Established 1865 the monet

DEHRADUN, WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8, 2025; PAGES 12 ₹3

www.dailypioneer.com

LISHED FROM: DELHI I LUCKNOW I BHOPAL I BHUBANESWAR I RANCHI I RAIPUR I CHANDIGARH I DEHRADUN I HYDERABAD I VIJAYWADA

Mid-week polls in Delhi on Feb 5 India boosts surveillance for HMPV pioneer News Service New Delhi contact with people exhibiting

with an announcement of the 70 assembly seats in Delhi in a single phase on February 5 and the votes will be counted on February 8 by the Election Commission (EC), the stage is set for a fierce triangular between Aadmi incumbent Aam Party (AAP), the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and the Congress. The battle lines are between Minister Narendra Modi's developmental model versus the 'freebies' model touted by the AAP chief and former Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who is eyeing a hattrick, having swept the 2015 and 2020 elections with 67 and 62 seats, respectively.

The AAP faces antiincumbency, corruption allegations and an aggressive BJP in its bid to assume power for a third successive term. The Congress will be keen to regain the national Capital. Although the Congress and the AAP contested the 2024 Lok Sabha elections together as part of the INDIA bloc, they will be competing separately in the upcoming Assembly polls. Announcing the dates for the Assembly polls in Delhi, Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said "It is a single-phase election... We have have deliberately kept polling on a Wednesday so more people come out to vote... like we did in Maharashtra. The

entire election process will be

With the EC's announcement

completed by February 10."



a press conference for the announcement of the schedule for the Delhi Assembly elections

Model Code of Conduct (MCC) is now in effect and **EC CAUTIONS** will remain so until the conclusion of the polls. The last date to file

nominations is January 17 and the scrutiny nominations will be done by STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI January 18. Candidates will be able to withdraw their nominations till January 20. Of the 70 seats in Delhi, 58 are general and 12 reserved. According to the electoral voters -- 83.49 lakh men, 71.74 lakh women and 1,261 transgender persons. There Kumar said. More than 13,000 polling stations will the the refrain from making remarks that women of the election schedule, the poll campaigns. He was the level-playing field."

 $T^{
m he}$ Election Commission will write to the cabinet secretary, informing that no Delhi-specific provision can be made in the Union Budget roll, Delhi has 1.55 crore that can disturb the levelplaying field, CEC Rajiv Kumar said on Tuesday. Polling for the 70-member are 25.89 lakh young voters, Delhi Assmebly will be held 2.08 lakh first-time voters, on February 5 and the votes and 830 above the age of 100, counted on February 8. Responding to a query about Union Budget, be set up in Delhi, he said. scheduled days ahead of the Kumar has urged candidates polls, Kumar said, "We will and political party leaders to write to the cabinet secretary Delhi-specific no and provision can be made in the involving children during Union Budget that can disturb asked about the recent comment made by BIP leader Ramesh Bidhuri against Congress Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. In 2020, the elections were bank-have

Photo: Ranjan Dimri/Pioneer

announced on January 6, polling was held on February 8, and votes were counted on February 11. The 70member Assembly's term concludes on February 23, necessitating elections before that to form a new House. Except for the Lok Sabha polls last year when AAP and Congress joined hands and together got an impressive vote share of 43.1%, the two parties-despite having a similar vote always contested separately. However, while AAP's vote share, since its maiden election in 2013, was constantly on the higher side, the number of people voting for decreased significantly in the last decade.

mid the detection of cases of human Amid the detect.

Metapneumovirus infection in Karnataka, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, the Centre has advised States to step up surveillance for respiratory illnesses including ILI and SARI to tackle any exigency, and create awareness about the prevention of transmission of the pathogen which is fast spreading in China.

Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava on Monday chaired a virtual meeting with states and union territories to take stock of respiratory illnesses and HMPV cases in the country and public health measures for their management, a health ministry statement said. However, the Centre has not issued any advisory

The Union Health Secretary said that there is no cause of concern for the public as HMPV has been present



globally since 2001, the statement said, adding that States have been asked to strengthen and review the ILI/SARI surveillance. "The States have been advised to enhance information, education and communication (IEC) and awareness among people regarding the prevention of transmission of the virus with simple measures such as washing hands often with soap and water; not touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands; avoiding close

symptoms of the disease; and covering mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing," said the statement.

HMPV is a globally recognised respiratory virus. It is a viral pathogen that causes respiratory infections in people of all age groups.

During the meeting, it was noted that the IDSP data does not indicate any unusual rise in influenza-like illness (ILI) and severe acute respiratory illnesses (SARI) cases anywhere in the country. All the detected patients don't have any foreign travel history, suggesting that the virus is indigenous, This is also corroborated by the ICMR sentinel surveillance data, it said. Srivastava reiterated that an increase in respiratory illnesses is usually seen during the winter months and that the country is well prepared for any potential surge in such cases, the

statement said.

6.8-magnitude quake in Tibet kills 95 people with tremors felt in Nepal

6.8-magnitude earthquake struck near one A 6.8-magnitude ear urquake struck near near A of Tibet's holiest cities on Tuesday, killing at least 95 people and injuring 130 others with tremors also shaking buildings and forcing people to run to the streets in neighbouring Nepal. According to regional disaster relief

headquarters, the quake jolted Dingri County in Xigaze in Tibet Autonomous Region in China at 9:05 am Tuesday (Beijing Time). The US Geological Service, however, put the quake's magnitude at 7.1. At least 95 people have been confirmed dead

and 130 others injured as of 3 p.M. Tuesday (local time), state-run Xinhua news agency reported. Cĥinese President Xi Jinping has ordered all-

out rescue efforts to carry out relief and rescue operations in the affected areas. Xi ordered utmost efforts to treat the injured

and urged efforts to prevent secondary



earthquake in Changsuo Township of Dingri in Xigaze, southwestern China's Tibet Autonomous Region

disasters, properly resettle affected residents. and handle the aftermath work effectively. Following the quake, China Earthquake Administration launched a level-II emergency service response and sent a work team to the site to assist with disaster relief

India's GDP growth to be



MAX 16.2°C(-2.8) MIN 10.5°C(+3.6)

SC orders quick appointments in CIC



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Expressing displeasure, the Supreme Court on Government to immediately fill up the vacancies in the Information Central Commission and State Information Commissions. Court also made observations on posting only retired bureaucrats as Information Commissioners,

different walks of life. Asking for an expeditious selection of information commissioners in the CIC, a bench of Justices Surva Kant and N Kotiswar Singh told Centre, "These posts need to be filled at the earliest otherwise what is the use of having the institution, if we don't have people working?' The bench criticised the appointments being made only from a particular category of candidates in the CIC and SICs, and mulled taking a judicial note on the presence of bureaucrats, and not people

posting of people

from all walks of life, in these Commissions. "We can take judicial notice of that Commissions are loaded with only one category of people. Why should only bureaucrats be appointed and why not people from different walks of life are appointed. We don't want to say more but this needs to be looked into, Justice Surya Kant said

PWD withdraws Atishi's bungalow all



RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

In a twist to the ongoing row over Delhi chief minister's official residence at 6, Flag Staff Road at Civil Lines, the Public Works Department (PWD) has withdrawn its offer to allot the bungalow to Chief Minister Atishi, as she did take "physical possession" of the house despite multiple requests from the department and issuance of "authority slip" last October. Countering her claim that she was evicted from her official residence for the second time in three months, PWD's sources have said that the question of eviction doesn't arise because thrown out of the house and she never took possession of on the road," the chief the bungalow. The PWD has minister said in Hindi. now offered two choices of accommodation to Atishi - the PWD letter indicates that

Bungalow 2 at 8 Raj Niwas and Bungalow 115 at Ansari Road Daryaganj - and asked her to submit her choice

within eight days. "A night before announcement of election date, the BJP-led government at the Centre has thrown me out of the chief minister's residence for the second time in two months. I was sent a letter stating that the allotment had been cancelled. The residence has been snatched from the elected chief minister of an elected government. They did the same thing three months ago, when I became chief minister. My belongings and those of my family were

In a letter dated January 6,

Atishi has not been evicted as she never took possession of the bungalow that was allocated to her. Secondly, her official residence at 17 AB Mathura Road remains allocated to her, and she has been offered two other bungalows to choose from. The letter from the PWD also clarified that the withdrawal of the offer for the Flag Staff Road bungalow occurred for two main reasons: Atishi failed to take possession of the property within the required one-week period, despite it being offered three months earlier.

Secondly, the 'Sheesh Mahal', where the bungalow is located, is currently under investigation by the CBI, ED, and CAG, due to concerns over potential corruption related to its construction. "Besides, she was supposed

to take possession of the house within 1 week and she did not do so in 3 months. The rules clearly stipulate that," said officials adding an official residence 17 AB Mathura Road is already allotted to her and she has again been given an offer of lavish three other including bungalows bungalow number 2 at 8 Raj hungalox number 115 at Ansari Road, Darvan Gani

In a notice dated January 6, 2025, Delhi government's Public Works Department (PWD) said the bungalow at 6, Flag Staff Road is also not a designated house for Delhi CM as it belongs to "General Pool" as per official records. The CM has been offered allotment of Bungalow No 2 at 8 Raj Niwas Lane, Civil Lines and Bungalow No 115

Ansari Road Daryaganj from "General Pool". After former Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal vacated the Civil Lines bungalow on October 4, 2024, Atishi had shifted to the house on October 6. However, she was asked to vacate the premises on October 9 by the officials of PWD, a department she heads. She vacated the bungalow the same day. Maintaining that an official "handover" of the property from Kejriwal to the department is yet to take place, PWD officials had then said the house has been

BSF refutes claims of BGB control over border area

PTI ■ PETRAPOLE

The BSF on Tuesday said that fencing work at the border between India and Bangladesh in Malda district was going on in a peaceful manner. BSF South Bengal DIG Nilotpal Kumar Pandey said the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) had raised an objection over the

matter. He said that a reply has been given to the BGB by the BSF authorities.

"Everything is going on in a peaceful manner," Pandey told reporters in Petrapole in North 24 Parganas district. Asked about reports in the Bangladeshi press claiming that the BGB has taken control of the 5-km border region situated along the Kodala river in Mohespur upazilla in Jhenaidah, the BSF officer said these reports were totally baseless.

slowest since Pandemic PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

ndia's economic growth rate Lis estimated to slip to a fouryear low of 6.4 per cent in 2024-25, mainly on account of poor showing by the facturing an sector, according government data released on Tuesday. The gross domestic product

(GDP) rate of 6.4 per cent will be the lowest since the Covid vear (2020-21) when the country witnessed a negative growth of 5.8 per cent. It was 9.7 per cent in 2021-22; 7 per cent in 2022-23; and 8.2 per cent in the last fiscal ended March 2024. The first advance estimates of

National Income for 2024-25 released by the National Statistics Office (NSO) is lower than the 6.6 per cent projected by the Reserve Bank in December 2024. It is also a tad lower than the finance ministry's initial projection of 6.5-7 per cent. The advance estimates will be used in preparation for the Union Budget to be presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Lok Sabha on February 1.

