said that the aim is to detect the effect of genetic diseases on other organs of these children in

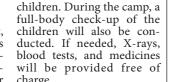
programme.

În this programme, experts

Maheshwar 'Destination Cabinet' to be

dedicated to Devi Ahilyabai's Jayanti year

nance.



increasing incidents of devotees creating social media reels on platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram within

time and treat them. Dr. Tandon said that there cannot be a better occasion than Republic Day for this

The aim of this event is not only to focus on the health of the children but also to make for the day. An effort will be made to inspire enthusiasm and confidence in the children through sports competitions.





sanctity Effective from Thursday, devotees attending the Aarti will be required to deposit their mobile phones at designated check-

ritual empna sized that the ban aims to maintain the spiritual atmosphere of the temple and ensure that the focus remains on

rituals. 'he temple com mittee has urged visitors to cooperate with the new rule to ensure a serene and uninterrupted atmosphere during the sacred Aarti.



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hief Minister Mohan Yadav said that the ✓ state government has taken the historic initiative of 'Destination Cabinet' for the state's overall development. This initiative also brings to reality Prime Minister Narendra Modi's concept of promoting tourism.

On Friday, the state government is going to hold a Cabinet meeting in Maheshwar, the city of Lokmata Devi Ahilyabai, which will be dedicated to her 300th birth anniversary year. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that Lokmata

achieving holistic develop-ment by following the principles of Lokmata Devi Aĥilyabai, particularly in the areas of women empowerment, farmer welfare, and good governance. Her ideals will be integrated into the state's policies and vision for building an ideal state. Inspired by her life, the government has implemented effective measures to promote women's leadership and empowerment.

Devi Ahilyabai's entire life

has been dedicated to public

welfare and good gover-

The Madhya Pradesh gov-

ernment is committed to

Congress party workers pay tributes to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on his birth anniversary at PCC headquarters in Bhopal on Thursday Pioneer photo

### Seizure of Saif Ali Khan's Bhopal properties unlikely anytime soon

#### AKBAR KHAN BHOPAL

**¬**peculations aside, a Srumoured government move to confiscate the personal estate of Bhopal's last ruler, Nawab Hamidullah Khan, is likely to entail difficult and long-drawn legal battles, say those familiar with the intricacies of the matter. While it is difficult to gauge the actual worth of the Nawab's

personal estate, sources sav that the properties consist of palaces, bungalows, kothis, and even large tracts of agricultural land spread across as many as 137 villages in the vicinity of the state capital.

During his reign as the ruler of Bhopal, Nawab Hamidullah controlled three types of properties: his personal estate, the properties of the Bhopal State (which he oversaw as ruler),

and the properties he managed on behalf of his elder brother's widow, whose estate is referred to as Idgah Deodhi.

At the time of the merger of Bhopal into the Union of India, Hamidullah relinquished control of the properties of the Bhopal State and retained ownership of his private estate, while Idgah Deodhi was not a part of the merger discussion, as the erstwhile ruler never actually owned these properties.

After the merger, Hamidullah lived like a commoner, enjoying equal rights as any private citizen, except for the title of 'Nawab' and a few privileges granted to him by the government in accordance with provisions listed in a 350-page document signed between him and the government, which is commonly referred to as the

'merger agreement'. Upon his death in 1960 Hamidullah's heirs included his two wives and three daughters. However, as the Nawab did not leave behind a son, his two surviving nephews also had a

share in his personal estate in accordance with the principles of Muslim Personal Law. As per Islamic laws guiding inheritance, the two widows could claim a share of a little over six percent each, the daughters were entitled to a little over 22 percent each, and the nephews ā share of approximately 10.5 percent apiece. If the theoretical division of the personal estate had been sim-

ple, the title of Nawab became a point of contention before the government intervened to overrule the claims of Princess Abida Sultan, Hamidullah's eldest but estranged daughter,

who had migrated to Pakistan a decade earlier (in 1950). The government acknowledged her younger sister, Princess Sajida Sultan, as the titular Nawab of Bhopal. Sajida Sultan is the grandmother of Bollywood star and current head of the Royal House of Bhopal, Saif Ali Khan.

Speculations of the seizure of the Nawab's estate gained momentum after the govern-ment amended the Enemy Property Act of 1968 in 2017. Under provisions of the amended law, the government can claim or confiscate properties that are solely or jointly owned by Pakistani nationals or their legal heirs and assignees.

As Abida Sultan is the only one of the Nawab's original heirs to migrate to Pakistan, the law, in this context, would mean her share in Hamidullah's estate

that is duly recorded in her name or the properties that she (or her heirs) continues to share with other inheritors, say sources close to the palace. In either case, the seizure proceedings would not have a bearing on the personal holdings of Saif Ali Khan, as he is neither an heir nor an assignee

of his grand-aunt Abida Sultan. While listing out a number of judgements delivered by various courts, they contend that Article 8 of the merger agreement blocks retrospective action by the current government on land-related orders issued prior to the merger. Responding to the massive cov-

erage the matter has garnered in the local press, the sources say that it amounts to little more than 'akhbarbaazi,' a local euphemism for sensational news headlines.

ests, but some exceptional individuals dedicate themselves to society, culture, and the world. Punyashloka Devi Ahilyabai was an extraordinary personality, devoted to the nation, society, and culture. Though she ruled the small state of Indore, her vision encompassed the entire country. Her personal life was serene and simple, like that of a Sadhvi, yet she was a resolute and decisive ruler. She first ensured her state's prosperity, strength, and security by eradicating anarchy and crime, then initiated a cultural renaissance across India.

Punyashloka Devi Ahilyabai was born on 31 May 1725 in Chondi village, located in Jamkhed town, Ahmednagar district. Her father, Mankoji Rao Shinde, and his brother served in the Maratha army, while her mother, Sushilabai, embodied Indian traditions and values. Sushilabai actively participated in village selfdefense and maintained a disciplined routine of temple visits and listening to spiritual discourses, which Ahilyabai joined from a young age. Ahilyabai possessed remarkable memory, effortlessly retaining Purana stories and bhajans after hearing them once. She learned Marathi under Acharya Shivle in her village, further nurturing her intellect and spiritual foundation.

At the age of eight, Ahilyabai was chosen by Malharrao Holkar, the governor and com-mander of the Malwa region, to be his daughter-in-law. While traveling to South India for a war campaign, Malharrao stopped at a temple in Chondi village, where he noticed a young girl organizing food distribution for the poor alongside her peers. He was further impressed when she sang bhajans in a melodious voice. After learning about her identity, he proposed to her father, Mankoji Rao, for her marriage to his son, Khanderao Holkar.

stones collected from the Narmada region. She carefully chose a location where forests did not have to be cleared for the city's construction, ensuring ecological balance.

Ahilyabai also established the Maheshwar saree industry, which became a hallmark of the region. To develop Maheshwar, she invited workers and their families, providing them with opportunities suited to their skills and interests.

This inclusive approach not only built the city but also laid the foundation for a thriving cottage industry. Her efforts to promote cotton cultivation contributed significantly to the region's prosperity. The cotton grown in Indore was used in the production of the worldrenowned Dhaka muslin, making the region a key player in global textile trade.

The author is senior journalist)



# **CEC** sounds note of caution against fake narratives

### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar on Thursday sounded a note of caution against fake narratives, saying they erode trust in electoral processes, and noted that the misinformation is typically timed to target the vitals of poll process

Making this assertion at an international conference of election management bodies Election organised by Commission of India, he said while technology offers significant opportunities, it also brings challenges like cybersecurity threats and misinformation. He urged Election Management Bodies to streamline strategies for addressing these technological challenges to effectively mitigate the risks. Sounding a note of caution against fake narratives which erode trust in electoral process-

es, he said that such fake nartoral integrity while making ratives are typically timed at their presentations on their crucial junctures of the election electoral experience in 2024. process to target its very vitals. În his address, CEC Kumar also outlined key trends shaping the future of elections, including AI-driven processes, online the poll bodies.

and remote voting, biometric authentication and increased global collaboration. He urged the participating poll management bodies to explore the opportunities with technological advancements in making elections more transparent, inclusive and accessible. tions. He underscored the role of

election management bodies in not only safeguarding elec-toral processes globally but also expanding their reach and Poll organisations from media.

Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Indonesia and Kazakhstan placed their concerns on disinformation, misinformation and fake narratives on social media affecting elec-

impact.

CEC of Mauritius Abdool Rahman also stressed on the menace of fake news, saying it undermines voters' trust in Highlighting a particular case of fake online applications for

recruitment of election staff, Rahman expressed concern over the use of technology and social media in intensifying the menace of misinformation and disinformation during elec-

A representative of the Electoral Commission of Namibia, while expressing concern over the rising trend of fake news, sought suggestions on tackling fake news on social

Commissioner, General Election Commission of Indonesia, Idhan Holik spoke about their experience of using a dedicated WhatsApp channel to tackle misinformation in real



The ECI is hosting the two-day international conference. It brings together representatives from Election Management Bodies (EMBs) of nearly 13 countries and international organisations for discussions on key issues of contemporary election management.

The conference on the theme 'Global Election Year 2024: Reiteration of Democratic Spaces, Takeaway for EMBs' is hosted by the ECI based on the varied experiences of EMBs in conducting elections in 2024, in India and the other countries. Nearly 30 representatives from the Election Management Bodies (EMBs) of 13 countries including Bhutan, Georgia, Namibia, Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Ireland, Mauritius, Philippines, Russian Federation, Tunisia, and Nepal are attending.

In his address, CEC Kumar also reflected that 2024 was a defining year as a test for EMBs for

reaffirmation of democratic values amidst challenging and complexities. He emphasized on the critical role of technology and digital innovations in enhancing efficiency, transparency and voter confidence. He underscored the role of EMBs in not only safeguarding electoral processes globally but also expanding their reach and impact.

Highlighting India's historic general elections with a record participation of 647 million voters and over one million polling stations, CEC Kumar said the elections were also more inclusive with greater participation especially among women, elderly aged 85+, Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and the third gender. CEC Kumar underscored the importance of collaborative efforts in capacity building and global cooperation as vital to safeguarding democratic processes and strengthening election management world-

Egypt has traditionally been

one of India's most important

trading partners in the African

continent. The India-Egypt

bilateral trade agreement has

been in operation since March

1978. The bilateral trade has

increased more than five times

in last 10 years. Around 50

Indian companies have invest-

ed in various sectors in Egypt

with a combined investment

exceeding USD 3.25 billion.

A joint statement issued dur-

ing El-Sisi's visit to India two

years back mentioned that the

Egyptian side is considering

Bhutan's Chief election commissioner Dasho Sonam Topgay said the electronic voting machines provided by India have brought process efficiencies during polls in his coun-try. He said the EVMs have won the trust of the people in Bhutan.

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Thanking India for providing the EVMs, he lauded the process efficiencies brought in by the machines since their use in the elections in that country. Speaking on digital IDs, Topgay said Bhutan has a biometric Unified National ID which is used for voter authentication. Bhutan is exploring the possibility of online voting in future elec-tions, he told the gathering. Besides Bhutan, a limited number of Indian EVMs are used in Nepal and Namibia, EC functionaries said.

Public undertakings BEL and ECIL produce EVMs for the Election Commission.

# Keen on finding solution over disparity |Egyptian Foreign Minister to visit India in High Court judges pension, says SC

### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday said it was keen on finding a solution over the issue of disparity in pension to retired high court judges. A bench of Justices B R Gavai, Augustine George Masih and K Vinod Chandran said it wanted to settle the issue once and for all.

"We have been telling it since the beginning that we are keen on finding a solution, not laying down a law," it said. The top court was hearing arguments on a batch of pleas raising the issue of different pension being payable to retired high court judges.

One of the key reasons highlighted before the top court was that the high court judges, who were elevated from the district judiciary, were covered under the New Pension Scheme.

However, those elevated to



were the beneficiaries of the Old Pension Scheme leading to a mismatch in the pension payable to two sets of high court judges. "We know that when you are

there, it will all be resolved," the bench told attorney general R Venkataramani on Thursday. The bench deliberated over

judges were getting a pension ranging between Rs 10,000 and Rs 15,000. uniformity in the pension to It asked authorities to have a

parity.

"humane approach" instead of adopting a "legal approach".

The bench observed the matter would not be decided on individual cases and whatever the top court might lay down would be applicable to all the high court judges. The top court had also expressed "shock" that some retired high court judges were getting a meagre pension ranging between Rs 6,000 and Rs 15,000.

While hearing a separate plea in March last year, the apex court said there cannot be any discrimination in computing the pensionary benefits of retired judges of high courts based on whether they were elevated from the bar or the district judiciary.

Pensionary benefits of a court said it was "pitiable" that some retired high court retired high court judge, ele-vated from the district judiciary, should be computed based on his or her last drawn salary as a high court judge, it said.

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Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty is set to visit India in the first week of next month to review the overall trajectory of bilateral ties and

The two ministers are also set to take stock of implementation of the decisions firmed up during talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi in 2023, sources said here on Thursday. The two sides will look at shoring up cooperation in a number of areas including trade, investment and agriculture, they said.

While the Egyptian President visited India in January 2023 to grace the Republic Day cele-



brations as the Chief Guest, Modi travelled to Egypt in June that year, reflecting growing intensity in the bilateral ties. India and Egypt elevated their ties to the level of strategic partnership and resolved to significantly broadbase the bilateral engagement in areas of defence, security and trade during El-Sisi's visit to India. The two leaders also decided to take the volume of bilateral trade to USD 12 billion in the next five years from around USD seven billion recorded that year.

the possibility of allocating a special area of land for the Indian industries in the Suez Canal Economic Zone (SCEZ). The Suez Canal, connecting the Mediterranean Sea with the Red Sea, is one of the world's busiest trade routes. About 12 percent of global trade passes through the canal each day.

India and Egypt are also looking at deepening cooperation in the field of agriculture and allied services besides strengthening the supply chain of food articles.

The defence and strategic cooperation between India and Egypt has been on an upswing in the last few years. The Indian and Egyptian Armies conducted the first ever joint exercise in January this year.

Egypt had already shown interest in procuring Tejas light combat aircraft, radars, military helicopters and other platforms from India.

In July 2022, the IAF participated in a month-long tactical leadership programme in Egypt with three Su-30 MKI jets and two C-17 transport aircraft.

# Court refuses FIR over M F Husain paintings

We want to settle these issues

once and for all," it observed.

The arguments in the matter

would continue on January

28. In December 2024, the top



"Prima facie case is made out for exhibiting such offensive paintings for public viewing

explore ways to expand cooperation in areas of trade, investment, shipping and agriculture. Abdelatty will hold wide-ranging talks with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar covering the entire gamut of bilateral ties as well as the evolving situation in the Middle East following the Israel-Hamas ceasefire deal.

alleging two paintings of late artist and Padma awardee M F Husain hurt religious sentiments and said no further probe was required.

Judicial magistrate first class Sahil Monga said all the facts and circumstances of the case were within the knowledge of the complainant, the CCTV footage of Delhi Art Gallery, and the paintings in question have already been seized.

"No further investigation and collection of evidences is required on the part of investigating agency at this stage, as all the evidences are in the possession of complainant as well as on record," said the court. The matter, it went on, could proceed before the court as a complaint case and issued notice to Delhi Art Gallery Pvt. Ltd., its CEO and MD Ashish Anand, and Director Ashwani Anand for February 12

The judge observed police in its action taken report said the paintings in question were seized. The report further said the commission of cognisable offence could not be ascertained, the judge noted. The judge on January 20 ordered the seizure of the paintings displayed at the art

ments.

gallery and reserved the order

on FIR after hearing argu-The paintings feature Hindu

deities Hanuman and Ganesh. During the hearing on the plea, complainant and advocate Amita Sachdeva, said the most revered entities of Sanatan Dharma -- Hanuman and Ganesh -- were insulted in Husain's paintings.

"This is obscenity. Depicted most revered deities in obscene manner a deliberate and malicious insult. Husain may be the greatest artist in the world, but he has no right to insult my deities," she argued. She claimed there was an

advertisement and thousands of people saw the painting of "deities being ridiculed"

ments," added Sachdeva. Ordering the seizure, Monga cited the police's action taken report, which said the investigating officer seized the security camera footage and the network video recorder of the art gallery.