The manufacturing sector output is expected to decelerate to 5.3 per cent from a high of 9.9 per cent recorded in the previous



78,100

78,000 77,900 T 12:00 pm 3:00 pm

fiscal, NSO said in the first advance estimates of National Income for 2024-25. The services sector, comprising trade, hotels, transport and communications, is estimated to expand at 5.8 per cent

against 6.4 per cent in 2023-

On the other hand, the farm sector is estimated to record a growth of 3.8 per cent in the current fiscal, up from 1.4 per cent in 2023-24. "Real GDP has been estimated to grow by 6.4 per cent in FY 2024-25 as compared to the growth rate of 8.2 per cent in Provisional Estimate (PE) of GDP for FY 2023-24," NSO

'Rajasthan Maru Udaan' women's empowerment rolls out statewide

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

n initiative for women's Ampowerment with a 360degree broad-based approach that was launched in Barmer in November will now be extended to cover the entirety of Rajasthan. 'Maru Udaan' was started by Barmer collector Tina Dabi for empowering women. The initiative will be rolled out across the state on Thursday. The 'Rajasthan Maru Udaan' initiative will cover a range of activities and sessions such as on mental and physical health, skills training, personal finance management,



self-defence, cybercrime and driving courses.

will include training workshops for millet cookies, environment conservation, water and waste management. Health camps in vulnerable pockets will also be held. The activities will be organised at the district and the Panchayat Samiti level. "Keeping in mind the

programme's utility it will be effectiveness, implement in all districts from January 9 under the name Rajasthan Maru Udaan," Neetu Rajeshwar, the women empowerment department commissioner, said in an order. The medical and health,

industries, police, transport, agriculture and horticulture, the education departments will participate in The programme. expenditure for programmes and activities to be organised under 'Rajasthan Maru Udaan'

can be used from the budget of

the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao

Punjab village rewards liquor, DJ-free, weddings with cash PIONEER NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH/NEW DELHI

In a unique initiative which may set an example for others both in rural and urban India, a panchayat in Punjab's Bathinda district has announced an incentive of Rs 21,000 to families who won't serve liquor or play DJ music at wedding ceremonies. The decision was taken to encourage villagers not to indulge in wasteful expenditure on marriage functions and curb liquor abuse.

Ballo village Sarpanch Amarjit Kaur said that it is generally seen that quarrels erupt at functions where alcohol is served and loud music is played. Moreover, the loud music also disturbs the studies of students. "We want to encourage people not to indulge in wasteful expenditure during wedding functions," she said.



family does not serve liquor or play DJ music at wedding functions, it will be given Rs 21,000. Ballo village has a population of around 5,000 people. Kaur further said the panchayat has The sarpanch said the panchayat has sought from the government to set up

can be encouraged to take part in sports activities. "There should be a stadium in the village so that different games can be organised," said the Sarpanch. The panchayat has also proposed to set up a biogas plant in the

village. Free seeds will be given to farmers who opt for organic farming, she said. Wedding season becomes a mess for

the city like national Capital Delhi where liquors, loud music, crackers have become a fashion and people are ostentatious about it. "Not only loud music and crackers but the city goes under complete mess due to choking traffic situation. Wish marriage could be held in a civilised manner but Delhi is more horrible during the weddings season. This is worse for the senior citizens and elderly people as the marriage processions (baraat) never deem fit to care about neighbourhood issue. I have been facing this every wedding season and worse during winters when Delhi air is bad. Hope RWAs and social organizations take a cue from small town like Bhatinda," said Abhay Banerjee, a resident of Khanpurin south Delhi area.

Sanitation must

say doctors

PNS DEHRADUN

Doctors have advised that individuals must adhere

to the appropriate sanitation

practices to protect them-

selves from the Human

Metapneumo Virus (HMPV).

This recommendation was is-

sued in light of a recent alert

from the Health department,

which provided guidelines

and preventive measures for

the virus throughout the state.

Notably, there have been no

reported cases of HMPV in

the State yet. However, seven

cases have emerged in India

so far. Due to this, there has

been a noticeable level of con-

cern among the public. In re-

sponse to this situation,

doctors have emphasised that

prevention is preferable to treatment for safeguarding

The medical superintendent

of Deen Dayal Upadhyay Dis-

trict Hospital Dr VS Chauhan

said that this virus bears sim-

ilarities to Covid-19. Individ-

uals should practice the

necessary precautions rather

He stated that the HMPV

virus, which is comparable to

Covid-19, also affects individ-

uals by causing respiratory is-

sues. Those infected with the

HMPV virus may experience

symptoms such as cough,

sneezing, runny nose, fever

and in severe cases, pneumo-

nia. This virus is more preva-

lent among elderly individuals, children and

those with underlying health

conditions such as diabetes

The office of Uttarakhand

▲ Chief Electoral Officer

(CEO) will organise a 10-kilo-

metre run in the provisional

State capital on the occasion of

National Youth Day on Janu-

ary 12. Large number of locals

including the personnel of

Indo-Tibetan Border Police

(ITBP), Uttarakhand Police

and asthma. Consequently, it HMPV, he emphasised.

10 km run to be held

for voting awareness

than succumbing to panic.

against HMPV.

to prevent HMPV.

is recommended that these in-

dividuals adhere to essential

precautions. He further em-

phasised that to prevent this

virus, individuals should fol-

low necessary guidelines, in-

cluding wearing face masks,

maintaining social distance,

washing hands upon return-

ing home, using their elbow to

sneeze and consuming warm

water. He also stressed that

there is no need for panic, as

recovery typically occurs

within four to five days when

precautions are taken and a

nutritious diet is maintained.

the district hospital Dr Vijay

Singh Panwar said that elderly

individuals, children and

those suffering from other

health conditions are more

vulnerable to the HMPV

virus. This virus presents

symptoms similar to those of

covid-19, necessitating com-

parable precautions. The

symptoms associated with

HMPV include cough, cold,

throat infections, fever and

respiratory issues. To mitigate

the risk of transmission, indi-

viduals are advised to adhere

to sanitation practices and

maintain physical distancing.

It is recommended that people

wear face masks, wash their

hands regularly, use handker-

chiefs and keep a distance of

at least 1.5 metres from others.

Further, it is advisable to re-

frain from going outside un-

less necessary and if one must

do so, wearing a face mask is

essential. A nutritious diet is

also important in combating

Further, senior physician at

PUBLIC NOTICE

In my Husband army record my 18010553Y नायक जितन फुकन, mistakenly recorded as SAPANA CHAND whereas my correct name is SAPNA CHAND as mentioned in other all documents, Army no JC 331972N RANK SUB/MAJ Name SURESH CHAND UNIT-GE CLEMENT TOWN VILL- MAJRA DEHRADUN UTTARAKHAND. I have changed my correct name in my husband army record vide IN-UK67489196783077X Affidavit

In my Husband army record my name mistakenly recorded as MANZU whereas my correct name is MANJU MAITHANI as mentioned in other all documents Army no 1567139H RANK EX L/HAV Name LAXMI PRASAD R/O 263/1 VIJAY COLONY, PH-2, HATHI BARKALA NEW CANTT ROAD DEHRADUN UTTARAKHAND. I have changed my correct name in my husband army record vide IN-UK67481327623084X Affidavit

07.01.2025 before Dehradun.

07.01.2025 before Dehradun.

In my Husband army record my name mistakenly recorded as BYRI PRAJWALA whereas my correct name is BYRI PRAJWALA GOUD as mentioned in other all documents. Army no 17028855X RANK CFN Name BYRI NAGARAJ (UNIT 815 FWC (614 EME BN) R/O 5-3, GOPALPUR, ELKATHURTHY MANDAL, GOPALPUR, P.O. GOPALPUR, DIST HANUMAKONDA TELANGANA. I have changed my correct name in my husband army record vide UK67331185856985W Affidavit 07.01.2025 before Dehradun.

My name has been mistakenly recorded as RIDDHÍ BUDHALAKOTI in the military records of my father JC-342126A SUBEDAR GAJENDRA CHANDRA which is incorrect. My correct name is RIDDHI BUDHLAKOTI, address Vill Pangot (Budhlakot) Tehsil Koushiya Kutoli, District Nainital Uttarakhand

This is to inform everyone that I have changed my name from km Meena Surjwan (Old name) to Meena (new name). I should be addressed Meea M-122 M.D.D.A. Colony kedarpuram Dehradun

I, Rajani Devi W/o Shri Harish Prasad, Village Ranihat, Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand, declare that Rajani Devi and Rajani Joshi are two names of same person. For all future purposes and documents my correct name is Rajani Devi. Which is true and

The general public that I have changed my old name from Arvinder Pal Singh Dhall to the new name Arvinder Pal Singh. In future I should be known by this name. S/O Late Inder Singh Address Geeta Bhawan Road Vikasnager pin code 248198 Dehradun Uttarakhand

I, HAMEED S/o Late Sabar Ali, address Vill Jatowala, P.O. Sabhawala, Tehsil Vikasnagar, District Dehradun Uttarakhand declare that earlier I was known as Abdul Hameed while after change of name I am known as HAMEED रकेबा 0.0098 है. अर्थात 98.70 वर्गमीटर, स्थित मौज as mentioned in my all the documents.

I,Army No.JC-462879H NB/SUB

JADHAV SHATRUGHAN

NATHAJI F/o ANIRUDH, Vill-

Eranadoli, POST- Eranadoli, TEH-

Miraj, DIST- Sangli, Maharashtra-

416410. I have changed my son's

name from ANIRUDH to JADHAV ANIRUDDHA SHATRUGHAN as

per his Aadhar No.947840903870

vide affidavit sworn before notary and advocate Ashok Kumar dated

मेरे पुत्र के सैन्यभिलेखोंनुसार, मेरा

गलत नाम रुद्रा देवी (RUDRAA

DEVI)दर्ज है, सही नाम रुद्रा देवी

(RUDRA DEVI) आधार नं

933326844930 M/o आर्मी नंबर

15346304F हवलदार रवि कुमार

मलूकपुर, तह-नवाबगंज, जिला-

मैंने निजी कारणों से अपने पुत्र का

नाम SHAHITYA KHANDWAL

(शाहित्य खण्डवाल) से बलदकर

KIYANSH PRAJAPAT (कियांश

प्रजापत) कर लिया है। भविष्य में मेरे

पुत्र को KIYANSH PRAJAPAT

(कियांश प्रजापत) S/o VIKAS

KUMAR के नाम से जाना पहचाना

222डीं / 1, शिवपुरम रूडकी

रहीमपुर जिला- हरिद्वार

मैंने निजी कारणों से अपनी पुत्री

का नाम MANVI KHADWAL (मानवी

खंडवाल) से बलदकर AARVI

PRAJAPAT (आरवी प्रजापत) कर

लिया है। भविष्य में मेरी पुत्री को

AARVI PRAJAPAT (आरवी

प्रजापत) D/O VIKAS KUMAR के

नाम से जाना पहचाना व पुकारा

जाए। निवासी 222 डीं / 1,

शिवपुरम रूड़की रहीमपुर जिला-

हरिद्वार उत्तराखण्ड।

उत्तराखण्ड ।

पुकारा जाए। निवासी–

बारा बंकी, उत्तरप्रदेश-225301है।

सिंह, गांव अकटहिवा,

07.01.2025 UK.Gol.

and members of secretariat's athletics club will take part in the event.