The report said the art exhibition was held privately and the paintings, including the two in question, were only to display the original work of Husain. "At this stage an application has been moved by complainant for direction to the IO to seize the painting in question. In light of the facts and circumstances mentioned in the said application, the said application is allowed and IO is directed to seize the said painting," the January 20 order said.

Husain, a recipient of Padma Vibhushan, India's secondhighest civilian award, died in 2011.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Union Minister Piyush Goyal, MoS Jitendra Singh, and Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge during a ceremony to pay tribute to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on his birth anniversary, at Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan in New Delhi on Thursday

### CBI closes case against DHFL in 'fake accounts' case

### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The CBI has closed the case against the DHFL and its directors pertaining to 2.60 lakh allegedly fictitious home loan accounts, some of which were used to claim interest subsidies under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna, officials said. After over three years of probe, the agency could not find evidence suggesting a criminal conspiracy which could have led to the creation of such accounts, they said. The irregularities were pointed out in the report of auditor Grant Thornton, appointed by the new board of the scamhit Dewan Housing Finance Limited (DHFL), they said. The agency has now submitted its final report before a special court in Delhi, which would take a call on whether to accept the closure report or order further



investigation into the matter. The CBI had booked promoters Kapil and Dheeraj Wadhawan along with the company. It was alleged that DHFL had

opened a fictitious branch in Bandra and fake accounts worth Rs 14,046 crore of home-loan borrowers, who had already repaid their loans, were entered in the database, they said.

A total of 2.60 lakh "fake and fictitious" home loan accounts were created in the non-existent branch from 2007-19 for a total loan worth Rs 14,046 crore, out of which Rs 11,755.79 crore were deposited or routed to several fictitious firms known as Bandra Book firms, the CBI had alleged in the FIR.

### **CBI** chargesheets Oxfam PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The CBI has filed a charge sheet against research and advocacy group Oxfam India and its former CEO Amitabh Behar in connection with alleged violations of rules and regulations related to foreign funds, officials said.

In its chargesheet filed before a special court here, the CBI has named the group and Behar, who is now executive director of Oxfam International as accused.

The FIR against the Indian arm of the global NGO Oxfam was registered in April 2023 based on a complaint from the Ministry of Home Affairs. An email seeking reaction of Oxfam India remained unanswered till writing of this story. The complaint, which is now part of the FIR, has alleged that though Oxfam India's FCRA registration ceased, it planned to circumvent the law by tak-



ing other routes to channelise funds

'Email communication found during IT (income tax) survey by the CBDT shows that Óxfam India has been planning to pressure Indian government for renewal of FCRA through foreign governments and foreign institutions," it had alleged. 'Oxfam India has the reach and influence to request multilateral foreign organisations to intervene on its behalf with the Government of India," it had alleged.

In an earlier statement, Oxfam India had said it is fully com-

pliant with Indian laws. Oxfam India is fully compliant with Indian laws and has filed all its statutory compliances, including Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) returns, in a timely manner since its inception. Oxfam India has been cooperating with all government agencies since its FCRA registration wasn't renewed in December 2021," the NGO had said.

### Indian Navy to showcase three frontline combatants in Republic Day parade tableau

### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Indian Navy will showcase its three newly commissioned frontline combatants -- warships INS Surat and INS Nilgiri, and submarine INS Vaghsheer -- in the tableau at the 76th Republic Day Parade on the Kartavya Path in Delhi. At a press conference held here at Kota House on

Wednesday, the Navy unveiled a model of the tableau featuring the thematic tagline, 'Atmanirbhar Nausena se Rashtra Nirman' (Nation Building through a Self Reliant Navy). Officials said the Navy 's mixed marching contingent and a band will also participate in the ceremonial parade.

Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty, the Controller Personnel Services, highlighted that the tableau will depict the three



platforms commissioned just a week ago in Mumbai, symbolising India's naval prowess and the spirt of 'Atmanirbharta'. On January 15, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the three frontline naval combatants to the nation during their commissioning at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

The commissioning of three major naval combatants

marks a significant leap forward in realising India's vision of becoming a global leader in defence manufacturing and maritime security, the defence ministry had ear-

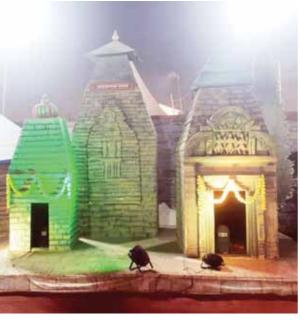
lier said. INS Surat, the fourth and final ship of the P15B Guided Missile Destroyer Project, ranks among the largest and most sophisticated destroyers in the world.



# Historic: 10-crore pilgrims take a dip at Triveni Sangam



# Prayagraj transforms into a magnificent city of temples







### BISWAJEET BANERJEE 📕 MAHAKUMBH NAGAR

In a historic moment, the Mahakumbh 2025 in recorded Prayagraj an unprecedented turnout as the number of devotees taking a holy dip in the sacred Triveni Sangam surpassed the 10crore mark on Thursday afternoon.

This extraordinary milestone highlights the spiritual significance of the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati rivers, drawing pilgrims, sadhus, and Kalpvasis from across the globe.

According to the Yogi Adityanath-led government, this Mahakumbh is projected to welcome over 45 crore visitors. The early milestone of 10 crore bathers reflects the immense faith and enthusiasm surrounding the event.

Thursday alone saw 30 lakh devotees participating in the holy ritual, including 10 lakh Kalpvasis who have taken up temporary residence in Mahakumbh Nagar to dedicate themselves to spirituality during the event. Major bathing festivals have witnessed record-breaking Prayagraj remains unaffected, crowds, with thanks 3.5 crore

devotees performing the Amrit Snan on Makar Sankranti and 1.7 crore on Paush Purnima.

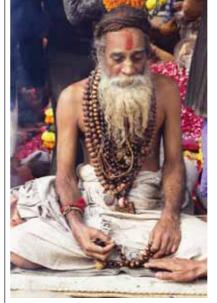
The Triveni Sangam, bustling with activity, serves as a vibrant reflection of Indias cultural diversity, bringing people of different castes, communities, and even nationalities together in an act of shared faith. The Mahakumbhs overarching theme of unity is evident in the harmony among the millions of devotees. Despite the staggering influx

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planning and management b the district administration. Schools, offices, and businesses continue function smoothly, with restrictions imposed only during peak bathing days. This seamless coordination has won appreciation from residents and enhanced the prestige of the Mahakumbh as a global spiritual and cultural spectacle.

With an estimated 35 crore visitors yet to arrive Prayagraj is gearing up for an unforgettable culmination of of pilgrims, everyday life in this massive event, reaffirming its status as the spiritual heart of India. meticulous

# Babas and their spiritual hacks steal the show at Sangam



BISWAJEET BANERJEE MAHAKUMBH NAGAF

The Maha Kumbh 2025 has transformed the sacred banks of the Sangam into a vibrant spiritual hub, attracting millions of devotees and saints from across India. This once-in-a-lifetime celestial event is a testament to faith, tradition, and the grandeur of Sanatan culture.

From the mystical chants of Har Har Gange and Jai Shri Ram echoing through the air to the unique offerings of saints like Rabri Baba and Gaadiwale Baba, the Kumbh is a kaleidoscope of devotion and divinity

According to Swami Tanmayanand Puri from Madhya Pradesh, this Kumbh marks a rare alignment that occurs once every



144 years. "The meticulous arrangements by CM Yogi Adityanaths government have made it possible for saints to engage in uninterrupted spiritual practices along the sacred banks," he said

Unique Experiences at the Kumbh

The Kumbh is home to many remarkable figures. Rabri Baba, for instance, distributes 120 kilograms of rabri daily as prasad, continuing a tradition he began during the 2019 Kumbh. Devotees flock to him, drawn by his sweet offerings and spiritual aura.

Meanwhile, Gaadiwale Baba offers solutions for those unable to attend the Kumbh. "If you cannot come to the Sangam, pour holy Ganga water into a bucket and bathe with it. This will grant you the same spiritual benefits," he



advised. Bade Baba, known nationwide efforts to strengthen Sanatan traditions, hailed the event as a shining example of faith and governance. "CM Yogi Adityanath is a leader like no other. The grand scale of the Kumbh, with tireless support from officials and volunteers, reflects his commitment to Sanatan Dharma," he said, awarding the Chief Minister a symbolic "102 out of 100." With chants of Bam Bam Bhole and Har Har Gange reverberating through the air, the Maha Kumbh 2025 is not just a religious gathering but a celebration of Indias rich spiritual heritage. Saints and devotees alike see it as a divine opportunity to connect with their faith and culture, making this Kumbh a truly extraordinary event

# Al-chatbot to enhance experience of devotees

### BISWAJEET BANERJEE MAHAKUMBH NAGAR

Under the visionary leader-ship of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Prayagraj has been transformed into a magnificent city of temples, offering devotees a unique spiritual experience. Pilgrims visiting the Mahakumbh have the rare opportunity to witness replicas of some of Indias most revered temples all in one place.

Among the highlights is the newly constructed replica of the Tirupati Balaji temple, which is ready to welcome worshippers. Additionally, the grand replicas of the Ram

Temple and Mehndipur Balaji temple are already drawing long queues of devotees.

Adding to the spiritual allure are replicas of Akshardham, the sacred Char Dham, Khatu Shyam, Maa Kamakhya Devi temple, and the ISKCON temple. These iconic structures are captivating the hearts of pilgrims and making the Mahakumbh a hub of religious and cultural significance. Every day, millions of devotees gather in Prayagraj, not only for spiritual fulfillment but also to enjoy delicious offerings and traditional dishes. From

food is available for all. The atmosphere is filled with devotion and spirituality, with ample food provided to ensure no devotee goes hungry. Spiritual leader Shri Shri 1008 Mahamandaleshwar Swami Keshavdas Maharaj has traveled from Guwahati to

make darshan accessible to pilgrims. For the first time, devotees can witness a 3D replica of Maa Kamakhya, with sacred soil from the original temple placed in the sanctum. Additionally, the charanamrit served here is the same as offered at the original Kamakhya temple, thanks to a special arrangement by Shri creamy rabri to tea, halwa, and poori-sabzi, a wide variety of

Gurdas Ji Maharaj and the Bhakti Yoga Institution.

The Mahakumbh Nagar has evolved into more than just a gathering; it is now a vibrant spiritual hub. Sectors 7, 8, and 9 have become focal points, hosting replicas of Indias most iconic temples. The Tirupati Temple, Ram Temple, and Mehndipur Balaji Temple are drawing crowds, with daily bhajan evenings adding to the devotional fervor.

Visitors can also marvel at replicas of Uttarakhands Char Dham, located in the state pavilion in Sector 7, as well as the stunning Akshardham Temple nearby.

#### SISWAJEET BANEBJEE MAHAKUMBH NAGAR

 $P_{\text{Mahakumbh will no longer}}^{\text{ilgrims attending the}}$ need to wander in search of essential facilities and information as a revamped chatbot has been introduced for their convenience.

Equipped with three new features, the AI-based chatbot aims to enhance the experience of devotees. The chatbot will provide accurate details about

accurate details about parking spaces, food courts, and hospitals within a 1-kilometer radius of the user. It will not only provide pilgrims with a complete mapping of the Mahakumbh but also offer detailed information about each sector along with Google

links for Map easy navigation. Mela Officer Additional Vivek Chaturvedi announced that the AI chatbot is

back around 2,000 years in the

valley and informed that a

separate research is going on

to determine the age of the

'While the oldest chinar tree

in Kashmir can be known

girth, we have recorded the

Ganderbal district (in central

Kashmir) whose girth is 74

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enabling pilgrims to access vital information about transportation, parking, banking, public water ATMs, and other services within

The chatbot also allows users to download real-time PDFs tailored to their needs, containing details about toilets, lost-and-found centers, exhibitions, and other essential locations. By simply scanning a QR code,

pilgrims can instantly receive key information directly on their mobile devices. Millions of pilgrims have already benefited from this innovative AI chatbot. Its effective and user-friendly features are providing unparalleled convenience, making the worlds largest religious gathering smoother and more organized. By integrating technology with faith, the chatbot is enhancing the overall experience of devotees.

### Kumbh a message of unity **Chinar trees of Jammu and Kashmir to be geo-tagged** and harmony: Amit Shah

### PTI AHMEDABAD

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said no other event in the world conveys a more powerful message of harmony and unity than Maha Kumbh where anyone can take a dip in the Ganga irrespective of identity.

People across the world are in awe after watching the scale on which the Maha Kumbh at Prayagraj has been organised, he said, speaking after inaugurating the Hindu inaugurating the Hindu Spiritual & Service Fair, also known as Hindu Adhyatmik Seva Mela, at the Gujarat University grounds here. Ambassadors of various countries requested him for "invitation cards", said the senior BJP leader. "I told them there is no formal invitation for this mega gathering, because crores of people converge here on their own at a specific time as per the alignment of the planets," Shah added. They could not believe that 40 crore



people gather at a place without any invitation, he said. When asked who organises the whole thing, "I told them what the government does is very small in comparison to what religious leaders, saints and their organisations do for the people going there," said the minister.

"Kumbh gives a message of harmony and unity because no one asks which religion, sect or caste you belong to. You will get food without any discrimination and go back home after taking a holy dip. No other event in the world conveys a more powerful message of harmony and unity than Maha Kumbh," Shah said.

### PTI SRINAGAR

"Digital Tree Aadhaar" pro-Agramme has been launched by the Jammu and Kashmir government for conservation of the majestic Chinars which will see creation of a comprehensive database of the tree facing threats due to rapid urbanisation.

Under the initiative, the chinar trees – a cultural and ecological symbol of J-K - are being geo-tagged and equipped with QR codes that record information, including its geographical location, health, and growing patterns, enabling conservationists to track changes and address risk factors.

The campaign involves use of modern technology, including Geographical Information System (GIS), to create a comprehensive database for conservation of the chinar trees. The initiative aims to

safeguard chinar trees from threats such as urbanisation, deforestation, and habitat

degradation. The project is being spearheaded by J-K Research Institute of J-K Forest Forest (FRI)

Department. The QR-based digital plate is affixed to each surveyed Chinar tree using a specialised spring-enabled metal. Each tree is given a unique id like tree is given a unique id like Aadhaar specifying the year

the tree is surveyed, the district it is located and a serial number for easy identification.

"Chinar is a part of our culture. We are doing a survey to know the total number of chinars, their status, their height, girth, etc. So, we have taken this initiative of tree geo-tagging," Project Coordinator, FRI, Syed Tariq, told PTI here.

He said so far, around 28,500 chinar trees have been identified, surveyed and their data updated, and the process is going on.

We are preserving that data in the heritage registers of each district. Each district will have its own heritage register



so that the credible data is readily available and new data can be added when new ones are planted," he said.

The project head said a chinar atlas of Kashmir will be chinar trees in Kashmir. created once the exercise is completed. from that survey, in terms of

That will give us an idea how many chinar trees are there in each district, with their status. The project aims and preserving and conserving the iconic tree of Kashmir," he added.

girth," he said.

The official said the project has been named as "Digital Tree Aadhaar" with each tree having a tree number.

"There is complete information about the specific chinar tree in the QR code. When the code is scanned, it will give instant information about the tree.

"A person can get required information about the tree including its location with coordinates, physical characters, health status, height, girth, tree shape, number of main branches, whether the tree is a seed bearer or not, and whether the tree is diseased or not" he said. The district specific codes in the unique code have been taken from the RTO codes. Each tree is photographed and those are uploaded so that they are readily available at the click of a mouse.

said official the The department lacked credible data about the number of chinar trees in the valley before this survey.

"We had a rough estimate of 40,000 or 45,000 trees, but there was no exact number. The idea of a unique code came because once we go for a census, there is always an apprehension of duplication. To avoid that, we came up with this unique ID," Tariq said.

He said the chinar tree, a symbol of cultural heritage, faces threats like urbanisation, deforestation and habitat loss. To ensure its survival, the J-K Forest Department and J-K FRI are leveraging digital tools, including geo-tagging and QR codes, for effective monitoring and conservation. These efforts aim to preserve chinars and their habitats, he said.

The campaign has revealed that the highest number of chinar trees in the valley are found in Srinagar, followed by Ganderbal, Anantnag and

Baramulla districts. The official said in the top 20 series of chinars in the World Monumental Trees, 11 are in from Kashmir.