The theme of the event is 'healthy voters- healthy

PNS DEHRADUN

ttendants of various temples

A in Dehradun have prepared to

commemorate the first anniver-

sary of the consecration of the

Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. It will

be recalled that the consecration

took place on January 22, 2024. At

that time, the celebrations ex-

tended beyond Ayodhya, reaching

temples and devotees throughout

the country and abroad. Similarly,

this year, many temples in

Dehradun have been decorated

with lights and the attendants are

planning to organise celebratory

activities, including Bhajan and

Kirtan to mark the first anniver-

sary of the Ram Mandir consecra-

tion on January 22. In the city,

served adorned with lights and

In this context, a priest from the

temple near Dharampur Chowk,

Hari Dimri said that in anticipa-

tion of the first anniversary of the

consecration of the Ram Mandir

in Ayodhya, they are preparing to

make this celebration memorable

in the city. They have decided to

begin regular recitations of Bhajan and Kirtan one week prior to

January 22. Further, they have

plans to acquire new garments for

the effigies of the lords in the

temple. On January 22, to com-

various decorative elements.

numerous temples have been ob-

Mahindra Grounds Dehradun Cantt. The additional chief elec-

democracy'. The run will com-

mence from the Survey of

India and will culminate at

toral officer (ACEO) Vijay Kumar Jogdande said that the objective of the event is to create awareness for voting among the people.

He said that the participants can take part in the run under five categories and winners, first and second runner ups in tated. Jogdande said that a total of 600 people have so far registered for the 10 km run. He said that youngsters who have attained 18 years of age can take part in the event. The last date for registration for the run is January 8.

of Ram Mandir consecration

Ajay's tenure as BKTC chief full of controversies: Cong

PNS DEHRADUN

 $T^{
m he\ chief\ spokesperson\ of\ Congress\ in\ Uttarakhand,}$ Garima Dasauni said that the three-year tenure of the Badrinath Kedarnath Temple Committee (BKTC) chairman Ajendra Ajay was full of controversies, adding that he proved to be complete failure in managing affairs of the temple committee.

She said that his biggest failure was the gold scam in Kedarnath temple in which 228 kilogrammes of gold got converted into brass. Similarly, in the QR code issue in which a QR code was placed at the entrance of the temple, when people raised objections to the QR code, the BKTC initially tried to evade responsibility but later the committee accepted that the QR code was placed by it. Dasauni

PNS DEHRADUN

bacco Elimination Center',

organised by the National

Tobacco Control Pro-

gramme (NTCP) in the dis-

concluded on Tuesday. The

training began on January 6

and included participants

such as dental surgeons, Na-

tional Adolescent Health

Programme (NAHP) coun-

sellors, and NTCP counsel-

lors from the districts of

Rudraprayag, Uttarkashi,

Tehri, Dehradun and Harid-

war. This training was aimed

at all the districts within the

According to the officials,

the primary objective of the

programme was to equip

health counsellors with the

skills to provide effective

Chola

Enter a better life

Garhwal Division.

Chamoli,

Doon enthused to mark first anniversary

memorate the anniversary of the

Ayodhya Ram Mandir, Prasads

will also be distributed outside the

temple, he stated.

"We have adorned

our colony temple

with lights in prepara-

tion for the upcoming

celebration. On Janu-

ary 22, which marks

the completion of one

year since the conse-

cration of Ayodhya,

our colony temple will

be decorated with

flowers. Additionally,

a Sunderkand event is

planned for that day,

said a member of the

Beyond the temple

festivities, there is a noticeable enthusiasm

among local residents

to commemorate the

anniversary of the

Ram Mandir conse-

cration. Local resident

Pushpa Kumari in-

formed about her in-

tention to host a

Hawan at her home in

honour of the conse-

temple

Vibhu Gupta.

committee

Patelnagar,

Dehradun,

claimed that a donation worth lakhs of rupees was deposited through the QR code but no one knows as to who the actual beneficiary of the dona-

Dasauni said that the VIP culture was promoted during the tenure of Ajay and the pictures of sanctum sanctorum of the temples went viral. The Congress leader also accused Ajay of irregularities in promotion and appointment of staff in the temple committee.

She said that Char Dham are the pride of the State and backbone of the economy. Dasauni said that the State government should select an impartial, non-controversial person having a vision for appointment to the post of the BKTC chairman.

Training programme on tobacco

Atwo-day hands-on counselling and support to individuals seeking to quit

the 'Operation of the To- tobacco at the community

elimination centre concludes in Doon

level. During the training,

the importance of collabo-

ration among dentists, to-

bacco control counselors

and adolescent health

counselors stationed in

hospitals was emphasised.

It was mandated that pa-

tients who come for dental

checkups or oral health as-

sessments and are tobacco

or smoke users must re-

ceive compulsory coun-

Further, the officials

added that the training fo-

cused on encouraging to-

bacco users to utilise

pharmacotherapy and the

Quitline number (1800-

112-356) in addition to

counselling. Balaji Seva

Sansthan, an organisation

supporting the tobacco

cration anniversary of Ram

Mandir. She expressed her belief

that this day will be commemo-

rated annually across the nation.

Congress venting frustration with baseless allegations:BJP

PNS DEHRADUN

R esponding to allegations levelled by the Congress against Badrinath-Kedarnath Temple Committee chief Ajendra Ajay, the Bharatiya Janata Party stated that the Congress is venting it's frustration while ignoring facts. The BJP State media incharge Manveer Singh Chauhan said that the Congress is levelling baseless al-

"The people have told what they think about the Congress by electing the BJP candidate in the Kedarnath bypoll. They would not have supported us if the allegations were true. The Congress is miffed as Ajendra Ajay stalled the corruption taking place during the Congress' tenure. He facili-

elimination campaign, pro-

vided technical and training

support for this initiative.



tated development in the region and enabled measures which boosted the Char Dham Yatra. The Congress is frustrated and lacks issues," Chauhan said.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONVERSION OF A PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY INTO A PRIVATE LIMITED COMPANY FORM NO. INC-25A BEFORE THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS, NORTHERN REGION, NEW DELHI IN THE MATTER OF THE SECTION 14(1) OF COMPANIES ACT, 2013 READ WITH RULE41 OF COMPANIES (INCORPORATION) RULES, 2014 (FOURTH AMENDMENT RULES, 2018)

RULES, 2018)

IN THE MATTER OF D. BALI INFRASTRUCTURES & DEVELOPERS LIMITED (CIN: U14200UR1991PLC013473), A COMPANY INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT, 1956 HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT KHASRA NO. 151 MIN, APNAGHAR VILLAGE GANGAPUR GUSAI, KUNDESHWARI ROAD, KASHIPUR-244713 (U. S. NAGAR) UTTARAKHAND,

INDIA

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the Company is intending to make an application to the Regional Director under section 14 (1) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with aforesaid rules and is desirous of converting into a private limited company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting held on 10th December, 2024, to enable the company to give effect for such conversion. Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change/status of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his interest and grounds of opposition to the concerned Regional Director B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi -110003, within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office situated at the address mentioned below: KHASRANO. 151 MIN, APNA GHAR VILLAGE GANGAPUR GUSAI, KUNDESHWARI ROAD, KSHIPUR - 244713 (U. S. NAGAR) UTTARAKHAND, INDIA

Sd/- **Deepak Bali** Place: Kashipur (Uttrakhand) (**Director**) Date: 04/01/2025 *DIN*:- 0066585

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-Auction Notice

The bids are invited from the registered entities on IREPS by Sr.DCM./Chg./MB (ACO) through e-auction on 24.01.2025 for the allotment of Parking and Pay & Use toilets Contracts in Moradabad Division. The catalogues have already been published on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in and detail of e-auction are available at website www.ireps.gov.in

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-Auction Notice

The bids are invited from the registered entities on IREPS by Sr.DCM./Chg./MB (ACO) through e-auction on 27.01.2025, 28.01.2025 & 29.01.2025 for the allotment of Catering stalls (Genral Minor Units) at D & E category of Railway stations of Moradabad Division. The catalogue have already been published on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in and detail of e-auction are available at website www.ireps.gov.in 73/2025

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-Auction Notice

The bids are invited from the registered entities on IREPS by Sr.DCM./Chg./MB (ACO) through e-auction on 22.01.2025 for allotment of Rail Coach Restaurant, Battery Operated Vehicle, EV charging cum parking, commercial advertising, Retiring Room at Naimisharanya station and integrated contract at Bijnor station over Moradabad Division. The catalogues have already been published on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in and

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

complete details are available at website.

CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED Corporate Office: Chola Crest, C54 & 55, Super B-4, Thiru Vi Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai 600032. Branch Office: 2nd Floor, JJ Tower, 59-Rajpur Road, Adjoining Ram Tirath Aashram, Opp. Sachivalaya Main Gate, Dehradun- 248001 Contact No: MR. VARUN PARTAP VOHRA - 9056555002, 8477000713

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of

Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited the same shall be referred herein after as Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited. The Secured Assets will be sold or "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis through E-Auction.

t is hereby informed to General public that we are going to conduct public E-Auction through website https://chola-lap.procure247.com							
Account No. and Name of Borrower, Co- Borrower, Mortgagors	Date & Amount as per Demand Notice U/s 13(2)	Descriptions of the Property/Properties	Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit & Bid Incre- ment Amount (in Rs.)	E-Auction Date & Time EMD Submission Last Date, Inspection Date			
oan No. HE01DDN0000010227 forrower & Co-Borrowers: Mr. SANDEEP VERMA S/O Mr. KRISHAN LAL VERMA . Mrs. SOINA VERMA W/O Mr. SANDEEP VERMA . Mr. MAYANK VERMA S/O Mr. SANDEEP VERMA ./O- Ward No.6, Badamawala Road, Annfield Babugarh, ikasnagar, Dehradun - 248198, Uttrakhand . M/S VERMA JEWELLERS Through Its Prop. (SANDEEP VERMA) 8, College Road, Vikasnagar, Dehradun - 248198, Uttraki		Property measuring 433 sq. mts. Situated at Mauza Babugarh Pargana Pachwadoon Tehsil Vikasnagar, Distt. Dehradoon registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Vikas Nagar in Book No. 1, Volume No. 4029, Page No. 53 to 78 at Serial No. 1829 registered on 27/4/2016.	Rs. 1,40,00,000/- Rs. 14,00,000/- Rs. 1,00,000/-	18-02-2025 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. 17-02-2025 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. As Per Appointment			

THIS IS ALSO A STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.

1. All Interested participants / bidders are requested to visit the website https://chola-lap.procure247.com/ & https://www.cholamandalam.com/news/auction-notices. 2. For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact Mr. Muhammed Rahees - 8124000030 / 6374845616,

Email id: CholaAuctionLAP@chola.murugappa.com. For eAuction training alone, contact M/s. Procure247; Vasu Patel - 9510974587 3. For further details on terms and conditions please visit https://chola-lap.procure247.com/ & https://cholamandalam.com/news/auction notices to take part in e-auction

Date: 08-01-2025, Place: Dehradun (U.K.)