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# **Trump's ultimatum**

Trump's plain talk on the Ukraine war— 'end it or face sanctions'— could mark a turning point in the conflict

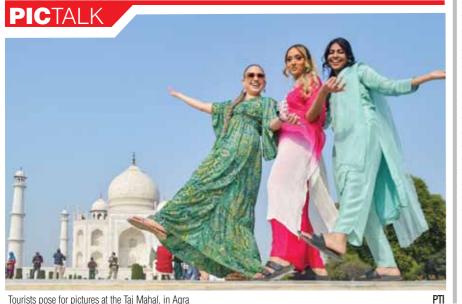
n a dramatic intervention, US President Donald Trump has asked Russian President Vladimir Putin to bring an immediate end to the ongoing Ukraine war. Labeling the conflict 'ridiculous,' Trump warned of severe economic sanctions and tariffs against Russia if Putin failed to negotiate peace. The threat marks a sharp escalation in Trump's rhetoric on a war that has already claimed the lives of over a million soldiers on both sides. Speaking on Truth Social platform, Trump reaffirmed his affinity for the Russian people and his respect for Putin but did not shy away from criticising the Russian leader for prolonging the bloody conflict. "We must never forget that Russia helped us win the Second World War, losing almost 60 million lives in the process," Trump said, highlighting historical ties while urging an end to the ongoing devastation. Trump's approach combines a mix of hardline economic threats and diplomatic overtures. In his straightforward message he suggested that the economic repercussions of prolonged conflict



would be catastrophic for Russia. He emphasised that his preference was for a peaceful resolution.

The Ukraine war, which began with Russia's invasion in February 2022, has dragged on for nearly three years. The conflict has claimed the lives of nearly a million Russian soldiers and 700,000 Ukrainian troops. These staggering figures underscore the war's devastating impact, making it one of the deadliest conflicts of the 21st century. Economic consequences have also been severe, particularly for Russia. International sanctions, coupled with the strain of prolonged military operations, have left the Russian economy struggling with inflation and stagnation. Trump pointed to these eco-

nomic pressures as a potential leverage point, suggesting that a peace deal is in Russia's best interest. Trump's ultimatum reflects a marked departure from his earlier, more ambiguous stance on the conflict. Trump administration is in direct talks with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and Trump himself plans to engage with Putin directly. He appears intent on delivering on that promise with a mix of economic coercion and diplomatic engagement. Despite the grim reality of the war, Trump's comments offers a glimmer of hope for an early resolution. He has emphasised that both Zelensky and Putin should pursue a deal, suggesting that the leaders' willingness would be pivotal in ending the conflict. Trump's ultimatum to Putin could signal a turning point in the Ukraine war, but the path forward remains fraught with uncertainty. While the economic pressure could incentivise Russia to negotiate, the deep-seated political and territorial disputes fueling the conflict may prove challenging to resolve. As the world watches, Trump's next moveswhether imposing sanctions, brokering a deal, or recalibrating military aid-will shape not only the future of the Ukraine war but also the broader geopolitical landscape. For now, one thing is clear: Trump is determined to make his mark on history by ending a war that has caused untold suffering and reshaped global politics.



# Can suspending commodity derivatives rein in food price



SANJAY RAWAL

The debate over whether speculative trading in futures commodity markets drives food price inflation remains unresolved in India and across Asia

hile there are several concerns in India and across Asia, certain policy and key opinion circles that food price inflation is catalysed or influenced somehow by speculative trading in the futures commodity markets. Even while opinions are divided in policy circles and among economists who have studied and examined the nature of the relationship between food inflation and commodity and derivative futures trading contracts, and no empirical evidence hitherto seems to have been found despite numerous studies undertaken in India.

It would be worth mentioning that a detailed empirical research  $% \overline{A}$ study conducted by leading researchers from the Indian Institute of Management Udaipur specifically studied three suspension events in India of futures traded commodities, which led the researchers to firmly state that the counterfactual for each of the examined episodes confirms that even in the absence of trading suspensions, food prices or inflationary trends would have followed their dynamic path.

Any upward price volatility could ostensibly be the effects or countereffects of various extraneous domestic or global (especially geopolitical) factors. It is also equally understandable and natural for any governing policy institution to be both fully cog-nisant and mindful of food price inflationary trends, and the fact that rising food prices can have a cataclysmic effect on food security and thus, by extension could have substantive socio-economic impact.

Successive policy establishments and ecosystems have always been overly cautious, ever since futures trading commodity derivatives exchanges were established in the early 2000s. Despite the mandate of such commodity exchanges that futures trading contracts encourage effective and fair price discovery and risk hedging, which consequently sateguards the com-modity value chain from price risk which is a result of a fundamental play between demand ic instances studied, such as and supply the apprehensions those of Bengal Gram (Chana)

concerning these market-driven tools continued to remain, manifesting itself the way of multiple instances of suspensions on certain commodity

derivative contracts. While trading suspensions have been a constant feature since 2007-2008, under the advisement of the price monitoring mechanisms and agencies within the government policy ecosystem, there never has been an occasion when suspensions of commodity trading exceeded more than a year in a single stretch, barring the odd 'sensitive' food commodity. So as a commodity markets expert, with a domestic and world view of ongoing trading in global commodity markets, one begs to specifically ask - Do derivatives trading suspensions really rein in food price inflation?

Researchers have constantly alluded to synthetic control methodologies to apply to their studies for studying specific suspensions, their findings fairly and comprehensively conclude and determine that there is no empirical evidence that derivatives suspension nad any impact whatsoever on food prices. On the contrary, from specif-



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including CBBOs (Cluster Business Organisations) and FPOs (Farmer Producer Organisations), while consequently hurting the value realisation and income levels of farmers.

It also adversely impacts India's position in providing a global price benchmark, despite the country being a major producer and consumer of several agricultural commodities. Needless to say, as an active observer of the Indian agribased commodity trading ecosystem, it behove advocacy and argument that summary commodity suspensions as a method to arrest or contain food price inflation should not be adopted and further the suspension of futures trading contracts of agricultural commodity derivatives must be revoked. In closure, one must say emphatically that the development of the agri-derivatives market is supported in India, which in turn will lead to fair price discovery and transparent hedging of price risks, eventually creating a positive socio-economic impact for farmers and the

### ESTABLISHED IN THE EARLY 2000S

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# AI and defence dynamics: Global trends and India's adaptation



India is harnessing AI to enhance national security, counter threats and establish itself at the forefront of the defence innovation landscape

ross-border terrorism and geopolitical tensions, such as the Russia-Ukraine conflict and Israel-Iran hostilities, have driven unprecedented defence spending since World War II. To counter these threats, nations are leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) to build resilient defence systems. AI enhances national security by enabling robust decision-making to detect, analyse, and address complex threats across multiple fronts.

### The Shift Towards AI in Defence

AI is transforming defence strategies, reducing reliance on human personnel. The US military's active-duty personnel are at their lowest levels in eight decades, while the U.K. has seen a 30 per cent reduction since 2000, largely due to AI-driven tools replacing soldiers in high-risk operations. With advancements in IoT and data analytics, experts predict a significant increase in AI-based defence systems globally. India's Al-Driven Defence Evolution



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India, a leading G20 nation, Engineering (MCTE). Additionally, the 2024 is actively integrating AI into its defence framework launch of India's first AI to counter internal and Data Bank aims to enhance external threats. Initiatives national security through like the 2022 launch of 75 real-time analytics and pre-AI-enabled defence proddictive capabilities. ucts highlight India's focus AI in Security and on cybersecurity, automa-Surveillance tion, and autonomous sys-AI aids investigation agencies in video surveillance and threat detection,

tems. The Ministry of Defence (MoD) allocates \$12.6 million annually for AI projects, including the establishment of an AI center at the Military College of Telecommunication nition) and Weak AI

(focused tasks), intelligence agencies enhance security, mitigate breaches and safeguard civilians and public institutions.

### Challenges and Future Prospects

Despite promising advance-ments, AI adoption in India's defence faces challenges, including data privacy, cybersecurity and ethical concerns surrounding autonomous systems. To remain competitive, India must increase investments in research, collaborate internationally and address accountability issues tied to AI-driven military oper-

#### ations Conclusion

By adopting a risk-based regulatory framework, India can ensure the ethical and effective deployment of AI in defence. While challenges persist, the ongoing innovations and strategic initiatives signal a future where India's defence capabilities transcend traditional methods, embracing AI as a cornerstone of national security.

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### **PANIC KILLS PASSENGERS**

Madam - Twelve passengers on the Pushpak Express were killed and 55 injured after jumping from the tightpacked unreserved coaches onto the track in panic, fearing a fire (they don't even notice or hear approaching trains), only to be run over by the Karnataka Express near Pachora railway station in Jalgaon dis-trict of Maharashtra. Unable to understand when the public will get some sense. Why do they need to wander on tracks even if they had jumped out of a train that they thought was on fire?

Though for this sad mishap we definitely cannot blame the railways from any angle. Even though people may have agreed with me that Indians have lost trust and faith in the railway administration to such an extent that without verifying the rumour, they believe it (smoke that perhaps sparked rumours of a fire) and act accordingly. This shows total distrust of the railways. This is not the first instance; the Jalgaon tragedy revives the painful memory of a similar accident in which 21 women and a boy lost their lives in Mumbai's Goregaon.

On October 13, 1993, passengers on Western Railway's 'ladies special' local between Borivali and Kandivali jumped off a first-class compartment onto the tracks after seeing smoke rise from the undercarriage of their stationary train. Whatever, we all know how our system works. It's the responsibility of people who travel to take care of themselves, not the railway. Yes, it is really tragic for people to lose their lives. It is a big loss to their families. A moment of profound grief and sorrow. . May God give strength to all the deceased family members at this difficult time. May their souls rest in peace. Om Shanti.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee | Faridabad

### **FREEBIES HURT ECONOMY**

Madam-The growing trend of offering freebies during elections, such as in the Delhi Assembly polls, poses significant challenges to both the economy and democracy. Economically, these promis-

# **US withdraws from**



n a tearing hurry to make America great again, Trump bombarded his country and the rest of the world with a slew of executive orders. He withdrew the US from the World Health Organisation, alleging that the global agency had mishandled the COVID-19 pandemic. His own handling of the coronavirus catastrophe was dreadful—over 3,50,000 deaths were reported in the US in 2020, the final year of his first term-but those glaring lapses are of no con-

es strain public finances, divert resources from critical sectors, and create an unsustainable dependency culture.

Over time, this undermines fiscal discipline and hampers long-term development. In the democratic sphere, freebies erode accountability, manipulate voter choices, and shift focus away from systemic reforms. They often favour immediate political gains over addressing structural inequalities, weakening institutions, and fostering inequity. While welfare measures are essential for uplifting marginalised groups, they must be carefully balanced with sustainable policies. Policymakers should prioritise structural reforms, economic growth, and targeted welfare instead of indulging in competitive populism. Ultimately, a balanced approach is key to safeguarding both fis-cal health and the integrity of democratic processes.

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### **RUPEE'S FURTHER DECLINE EXPECTED**

Madam — India's Weakening Rupee and its expected Impact on the Indian Stock

sequence to him now. He has washed his hand of international collaboration to combat any future pandemic. Trump also signed America's withdrawal from the Paris climate agreement, whose main goal is to limit global warming to 1.5 C above pre-industrial levels.

Last year ended as the planet's hottest on record. and the target looks even more improbable now with the US jumping ship. In an irrational way, the President pardoned 1,500-odd protesters who stormed the US Capitol on January 6, 2021, in a bid to prevent lawmakers from certifying his election defeat. The incident was a big blow to American democracy. In stark contrast, there is bad news for those desperate to sneak into the US, as Trump has declared illegal immigration at the US-Mexico border a "national emergency." It's America First for him-and the world must brace itself for the worst.

N Sadhasiva Reddy | Bengaluru

Market and on Companies with Large USD Borrowings and other relevant issues. Rupee's further decline cannot be avoided. RBI's own calculations indicate a large overvaluation of the rupee, so a lot more decline of the rupee against the dollar must happen, especially if the US imposes tariffs.

In case of a large and rapid rupee decline, the economy and stock markets could be disrupted. Therefore, economic turmoil is unavoidable. If the rupee becomes significantly weaker against the dollar, the debt and interest repayment burden of these Indian companies will go up. If the rupee is strong, then dollar debt becomes cheaper. So, nobody gained from this RBI pivot of 2022. Short-term strategies can sometimes have long-term consequences. India got into this mess by betting on high GDP growth, which can be the only saviour in this situation. But now the GDP growth itself has slowed.

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### **INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY: CHAMPIONING THE GLOBAL SOUTH**

India's approach balances national priorities with global responsibilities



### KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

ndia's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar attended the US presidential inauguration earlier this week. President Trump's inauguration by itself is an epochal moment for global international relations. India outlined its foreign policy approach a few days ago, during EAM's address at Nani Palkivala's memorial lecture. He mentioned that India's foreign policy in 2025 reflects a deepening commitment to multilateralism, but also recognises the competitive realities of a shifting global order. The nation has embraced issue-based partnerships with major groupings like the Quad, BRICS, and the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC). India's ability to balance multiple memberships and partnerships underscores its evolving diplomatic strategy, driven by a pragmatic approach to international relations.

At the heart of India's foreign policy is a strong solidarity with the Global South, rooted in post-colonial values of independence, sovereignty and resistance to external pressures. This unique perspective sets India apart from traditional alliance structures, as it champions the rights of developing nations while pursuing its strategic interests. While India continues to engage in global dialogues, it maintains its core principle of nonalignment and the freedom to choose partners based on national priorities. Recent shifts in India's domestic policies-across politics, economics and security-have influenced its foreign relations.



Notably, India's relationship with the United States has transformed, moving past historical hesitations to embrace a deeper strategic partnership. This cooperation spans security, technology, trade, and science, benefiting both nations. India's diaspora also plays a crucial role, acting as a living bridge to enhance bilateral ties. Despite occasional policy shifts in the US, the foundation for a robust relationship is now firmly established. However, India's engagement with China remains a complex challenge. As the two largest Asian nations with over a billion people each, their dynamic is shaped by historical disputes and differing political systems. The boundary issue, exacerbated by tensions since 2020, continues to complicate bilateral relations. The guiding principles for India's approach to China are mutual respect, sensitivity, and shared interests, with an emphasis on long-term stability and a multi-polar Asia. In the Indo-Pacific, India has extended its Act East policy, fostering deeper relationships with Japan, Australia and ASEAN countries, and strengthen-

# Budget 2025: A roadmap to empower farmers and reignite rural India



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The Budget must go beyond promises—it must deliver feasible solutions to secure livelihoods, strengthen rural demand and bridge the rural-urban divide

inance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman gears up to present the Union Budget 2025-26 on February 1, the nation stands at a pivotal crossroads. With GDP growth projected to dip to a four-year low of 6.4 per cent in FY 2024-25, the spotlight turns to revitalising the rural economy, a cornerstone of the country's consumptiondriven progress.

The urgent call for agricultural reforms has grown louder, fueled by ongoing farmer protests, including the fast-unto-death by 70-year-old farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal at Punjab's Khanauri border, which has captured national attention, demanding a legal guarantee for Minimum Support Price (MSP). Agriculture, which employs nearly 45 per cent of the country's workforce and sustains over 60 per cent of its rural population, is at a breaking point. Stagnant productivity, declining incomes, and policy neglect have left farmers in crisis. This Budget cannot be limited to lofty promises-it must deliver practical solutions to secure livelihoods, strengthen rural demand, and narrow the rural-urban divide. Revitalising agriculture is not just an economic necessity but a moral obligation to foster inclusive growth. Here's how Budget 2025 can introduce transformative measures to bolster the agricultural sector and ensure rural spending-currently contributing 60 per cent of total consumption -fuels India's economic resurgence.