Authorised Officer M/S Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

पानीडीहिंग, पोस्ट-उदयपुर, पी. एस- डेमो, जिला- शिवसागर, असम–785662 है।

में तेजवीर सिंह कम्बो पुत्र श्री सुरिंदर सिंह कम्बो, देहरादून गढ़ी कैंट के वार्ड संख्या 4 आंशिक का निवासी सर्वसाधारण को सूचित करता हूँ कि मैंने अपना नाम बदल कर तेजवीर सिंह कर लिया है। भविष्य में मुझे इसी नाम से जाना

मेरे पुत्र के सैन्य अभिलेखों में, मेरा गलत नाम प्रवा फूकन दर्ज है, सही नाम प्रोभावती फूकन आधार नं.-

529004511148 M/o आर्मी नं.

ग्राम– रूपही बाम मौजा–

मेरे समस्त शैक्षिक प्रमाणपत्रो एवं जाति प्रमाणपत्र व स्थायी प्रमाणपत्र में नाम बारूदत्त दर्ज व अंकित है, जबकि आधार कार्ड पैनकार्ड बैंक खाता व डी एल व अन्य सभी दस्तावेजो में नाम बारूदत्त नौटियाल अंकित है। बारूदत्त व बारूदत्त नौटियाल दोनो नाम मेरे ही है भविष्य में मुझे बारूदत्त नौटियाल पुत्र श्री नारायण चंद के नाम से जाना पहचाना जाये। निवासी ग्राम चातरा पो महेन्द्ररथ तहसील त्यूनी देहरादून

PUBLIC NOTICE

My two originals are deed numbe 95/2015, whose book no. 1 is on page 147 to 168 of volume no. 285 dated 07/01/2015, which is registered at Sub Registrar, First Roorkee and the original deed is no. 9348/2012, whose book no. 1 is of volume no. 1625. Page No. 9 to 22 at Serial No. 9348 The date is 07/11/2012 which is registered in Sub Registrar No. 2 Roorkee but actually it is lost somewhere. Loan is being taken from Hinduja Housing Finance Limited on the said land. Please inform within 7 days on the address given below. FOR INFORMATION

Please make efforts to give Ajay Panwar Advocate Chamber No. 10 Collectorate Court new building to Saharanpur Mobile Number 9719871700

PUBLIC NOTICE The general public is informed that

have actually lost a file somewhere that contains following documents.

1)Original sale deed dated 14.06.2006, Document No. 4226, executed by Shri Mohan Lal Sharma, Shri Akhilesh Sharma, Smt. Saroj Sharma, and Shri Gaurav Dutt in favour of Shri Vikram Aggarwal, duly registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Dehradun vide Book No. 1, Volume 1547, Page 313, ADF Book No. 1,

Volume 1610, Pages 25 to 42. 2)Original sale deed dated 14.06.2006, Document No. 4227 executed by Mr. Mohan La Sharma, Mr. Akhilesh Sharma Mrs. Saroj Sharma, and Mr Gaurav Dutt in favour of Mr. Vikram Aggarwal, duly registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar Dehradun vide Book No. 1, Volume 1547, Page 313 ADF Book No. 1,

Volume 1610, Pages 43 to 60. Rishma Kaur, daughter of Shri Kuldeep Singh Dhingra, resident of N-124. Panchsheel, Ground Floor, Panchsheel Park, South

सूचना

देहरादन की काबिज स्वामी है, जिसकी सीमायें व नाप पहरापूर्न का काबिज स्वाना है, जिसका सानाय पे ना निम्न प्रकार हैं:— पूरब में भूमि श्री सागर चौहान, नाप 2 फीट. पश्चिम में 18 फीट चौड़ा रास्ता, नाप 25 फीट उत्तर में भूमि अन्य, नाप 43 फीट, दक्षिण में भूमि अन्य, नाप-43 फीट है। उपरोक्त सम्पत्ति का मूल विक्रय पत्र नाप-43 फोट है। उपराक्त सम्भात का नूला विक्रय पत्र जो कि पूर्व विक्रेता श्री प्रभाकर शर्मा पुत्र श्री धर्मान्य शर्मा निवासी-ननूरखेड़ा, पो०ओ० नालापानी, देहरादून के नाम की थी जो कि विक्रय पत्र कार्यालय उपनिबंधक क नाम की था जो कि विक्रय पत्र कांयालय उपानबाक बचुई, देहरादून के यहां बही कि 1 जिल्द 1044 के पूष्ट 331 से 356 पर क्रमांक 6126 दिनांक 26.12.2013 को विधिवत् दर्ज व अंकित है, उक्त भूमि का विक्रय पत्र अर्थ पर ही कहीं गिरकर खो गया है जो कि काफी खोजबीन व तलाश करने पर भी नहीं मिल पाया है। जिसके संबंध प तिलास करने पर में महिता है। जिस के स्वीत करने पर महिता है। जिस के महिता है। जिस के जिल्हा के स्वीत के रोड, जिला देहरादून, उत्तराखण्ड रही है और क्रेता आश रावत भारतीय स्टेट बैंक की राजपुर रोड शाखा कोड यावत भारतीय स्टट बक का राजपुर राज साजा जा 05713 है, में बंधक रख कर ग्रह ऋण प्राप्त करने की इच्छुक है। प्रार्थिनी श्रीमती आशा रायत पत्नी श्री अनिल सिंह निवासी मकान नं0-98, वाणी विहार, अंधोईबाला, रायपुर रोड, जिला देहरादून, उत्तराखण्ड।

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sitara W/o Shri Sanavvar Thanvi R/o Majra, Patel Nagar Dehradun is the owner of Khasra No. 267 Ka Min measuring 132.80 Sq Mt of Mauja Jhajra, Vikasnagar, Dehradun have lost a previous sale deed executed by Shri Radheshyam and Shri Manoj Kumar in favour of Smt Gunjan Nagliya duly registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Vikasnagar, Dehradun in Book No. 1 Volume 633 Page 14 ADF Book No. 1 Volume 744 Page 371-390 at Serial No. 4916 Dated 03.07.2006 notify that the said document has been lost and not mortgaged in any bank or financial institution. Contact if

सार्वजनिक सूचना

और श्री आशिक अली बही स. 1, जिल्द 5860 के पुष्ट 277 से 307 पर क्रमांक 6709 पर दिनांक 06-10-2021 और आशिक अली और सोहेल खान बही नं. 1, जिल्द 7528 के पुष्ट 127 से 158 पर क्रमांक 5428 दिनांक 30.09-2021 जो विक्रय को जा रही है के पूर्व मुल खातेदार असार अली की मृत्यु के पश्चात दो बारिस रियासत अली और शराफत अली जिनके वारिस सरिटकेदार नहीं है दोनों बारिस अपना पो.ओ. ए. अली हमन, शराफत अली, इरशाद अली, दिलशाद अली और मकसूद अली को मौजा बंजारावाला माफी खसरा नं. 997, 991ग व 995 दे चुके हैं। मैं मौहम्मद हंशा और शरापुष्ता नाज इस भूमि को SMFG India Home Finance Company Ltd. से ऋण द्वारा क्रय कर रहे हैं इसमें किसी को कोई आपति हों तो सम्प्रक कर रहे हैं इसमें किसी को कोई आपति हों तो सम्प्रक कर रहे

एडवोकेट आलोक पुण्डीर कोर्ट कम्पाएण्डे, नियर बार एसोसिएश

Although every possible care and caution has been taken to avoid errors or omissions, this publication is being sold on the condition and understanding that information given in this publication is merely for reference and must not be taken as having authority of or binding in any way on the writers, editors, publishers, and printers and sellers who do not owe any responsibility for any

damage or loss to any person, a purchaser of this publication or not for the result of any action taken on the basis of this work. All disputes are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of competent court and forums in Delhi/New Delhi only. Readers are advised and requested to verify and seek appropriate advice to satisfy themselves about the veracity of any kind of advertisement before responding to any contents published in this newspaper. The printer, publisher, editor and any employee of the Pioneer Group's will not be held responsible for any kind of loss, consequences and further product-related damages on such advertisements.

Printed and published by Ajit Sinha for and on behalf of CMYK Printech Ltd., published at Unigate General Media Pvt Ltd # 162, Old Nehru Colony Opp Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan Dharampur, Dehradun-248001 Ph: 0135-2673111, Mob 9045057787 and printed at Amar Ujala Publications Ltd, Plot No-H-1 to H-6, Selaqui Industrial Area, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, Editor-in-Chief Shobori Ganguli. AlR SURCHARGE of Re. 1.00 East: Calcutta, Ranchi, Bhubaneswar, North: Leh: West: Mumbai & Ahmedabad South: Bangalore & Chennai. Central: Khajuraho, Delhi Office: 100k Milap Bhawan, 8/A Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110 002, Phone: 011-40110455, Corporate Office: -201-205, 208-210, 2nd Floor, Pratap Bhawan 5, B.S.Z. Marg, New Delhi-110002 Phone: 011-69342500, Lucknow Office: 4th Floor, Sahara Shopping Centre, Faizabad Road, Lucknow-226 016. Telephones: 0522-2346443-45

Modi accepts Dhami's invitation Dhami striving for success for a winter trip in Uttarakhand

PNS DEHRADUN

Prime Minister Narendra Modi responded positively to an invitation for a winter trip in Uttarakhand extended by chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami. The CM met the Prime Minister and discussed aspects of the winter Char Dham Yatra and issues pertaining to the State's development. Returning from his Delhi visit, Dhami said that he discussed important schemes related to the State's development and received the PM's guidance. The CM formally invited the PM to the National Games in Uttarakhand while also informing him about the preparations for the event and the benefits to the youth from the national-level sports event. Dhami presented the plans for various schemes related to development in the spheres of tourism, employment and infrastructure while also requesting Modi for support from the Centre for these

Talking about the importation for a winter trip to tance of the winter Char Uttarakhand. Dham Yatra, Dhami told Modi about the enthusiasm among devotees for this pilgrimage.



winter pilgrimage this year, adding that this will boost tourism and the local economy in the State. Modi responded positively to Dhami's invi-

The CM said that the PM reacted positively to the State's He said that a large number of schemes and winter Yatra people are undertaking the while assuring that the Centre

will provide all necessary assistance in facilitating the planned development in Uttarakhand. Dhami said that his meeting with Modi will prove helpful in boosting the State's developmental efforts.