### 1. Boost Agriculture Budget and Research

The allocation for agriculture and allied sectors constitutes only 3 per cent of the Union Budget, which needs to be raised to at least 7.5%. Unspent funds in this cat-egory should be carried forward to address critical gaps in research, education, and infrastructure for crop storage and processing. Investing in agricultural research institutions to develop climate-resilient crop varieties and sustainable farming techniques can enhance productivity. Encouraging public-private partnerships in agrarian innovation can further drive

## the sector's growth. 2. Provide Legal Backing to MSP

The persistent demand for Minimum Support Price (MSP) with legal guarantees highlights the sector's vulnerabilities. Implementing the MS Swaminathan Commission's recommendation of setting MSP at C2 (comprehensive cost of production) +50 per cent and granting it legal sta-tus can ensure private buyers do not exploit farmers. This reform would not put a significant financial strain on the government but could protect farmers from distress sales. Furthermore, creating a robust monitoring mechanism to enforce MSP and extending its coverage to more crops can improve farmers' incomes. Enhancing the transparency of procurement processes through digital platforms and integrating MSP enforcement with local market committees can also make the system more reliable.



small-marginal farmers, who struggle to meet their expenses amid rising input costs for seeds, fertilisers, and irrigation. 4. Transform the Kisan Credit

Card (KCC) The KCC scheme provides shortterm loans with an interest subsidy

for up to Rs 3 lakh. However, the rigid repayment schedule often forces farmers to rely on private moneylenders to meet short-term cash requirements.

A more farmer-friendly approach would be to convert KCCs into running overdraft accounts, increase the credit limit to Rs 10 lakh, and cap interest rates at 4 per cent. Removing usage restrictions on loans would further empower farmers to make long-term agricultural investments. Additionally, simplifying the KCC application A NONprocess and enhancing awareness CONTRIBUTORY through rural outreach programs PENSION OF can improve access to credit. Expanding the scheme to include RS3,000 PER sharecroppers, tenant farmers,

be legally mandating private dairies to match or exceed the milk procurement prices set by cooperatives like Amul. Additionally, incorporating milk and eggs into the mid-day meal scheme can improve farm incomes while tackling malnutrition among children. Promoting cattle insurance schemes and increasing budgetary allocation for veterinary services can enhance livestock productivity. Encouraging the adoption of modern technologies like artificial insemination and genetic improvement can further boost the sector's contribution to rural livelihoods. 7. Reform Fertiliser Subsidy Policies

The current system treats fertiliser subsidies as farmer benefits but deducts the subsidised amount while calculating MSP. This practice lowers farmers' actual remuneration. MSP calculations should instead consider the market price of inputs, ensuring fairer returns for farmers. The government could also promote balanced fertiliser use by incentivising organic farming practices and providing subsidies for bio-fertilisers. A shift towards a direct benefit transfer system for fertiliser subsidies can reduce leakages and ensure benefits reach the intended beneficiaries. 8. Simplify Crop Insurance The PM Fasal Bima Yojana requires farmers to navigate complex procedures to claim compensation. The government should shoulder the entire premium initially, including the state's share, and simplify the claim process. This would reduce the administrative burden on farmers while ensuring timely compensation for crop losses. Leveraging technology like satellite imagery and AI-driven risk assessment models can streamline the verification process and minimise disputes. Expanding insurance coverage to include post-har-

vest losses and natural calamities can make the scheme more comprehensive and farmer-friendly. . Reassess Inflation Control

Policies Policies like export bans, stock limits on agricultural produce, and the Food Corporation of India (FCI) dumping grains at below-market prices undermine farmers' proftability. These interventions should be re-evaluated to balance inflation control with fair returns for farmers. Encouraging exports of surplus produce and ensuring better storage infrastructure can reduce post-harvest losses. Developing a decentralised agricultural pricing system driven by real-time market data can align domestic policies with global demand trends. A Vision for Fairness and Growth India's agricultural sector has long been the backbone of its economy, yet farmers have faced systemic neglect and economic disparity.

Over the last decade, the government has written off Rs12.30 lakt crore in big corporate loans, while farmers continue to struggle under mounting debt (Rs 18 lakh crore) and policies that fail to guarantee fair prices for their produce. The 2025 Budget presents an opportunity to correct these imbalances. By addressing these critical issues, the government can improve farmers' lives, spur rural demand, catalyse GDP growth and lay the foundation for a more equitable and sustainable agricultural future. It's time to honour the farmers who feed the nation by delivering the support they deserve.



ing the Quad alliance.

This partnership has progressed in areas such as climate action, maritime security, and digital connectivity. Similarly, India's collaboration with Russia remains a pillar of its foreign policy, with growing economic ties and shared strategic interests. India advocates for diplomacy in addressing global challenges, such as the Ukraine conflict, and seeks to provide solutions to global problems, including food security and climate change

It has assisted smaller neighbours during crises, including the 2023 financial support to Sri Lanka, reinforcing its role as a regional leader. However, India's relationship with Pakistan remains strained due to ongoing crossborder terrorism. India is also engaged in strengthening ties with Myanmar and Afghanistan, maintaining its people-to-people connections despite political complexities. India's global ambitions are reflected in its increasing role in international organisations. As a proponent of multilateral reform, India has pushed for changes in the United Nations, advocating for greater representation of the Global South. It also leads initiatives such as the International Solar Alliance and Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure. These efforts highlight India's growing responsibility as a global power, dedicated to addressing pressing issues like climate change, digital governance, and humanitarian crises.

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### 3. Enhance PM-KISAN Support

The Rs 6,000 annual support to around 10 crore small and marginal farmers under NEEDED FINANCIAL PM-KISAN to help meet their working capital needs, unchanged since its launch in 2018, has not kept pace with inflation. However, with inflation averaging 6 per cent over the past six years. The government should consider doubling this support to Rs 12,000 annually to address farmers' growing financial needs.

This increase could significantly impact

and farm labourers can promote MONTH FOR financial inclusion in agriculture. 5. Introduce a Pension Scheme SMALL AND for Small Farmers

India's farmers lack a robust social MARGINAL security net. A non-contributory FARMERS AGED 60 pension of Rs3,000 per month for small and marginal farmers aged AND ABOVE, 60 and above, owning up to 2 hectares of land, could provide **OWNING UP TO 2** much-needed financial security. **HECTARES OF** Contributions from state governments could further augment this LAND, COULD scheme. Implementing such a **PROVIDE MUCH**pension system can alleviate poverty among elderly farmers and reduce their dependence on family support. SECURITY

6. Strengthen Animal Husbandry and Dairy Sectors: Livestock contributes over 25 per

cent to agricultural GDP but suffers from fluctuating milk prices and restrictive cattle rearing and trade policies.

A simple yet impactful step would

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## Pioneering community-led groundwater management for a sustainable future

The Atal Bhujal Yojana, designed to address India's growing groundwater crisis, shifts the focus to a community-driven approach

neering government initiative spearheaded by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, in collaboration with the World Bank. This innovative program marks a significant departure from traditional top-down approaches to water management, instead empowering communities to take the lead in sustainable groundwater management.

A Bottom-Up Approach to Water Security Atal Jal has been implemented across 8,203 Gram Panchayats, 229 blocks, and 80 districts in seven states: Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh.

he Atal Bhujal Yojana, By directly engaging with marginalised farmers, the marginalised farmers, the poor, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, minorities, and other vulnerable groups, the scheme promotes inclusive development and social equity.

The core objective of Atal Jal is to increase groundwater availability and ensure its long-term sustainability. By bolstering groundwater resources, the programme aims to enhance agricultural productivity and build resilience against the growing threats of climate change.

Atal Jal is more than just a water management programme; it is a catalyst for social and economic transformation. By empowering communities and prioritis-

ing gender equity, the



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scheme is paving the way

for a more prosperous and

sustainable rural India. As

this groundbreaking initia-

tive continues to unfold, it

offers a beacon of hope,

illuminating a future where

water security and equitable

development go hand-in-

hand.

ety, this groundbreaking initiative is a harbinger of hope, fortifying the future through equitable resource management and fostering prosperity among those it touch-

The Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal) is a comprehensive initiative that goes beyond technical solutions to address the pressing issue of groundwater depletion. It is multifaceted programme that combines technical interventions with social and behavioural change strategies.

**Empowering Communities** A key aspect of Atal Jal is its focus on gender equality and community empower-With its transformative ment. By involving women impact reverberating in decision-making processthrough every layer of soci- es and capacity-building



empowers them to play a crucial role in sustainable water use.

The programme also recognises the importance of educating the next generation and conducts essay and drawing competitions in schools.

To further enhance its impact, Atal Jal utilises technology to monitor groundwater levels and disseminate information. The Atal Jal mobile app provides stakeholders and the general public with access to information about groundwater resources and management practices.

### A Sustainable Future Atal Jal's well-defined sus-

tainable strategy involves community training resource persons and perspectives and needs are awareness about groundwa- preparing water budgets in

collaboration with the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. This systematic approach ensures the long-term sustainability of the program and empowers communities to make informed decisions about water use.

The success of Atal Jal is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the team behind the initiative. By combining technical expertise with a strong focus on social and behavioural change, Atal Jal is poised to become a model for future groundwater management programmes.

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programmes, the scheme considered. Atal Jal employs innovative approaches to engage with communities. Through a variety of activi-

Women are encouraged to participate in meetings, training and leadership roles, ensuring that their

ties, including rallies, com-

munity meetings, competi-

tions, and social media cam-

paigns, the scheme raises

ter issues and promotes sustainable practices.



# **Trump threatens Russia with tariffs, sanctions** House passes immigrant detention bill

#### PTI WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump has warned his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin to end the 'ridiculous war' in Ukraine or face high tariffs and further sanctions. Trump, who was sworn in as the 47th President of the United States on January 20, said this on Truth Social on Wednesday, a social media platform owned by him.

Trump called out Russian President Putin by name in the social media post, arguing that he always had a good relationship with the leader, but that it was time to settle "this ridiculous War!

Asserting that he is looking to hurt Russia, Trump said he wants no more lives to be lost in the war.

"Let's get this war, which never would have started if I were President, over with! We can do it the easy way, or the hard way - and the easy way is always better. It's time to "MAKE A DEAL." NO MORE LIVES SHOULD BE LOST!!!" Trump said.

"I love the Russian people, and always had a very good rela-tionship with President Putin - and this despite the Radical Left's Russia, Russia, Russia HOAX. We must never forget

that Russia helped us win the Second World War, losing almost 60,000,000 lives in the process," he said. He also warned that if there was not a ceasefire deal soon,

he would "have no other choice" but to impose tariffs, taxes and sanctions on "anything being sold by Russia to the United States, and various other participating countries." "All of that being said, I'm going to do Russia, whose Economy is failing, and FAVOUR. Settle now, and STOP this ridiculous War! IT'S ONLY GOING TO GET WORSE. If we don't make a "deal," and soon, I have no other choice but to put high levels of Taxes, Tariffs, and

Sanctions on anything being sold by Russia to the United States, and various other par-ticipating countries," Trump said making an open appeal to the Russian leader.

The Biden administration has already imposed numerous sanctions on various Russian economic sectors, including its oil and energy sectors earlier this month, in an effort to cut off its revenues to fund the war

in Ukraine. Trump has for months called for a ceasefire in Ukraine, urging both sides to negotiate.

Russian forces invaded Ukraine in early 2022, and both sides have sustained heavy losses in the nearly three vears of fighting since. During his campaign, Trump repeatedly said he could settle

the war between Russia and Ukraine in one day if he was elected president. He would go on to claim that Putin would never have invaded had Trump been president, the National Public Radio reported. On Tuesday, Trump said he is ready to meet Putin anytime, but at the same time, he warned that he would likely impose sanctions on Russia if the latter does not come to the negotiations table on the issue

of Ukraine. "It sounds likely," Trump told reporters when asked if the US will impose additional sanctions on Russia if Putin doesn't come to the negotiation table.

Trump also said that Ukraine's President Zelensky told him that he would like to have peace. He's told me that he wants to

have peace very strongly, but it takes two to tango. We'll see what happens. Anytime they want, I'll meet. I'd like to see that end. Millions of people are being killed. It's a vicious situation," he said

The Republican-led House on Wednesday gave its final approval to a bill that requires the detainment of unauthorised immigrants accused of theft and violent crimes, marking the first legislation that US President Donald Trump can sign as Congress, with some bipartisan support, swiftly moved in line with his plans to crackdown on illegal immigra-

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tion. Passage of the Laken Riley Act, named after a Georgia nursing student who was murdered last year by a Venezuelan man, shows just how sharply the political debate over immigration has shifted to the right following Trump's election victory.

Immigration policy has often been one of the most entrenched issues in Congress, but a crucial faction of 46 politically vulnerable Democrats joined with Republicans to lift the strict proposal to passage on a 263-156 vote tally

"For decades, it has been almost impossible for our government to agree on solutions

for the problems at our border and within our country," Senator Katie Britt, an Alabama Republican, said.

She called the legislation "perhaps the most significant immigration enforcement bill" to be passed by Congress in nearly three decades. Still, the bill would require a

massive ramp-up in US Immigration and Customs Enforcement's capabilities, but it does not include any new

funding. Meanwhile, the new president has launched a slew of executive orders intended to seal off the border of Mexico to immigration and ultimately deport millions of immigrants without permanent legal status in the

On Wednesday, Trump also cancelled refugee resettlement while his administration signalled intentions to prosecute local law enforcement officials who do not enforce his new immigration policies.

Republican congressional lead ers have made it clear they intend to follow suit, though their toughest challenge will be finding a way to approve the funding to actually implement

Trump's hard-line plans. What he's doing is kick-start-

ing what will ultimately be our legislative agenda," said House Speaker Mike Johnson. House Republicans initially passed the legislation last year with support from 37 Democrats in a move that was intended to deliver a political rebuke to then-President Joe Biden's handling of the southern border.

It then languished in the Democratic-controlled Senate. This year, Republicans, now with control of both congressional chambers, have made it their top priority. When it came before the Senate, 12 Democrats voted in favour of passage, and when the House voted on a version of the bill earlier this month, 48

Democrats supported it. The vast majority of US adults favour deporting immigrants convicted of violent crimes, according to a recent survey by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Democrats unsuccessfully However, only about 37 per pushed to have that provision cent of US adults are in favour stripped from the bill in the of deporting immigrants who Senate, saying it would inject have not been convicted of a even more uncertainty and

crime. "While the bill is not per-fect, it sends a clear message that we think that criminals partisanship into immigration policy. Ultimately, even the Trump should be deported," said Rep administration is likely to Tom Suozzi, a New York

his party to support tougher

The scope of the proposal was widened in the Senate to also

include those accused of

assaulting a police officer or

crimes that injure or kill some-

The bill also gives legal standing to state attorneys general to sue the federal government

for harm caused by federal

That gives states new power in

setting immigration policy

when they have already been

trying to push back against presidential decisions under

both the Trump and Biden

United States, and orders fed

eral agencies to not recognise

citizenship for children who

don't have at least one parent

A key case involving birthright

argued that case clearly applied to children born to parents who

were both legal immigrants.

They say it's less clear whether

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struggle to implement the new Democrat who has called on requirements unless Congress follows up later this year with funding. Republicans are currently Under the legislation, federal authorities would be required to detain any migrant arrested or charged with crimes like

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strategising how to push their priorities through Congress through a party-line process known as budget reconciliation. They have put the cost of funding Trump's border and deportation priorities at rough-ly USD 100 billion.

Trump has "laid out the largest domestic logistical undertaking of our lifetimes — that being the deportation of the vast majority of illegal aliens present in the United States", Ken Cuccinelli, who directed US Citizenship and Immigration Services during Trump's first presidency, recently told a Senate panel.

Cuccinelli said it would require a surge of immigration judges, prosecutors and other staff, but Trump has also paved the way to use military troops, bases and other resources to carry out the mass deportations.

# Firefighters struggle to control massive blaze north of LA

#### PTI CASTAIC

Tirefighters fought to main-Firefighters lought to the tail the upper hand on a huge and rapidly moving wildfire that swept through rugged mountains north of Los Angeles and resulted in more than 50,000 people being put under evacuation orders or warnings The Hughes Fire broke out late Wednesday morning and in less than a day had charred nearly 16 square miles (41 square kilometers) of trees and brush near Lake Castaic, a pop-ular recreation area about 40 miles (64 kilometers) from the devastating Eaton and Palisades fires that are burning for a third week. Though the region was under a red flag warning for critical fire risk, winds were not as fast as they had been when those fires broke out, allowing for firefighting aircraft to dump tens of thousands of gallons of fire retardant on the latest blaze. By Wednesday night, about



A helicopter drops water on the Hughes Fire along Castaic Lake in Castaic, Calif. Wednesday. AP/PTI

14% of the Hughes Fire had been contained. "The situation Angeles County Fire Chief Anthony Marrone said Wednesday evening. that we're in today is very dif-Red flag warnings were extendferent from the situation we were in 16 days ago," Los ed through 10 a.m. Friday in LA

and Ventura counties. Officials remained concerned that the Palisades and Eaton fires could break their containment lines as firefighters continue watching for hot spots

More than 31,000 people have been ordered to evacuate from the Hughes Fire, and another 23,000 are under evacuation warnings, LA County Sheriff Robert Luna said. There were no reports of homes or other structures burned.

Parts of Interstate 5 near the Hughes Fire that had been closed reopened Wednesday evening. A 30-mile (48-kilometer) stretch of the major northsouth artery had been closed for emergency vehicles, to move equipment and to prevent accidents due to smoke billowing across it.

Crews on the ground and in water-dropping aircraft tried to prevent the wind-driven fire from moving across the interstate and toward Castaic.

### birthright citizenship in federal court thousands of people born in the country, according to one of the lawsuits. In 2022, there were Washington (PTI): A federal judge in Seattle is set to hear the first arguments on Thursday in a multi-state lawsuit seeking to block President Donald

Trump's executive order ending the constitutional guarantee of birthright citizenship regardless of the parents' immigration

status. US District Judge John Coughenour scheduled the ses-sion to consider the request from Arizona, Illinois, Oregon and Washington. The case is one of five lawsuits being brought by 22 states and a number of immigrants rights groups across the country. The suits include personal testimonies from attorneys general who are US citizens by birthright, and names pregnant century women who are afraid their children won't become US cit-

izens. The order, signed by Trump on Inauguration Day, is slated to take effect on February 19. It

about 255,000 births of citizen children to mothers living in the country illegally and about 153.000 births to two such parents, according to the fourstate suit filed in Seattle. The US is among about 30 countries where birthright citizenship the principle of jus soli or "right of the soil" — is applied.

Most are in the Americas, and Canada and Mexico are among them. The lawsuits argue that the 14th Amendment to the US Constitution guarantees citizenship for people born and naturalised in the US, and states have been interpreting the amendment that way for a

Ratified in 1868 in the aftermath of the Civil War, the amendment says: "All persons born or naturalised in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens could impact hundreds of of the United States and of the

Pentagon on Wednesday said it has begun deploying 1,500 active duty troops to help secure the southern border in the coming days, putting in motion plans US President Donald Trump laid out in executive orders shortly after he took office to crack down on immi-

citizenship unfolded in 1898. The Supreme Court held that Wong Kim Ark, who was born gration. Acting Defence Secretary in San Francisco to Chinese Robert Salesses said the Pentagon will provide military immigrants, was a US citizen aircraft to support Department of Homeland Security deportabecause he was born in the country. After a trip abroad, he faced being denied reentry by tion flights for more than 5,000 the federal government on the detained migrants and the grounds that he wasn't a citizen troops will assist in the conunder the Chinese Exclusion struction of barriers. Act. But some advocates of The number of troops and immigration restrictions have

their mission may soon change Salesses said in a statement.It remains to be seen if they will end up doing law enforcement, which would put American troops in a dramatically differ-ent role for the first time in decades.

The active duty forces will join the roughly 2,500 US National and Reserve Fuarc already there. There are currently no active duty troops working along the roughly 3.219-km border. Personnel started moving to the border earlier Wednesday, according to a military official briefing reporters on the condition of anonymity to provide additional details on the deployment.

Pentagon sending Bid to block Trump's cancellation of active duty troops to help secure **US-Mexico** border State wherein they reside.' Washington (PTI): The Trump's order asserts that the children of noncitizens are not subject to the jurisdiction of the

### Teen fatally shoots female student, Elon Musk clashes with OpenAl CEO self at Nashville high school: Police

### PTI WASHINGTON

 $E_{\rm OpenAI\ CEO\ Sam\ Altman}^{\rm lon\ Musk\ is\ clashing\ with}$ over the Stargate artificial intelligence infrastructure project touted by President Donald Trump, the latest in a feud between the two tech billionaires that started on OpenAI's board and is now testing Musk's influence with the new president. Trump on Tuesday had talked up a joint venture investing up to \$500 billion through a new partnership formed by OpenAI, the maker of ChatGPT, alongside Oracle and SoftBank.

The new entity, Stargate, is already starting to build out data centres and the electricity generation needed for the further development of fast-evolving AI technology

Trump declared it "a resounding declaration of confidence in between Musk and Altman that America's potential" under his began with a boardroom rivalnew administration, with an ini-ÓpenAI, which both men tial private investment of \$100 billion that could reach five helped found. Musk, an early OpenAI investor times that sum.

But Musk, a close Trump advis-

er who helped bankroll his campaign and now leads a government cost-cutting initiative, questioned the value of the investment hours later. "They don't actually have the money," Musk wrote on his social platform X. "SoftBank has well under \$10B secured. I have that on good authority? Altman responded Wednesday to say Musk was "wrong, as you surely know" and inviting Musk to come visit the first site in

construction.

artificial intelligence company last year alleging it had betrayed its founding aims as a nonprofit research lab benefiting the public good rather than pursuing profits.

Musk has since escalated the dispute, adding new claims and asking for a court order that would stop OpenAI's plans to convert itself into a for-profit business more fully. A hearing is set for February in a California federal court.

The world's richest man, whose Texas that is already under companies include Tesla, SpaceX and X, last year started "(T)his is great for the country. his own rival AI company, xAI, i realize what is great for the country isn't always what's optithat is building its own big data center in Memphis, Tennessee. mal for your companies, but in Musk says it faces unfair comyour new role i hope you'll mostly put (America) first," petition from OpenAI and its close business partner Microsoft, which has supplied Altman wrote, using a US flag The public clash over Stargate is the huge computing resources needed to build ĂI systems such as ChatGPT. Tech news part of a years-long dispute outlet The Information first over who should run reported on an OpenAI data center project called Stargate in March 2024, indicating that it's been in the works long before and board member, sued the Trump announced it.

PTI NASHVILLE

female student was killed A and another student was wounded on Wednesday in a shooting in a Nashville high school cafeteria, police said. The 17-year-old shooter, who was also a student at Antioch High School, later shot and killed himself with a handgun, Metro Nashville Police spokesperson Don Aaron said during a news conference.

Police identified him as Solomon Henderson.

Police chief John Drake said the shooter "confronted" a 16year-old female student in the cafeteria and opened fire, killing her. Police identified her as Josselin Corea Escalante. Drake said police are looking into a motive and whether the students who were shot were targeted

The male student who was



Students wait to get off a bus at a unification site following a shooting at the Antioch High School in Nashville, Tenn., Wednesday. AP/PTI

wounded suffered a graze, and was treated and released from the hospital, Drake said. Another student was taken to

officers in the building when a hospital for treatment of a the shooting happened around

11 am (local time), Aaron said. They were not in the immediate vicinity of the cafeteria and by the time they got down there the shooting was over and the gunman had killed himself, Aaron said.

The school has about 2,000 students and is located in Antioch a neighbourhood about 16 km southeast of downtown Nashville. At a family safety centre close to a hospital, officials were helping shocked parents to reunite with their children. Dajuan Bernard was waiting at a Mapco service station to reunite with his son, a 10th grader, who was being held in the auditorium with other students on Wednesday afternoon. He first heard of the shooting from his son who "was a little startled", Bernard said. His son was upstairs from the cafeteria but said he heard the gunfire.

The troops will include 500 Marines from Camp Pendleton in California, and the remain-

der will be army personnel. Troops have done similar duties in support of Border Patrol agents in the past, when both Trump and former president Joe Biden sent active duty troops to the border.

Troops are prohibited by law from doing law enforcement duties under the Posse Comitatus Act, but that may change. Trump has directed through executive order that the incoming secretary of defence and incoming homeland security chief report back within 90 days if they think an 1807 law called the Insurrection Act should be invoked.

### PTI SYDNEY

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# Thousands line up for whiff of flower smelling like gym socks

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during a fall, Aaron said.

The rare unfurling of an L endangered plant that emits the smell of decaying flesh drew hundreds of devoted fans to a greenhouse in Sydney on Thursday where they joined three-hour lines to experience a momentous bloom -- and a fragrance evoking gym socks

and rotting garbage. Tall, pointed and smelly, the corpse flower is scientifically known as amorphophallus titanum — or bunga bangkai in Indonesia, where the plants are found in the Sumatran rainfor-

But to fans of this specimen, she's Putricia — a portmanteau of "putrid" and "Patricia" eagerly adopted by her followers who, naturally, call themselves

been rapid, with up to 20,000 admirers filing past for a moment in her increasingly pungent presence. No corpse flower has bloomed at the gar-

"The fact that they open very rarely, so they flower rarely, is obviously something that puts them at a little bit of a disadvantage in the wild," said garden spokesperson Sophie Daniel, who designed Putricia's kooky and funereal display.

"When they open, they have to hope that another flower is open nearby, because they can't a rock concert. Fans trod a red

self-pollinate." There are thought to be only 300 of the plants in the wild and fewer than 1,000 worldwide - including those in cultivation. Among them is Putricia, which arrived at the

garden seven years ago. When her flower was spotted in December she was just 25 centimeters (10 inches) high. By Thursday, she was 1.6 metres (5 feet 3 inches) tall -and her flower spike was slowly opening like a pleated skirt around a majestic central tuber, the yellow-green outer curling to reveal a burgundy centre. As excitement grew in Sydney about the moment of her bloom, garden staff erected crowd barriers, giving the Victorian greenhouse the air of

carpet to view Putricia from behind velvet ropes in a display inspired by Queen Victoria's funeral, the Rocky Horror Picture Show and the oeuvre of the late director David Lynch. Inside, fans took selfies and leaned in for a sniff - an increasingly perilous prospect as Putricia's odor developed. One young woman raised her hands and bowed as though in worship. On social media, garden staff performed a viral dance to Chappell Roan's sum-mer hit HOT TO GO! against a backdrop of the stately plant. It was difficult to say why the regal, mysterious and stinky flower had attracted such a following -- but perhaps the answer lay in the "reverence" viewers felt in the presence of "such an amazing living being,"

Daniel said. Along with her real-life visitors, Putricia's online fandom has been rapid, global and deeply strange -- if much less smelly. A 24/7 live stream established by the botanic garden drew close to a million views in less than a week and a shared language of memes and inside jokes sprang

Frequently deployed acronyms included WWTF, or we watch the flower, WDNRP - we do not rush Putricia - and BBTB, or blessed be the bloom. <sup>e</sup>Putricia is a metaphor for my life," wrote one poster, who did not elaborate. Commenters on social media made plans to hurry to the garden as the plant opened. In just 24 hours, Putricia's bloom -- and her stench -- would be gone.

Putricians. For a week, she has graced a stately and gothic display in front of a purple cur-

tain and wreathed in mist from a humidifier at the Royal Sydney Botanic Garden. Her rise to fame since has

den for 15 years.



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# **'Russian victory in Ukraine** will hurt NATO's credibility'

### PTI BRUSSELS

NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte warned on Thursday that a Russian victory over Ukraine would undermine the dissuasive force of the world's biggest military alliance and that its credibility could cost trillions to restore NATO has been ramping up

its forces along its eastern flank with Russia, Belarus and Ukraine, deploying thousands of troops and equipment to deter Moscow from expanding its war into the territory of any of the organisation's 32 member countries. "If Ukraine loses then to restore the deterrence of the rest of NATO again, it will be a much, much higher price than what we are contemplating at this moment in terms of ramping up our spending and ramping up our industrial production," Rutte said. "It will not be billions extra; it will be trillions extra," he said, on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

Rutte insisted that Ukraine's Western backers must "step up and not scale back the support" they are providing to the

parliament on Thursday.

trolled National Assembly.

country, almost three years after Russia's full-fledged invasion began.

We have to change the trajectory of the war," Rutte said, adding that the West "cannot allow in the 21st century that one country invades another country and tries to colonise it". "We are beyond those days," he said. Anxiety in Europe is mount-

ing that US President Donald Trump might seek to quickly end the war in talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin on terms that are unfavourable to Ukraine, but Rutte appeared wary about trying to do things in a hurry. "If we got a bad deal, it would only mean that we will see the president of Russia high-fiving with the leaders from North

S Korean investigators call for

Dutch prime minister said. 'That would be geopolitically a big, big mistake. Polish Foreign Minister Radek

Sikorski welcomed Trump's acknowledgement that it must be Russia which should make the first peace moves, but he cautioned that "this is not the Putin that President Trump knew in his first term".

On Wednesday, Trump threatened to impose stiff taxes, tariffs and sanctions on Moscow

if an agreement isn't reached to end the war, but that warning will probably fall on deaf ears in the Kremlin. Russia's economy is already weighed down by a multitude of US and European sanctions.

Sikorksi warned that Putin should not be put at the centre of the world stage over Ukraine. "The president of the United States is the leader of the free world. Vladimir Putin is an outcast and an indicted war criminal for stealing Ukrainian children," Sikorski said. "I would suggest that Putin has to earn the summit, that if he gets it early, it elevates him beyond his, significance and gives him the wrong idea Korea, Iran and China and we about the trajectory of this," he cannot accept that," the former said

PROVISION OF DIFFERENT TYPE OF BONDS IN ALIPURDUAR DIVISION Tender Notice No.: AP-EL-TRD-13 24-25: Dated: 17-01-2025; E-Tender and nvited by the undersigned for th ollowing work: Tender No.: AP-EL RD-13-24-25; Name of Work Provision of different type of bonds i connection with New Baneswar Gossaigaon Hat-TTR (TWS+WCMSC) 22 sets (1:12) of Alipurduar Jn. Division Tender Value: ₹ 3,03,082.43/-; Earnes Money: ₹6.100/-: Date & time of closing of tender at 15:00 hrs. and opening a 15:30 hrs. on 10-02-2025. For details ase visit in website www.ireps.gov.i DRM/Elect. (TRD), Alipurduar Ju

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AA/5	Catg-APDJ-GDX-GMU-49-22-1	Ghoksadanga			
AA/6	Catg-APDJ-GDX-GMU-48-22-1	Ghoksadanga			
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AA/10	Catg-APDJ-KCF-GMU-64-22-1	Kalchini			
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E-procurement Tender Notice No. S/33/2024-25 Dated: 21-01-2025. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works.

> SN.1. Tender No. 40/24/0597E/OT/270/2024-25 Closing/Opening date: 28-01-2025

Brief Description: Coupling socket assembly complete as per RDSOs drawing No RDSO/PE/SPEC/AC/0177 (Rev 1) 2013 and RCF drawing No. LW71300 as per Drg. No. N/A specn: RCF-Spec. no. EDTS-105 (Rev-E) Amndt.-1, 2 and 3 [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of deliverv] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0] [UVAM Linking:] Item Type Goods 1) Qty- 5 Nos for New Jalpaiguri/GSD, NFR (West Bengal), 2) Qty- 50 Nos for Dibrugarh Town/Workshop/Depot. NFR (Assam), 3) Qty-60 Nos for New Bongaigaon/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam), P.L. No- 45150242.