It is pertinent to mention here that Dhami is focusing on boosting the winter Char Dham Yatra iun the State, as the government believes that tourism and pilgrimage are a major factor affecting the State's economy. The CM had recently visited the trekking route from Dehradun to Mussoorie, directing officials to ensure basic facilities while retaining the natural look of the trek, adding that the State government will develop other

of 38th National Games

PNS DEHRADUN

Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami is putting in extra effort to ensure the successful organisation of the 38th National Games to be hosted by Uttarakhand. The National Games are commencing on January 28 and will culminate on February 15. The CM camped in New Delhi on Monday and Tuesday to extend invitations to the extend invitations to the prominent personalities to attend the premier sports event. On Monday, he met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and requested him to attend the inaugural ceremony of the sports event being hosted by the State. The PM has accepted the invitation and he is expected to inaugurate the National

On Tuesday, the CM met the Union minister for Sports Mansukh Mandaviya to invite him for the event. Informing about the preparations being made for the

successful hosting of the NG, the CM said that more than 10,000 players will participate in the National Games. He said that the games will induce a sports culture in the State. The CM said that the sports infrastructure is being developed in such a manner in the State so that the players get the facilities of international level. In the meeting the CM also requested the minister for financial assistance for construction of a high altitude sports Centre at Deedapani of Almora and setting up a multipurpose sports hall in every block of the State

The CM also requested Mandaviya to approve the proposal of the State government regarding operation of the ice skating rink in Maharana Pratap Sports College in Dehradun and for upgrading the adventure sports training centre in Shivpuri. The Union minis-

ter assured the CM that every possible support will be given to Uttarakhand for promotion of sports and development of the sports infrastructure. Dhami also met the Union Petroleum and Natural Gas minister Hardeep Puri in New Delhi on Tuesday and extended an invitation for the National

It is pertinent to mention here that the CM Dhami is taking special interest in the National Games. He met the

Olympic Association (IOA) PT Usha to clear confusion on the dates of the Games. The State government also made changes in the sports administration and appointed special principal secretary Amit Sinha as the chief executive officer (CEO) of the National Games. The CM also made it a point to attend the unveiling ceremony of logo, anthem, tagline and jersey of the event being hosted by the State.

president of the Indian

Two dead, one injured in | MCD imposes Rs 2 road accident in Roorkee

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

A speeding Uttarakhand Roadways bus reportedly caused an accident in Roorkee resulting in the death of two people. One person was critically injured in the accident on Tuesday. The incident occurred near a petrol caused a traffic iam and caused an accident in Roorkee resulting in the death of two people. One person was critically injured in the accident on Tuesday. occurred near a petrol caused a traffic jam and pump in the Dhandhera demanded justice. The area where the driver of the bus, from the Rishikesh depot reportedly lost control while attempting to overtake and collided with two motorcycles and a reached the spot to inter-scooter, as per the officials. vene to pacify the situation They informed that the vic- and clear the jam. The offitims were identified as cials informed that the dri-Pankaj (28), a resident of Mathana village in Khanpur after the accident. Police area of Laksar, and a 60- have seized the vehicle and year-old man Tikaram from sent the deceased for post-Shivaji Nagar, Dhandhera. mortem examination. The Both were killed on the officials said that the police spot. Akash, a resident of are investigating the inci-Mohanpura, sustained dent to determine the cirsevere injuries and was cumstances and locate the immediately rushed to a absconding driver. private hospital in Roorkee

senior police officials, including Roorkee Circle Officer Narendra Pant and respective police station incharge Narendra Bisht also ver of the bus fled the scene

lakh fine for dumping garbage in riverbed

 $T^{\text{he Dehradun municipal}}_{\text{commissioner Namami}}$ Bansal imposed a fine of Rs two lakh on Watergrace Company on charges of improper garbage disposal in the riverbed in the city. The penalty was imposed after a surprise inspection conducted by the commis-

sioner in various areas under the municipal corporation's jurisdiction on Tuesday. Bansal said that during the inspection, large quantities of garbage were found near the Bhagat Singh Colony, the Culture department office on Raipur Road, the Chuna Bhatta area and the Yamuna Colony. She stated that it was evident that the door-todoor garbage collection vehicles are not operating

regularly in these areas. Expressing strong dissatisfaction at this negligence, Bansal instructed the officials of the company responsible for doorto-door garbage collection to ensure 100 per cent compliance and improve their services immediately. In light of the violations, a penalty of Rs two lakh was imposed on Watergrace Company, she said. The commissioner also observed municipal workers engaged in cleaning activities at Sahastradhara Road. She encouraged them to utilise the cleaning equipment provided to them, emphasising the importance of both their safe-



ty and environmental conservation. She also urged them to uphold their responsibility of maintaining cleanliness across the city. She also directed chief sanitation inspectors and supervisors to regularly provide safety equipment to the sanitation workers in their designated wards and ensure they were educated on their proper

Sexual assault cases stalling efforts to boost sports culture?

PURNIMA BISHT **=** DEHRADUN

The cases of alleged sex-**1** ual assault by coaches in Uttarakhand set back the progress of women in sports. Parents, coaches and experts said so after a State-level hockey coach from Uttarakhand was arrested in Haridwar on Monday for allegedly raping a female teenager player during a selection camp for the State team ahead of the 38th National Games in Dehradun. A similar incident came to light in 2023 when former Dehradun Cricket Association coach Narendra Shah was accused of sexually harassing women cricketers. With Uttarakhand hosting the National Games, the government has been expressing optimism about the event's potential to boost sports infrastructure in the state. Officials have been claiming that the National Games will help foster a stronger sports culture and inspire children and youth to pursue careers in athletics in the State. However, recent cases of sexual assault by coaches threaten to undermine these efforts,

women in sports. Such incidents not only erode trust but also discourage parents from allowing their daughters to participate in sports, stalling the momentum needed to truly empower young athletes in the State. Such incidents make it harder for young girls to pursue their athletic dreams or leave home for training. Many parents also shared their views on this sensitive subject. Local resident Ankit Sharma said,

"I will not stop my daughter from pursuing her dreams but these incidents make it incredibly difficult for us to feel at ease. We are proud of her passion for sports but after we are constantly worried ed, "Such coaches should 12 years old but it is hard to trust coaches and sports teachers now, knowing such things can happen." Housewife Priyanka Adhikari said, "Being a daughter's parents is not an easy task in these days considering such heinous acts. I have a teenage daughter posing a significant set-back to the progress of not discourage her from

following her passion for sports but every time she heads off for training, my mind is filled with anxiety. Such incidents make it difficult to trust the very people who are supposed to guide and protect her. I want her to succeed but I cannot ignore the fear that comes with sending her into these environments."

The former director general of police of Uttarakhand and vice chancellor of Sports University of Haryana, Ashok Kumar condemned such incidents as deeply deplorable, emphasising their devastating impact on women athletes, particularly those from remote hearing about these cases, areas of the State. He statbe permanently banned from training athletes to ensure they do not pose a threat to others.

> While only a small number of coaches may be involved in such behaviour, they must be held accountable to set an example for the rest." Former chief football coach of

Sports Authorities of India (ŜAI) Dayal Singh Rawat also expressed his concerns, noting that such incidents create a sense of disbelief among parents, who become increasingly wary of entrusting their daughters to coaches. "The role of a coach becomes more crucial than that of the parents when children are sent for training. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure their physical and mental safety, in addition to providing proper sports training," he said.

He stressed the importance of psychological support for athletes during training sessions to help maintain their mental wellbeing. Rawat also urged teenage athletes to stay vigpropriate behaviour. "While it is understandably difficult for a minor athlete to confront a coach or adult in such situations, it is essential that they do so. No one should be allowed to take advantage of anyone in sports. Štrict action must be taken against those involved in such heinous acts," he said.

Reports on sanitation and Yatra submitted to CS

PNS DEHRADUN

its newly released reports to the chief secretary Radha Raturi, on Tuesday. These reports focus on the Uttarakhand Swachh Survekshan 2023 and the Char Dham Yatra 2024.

The founder of the SDC Foundation Anoop Nautiyal said that the reports were released last month. One of the reports "Pathways to Pilgrimage: Data Insights, Challenges



Opportunities," focuses on the added. Char Dham Yatra 2024. It analyzes various aspects of the Yatra, which spanned 192 days in 2024, using government data and media reports. The report also provides ten key recommendations based on its assessment of the Char Dham Yatra, he added.

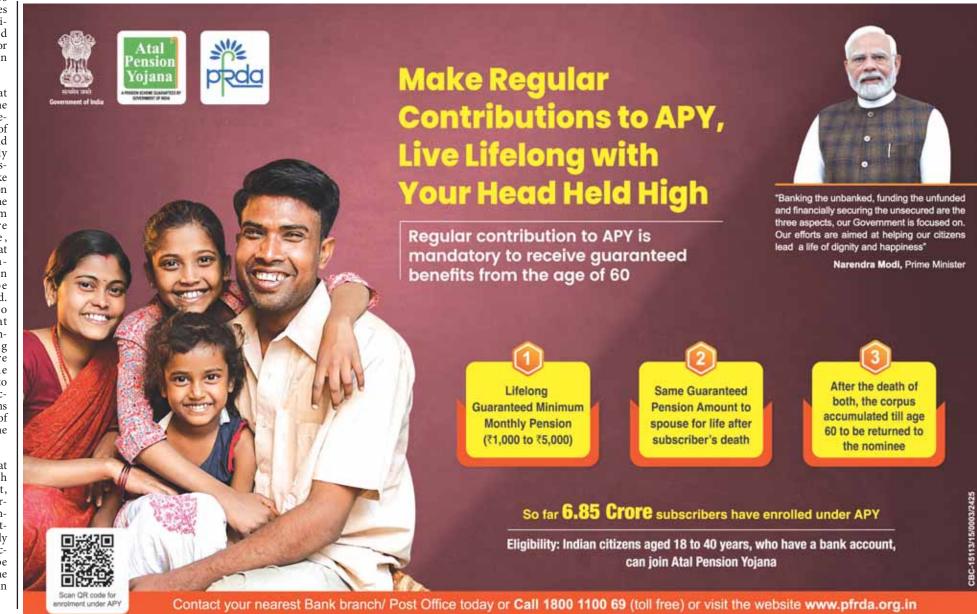
He further said that the second report examines the Uttarakhand results from the Swachh Survekshan 2023, a

The Social Development for Communities (SDC)
Foundation presented two of It evaluates the performance of Uttarakhand's 88 urban local bodies across different cleanliness categories and includes suggestions for improving outcomes in future surveys.

> Nautiyal said that while submitting the reports, the chief secretary appreciated both of the reports. He said that she specifically and highlighted the sugges-

tion to make the registration process for the . Char Dham Yatra more accessible, indicating that this recommendation could implemented. She assured that after thoroughly reviewing the entire report, she would strive to act on the recommendations to the best of her ability, he

Nautiyal added that for the Swachh Survekshan report, Raturi said that the current focus of the administration is on conducting urban local body elections. After the elections, efforts will be made to implement the suggestions outlined in the report, he said.



Home Minister Amit Shah launches Bharatpol portal

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

 $\mathbf{H}^{\mathrm{ome\ Minister\ Amit\ Shah}}_{\mathrm{on\ Tuesday\ said\ it\ was}}$ time Indian investigation agencies use modern technology and techniques to nab fugitives as he launched the 'Bharatpol' portal to facilitate faster international assistance for agencies. Speaking at the launch of Bharatpol at the Bharat Mandapam here, the minister underlined that the real-time interface was the most important feature of the portal developed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). It will allow central and state agencies to easily connect with the Interpol and speed up their investigations, he said.

"It is time that we use modern technology and techniques to nab and bring to justice the fugitives who absconded from India after committing a crime," Shah said. "We have to



keep an eye on global challenges and update our internal systems. Bharatpol is a step in that direction," he said.