### SN.2. Tender No. 61/24/5676/OT/271/2024-25 Closing/Opening date: 31-01-2025

Brief Description: ERC-J Clip as per RDSO Drg No. (T-8258) [Warranty Period; 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp. Yes, Stages: 1] [UVAM Linking:] Item Type: Goods Qty- 159641 Nos. for SSE/P.WAY/TD/Bongaigaon, NFR

Seoul (PTI): South Korean sition. I was trying to appeal to useless." Yoon was impeached investigators asked prosecu- the people to draw their strict tors to indict the country's supervision and criticism of the detained President Yoon Suk opposition," Yoon told a hear-Yeol over his short-lived ing at the Constitutional Court. imposition of martial law "No matter how many warnlast month, as it accused ings I would issue to the oppo-him of rebellion, abuse of sition, they would have been power and obstruction of

indictment of President Yoon

CONSTRUCTION OF HYBRID Yoon defended his actions PLATFORM WITH DRAIN AND again as he appeared at a BOUNDARY WALL court hearing for the second E-Tender Notice No. SCL-ENGG-00 time Thursday, saying the of 2025 Dated: 20-01-2025. E-Tenders December 3 martial law are invited by the undersigned for the decree was only meant to inform the public of the danfollowing works: Brief Description of Item: Construction of Hybrid (BG- MG) ger of an opposition-con-Platform with drain and boundary wall at Nischintpur (NCTP) near Agartala He argued the martial law under the jurisdiction of DEN-V/Lumding imposition ended early Tender Value: ₹5,70,74,762.53/because he quickly withdrew Earnest Money: ₹4,35,400/-. Date & Time of Closing of Tender: 15.00 hrs. of 13-02-2025 & will be opened a 15.00 hrs. of 14-02-2025. The complete information with the tender documents of above e-tender will be available upto 15.00 hrs. of 13-02-2025 in website www.ireps.gov.in DRM (W), Lumding

troops after the assembly voted down his decree. "The reason for the declaration of martial law wasn't about a warning to the oppo-PUBLIC NOTICE Known to all that my client Sh.Harjinder Sing and Smt. Suchitra Bhoui owner of the ENTIR GROUND FLOOR WITH ROOF RIGHT OF FIRS NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY FLOOR PROPERTY NO-85 AREA 133.75 SC YARDS,KHASRA NO.23/1,VILLAGE KHAILA VISHNU GARDEN BLOCK-T, NEW DELHI and Sh. Hariinder Singh and Smt. Suchitra Bho



and suspended by the assembly on December 14. The Constitutional Court is now deliberating to determine whether to formally throw Yoon out of office or reinstate him

Public Notice s is to inform the general public that **Smt. Neer**, he GPA Holder of First floor, without roof right t Bearing no. A-54 land area measuring 54 So s, out of Khasra no. 18, situated in the area o Piot Bearing no. A-54 land area measuring 54 Sq., Vds, out of Khasra no. 18, situated in the area of Village Chowkbandi, Delhi, Colony Known as Sant Garh Extn. Tlak. Nagar, New Delhi. She is in possession through Reg. GPA, Notarized ATS & Reg. WILL dated & 10.2005 executed by Sh. Inderjit Singhin favour of Smt. Neeru in respect of said Floor. Smt. Neeru intends to transfer the ownership of Property No. A-54, First Floor (without roof), Sant Garh Extension, Calil No. Q. Po. Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 by way of Sale Deed to Mr. Ravi Kumar & Mrs. Manisha Kumari, Subsequently, Mr. Ravi Kumar & Mrs. Manisha Kumari are in the process of mortagaine the said propert with SMFG

Tornar to mis- mentioner rounait: Duosseparties and the process of mortgaging the said property with SMFG India Home Finance Co. Ltd. (Formerly Fullerton India Home Finance Co. Ltd.). Any objections or concerns regarding this transaction should be raised within a period of 07 days from should be raised within a period of 07 days from alter the completion of this 07-day period will not be considered binding with respect to the said property or the interests of cur client. If anyone wishes to raise an objection, please do so within the stipulated 07-days period by contacting Law Veritas: North (Advocates & Legal Consultants) at Office No. 11, 1st Floor, Building No. A+444, Sector-16, Norda, Uttar Pradesh-201301; Landline(s): +910120-3101683, e-mail: accounts@livnorth.in ts@lvnorth.i

RAILWAY STATION

PUBLIC NOTICE: Notice is hereby given on behal of Mr. Sanjay Kumar who is owner of PID No. 18N-KEP3, Piot bearing No. 56, having land area measuring 125 Sq. Yds., (measurement 25FL X 45FL), Pertaining to Khewat No. 71 Min, Khatauni No. 108 Min, Khasra Mustatil No. 4, Kila No. 42, 56 (1, 71, 15, 16, 25, Mustatil No. 9, Kila No. 111, Mustatil No. 11, Kila No. 5 and Khewat No. 72, Khatauni No. 108 Min, Mustatil No. 8, Kila No. 62, Mustatil No. 9, Kila No. 1, 10, stuated in the revenue estate of Vilage Nangla Gujran, Tehsil Backhal, Distl. Faridabad, Haryana wide Transfer Deed dated 11, 11,2024 (Doc. No. 6050), which was executed by Mr. Bir Singh and intend to mortgage against the financial assistance from CSL Finance Jiendra Singin Ia favour of M. Bir Singh in respect of Plot No. 56, area measuring 125 Sq. Yds., vide Document No. 1047, 161,11984, duly registered in Sub Registrar Faridabad are/is Lost/Misplaced. To comply the requirements of BA/KINBFC, we give this public notice that if any person(s) having any objection regarding ownership and/ or creating mortgage of the said property is/are hereby requested to infimale in writing to the undersigned about his objections with. New Delhi-110043, Contact # 011-40043618

2024 Now Sh.Harjinder Singh and Smt Suchitra Bhoui wants to sell aforesai property. And It is informed that any deal wit said documents by any person except my sai client and said institution regarding sai property, shall be deemed as null and void. any person having any claim, right in sai property then he may contact and handove the same and apprise his claim to undersigne within 8 days of this publication.

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urchase property from Smt.Swaran Kau ide Notarized GPA, ATS and will dated 02.08

n 8 days of this publication. <u>AD REM LEGAL SOLUTION</u> 760 - Dwarka Court Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-Mobile :- 9899013918

Public Notice

This is to inform the general public that **Mr. S** the owner of Plot of area measuring 70 sq. yds 58.52 sq. mtrs., out of khasra no.143, situated Village Chilyara khurd alias Tigr Pargana & Tohs Ullage Chilyara khurd alias Tigr Pargana & Tohs Dadri, Disti, Cautam Budh Nagar, U.P. through Sal deed dated 20 12.2023 regd. as doc. No. 5505 executed by Schanpal as GPA Mr. Satish Prasad i favour of Mr. Sunil in respect of area measuring 7 So. Yds.

Sq. Yds. Mr. Sunil is in the process of mortgaging the abo said plot with SMFG India Credit Co. L' (Formerly Fullerton India Credit Co. Ltd.). At Historiane or concerns regarding this transact (Formerly Fullerton India Credit Co. Ltd.). At objections or concerns regarding this transactic should be raised within a period of 7 days from th date of this public notice. Any objections submitt after the completion of this 7-day period will not b considered binding with respect to the said proper or the interests of our client.

or the interests of our client. If anyone wishes to raise an objection, please do so within the stipulated 7-days period by contacting Law Veritas: North (Advocates & Legal Consultants) at Office No. 11, 1st Floor, Building No. A:44/A, Sector-16, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301; Landline(s): +910120-3101683, e-mail: accounts@lvnorth.in

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE My client Mr. Tarun Yadav S/o Mr. Mukesh Yadav Owner of A House no. 751, area measuring 250 sq. yrks. covered area 2500 sq. ft., Khewat/Khata no. 92(102, Khasra no. 58(18-0), 63(13-0), 323(4-0), 333(13-0), 335(1-0), Waka Sivaan Mouza Chekkarpur, Tehsii Waarabad, District Gurugram, Under Nagar Migam Gurugram, Hayana. Through Registered Transfer Deed Dated 26 04.2023 executed by his Father Mr. Mukesh Yadav S/o, Mr. Surajmal Yadav Vide Reg. no. 1821 at SR-WAZIRBAD HARYANA Whois only Son and only legal hierof deceased Mr. Surajmal Yadav. The above-mentioned property is going to be mortgage with Fadbank Financia Services Limited. If any person/bank/financial institution having any cleim / right, lien, any objection whatsoever in regard to the above property, should notified to the any claim? high, left, any objection whatsbeere in regar-to the above property, should notified to th undersigned/Adv Vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardoom Court, Delhi-110092 along with documentary evidenc under address through registered within 7 days from th date of publication of this notice failing which any claim is one value abell the docent is how the musing lien or objection shall be deemed to have been waived Adv. Vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delhi 110092; Mobile.:9811215181

Public Notice

Public Notice This is to inform the general public that Vivek Mathur is the owner of Apartment No. 1502, on 14th Floor, in Tower-G, super area of 1360 so, ft. (126, 34 so, mtt.) Group Housing Complex namely "Park View Ananda", siluated in Sector-81, Tetheli Manesar, District- Gurgan, Haryana through Conveyance Deed dated 09.02.2017 as doc. No. 3466 executed by MS. Bestech India Pvt. Ltd. in favour of Krishna Dayal and Vivek Mathur in respect of Said Property and Regd. Will dated 21.22016 as doc. No. 701 executed by Krishna Dayal Died on dated 12.025.019. Aller Krishna Dayal Died on dated 12.025.019. Aller Krishna Dayal Died on dated 12.025.019. MIR Krishna Dayal Died on fur. Utsav das Cupta and Mrs. Songanka Gupta is in the process of mortgagnid the said property with Bagil Housing Finance Ltd. Any objections or concerns regarding this ransaction should be raised within a period of 07 days from the date of this public notice. Any objections submitted filter the completion of this 07-day period will not be considered binding with respect to the said property or the interests of our client. If anyone wishes to raise an objection, please do so

anyone wishes to raise an objection, please do in the stipulated 07-days period by contacting Veritas: North (Advocates & Lega sultants) at Office No. 11, 1st Floor, Building No. A-44/A, Sector-16, Noida, Uttar Pradesb 201301; Landline(s): +910120-3101683, e-mai accounts@lvnorth.in

### CHANGE OF NAME I. SHUBH DADEECH, S/o

Monica Sharma, R/o 108, Uday Park, New Delhi-110049, have changed my name to "SHUBH SHARMA" for all future purposes. PD(1301)C

### I, ANUSHKA DADEECH, D/o

Monica Sharma, R/o 108, Uday Park, New Delhi-110049, have changed my name to "ANUSHKA SHARMA" for all future purposes.

PD(1302)C Poonam Devi, W/o-I. No.4290605H Sep Monu Kumar, R/o- Vill- Barkurwa, PO- Turki, PS- Kurhani, Teh-Paschmy, Dist- Muzaffarpur, Bihar- 844127, have changed my name from Poonam Devi to Poonam Kumari, vide affidavit dated 23/01/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1303)C Sarivam, Mother of-No.16028357P L/Nk Imran Khan, R/o- Vill- Ballana, Post-Burja, Teh & Distt- Alwar, Rajasthan-301001. have changed my name from Sariyam to Sariyum, vide affidavit dated 23/01/2025

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before Notary Public Delhi. PD(1304)C

I, Nooruddin Khan, Father of-No.16028357P L/Nk Imran Khan, R/o- Vill- Ballana, Post-Burja, Teh & Distt- Alwar, Rajasthan- 301001, have changed my name from Nooruddin Khan to Noorddin, vide affidavit dated 23/01/2025 before Notary Public Delhi. PD(1305)C

I, Subhash Chandra S/o Late Duli Chand R/o SH-131 shastri Nagar Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh)-201002 have changed my name to Subhash Chander for all future purposes. PD(1306)C

Auction Catalogue No. RCR-LMG-01-25					
Seq No.	Lot No./Category	Description			
AA/1	MSS-LMG-AGTL-RCR-2 -23- 1 (Misc-Static-Services - Rail Coach Restaurant)	Operation and maintenance of Rail Coach Restaurant at Agartala Station Circulating Area			
& Time:	11.30 hrs. of 06-02-2025. Pros on Leasing Module on IREPS we Sr. Divisional C	of 06-02-2025. Auction Close Date pective bidders are requested to visit ebsite www.ireps.gov.in Commercial Manager, Lumding ONTIER RAILWAY			
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### **STORES E-PROCUREMENT**

Tender Notice No.: S/50/Sr.DMM/KIR/PUB/e-Tender/2024-25/08 Dated: 20-01-2025. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for th ollowing works:-

### SN. 1; Tender No. KT235818D;

Brief Description & Qty: Supply, Installation and commissioning of EO Crane, Cap-25 T, Spec.-COIFMOW/IR/EOTC/2022, Rev.-0; Consign SSE/IC/C&W/New Jalpaiguri, NFR (West Bengal); Qty: 1 Nos.

NOTE:- For full details of Tender notice and tender documents, tendered may log on to the website (www.ireps.gov.in) prospective bidder who ntend to participate in above tenders are required to log in themselve with the above website and submit their offer electronically, if they are already registered with IREPS. In case they are not registered with IREPS hey are advised to obtain class-III Digital Signature Certificate from the certifying agencies under Govt. of India IT Act 2000 and participate in the above tenders.

**Divisional Materials Manager, Katiha** NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY "Serving Customers with a smile" verka SCO 153-155. SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH-160022. EPABX NO. 0172-5041812,6 Notice Inviting e Tender www.verka.coo e- tenders are hereby Invited for the purchase and supply of following item :-Period/Tentative Qty r.no. Name of Work/ For Verka Head Office, Chandigarh a) ESL Film Half vearly/ i. ESL EVOH Film 130 ml 30000 Kg ii. ESL EVOH Film 450 ml 12000 Kg b) GDL Annual/16.5 MT For Verka Patiala Dairy Hiring of vehicle for procurement, marketing activities and extension work etc. for Verka Milk Plant. 03 No's (Swift desire, Toyta etois, Honda amaze, Verna i.e sedan cars with open diggi) NOTE 1. For complete details regarding above tender (NIT), please visit our website i.e. www.verka.coop & e Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in. 2. Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website only

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North-West District, Rohini Court, Delhi Closing/ Opening Date: 12-02-2025 (14:30 Hrs) Not Applicable 1 Note: least 12. rows. Officer concerned. Dy. General Manager (Purchase)

criminal antecedents:

#### A. Pending Criminal Cases SI. Name of Case No. Status of Section(s) of Acts and dated concerned and brief No. Court case(s) description of offence(s) Section 3 of 1. Sh. Deepak 540628/ Prosecution Vats, AČJM, 2016 Evidence **Delhi Prevention** Dated of Defacement 05.05.2025 Property Act 2009

B. Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences

SI. Name of Court & Description of offence(s) Maximum punishment No. dates(s) of order(s) & punishment imposed imposed Not Applicable Not Applicable

\*In the case of election to Council of States or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of constituency.

- a. The particulars regarding criminal cases pending against the candidate shall be in bold letters.
- . The matter in newspapers shall be published in font size of at

Details should be given separately for each case in separate

- If a candidate is contesting an election on the ticket of a particular party, he/she is required to inform the party about the criminal cases pending against him/her.
- The candidate shall report about publishing of declaration regarding criminal cases immediately after such publication to the Returning Officer. In addition, he shall submit a report about publishing of the declaration regarding cases in Format C-4 along with the account of election expenses within 30 days of declaration of result of election. (a) in case of elections to the Lok Sabha and the Legislative Assemblies, this shall be submitted to District Election Officer concerned, (b) In case of elections to the Rajya Sabha and the State Legislative Council, this shall be submitted to the Returning

This may be published in Newspapers and TV from the day following the last date for withdrawal of candidature and upto two days before the date of poll.

(Assam), P.L. No- 601600850048.

#### SN.3. Tender No. 61/24/5675/OT/272/2024-25 Closing/Opening date: 31-01-2025

Brief Description: Manufacture and supply of CMS Crossing 1 in 12, 52 kg. RDSO Drg. No. T-4734 Alt. 6 and specification IRS T-29-2016 for CMS Crossing with fittings. (Fittings to be supplied with each set of CMS crossing as per annexure. (The alteration in drawing and specification issued by RDSO up to one month prior to tender closing date shall be applicable to this tender.) [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date or delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: Yes, Stages: 1] [UVAM Linking:] Item 3100048, cast manganese steel crossings & weldable cast manganese steel crossings Sub Item: cast mangamese steel crossings Item Type: Goods, Qty- 73 Set for Jitendra Kumar, NFR (Assam), P.L. No- 60322871.

### SN.4. Tender No. 61/24/5213A/OT/273/2024-25 Closing/Opening date: 03-02-2025

Brief Description: Hand push Tribometer (Rail Surface Friction Merer) as per Attached RDSO specification No. IS/RDSO-TMM/0001:2023 Revision: 00 Dated 20.06.2023 [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp: No, Stages: 0] [UVAM Linking:] Item Type Goods Qty- 9 Nos for SSE/P. Way/N/New Jalpaiguri, NFR (West Bengal), P.L. No- 81722712093.