He said the new portal will allow central and state probe agencies to share and obtain information on their cases from the 195 member nations of the Interpol. The three new criminal laws brought by the Modi government last year will ensure that trials against fugitives and absconders are

conducted in a better manner "I would urge the CBI to take the responsibility of training the states for capacity building regarding Bharatpol and also for the three new criminal laws. We need to institutionalise these systems along with the knowledge of various kinds of Interpol notices and their procedures," he said. The CBI and the National Central Bureau of India are responsible for Interpol-related affairs.

SC to examine issues over age bar for surrogate mothers

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to examine on February 11 issues over the age bar for surrogate mothers and others under the laws. A bench comprising Justices B V Nagarathna and Satish Chandra Sharma, which heard about 15 petitions challenging certain provisions of the Surrogacy Regulation Act and the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Act, 2021, asked the Centre to file its written submissions in the

Additional solicitor general Aishwarya Bhati, representing the Centre, said she would file the written submissions and the government would abide by the apex court's directions. The court underscored the need to pass an interim order in the

The 2021 surrogacy laws set

age limits for intended parents

and surrogate mothers. According to the law, the intended mother must be between 23 and 50 years of age, and the intended father must

be between 26 and 55 years of

Further, the surrogate mother must be married and between 25 and 35 years of age, having a biological child, and only act as a surrogate once in her lifetime. The laws also provide conditions to regulate surro-

The top court had outlined the importance of safeguarding ers, observing the need for a robust system to prevent exploitation, especially given commercial surrogacy was prohibited in India.

There can be a database, so that the same lady is not exploited. A system must be there. Nobody is saying it's a bad idea, but at the same time, it can be badly used," the bench had said. The court also discussed alternative mechanisms for compensating surrogate mothers and suggested a designated authority, instead of intending couples, for disbursing pay-

"You don't have to pay directly to the lady. The department pays. You will have to deposit," the bench proposed. Bhati said the laws currently permitted only altruistic surrogacy, in line with the objective of ban-

and assured the court of the government's willingness to

consider suggestions. While altruistic surrogacy was commendable, the lack of adequate compensation mechanisms for surrogate mothers posed significant challenges,

petitioners said. One of the petitioners said the existing provisions only covered med-

ical expenses and insurance

and was inadequate.

Dr Arun Muthuvel, a Chennaibased infertility specialist, is the lead petitioner and has chal-lenged the constitutional validity of the twin laws. His plea said the laws were "discriminatory, exclusionary, and arbitrary in nature" which denied agency and autonomy in the discourse on reproductive justice, providing a state-sanctioned notion of the ideal family and restricting reproductive

Other petitions raised similar concerns, such as the exclusion of unmarried women from the ambit of the surrogacy law and the restriction on oocyte donations under

CEC defends recent amendment to election rules restricting CCTV footage of polling booths from public inspection allowed for public inspec- Difficult to define 'freebie': CEC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar on Tuesday defended the recent amendment to election rules restricting CCTV footage of polling booths from public inspection, saying it is meant to protect voters' privacy and prevent use of data for creating fake narratives.

Election Commission's recommendation, the government had last month tweaked an election rule to prevent public inspection of certain electronic documents such as CCTV camera footage of polling stations to prevent misuse.

In his first remarks on tweak of Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, Kumar said only sharing of CCTV footage from inside and outside polling booths have been restricted.

Addressing a press conference here to announce the schedule for Delhi Assembly polls, he said such data or footage was banned for public inspection through EC's instructions in

He said certain other documents which are allowed under Rule 93 of the Conduct of Election Rules will continue to

Some documents which are already restricted from sharing about the name of the voter and

voters as well as their profiling". He said if the footage is made public, the identity of those who voted and those who did not, would be revealed and was violative of privacy norms. If footage of 10.5 lakh polling stations where suppose polling takes place for 10 hours is given

crore hours. "A person will need 3,600 years to go through the recordings if watched for eight hours daily," he said.

be available.

are forms filled by poll officials the identity shown by them before voting. Kumar said rules were amended to "protect the identity of the

out, it would mean data of one

"Why does he want it? Let us ask this question from the person who wants it," Kumar said. He said the poll authority has examples to prove that the data would be used for machine learning and using AI to create narratives.

The CEC said even fact checkers would not be able to find out whether the AI-generated videos of polling stations are fake or genuine.

He said things which are to be restricted are yet to be defined

or prescribed in the rules. The Union law ministry had amended Rule 93(2)(a) of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, to restrict the type of "papers" or documents open to public inspection.

According to Rule 93, all papers" related to elections shall be open to public inspection. The amendment inserts "as specified in these rules" after

The law ministry and EC officials separately explained that a court case was the "trigger" behind the amendment.

While documents such as nomination forms, appointment of election agents, results and election account statements are mentioned in the Conduct of Election Rules, electronic documents such as CCTV camera footage, webcasting footage and video recording of candidates during the Model Code of Conduct period are not covered.

CCTV coverage, webcasting of polling stations are not carried out under Conduct of Election Rules but are the result of steps taken by the EC to ensure a level playing field," a former EC official explained.

An EC functionary said, There have been instances where such electronic records were sought, citing the rules. The amendment ensures that only papers mentioned in the rules are available for public inspection and any other document which has no reftion."

Candidates already have access to all documents and papers, and nothing has been amended in the rules in this regard, the functionary added. The Punjab and Haryana High

Court, in the recent Mahmoud Pracha vs EC case, had directed sharing all documents related to the Haryana Assembly elections, including treating CCTV camera footage as permissible under Rule 93(2), with Pracha

The rule mentioned election papers. The election papers and documents do not specifically refer to electronic records, the EC functionaries said.

In order to remove this ambiguity, the rule has been amended to safeguard the misuse of CCTV camera footage of polling stations, another EC official explained. A law ministry official said all

election papers and documents were otherwise available for

PNS NEW DELHI

It is very difficult to define what a "freebie" is and the Election Commission's "hands are tied" on the issue as it is subjudice, CEC Rajiv Kumar said on Tuesday.

He also said it was "high time' that "accepted and legal answers" were found.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Kumar was addressing a press conference to announce the schedule for the assembly polls in Delhi.

Asked about political parties announcing freebies during election campaigns, he said the matter was subjudice and referred to a court judgment that had held freebies were not "disallowed". 'What is freebie for me may be

an entitlement for someone else... It is very difficult to define what a freebie is," Kumar



RAJIV KUMAR CHIEF ELECTION COMMISSIONER

"Our proforma is on our website, this is high time it is accepted and legal answers are found but our hands are tied at the moment because the matter is subjudice," he added. Kumar further said that while such announcements were made, people should also be aware of the state's fiscal health. "It is necessary to see what is the fiscal health of a state... What is the debt-to-GDP ratio? How much will you borrow on that promise? How much is the financial cost of this promise?"

All political parties urged to maintain decorum during elections, EC to ensure free and fair pollls

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv ical parties to maintain decorum during elections and said the Election Commission would conduct checks to ensure free and fair polls. Kumar was addressing a press conference to announce the schedule for the assembly polls in Delhi, further announced that India will soon create a new record of one billion-plus voters."We will check everyone for ensuring money-free elections. During recent polls, there was a hue and cry that some helicopters were checked. People even come down to threatening polling officers but we control ourselves because it

very harsh. Star campaigners should not act in a way that discourages common voters," he said.

District magistrates and returning officers will ensure fair play and a level playing field for every candidate, he added. "We will also request the political parties not to create undue pressure on the officials, Kumar said and added that the parties could ask for any explanation in writing.
Assembly polls in Delhi will be

held on February 5 and the votes counted on February 8, Kumar announced on Tuesday. Bypolls to two assembly constituencies -- Milkipur in Uttar

disturbs the level playing field," Pradesh and Erode in Tamil Kumar said. "The star cam- Nadu -- will also be held on the Nadu -- will also be held on the paigners and those in political same date. New Delhi, Jan 6 Election campaigns are duty-bound to (PTI) Chief Election ensure that etiquette is fol- Commissioner Rajiv Kumar tions of manipulation in electoral roll, saying no deletion can occur without thorough documentation, field verification, and giving the concerned individual an opportunity to be heard. Kumar emphasised that the process for additions and deletions is transparent, rigorous, and immune to arbitrary changes.

Speaking at a press conference to announce the schedule for Delhi Assembly polls, the chief election commissioner (CEC) said, "Every step of the electoral roll process is rooted in transparency and accountability. Deletion of names is not pos-



sible without adhering to strict protocols, and every party has the right to raise objections at various stages." Kumar also

detailed the comprehensive process governing the maintenance of electoral roll. For additions, names are

included only after thorough foot-and-field verification by booth-level officers (BLOs),

political parties, who have the right to appoint booth-level agents (BLAs). Weekly lists of claims and objections are shared, and both draft and final rolls are published on the Election Commission's website. Polling station rationalisation is also carried out with the consultation of all the stakeholders," the CEC said.

On deletions, Kumar clarified that they are processed only through Form 7 or Form B, following strict guidelines. 'Mandatory field verification is

conducted by the BLOs, and in cases where deletions exceed 2 per cent of a polling station's

require a certified death ceronline. Also, the affected voters are given the opportunity for a personal hearing before their names are removed," he said. "No deletion can occur without thorough documenta-

Kumar reiterated. The CEC also pointed out that claims and objections are not only reviewed, but also shared with all the political parties and made accessible online to

tion, field verification, and giv-

ing the concerned individual an

opportunity to be heard,"

ensure transparency. Criticising the tendency to question the integrity of the electoral process only during

voter list, cross-verification is elections, the CEC argued that done. Deletions due to death allegations of mass deletions are misleading without evitificate, and a seven-day win- dence and undermine public 'Regular meetings are held dow is provided for objections trust in the system. "Where doubts about deletion of thousands of names without evidence is misleading. The processes we follow leave no room for manipulation," he

The CEC's comments came in the backdrop of recent allegations made by Delhi Chief Minister Atishi, who claimed the voter list in the New Delhi Assembly constituency had been tampered with to influence the upcoming elections. Atishi also called for an immediate inquiry into the matter, alleging large-scale deletions to manipulate the electoral out-

SC allows Asaram interim bail on health grounds, bars meeting followers in group

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

¬he Supreme Court on Tuesday granted till March 31 interim bail to jailed selfstyled godman Asaram in a 2013 rape case observing he had various ailments and needed treatment. A bench of Justices M M

Sundresh and Rajesh Bindal directed 86-year-old Asaram not to meet his followers in a group post release.
"We have also taken note of the

medical records pertaining to the petitioner and the fact that he was given periodical treatment outside the prison. Hence, we deem it fit to grant bail to the petitioner on medical ground till March 31, 2025.... Subject to the condition that the petitioner shall not meet his followers in a group,' it said.

Asaram, however, would remain in jail as he faces another rape case in Jodhpur.

The court said it won't consider the plea on merits, but only the medical grounds. "There shall be three security



officers to be present in the vicinity of the petitioner. We make it clear that the police personnel will not interfere with the petitioner's medical treatment, his meeting with any individual and in a normal or lawful conduct," the bench said. Senior advocate Devadatt Kamat, appearing for Asaram, submitted his client's health

condition was precarious. Asaram, he said, was taken in and out of prison on more than thirteen occasions for medical treatment, and even the Rajasthan High Court granted

consideration his condition. Solicitor general Tushar Mehta, appearing for the state government, opposed the grant of bail and said though the ailment and his age were not in dispute, Asaram could be treated inside the prison.