### SN.5. Tender No. 40/24/0558C/OT/274/2024-25 Closing/Opening date: 05-02-2025

Brief Description: Blind socket Assembly complete with locking arrangement suitable for LHB Coaches conforming RDSO%u 2019s Specification No. RDSO/PE/SPEC/0177(Rev 01) 2013 and as per RCF DRG No LW71302 (Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No. stages: 0] UVAM linking: Item Type Goods i) Qty-70 Nos for Dibrugarh Town Workshop Depot, NFR (Assam). ii) Qty-40 Nos for Pandu GSD, NFR (Assam). iii) Qty-160 Nos for New Bongaigaon Workshop Depot, NFR (Assam). iv) Qty-10 Nos for New Jalpaiguri GSD, NFR (West Bengal). P.L. No. 45140066

### SN.6. Tender No. 10/25/3783/OT/275/2024-25 Closing/Opening date: 05-02-2025

Brief Description: Bearing assembly roller CE includes inner & outer race of WDP4 locomotive to EMD Part No- 40083493, DLW PL.No-17400053. [Warranty Period 30 Months after the date of delivery] Qty:-150 Nos for New Bongaigaon Workshop Depot, NFR (Assam). P.L No-17400053

### SN.7. Tender No. 30/24/1181A/OT/276/2024-25 Closing/Opening date: 07-02-2025

Brief Description: Improved high tensile tightlock centre buffer coupler with AAR'H' type head and balanced draft gear for BG LHB passenge coaches MAT .: SPEC. RDSO/2011/CG-03 (Rev-03) Amendment No 1 of July 2024. [Warranty Period 84 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage insp.; No, Stages: 0] UVAM Linking: Item Type: Goods, Qty-150 Nos for Dibrugarh Town Workshop Depot, NFR (Assam). ii) Qty-150 Nos for New Bongaigaon Workshop Depot, NFR (Assam) P.L. No-33681200.

Note: For full details of tender notice and tender documents, tenderer may log on to the website (www.ireps.gov.in). Prospective bidder who intend to participate in above tender are required to log on themselves with the above website and submit their offer electronically, if they are already registered with IREPS. In Case they are not registered with IREPS, they are advised to obtain class-III Digital Signature Certificate from the certifying agencies under Govt. of India IT Act 2000 and participate in the above tenders.



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Udaan, a poetry collection by Padamijt Sehrawat, was launched by Kapil Dev, inspiring hope and resilience through uplifting verses and life lessons, says SAKSHI PRIYA

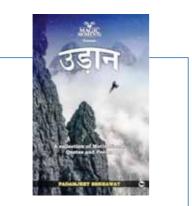
book is a doorway to (( countless worlds, and poetry is the rhythm that brings those worlds to life." This sentiment was at the heart of an event at the India International Centre in New Delhi, where Padamjit Sehrawat's poetry collection, Udaan, was launched. Former Indian cricket captain and World Cup winner Kapil Dev unveiled the book, sharing profound thoughts on passion and success.

"When passion becomes your profession, the concept of struggle disappears. Passion brings joy, not hardship," said Kapil Dev at the event. He emphasised the importance of self-awareness, adding, "True success lies in recognising yourself before seeking to impress others." His remarks captured the essence of the evening, celebrating the resilience and inspiration found in poetry.

The title Udaan, meaning "flight," beautifully encapsulates the core message of Sehrawat's poetry. It urges readers to rise above challenges, embrace courage, and view life with optimism. The collection consists of poems that delve into themes of hope, personal growth, and inner strength. Each verse offers a fresh perspective, guiding readers to see struggles not as obstacles but as stepping stones toward self-discovery.

Sharing his inspiration, Sehrawat said, "My poems reflect the lessons life teaches us. They aim to guide readers toward resilience and optimism, no matter the circumstances." His words reflect the essence of Udaan, making it more than a collection of poems, it becomes a companion for those navigating life's





channels. Beyond sports, he is a singer, musician, and motivational speaker. These diverse experiences infuse his poetry with unique perspectives, blending creativity and depth to connect

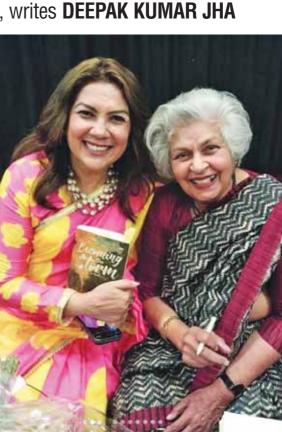
with readers on a personal level. Kapil Dev brought his characteristic humour to the launch, remarking, "There's no bigger thief than a cricketer, they steal runs! But even this is a positive theft." He compared this light-hearted analogy to the uplifting nature of Sehrawat's poetry, which encourages readers to focus on life's brighter side. Udaan offers readers a chance to rise bevond obstacles and discover strength within themselves. The book reminds us that challenges can be transformed into opportunities for growth and hope. The collection is a journey of reflection and empowerment, making it a must-read for those seeking positivity and motivation.

# WOMEN'S FIGHT FOR IDENTI

'Becoming the Storm' Stands Witness to India's Tryst with Modernity, writes DEEPAK KUMAR JHA

t the age of 86 years, A veteran journalist *Rami Chhabra* made a debut in novel writing with her book 'Becoming the Storm'. She had been India's one of the first few women journalists who broke the glass ceiling to straddle the media space in the national capital. Chhabra had also been a prominent face in women's movements. She also led South Asian women's movements. Her reports also formed the basis for some of the measures of the government for empowerment of women. Having spent decades in the women's movements in South Asia, Chhabra aptly has given centre stage to a woman's tryst with modernity. With Indu as the protagonist of the novel, Chhabra takes readers on a journey that saw women of India battling conflicts of traditions with modernity. Chhabra headed an NGO Streebal which worked against early marriages and dowry. In the 1970s, several women organisations had come together to fight against dowry. Her campaigns for empowerment of women find resonance in her fictional accounts of the conflicts between modernity and tradition. Importantly, Chhabra's accounts of Indu's fight for identity are set in the backdrop of India also gaining strength in the early years since Independence. Yet, the backdrop to Indu's tales is also set by India's three wars in quick succession - 1962 with China, 1965 with Pakistan, and the 1971 War of Independence of Bangladesh. Chhabra takes readers through the sombre mood in Delhi in the wake of the All India radio breaking the news that China attacked in NEFA (North East Frontier Area). The NEFA is now called Arunachal Pradesh.

The author brings back memories of the outpouring of emotions all across the country in the wake of China attacking India. She states in the book that the people voluntarily flocked to the railway stations to offer their moral support to the personnel of the Indian army who were transiting to the eastern and the western



subsequent scenes at his residence as the people queued up to pay their last respects to the departed leader. Chhabra recalls in the book Indira Gandhi "holding herself steadily while her eyes had turned red as she stood in one corner when the people paid their respects to the late Nehru". The author's accounts of Indu also essay India's transformation in the 1960s and the 1970s. The industrialisation of India is also set in the backdrop as Indu deals with her marriage and new home where she suffers setbacks from her expectations through her inlaws.

The people also rushed to partake in the industrialisation of India with the stock market tales also



passing away of Nehru and the finding space in the novels of the veteran journalist. In essence, the conflict between tradition and modernity has never ceased. The book spotlights a woman's perspective on the issue. It is indeed true that the women have a lot more to gain to claim their rightful places in all walks of life. The fact that

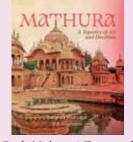
crimes against women still remain at worrisome levels testify to the concerns of Chhabra expressed in her debut novel. It's indeed creditworthy that Chhabra made a debut into novel writing at an age of 86 years. The book brings alive the charm of Delhi in decades after India's Independence. *Chhabra* has given vivid descriptions of the Delhi cantonment area where the

> Chandni Chowk. Connoisseurs of Delhi's history will find the book valuable, for it brings authentic first hand accounts of the national capital from decades when the city went into transformation in major ways. Besides, the book, which has been published by BluOne Ink, also sensitise readers to concerns of women. True, intra-family conflicts

### JANUAR' READ



Book: Job Charnock and The Potter's Boy Author: Madhurima Vidyarthi Publisher: Niyogi Books Price: ₹595



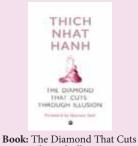
Book: Mathura: A Tapestry of Art and Devotion Author: Goswami, Sangeeta Bhatnagar, Pradip Bhatnagar Publisher: Niyogi Books Price: ₹850



RAJNISH KARKI Book: Timeline India: Rediscovery of the Chronology of A Ten Millennia Civilization Author: Rajnish Karki Publisher: Rupa Publication Price: ₹795



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Padamjit Sehrawat is a man of many talents, which enriches his work. A former cricketer who competed in prestigious tournaments like the Ranji Trophy and Deodhar Trophy, he has also built a reputation as a cricket commentator for international sports

### ABOUT THE BOOK Book: Udaan Authored by Padamjit Sehrawat

sectors of the border with China. The final moments of India's first Prime Minister Iawaharlal Nehru also find rich mention in the book. Having witnessed history from the close quarters, Chhabra gives accounts of the

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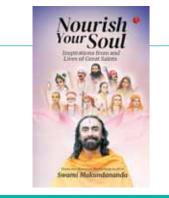
Author: Rami Chhabra Publisher: Occam Price: ₹899

have several dimensions. A balance in tradition and modernity will be sane advice for one embarking on a married life. "Becoming the Storm' is, thus, a story that is still playing out in the lives of many people.

Through Illusion Author: Thich Nhat Hanh Publisher: Aleph Book Company Price: ₹399 listeners on a one-way flight to heaven.

was during the 2020-2021 hospitalisation due to the Covid-19 pandemic I read Death - An Inside Story, authored by Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev of Isha Foundation. I was in the ICU of Kochi Medical College and had the unfortunate experience of watching other patients being rolled out after they succumbed to the pandemic. The book by Sadhguru helped me to get rid of whatever apprehension I had about death. Sadhguru, in his characteristic style, convinced the readers that death too is a beautiful experience as birth.

This time around during my sojourn in hospital, I had two books with me, both authored by Swami Mukundananda. The books were Nourish Your Soul and Spiritual Secrets from Hinduism (both published by Rupa Publications) and gave me good company even as the nurses were struggling to find the veins in my body to jab the high-power antibiotics into the system every six hours or so. Mukundananda (64) holds a B.Tech degree from IIT-Delhi and an MBA from IIM Calcutta and had worked



**ABOUT THE BOOK** 

Book: Nourishing Your Soul Author: Swami Mukundananda Publisher: Rupa Price: ₹395

## INDIA'S SPIRITUAL ICC Swami Mukundananda's Nourish Your Soul beautifully explores the inspiring lives

and journeys of eleven Indian sages, says KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

as a corporate chieftain for a few years before renouncing materialistic life to become a disciple of Jagadguru Kripaluji Maharaj, a renowned spiritual leader. What makes Swami Mukundananda different from other authors is the ease and élan with which he communicates his thoughts to the readers without hurting anybody and taunting any religions. While evangelists and preachers proselytise people by addressing them as sinners and kafirs, Mukundananda does not discriminate against people based on their religion or ideology. For him, all are equal and his mission is to spread the real Good Word. The book Nourishing Your Soul is about the life and times of 11 great Indian sages and the sufferings undertaken by them in their journey while crossing the ocean of life. All of them are enslaved to the Supreme Being and never dreamt of any luxury or well-being for themselves

peace and prosperity other than throughout the universe. He has carefully selected the sages and monks who attained spirituality through their prayers, deeds, words and commitment. The chances of the present generation of Indians having heard about them are quite remote, as our 'ace' historians successfully succeeded in wiping out even the last vestiges of these great men and women from our academic curricula for obvious reasons like national integration and communal harmony.

Meerabai, Adi Shankaracharya, Soordas, Tukaram, Kabirdas, Ravidas, Andal, Ramanujacharya, Purandara Dasa, Vallabhacharya and Tyagaraja are the sages and seers who have been featured in this collection. The author has presented a crisp and sharp account of these persons and the readers are moved to tears when they come across the sufferings and dedication experienced by



them in their path to eternal sainthood. According to Mukundananda, saints are the embodiment of purity and goodness, being endowed with God's infinite love and grace. "Their mere presence makes a place holy. Elevated devotees transform wherever they go into a pilgrimage site, for they hold God in their heart," says the author in the introduction to the book. "Eleven remarkable God-centred saints who graced the land of Bharat," is how Mukundananda describes the characters he has selected to feature in this parade. The book begins with the life story of Meerabai, the bhakti-saint who lived in the 16th century. For our generation, Radha and Meera were the embodiment and epitomisation of love, dedication and devotion. Meera, popularly known as Meerabai, is unique in all respects as her love for her Giridhar Gopal is filled with selflessness. She knew very well that she would never be able to serve her

master and lover in human form. Despite this truth, she was committed in her devotion and love and she wrote hundreds of poems like Payo Ji Maine Ram Ratan Dhan Payo ... a bhajan/hymn which retains its charm and lyrical beauty even today.

Adi Shankaracharya, the Kaladi-born monk who held the famous Shankara Digvijaya Yatra along the length and breadth of the subcontinent and unified Bharat society through his teachings and lyrical compositions, should be a source of enlightenment and inspiration to ordinary mortals. Shankara taught the world that the science of mind management was the most useful skill in life. The Kanakadhara Stotra, composed by Acharya in praise of Goddess Lakshmi, and the Ganesha Pancharatnam Stotra, penned by the saint philosopher way back in the 8th century, remain unparalleled and take The lyrics by the mystic get life and emotion when they are rendered by the likes of M.S. Subbulakshmi and M.L. Vasanthakumari.

The debate between Shankaracharya and Mandan Misra on the relative merits of Mimansa and Advaita viewpoints, in which the former demolished the concept of the so-called Dravidian philosophy, is enthralling.

Bhaja Govindam - described as a wakeup call to a soul in slumber. The exotic poetic beauty and perfection of composition elevate Bhaja Govindam to a state of devotional bliss.

Space constraints prevent me from elaborating about all the saints who feature in this collection. But if I fail to mention Saint Tyagaraja (1767-1847), one of the Trinity of Carnatic Music, it would be an unconscionable sin. Tyagaraja, the saint and composer of Carnatic hymns and kritis (poems), a proof of his adoration and salutation to Lord Rama, should be heard to enjoy them. Born at Tiruvaiyaru on the banks of the River Kaveri, Tyagaraja is described as the most famous son of this landscape. His parents were Rama Brahmam and Sitamma. When Tyagaraja wrote and sang Sitamma Mayamma, Sri Ramudu Matandri, he was celebrating his earthly parents as well as proclaiming Sita and Rama to be his parents (It Happened Along the Kaveri by Padma Seshadri and Padma Malini Sundararaghavan - Niyogi Books). One gets the feeling that this world is a beautiful place because of the hymns and bhajans composed by the likes of Meera Bai and Saint Tyagaraja. Nourishing Your Soul is not an ordinary work; it is the much-needed energiser and nourisher of the mind and shows to the world that Bharat was a Vishwa Guru even before the advent of AI, satellites and the internet.

# Growing geo-economic fragmentation | Sensex rises for second day on gains in IT can decrease global GDP: WEF report

### PTI DAVOS

rowing geo-economic Gragmentation can decrease global GDP by up to \$5.7 trillion, giving it a bigger blow than the financial crisis of 2008 or the COVID-19 pandemic, a new showed on Thursday. study

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other India and some emerging economies can bear the biggest burden in the most extreme fragmentation scenario, it cautioned.

Countries are increasingly using the global financial and trading systems to advance geopolitical objectives through sanctions, industrial policies, and other economic measures, the World Economic Forum said while releasing the report here during its Annual Meeting 2025. The Navigating

Global The Financial System Fragmentation report estimated that fragmentation resulting from statecraft policies could cost the global economy \$0.6 trillion to \$5.7 trillion – up to 5 per cent of global GDP – due to reduced trade and cross-border capital flows as well as lost economic



efficiencies It could also increase global inflation by more than 5 per cent in a very high fragmentation scenario, it added. The report, developed in collaboration with Oliver Wyman, showed that the economic impact of rising geo-economic fragmentation could surpass the disruptions caused by the 2008 financial crisis or the COVID-19 pandemic.

the pioneer

Countries have been increasingly using financial system to advance their geopolitical objectives



evidenced by a 370 per cent rise in sanctions since 2017, along with subsidies, industrial policies and discussions about the creation of parallel financial architectures.

The report called on policymakers to adopt economic statecraft that fosters cooperation, sustainable development and resilience in the global economy. The impact of fragmentation

on inflation rates and GDP the growth depends heavily on the policies adopted by global leaders, WEF said.