Mehta said three witnesses in the case were killed and said Asaram had the potential, capacity and finances to tam-

per with the evidence. 'He is in the last leg. Whatever may be the nature of the

offence when it comes to the

health of the convict, the con-

cern is of the state and well as this court," said the top court. A sessions court in January, 2023, convicted Asaram in the 2013 rape case, filed by a woman who was living in his ashram near Gandhinagar at the time of the crime. The Gujarat High Court on

August 29 rejected Asaram's plea for the suspension of life imprisonment in the case. Refusing to suspend the sentence and grant him bail, the high court observed no case for relief was made out.

It said his contentions about possible delay in the disposal of his appeal, age and the medical conditions were not relevant to the grant the relief. The court also considered the alleged murder of two boys at

his Sabarmati ashram besides

the attacks on witnesses and the

relatives of victims. Asaram's plea said he was a victim of conspiracy, and the allegations of rape were false. The plea said the trial court erred in accepting the survivor's explanation for a delay of 12 years in lodging the

ITBP deployed six new battalions to enhance operational capability along LAC ficult jungle areas of Abujhmad

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police has brought "for-¬he Indo-Tibetan Border ward" 33 of its earmarked 56 border posts along the India-China LAC and deployed six new battalions as part of its plan to enhance operational capabilities along the icy front. Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Director General (DG) Rahul Rasgotra said this during the force's 63rd Raising Day parade on Tuesday in Odisha's Khordha district.

The about-90,000-personnel strong, mountain warfare-trained paramilitary marks its annual raising day on October 24 but the ceremonial event kept getting delayed for over two months due to a variety of reasons, a senior officer told

The DG said the force prepared a "forwardisation plan" and, as part of this, a total of 56 ITBP border posts along the India-China Line of Actual Control (LAC) were being brought "closer" to the front. Of the 56 border posts, 33 had

already been brought closer to

the border, he said. The ITBP chief also said the government sanctioned seven new battalions for border guarding tasks sometime ago.

Of these, six have been deployed along the LAC in Arunachal Pradesh while one is being based along the front in Sikkim. Rasgotra also said the force's technology-based surveillance capabilities were reviewed and, after some "shortcomings" were



removed under the forthcoming modernisation plan. The DG said the ITBP would

also use the countrywide fibre network for ensuring "secure" operational communications and soon send a proposal to the Union home ministry for upgrading its weaponry.

Speaking about the operations of the border force in Maoist violence-affected areas, the DG said some forward bases would found, it was decided that soon be created in the most dif-

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has declared that India would be rid of Left Wing Extremism (LWE) by March

in Chhattisgarh.

Rasgotra thanked the Union government and the home ministry for showing its concern to improve "basic" infrastructure facilities for the force

at the LAC. Funds of Rs 2,500 crore have been made available this year for creating basic infrastructure for the ITBP. Last year, Rs 1,000 crore worth of funds were spent for construction work at forward posts and battalions etc," the DG said.

Raised in the aftermath of the 1962 Chinese aggression, the ITBP is primarily tasked with guarding the 3,488-kilometrelong LAC with China, apart from rendering a variety of duties in the internal security domain.

Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai officiated as the chief guest at the

Naxalite attack: Chhattisgarh mourns loss of nine lives in Bijapur blast

Impassioned scenes of grief were witnessed as wreaths were laid on Tuesday at the mortal remains of eight police personnel and a civilian driver killed in a blast carried out by Naxalites in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo

Sai, other senior state leaders and the inconsolable family members of the deceased paid homage at the wreath-laying ceremony here, amid chants of 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' and 'Vande Mataram'. The members of the deceased, including women and children, were seen crying as women security personnel tried to console them.

Chief Minister Sai, Deputy CM Vijay Sharma and Director General of Police Ashok Juneja lent their shoulders to the mortal remains of jawans as they were shifted to vehicles to transport them to the native places of the deceased.

In their biggest strike on security forces in Chhattisgarh in two years, Naxalites on Monday blew up the security personnel's vehicle using a 60-70 kg improvised explosive



device (IED) near Ambeli village under Kutru police station area in Bijapur district. Eight security personnel, four each from the state police's District Reserve Guard (DRG) and Bastar Fighters units, travelling in the SUV and the vehicle's driver died on the spot, located around 70 km from Bijapur district headquarters. "Naxalites have become frustrated due to

which they have committed such a cowardly act. I pay my tribute to the martyred jawans and the civilian driver. The sacrifices of our jawans will not go in vain. They sacrificed their lives to establish peace in Chhattisgarh and in the country. We will, indeed, be successful in establishing peace," Sai added. Juneja and CRPF DG Vitul Kumar visited the site in Bijapur district

where eight security personnel and a civilian driver were killed. Inspector General of Police (Bastar Range) Sundarraj P and senior CRPF officials accompanied Director General Kumar, as per

A day after the incident in Bijapur, security forces on Tuesday recovered a 10 kg improvised explosive device (IED) planted by Maoists in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district police said. A team of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and district police found the device Belpochcha village on the Konta-Golapalli road, an official said.

He said during a de-mining exercise on the route, security personnel spotted the IED planted beneath the road and averted a major mishap

Odisha prepares for Pravasi Bharatiya Divas celebration, expects 5,000 global delegates

Development

Corporation

flower pots, the minister said.

The Bhubaneswar Municipal

Bhubaneswar Development

Authority have decorated the

entire city with colourful paint

on the walls and bridges across

the state capital. Culture

Minister Suryabanshi Suraj

said the State Museum in

Bhubaneswar will remain

open till 9 pm every day for

Minister

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

In its bid to make the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) event memorable for the guests visiting Odisha, the state government on Tuesday appealed to the residents of Bhubaneswar to decorate their houses as they do during Diwali celebration.

The state government in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs is hosting the PBD in Bhubaneswar, to be attended by around 5,000 delegates from around the world. The guests will come from around 50 countries, sources said.

The administration has made arrangements like holding cultural events and keeping the state museum open till 9 pm. It even appealed to the residents of the state capital to decorate their houses as they do during Diwali. Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has also urged people to welcome the NRIs on this occasion and show them due respect. "Let us all together make this

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas a success and strive to ensure that the NRIs have the best experience of their lives in Odisha," Majhi said. Stating that Indians from all over the world are coming to Odisha, the chief minister said PBD is a great opportunity to showcase the rich art, culture

and heritage of the state to the three days during the PBD world. He said the twin cities convention beginning on Wednesday. The State Wednesday. of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack Museum generally remains open till 5.30 pm every day. have been cleaned and sanitised to provide a beautiful and harmonious experience to Suraj said a number of programmes will be held the guests. Housing and Urban

during the event. Krushna Chandra Mohapatra appealed to the people of Bhubaneswar to decorate their houses by illuminating their houses and drawing 'Pangali' He said that as part of the Odisha government's effort to highlight the state's rich culture, the department has houses and drawing 'Rangoli'. Shops and malls are also requested to decorate their establishments with lights and organised three dance festivals from Tuesday evening which will continue till January 11 coinciding with the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas. Stating that the classical dance

and music are integral part of Odisha's culture and heritage the minister said the Rajarani Music Festival, Mukteswar Odissi Dance Festival and International Odissi Dance Festival are being organised. The government has also organised a flower show and a bird festival at Chilika.

Teen girl dies after 33 hour rescue from 540 foot borewell in Kutch

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

An 18-year-old girl who fell into a 540-foot-deep borewell and was rescued after more than 33 hours in Gujarat's Kutch district was declared dead at a hospital here on Tuesday, officials said. The girl fell into the borewell at Kanderai village in Bhuj taluka around 6.30 am on Monday and was stuck at a depth of 490 feet, prompting the administration to launch a multi-agency rescue

According to officials, the borewell had a diameter of one foot, and the fact that she was grown up and stuck deep into it made the rescue efforts brought out at around 4 pm. "Unfortunately, the girl could not survive and was declared

dead by doctors at GK General Hospital in Bhuj," said AB laday, assistant collector and SDM, Bhuj. The official said the teen was brought out using a "hook technique", wherein L and J-shaped hooks were lowered into the borewell, fitted on two sides and pressure was applied from below to pull her up.

An official from the state water supply and sewerage board said the girl was rescued using a makeshift contraption. "We prepared a makeshift contraption with the help of prepared makeshift drillers. Multiple agencies were involved in the

rescue operation," he said.

Teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and Border Security Force (BSF) were involved in the rescue operation along with the fire department personnel of the municipality, local emergency response team, police and officials of the local administration.

Congress divided over Pradip Bhattacharya's remarks on Mamata Banerjee's expulsion

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

The Bengal Congress is verti-cally divided over veteran party leader Pradip Bhattacharya's remarks that expelling the then State Youth Congress president and present Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee from the party was a big blunder for which the party was still suffering. While senior party leader and former State president Adhir Chowdhury refused comment

Banerjee's expulsion saying it Bhattacharya would be the best person to explain his own views, another senior leader close to present State president Subhankar Sarkar however conceded that Bhattacharya "two hundred percent correct in his reading of the circumstances?

But a third Congress leader a former minister linked Bhattacharya's statements with his "itch to get a Rajya Sabha nominatio which in any case he needs boot lickers and not Bhattacharya a known for his good chemistry



expulsion from the party was a big mistake the after effects which is still being felt the Congress is still paying for its

Banerjee was expelled from the party in January 1997 when AICC leader Somen Mitra was the party's State president. "He was expelled during the time of Sitaram Kesari ... he was the national president ... I still remember the day when Somen Mitra called me and told me expel Mamata, Bhattacharya said quoting Mitra who former Rajya Sabha MP who is informed Bhattacharya that he was under intense pressure

"Keshari told Somen Mitra that she should be expelled" because Delhi had already done that, Bhattacharya said adding how he had advised the Pradesh Congress president to desist from expelling her. "I told him not to do it ... whatever you do but don't do it' ... I had told Somen Mitra ... but finally she was expelled and the party is still paying the price of that step," it should not have taken because Banerjee raised a new outfit on January 1, 1998 and

"It is for everyone to see how the Congress has a sharp decline in Bengal since that time," Bhattacharva said.

Akhilesh alleges BJP role in Sambhal violence, calls it a government plot

BISWAJEET BANERJEE

Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday unleashed a sharp critique of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), accusing the ruling party of engineering the recent violence in Sambhal as part of a "government conspiracy."

The incident, which claimed five lives, was not a communal riot but a "preplanned act" allegedly with executed involvement administration,

charged. Speaking conference, Yadav alleged that the BJP was stoking unrest and targeting targeting innocent citizens in Sambhal. "When an SP delegation tried to visit Sambhal, they were blocked by authorities.

What is the government hiding?" he asked. According to him, the violence was deliberately orchestrated to survey team included BJP disturb communal harmony members and accused the

leader also condemned a controversial survey conducted at the Masjid, a



Mughal-era mosque, calling it a ploy to implicate innocent people. "The Places Worship Act, 1991, prohibits such surveys. What urgency drove this? It was a calculated act that led to violence," he asserted.