With a principled approach policymakers can advance appropriate policies for their economies and societies while mitigating unintended effects on areas like cost of living and GDP growth, it added.

the most extreme fragmentation scenario, a full economic decoupling between Eastern and Western blocs force unaligned countries to trade exclusively with their most significant partner,

These nations could see GDP growth drop by over 10 per cent – nearly double the global average - with India, Brazil, Turkiye, and emerging economies in Latin America, Africa and South-East Asia bearing the greatest burden. "Fragmentation not only fuels inflation but also negatively impacts economic growth prospects, particularly in emerging markets and developing economies that depend on an integrated financial system for their continued development," said Matt Strahan, Private Markets World Lead, Economic

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 $S_{\text{gains for the second day on}}^{\text{tock}}$ Thursday helped by buying in IT, consumer durables and commodity stocks amid a largely positive trend in global markets.

In a volatile trade, the 30share index rose by 115.39 points or 0.15 per cent to settle at 76,520.38. The barometer started on a negative note dropping by 202 points to a low of 76,202.12. The index pared losses later and climbed 338.55 points or 0.44 per cent to hit a high of

trend holds a declining momentum YTD with a 76,743.54. The broader NSE Nifty rose pause today contemplating by 50 points or 0.22 per cent the upcoming 2025 budget, which has a muted expectation," Vinod Nair, to end at 23,205.35. pack.

From the Sensex UltraTech Cement, Mahindra Head of Research, Geojit & Mahindra, Sun Financial Services, said. Zomato, Pharmaceutical, Tech Mahindra, Tata Steel, showcasing QoQ growth to Tata Motors, Titan, ITC and the indices suggesting that Q4 Bajaj Finance were the major will be much better, Nair said. In broader markets, the BSE gainers.

Īn contrast, Kotak Mahindra smallcap index rose 0.67 per Bank, HCL Technologies, cent and midcap gauge PowerGrid, Reliance Industries, State Bank of India, Hindustan Unilever, most by 1.95 per cent, Commodities by 1.86 per cent, Focused IT by 1.79 per IndusInd Bank, Nestle India and Axis Bank were among the laggards. cent, Information Technology

"Uncertainty lingers whether the trade tariff measures will affect global trade, instigate



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Among BSE sectoral indices,

Consumer Durables rose the

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by 1.51 per cent, Services 1.42 per cent and Consumer Discretionary and Healthcare went up 1.28 per cent each. On the other hand, Energy, Bankex and Oil & Gas were

the only laggards. Overall, the market breadth was positive as 2,119 stocks advanced while 1.842 declined and 106 remained unchanged on the BSE. The market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies rose by ₹2,75,359.24 crore to ₹4,24,63,686.80 crore or \$4.91 trillion.

Despite a tepid start during the day, the benchmark soon gave up its losses after a surge led by gains in IT helped the indices recover. The sector's sentiments were further buoyed by optimism optimism

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surrounding President Donald Trump's private-President sector investment plan for AI infrastructure. "However, the gains experienced a holdback

driven by concerns over moderation in earnings, Ameya Ranadive Chartered Market Technician, CFTe, Sr Technical Analyst, StoxBox, said.

An overall positive trend was also seen throughout the broader market. Sectorally, IT remained the key gainer, led by a positive earnings outlook and optimistic sectoral view, Ranadive added.

On the stock-specific front, UltraTech Cement gained approximately 6 per cent during the latter part of the trading session, led by positive earnings. In Asian markets, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong were trading in positive territory while Seoul was quoting in the negative. US markets ended higher in

overnight deals Wednesday Global oil benchmark Brent crude fell 0.34 per cent to \$78.73 a barrel.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth ₹4,026.25 Wednesday, crore on according to exchange data.

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### Significant progress in talks | Budget should announce tax cuts for individuals: Barclays on India-EU FTA: Official

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Economist, Aastha Gudwani

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T<sup>here is</sup> progress is a significant in the negotiations for the proposed free trade agreement (FTA) between India and European Union (EU), an official said on Thursday.

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal was in Brussels last week to meet European Commissioner for Trade Maros Sefcovic to take stock of the progress of the negotiations.

"Good progress is there on India-EU FTA. There is a significant progress in talks," the official said, without divulging more details.

During the meeting between Goyal and Sefcovic, the two sides agreed to build a commercially meaningful agenda and work trade towards a mutually beneficial trade pact.

The two leaders have also outlined political directions for both the teams to develop a mutually beneficial agenda for investm and robust FTA in an expedited manner to meet global challenges. The meeting came ahead of the



10th round of talks between India and the EU, which is scheduled from March 10-14 in Brussels In the ninth round, both sides

discussed trade issues covering goods, services, investment and government procurement along with necessary rules such as rules of origin, SPS (sanitary and phytosanitary), and technical barriers to trade In June 2022, India and the 27nation EU bloc resumed the negotiations after a gap of over eight years. It was stalled in 2013 due to differences over several issues.

The total trade stood at \$180 billion in 2023-24. India exported \$75.18 billion in and \$31.13 billion in services to the EU, while the EU exported \$63.44 billion in goods and \$31.35 billion in services to India



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regime, making it lucrative for more and more taxpayers.

In the last Budget, the government had increased standard deduction for salaried taxpayer to ₹75,000 said in a quest to support and deduction on family pension for pensioners to Rs 25,000 under the new tax regime, which offers lower rate of taxes.

the tax slabs. This is unlikely The new tax regime exempts income up to ₹3 lakh. Those That said, improved tax earning annually between buoyancy will likely make up ₹3-7 lakh pay 5 per cent tax Rs 7-10 lakh (10 per cent) for revenue foregone under this announcement. We ₹10-12 lakh (15 per cent) to ₹12-15 lakh (20 per cent) consumption is needed, and above ₹15 lakh (30 per especially with private now cent).

Barcl potential option to boost expects disposable income and purchasing power while containing inflation, could



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**RAGUNATH STEEL INDUSTRIES & OTHERS** Defendant To, 1. Shri Sharad Bajpai S/o Shri Prabhudutt Bajpai Partner of M/s Raghunath Steel Industries LLP

R/o 74 Sindhu Nagar GPO Indore MP 452001 and R/o Flat No 201, Second Floor Nanak Regency On Plot No 148

T Palasikar Colony Indore MP 452007 2. Smt Jyoti Bajpai W/o Shri Mr. Sharad Bajpai

R/o Flat No 201. Second Floor Nanak Regency On Plot No 148

Palasikar Colony Indore MP 452007 3. Shri Mohammad Sher Afzal Khan S/o Shri Khurasan

Pathan Partner Of M/s. Raghunath Steel Industries LLP R/o 20/1. Shastri Colony Indore MP 452006 and

R/o Survey No 137/2 PH No 05 RI Village Kabirkhedi Tehsil & Distt Indore MP 452010

Whereas OA No. 1218/2024 was listed before the Hon'ble Presiding Officer on 25/11/2024.

Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said application under section 19 (4) of the Act (OA) filed against you recovery of debts of **Rs. 4,91,42,565.80/-** (application alongwith copies of

Shankar Sachdev. Written in Passport. Now according to my old Passport. After my present documents. My Marriage, I have changed my new and correct name name. My new name is now known as ZEENAT KHAN known as **Vanshika** W/O SYED AAMIR ALI Khubchandani W/O Mayur Resident H. No. 13, Gali no. Khubchandani. Resident H. 1, Chowki Imambada, No. 79, Vijay nagar B-Sector, Bhopal (M.P.) 462001 Lalghati Bhopal (M.P.) 462001 FORM NO. IV (See sub rule (2A) of rule 5) **Debts Recovery Tribunal, Jabalpur** 797- II, Shanti Kunj, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur, M.P. 482001 (Areas of Jurisdiction- Madhya Pradesh & Chatisgarh) Original Application No. 1128/2023 FF. -Applicant CANARA BANK, PALASIA BRANCH Versus **M/S VINAYAK ENTERPRSES & OTHERS** Defendant To, 1. M/s Vinayak Enterprises Prop Shri Anand Chimnani R/o Shop No 321 Dawa Bazar 1st Floor, 13-14 RNT Marg. Distt Indore, MP 452012. 2.Shri Anand Chimnani S/o Shri Balchand Chimnani R/o Flat No 201, 338 Silicon City Sector A, Vardhmal Apartment, Distt Indore, MP 452012. 3.Mrs Deepan Chimnani W/o Shri Anand Chimnani R/o Flat No 201, 338 Silicon City Sector A, Vardhman Apartment, Distt - Indore, MP 452012. Whereas OA No. 1128/2023 was listed before the Hon'ble Presiding Officer on 02/11/2023. Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said application under section 19 (4) of the Act (OA) filed against you recovery of debts of **Rs. 26,55,082/-** (application alongwith copies of documents etc annexed).

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## US sanctions hit Russian oil supply to India

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The wide-ranging sanctions imposed by the US on the Russian oil sector have started to dent near-term oil flows to India with state-owned Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) saying not enough cargoes are available for March.

The US on January 10 issued sweeping sanctions targeting the Russian energy sector. The measures include sanctions on Russian oil producers Neft and Gazprom Surgutneftegas, the

blacklisting of 183 vessels involved in Russian energy exports, and curbs on dozens of oil traders, oilfield service providers, tanker owners and managers, insurance and companies energy officials.

sanctions The were announced at a time when Indian refiners had started to negotiate for March cargoes. BPCL Director (Finance) Vetsa Ramakrishna Gupta told in an analyst call on Thursday that Russian oil had been booked for January and February in the previous two months but for March "we are not getting sufficient cargoes". The company saw Russian oil in the overall basket of crude oil it processes into fuels like petrol and diesel, falling to 20 per cent in March from 31 per cent in the October-December quarter, he said. Russian oil made up for 34-35 per cent of all oil that BPCL processed at the start of the

2024. He said there is enough oil available in the market and the company would look at

current financial year in April



alternatives such as the latest round Middle East to replace the lost Russia used these tankers to volumes from Russia. ship oil to countries like India Russia made up for just 0.2 and China after the Group of per cent of all oil imported by Seven (G7) countries in 2022

imposed a \$60 a barrel price India in the year ended on March 31, 2022. India, cap on exports by the Kremlin. This cap, introduced however, became the second biggest buyer of Russian crude to limit Moscow's revenues to fund its war in Ukraine, oil since Moscow invaded meant that Western shipping Ukraine in February 2022, with purchases rising to and insurance services were almost 40 per cent of the not available for any oil cargo country's total oil purchases. that was priced more than \$60 per barrel The rise was primarily To circumvent that, Russia because Russian crude oil was used the so-called shadow fleet, insured by its own available at a discount to other internationally traded oil due companies. This fleet has now to the price cap and the been sanctioned. There is a European nations shunning wind-down period until March 12, which will allow for purchases from Moscow.

2024, Russian crude In imports to India averaged 1.7 existing contracts to finish. million barrels per day, making the OPEC+ producer 'For the first two months, there will be no disruption. its largest supplier. Within two months we will Gupta said the discounts on probably Russian oil have shrunk to \$3arrangements emerging in 3.2 per barrel from \$3.5-4 at terms of oil coming to India," the start of the fiscal and \$8.5 a senior government source in fiscal year 2023-24. said.

This month, India has decided to shun deliveries made by tankers that have been sanctioned by the US in the would be for Russian oil cargoes booked before January 10, provided they unload by March 12.

### **Public Notice**

It is informed to the genera public that my wife Nisha Jhope husband Lalit Kumar Jhope, father Totaram Jhope, ex-servicemar Indian Army number 6373473L rank Naik (TS), retired Army unit ASC (Supply), my wife's name has been mistakenly recorded as Nisha in the discharge book, which is incomplete. The correct and ful name of my wife is Nisha Jhope husband Lalit Kumar Jhope Hence, my wife should be knowr and identified in future as Nisha Jhope, husband Lalit Kumar Jhope Lalit Kumar Jhope, Father Totaran Jhope, House No. 10, behind Shiv Mandir, Narmadapuram Jaswad Road, Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh

### Change of Name

I. Neetu Patel Katiyar, wife of Shri Neeraj Katiyar, resident of F-2 Phase S.P.M. Tehsil and District Narmadapuram, Madhya Pradesh being the swearer, hereby making the following statement that I am a resident of the above address, my Aadhaar number is 558663605358 before marriage my name was Neetu Patel, father Shri Mewaram Patel which is recorded in all my pre marriage documents and after marriage my name is now Neetu Pate Kativar, husband Shri Neerai Kativar The above affidavit should be known and written and read by my name along with my husband's surname Katiyar, in support of which I am presenting the affidavit. All the nformation given in this is true and correct, if any legal action is taken regarding the name, then the entire responsibility of this will be of the swearer

documents etc annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the Defendants are directed as under:-

To show case within thirty days of the service of the summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.

ii.To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3-A of the applications of the serial number 3-A of the application

iii. You are restrained from dealing without disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.

iv You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the tribunal.

v. You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank of financial institutions holding security interests over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear Hon'ble Tribunal before 22.04.2025 at 10:30 A.M failing which the application shall be heard and ided in your absence

Given under my hand and seal of the tribunal this 20th day of January, 2025. By Order Tribunal.

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By Order Tribunal. Registrar

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### Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office: Unit No.802, Natraj Rustomjee, Western Express Highway and M.V.Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400069 Vidisha Branch : 1st Floor, Gaurav Business Square, Opposite Adani Wilmar Plant, Sanchi Road, Vidisha-464001, MP

Registrar

Authorised Officer : Lokendra Rathore, Mob.: 9977783890

### **PROPERTY FOR SALE UNDER PROVISIONS OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002 THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY**

Whereas the Authorised Officer, Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) has taken the Possession u/s 13(4) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financia Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002 (The SARFAESI Act, 2002) of the property ("The Secured Asset") given below The Authorised Officer has received offer of Sale from some interested party against the above mentioned Secured Asset under the SARFAESI Act for recovery of the Secured Debt. Now, the Authorised Officer is hereby giving the Notice to Sale of the above said property through Private Treaty in terms of rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The Details of the Account are as follows:

	Loan Code No./ Branch	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrowers	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Reserve Price (RP)	Total Outstanding Loan Amount	Description of the Secured Asset
and a star with a solution	(Loan Code No. 07600000895/ Vidisha Branch)	Mahendra Singh Yadav (Borrower) Kiran Yadav (Co-Borrower)	15-11-2021 & ₹ 6,45,231/-	₹ 4,00,000/-	₹ <b>12,16,026/-</b> as on date 20-01-2025	All that part & parcel of property bearing, P/O Survey No.516/2Min-20, Ward No.02 Paliwal Colony Exchange Road Near Mata Mandir Sironj Vidisha Madhya Pradesh 464228 <b>Boundaries:</b> East: Road, West : Remaining Land of Seller, North : House of Anita Kewat, South : House of Rameshwar Yadav

The Authorised officer will hold auction for sale of the Secured Asset on 'As is where is Basis', 'As is what is basis' and 'Whatever is there is basis'. AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the said property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept or reject the offer without assigning any reason whatsoever and sale will be subject to confirmation by Secured Creditor. On the acceptance of offer of proposed buyer, he/she is required to deposit 25% of accepted price inclusive adjustment of Earnest Money Balance immediately and the balance amount shall be paid by the purchaser within 15 (fifteen) days from date of acceptance of Offer by the Secured Creditor. The proposed buyer is to note that in case of failure of payment of balance amount by him/her within the time specified, the amount already deposited shall stand forfeited and property will be resold accordingly.

This is 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002 is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the above described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and to the amount due to Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.

If the Borrower(s), co-borrower(s) has any buyer who is ready to purchase the mortgage property/secured asset at price above the given reserve price then Borrower(s), Co-borrower(s) must intimate to AHFL on or before 10-02-2025 AHFL shall give preference to him. If Borrower(s), co-borrower(s) fails to intimate on or before 10-02-2025 the AHFL will proceed sale of property at above given reserve price.

### The Date of Auction is fixed for 10-02-2025.

Place : Madhya Pradesh, Date : 24-01-2025

(Authorised Officer) For Aadhar Housing Finance Limited THE PIONEER | BHOPAL | FRIDAY | JANUARY 24, 20

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लोकमाता अहिल्या देवी का जीवन धार्मिकता, त्याग और करुणा का प्रतीक रहा है। वह एक कुशल शासिका, आदर्श नारी और माता थीं, जिनकी कर्तव्यपरायणता, सुशासन, दानशीलता जैसे गुण हमें सद्मार्ग और सुशासन के जरिए लोक-कल्याण की असीम ऊर्जा और प्रेरणा देते हैं। उनके व्यक्तित्व की आभा से पूरा समाज आज भी उन्हें अत्यंत श्रद्धा से याद करता है। -**डॉ. मोहन यादव,** मुख्यमंत्री

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