Leader of Opposition Mata Prasad Pandey bolstered Yadav's claims while presenting a report on the incident.

He alleged that the mosque force. "Instead of resorting to tear gas, they fired bullets, escalating tensions and disrupting peace," Pandey

The violence broke out on November 24 when a team from the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) arrived at the Shahi Jama Masjid. The SP has alleged that the survey, conducted despite legal constraints, was part of a broader scheme to ignite communal unrest. Yadav didn't mince words while criticizing the BJP's handling of the situation. "Life has no value under this

government. This is a heartless regime devoid of empathy. Justice and public grievances are meaningless to them," he remarked. He also took aim at the BJP for alleged corruption and its neglect of backward classes, Dalits, and minorities (PDA). "Even BJP leaders are accusing each other of corruption. Their internal strife is visible in both Delhi and Lucknow," Yadav said.

Shifting focus to the byelections for nine Assembly seats, Yadav accused the BJP of manipulating the electoral process. "The administration actively suppressed voting. People were intimidated, and police prevented them from

reaching polling booths. Let the media visit Milkipur to witness the BJP's idea of democracy," he alleged.
The SP chief also targeted
Chief Minister Yogi
Adityanath over allegations
of cow slaughter.
"A BJP MLA claims 50,000

cows are being slaughtered. If that's true, what is the socalled Sanatani CM doing? And if the MLA is wrong, why hasn't the government responded?" he questioned. Highlighting administrative lapses, Yadav pointed to the demolition of an ASI-protected building in Agra. The structure was brought down by someone with connections to officials, all for business expansion. This

is a glaring example of negligence," he said. Wrapping appealed for accountability and urged religious leaders to demand transparency from the government. "I request saints and sages attending the

Many of them are involved in activities they should not be, impacting governance and society," he concluded.

Kumbh to question those in

Shattering records and coconuts: 68 year old folk artist achieves unbelievable feat

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

unique kind of world Arecord was created in Kakkadu Maha Ganapathi Temple at Kunnamkulam last week by Karakura Ramachandran Nair (68), a traditional folk artist. Nair broke more than 36,000 coconuts single-handedly by throwing them with force in front of the presiding deity of the temple, Vettakkoru Makan. It was a long event on 4 January performed without any kind of interruption or

Vettakkoru Makan is a tribal God born out of the relation between Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvathi during their sojourn to India to gift Arjuna, famous



Paasupathastra. Since both Lord Shiva and his consort were in the form of Kirata (hunters), the child was known as Vettakkoru Makan (son of hunters) and is

worshipped by the tribes dwelling in the forest. The child was mischievous and found pleasure in tormenting the Devas and Asuras alike. Both the groups approached

solace. Lord Vishnu with a churika (s w o r d - c u m - d a g g e r) appeared in front of Vettakkoru Makan who pleaded with the former to part with the special weapon.
The Lord said that he was
willing to hand over the
weapon to him provided he behaved in a responsible manner and the child prodigy agreed to do so. In order to propitiate the good will of the child, the tribals started a ritual whereby they would break coconuts numbering 12,000 or more in front of him and this is performed without any break.

"The ritual of breaking of 36,000 coconuts commenced around 8 PM and went up to

Lord Mahavishnu seeking his the wee hours of Sunday solace. the watched by thousands of devotees. There was no break of any kind during the entire process," Nair told The Pioneer. In Malabar region of Kerala, Vettakkoru Makan is worshipped by all sections of people irrespective of caste,

creed or religion. Nair also disclosed that Saturday's event is likely to figure in the Guinness Book of World Records. "This is a ritual performed to make the deity calm, cool and happy. Many devotees have disclosed to us about the changes that happened in their lives following the breaking of coconut ritual," said Nair

He is helped in the ritual by a group of youngsters who ensure that coconuts reach the podium and Nair could complete the process without any hitch. There should not be any kind of interruption during the ritual lest the deity gets annoyed and becomes furious.

"This is an integrated form of ritual in which the mind, body and health all work in synchronization with the person. I rate this as a ritual art with aesthetic sense because the breaking of coconuts is accompanied by folk songs in praise of the deity and the machine- like functioning of the body matching with the non-stop playing percussion instruments," said Dr M G Gireesh, a physicist-turned Indologist.

and accommodation details,

ancient tradition with modern

blending

Eight coaching institute officials



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Police on Tuesday said they have registered a criminal case against eight officials of a coaching institute for allegedly cheating students preparing for Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) of more than Rs 3 crore in

Thane city. Assistant Police Inspector (API) Sandeep Chavan of the Thane Nagar police station said the case was registered on Monday after some of the students filed a complaint against the institute which has branches in different

parts of the country. The institute collected a sum of Rs 3,20,00,000 from the JEE students since January 2024 and abruptly closed shop and classes, and misused the collected fees, he said, quoting the complaint.

JEE is a national-level entrance examination conducted for admission colleges. The engineering colleges. The institute collected the fees in different bank accounts from

the victims. The accused named in the FIR threatened the students when they approached them for a refund and to seek reasons for not holding classes, said

Mahakumbh website opens a digital window into India's spiritual legacy

BISWAJEET BANERJEE

PRAYAGRAJ The Mahakumbh 2025, a monumental celebration of spirituality and culture, has garnered unprecedented global attention even before its commencement. The event's official website, https://kumbh.gov.in/, has emerged as the primary source of information for millions, connecting devotees worldwide to the essence of this grand festival.

Since its launch on October 6, 2024, by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the website has recorded over 33 lakh visitors from 183 countries and 6,200 cities as of January 4, reflecting universal appeal.

website, "Through this devotees can seamlessly access



traditions, including its spiritual significance, major attractions, and travel options," said Sripati Tripathi, a member of the Government's PR team monitoring the

experience for millions of users, whether they are planning their visit or simply exploring the event's essence." The portal offers a wide range of information about the website. "We have designed it traditions, rituals, and spiritual significance of the Kumbh. It explains the historical and cultural essence of the event, making it easier for devotees to immerse themselves in the spiritual journey. Key bathing dates such as Makar Sankranti, Mauni Amavasya, and Basant Panchami are highlighted, drawing special interest as they are expected to attract the largest crowds.

Additionally, the website provides extensive travel and accommodation details. Visitors can explore transportation options, hotel availability, and eco-friendly tent city accommodations, catering to various budgets and preferences. The portal outlines important

ensuring a safe and fulfilling

experience. A media gallery

devotees,

guidelines for

showcases visuals and videos of past Kumbh celebrations, offering a glimpse into the grandeur of the event. Furthermore, the website features regular updates about Prayagraj's infrastructure and tourist-friendly developments, underlining the city's transformation into a global pilgrimage hub.

For international visitors, the website serves as an invaluable resource for understanding the essence of India's Sanatan heritage. Emily Johnson, a yoga enthusiast from the United States, shared, "The website made it easy for me to understand the traditions and

plan my trip. It's fascinating how modern technology is preserving ancient practices." For Indian devotees like Rajesh Kumar, a businessman from Varanasi, the portal has simplified the experience. "It has everything need, from key dates to booking accommodations. It is all in one place," he remarked.

Website analytics reveal that India leads in user traffic, followed by countries like the United States, Britain, Canada, and Germany. The surge in underscores interest Prayagraj's growing global appeal as a pilgrimage destination. Visitors are actively engaging with the content, exploring the event's spiritual significance while learning about the logistical

aspects. A closer look at data highlights how users interact with the website. A significant portion of visitors are accessing travel

while others focus on key bathing dates, spiritual content, and visuals of past events. The increasing traffic demonstrates the success of Uttar government's vision of making Mahakumbh 2025 a "Digital

> technology Mahakumbh 2025 website is not just a portal but a gateway to a profound spiritual journey. By making the event accessible

Mahakumbh,"

to millions across the globe, it ensures that the legacy of the Kumbh resonates far beyond borders, India's uniting humanity in a shared celebration of spirituality and culture," Shishir Government spokesman said.

booked for cheating **JEE aspirants**

www.dailypioneer.com

facebook.com/dailypioneer | @TheDailyPioneer | instagram.com/dailypioneer/

-PAPER WITH PASSION-

Trudeau steps down

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau resigns ahead of the upcoming elections

anadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's announcement of his resignation on January 6, 2025, marks a significant turning point in Canadian politics. Trudeau, who has served as Prime Minister since October 2015, made the decision amidst mounting pressure from his own party and growing challenges to his leadership. Trudeau's decision to step down comes against a backdrop of increasing discontent within the ruling Liberal Party. During his announcement outside Rideau Cottage in Ottawa, Trudeau acknowledged the internal discord that had hindered his leadership. In a strategic move, Trudeau met with Governor General Mary Simon to secure the prorogation of Parliament until March 24, effectively delaying the possibility of a no-confidence vote that was anticipated in the session scheduled to begin on January 27. This decision provides the Liberal Party with a window to elect a new leader and stabilise its position ahead of potential political upheaval. Trudeau's resignation reflects a culmination of political and person-

al challenges. The Liberal Party's diminishing unity became a significant obstacle for Trudeau's leadership. Discontent among MPs and party members had been growing, fueled by concerns over policy decisions, governance style, and declining public support.

After nearly a decade in office, Trudeau's administration faced criticism over issues such as economic management, healthcare and Canada's climate policy. These challenges eroded his public approval, making him a less viable candidate for the next election. By stepping down before the next election, Trudeau's resignation allows the Liberal Party to rejuvenate its leadership and present a fresh face to voters, potentially mitigating elec-

toral risks. Trudeau's departure will have significant political and national implications The resignation sets the stage for a competitive leadership race within the Liberal Party. The choice of the next leader will be critical in determining the party's future direction and its ability to retain power. Trudeau's resignation reshapes Canada's political dynamics. The opposition, particularly the Conservative Party, is likely to leverage this transition period to challenge the Liberals' governance record and push for early elections. Trudeau's tenure, marked by landmark achievements such as legalising cannabis, advancing gender equality, and climate initiatives, will now be evaluated in the context of his departure. His legacy will hinge on whether the Liberal Party can sustain these accomplishments under new leadership. Justin Trudeau's resignation underscores the complexities of long-term political leadership in a rapidly evolving landscape. While his decision to step down reflects personal and political pragmatism, it also signals a pivotal moment for Canadian democracy. The coming months will determine how effectively the Liberal Party navigates this transition and whether Canada's political institutions can maintain stability amid change. Trudeau's departure opens the door to new opportunities and challenges for Canada's political future.



Farmers plant paddy saplings in a field, in Nadia

India's Gorkha Brigade:

A legacy at crossroads



The iconic Gorkha Brigade faces an uncertain future with the freeze on Nepal domiciled Gorkha recruitment under the Agnipath scheme

are flooded with stories about Nepal Domiciled Gorkha soldiers and their imperiled future in the Indian Army under the Agnipath scheme. With the last NDG in India's Gorkha Brigade likely to retire around 2045-50, it is possible two Gorkha soldiers could confront each other in Doklam, or elsewhere along the LAC should NDGs start joining the PLA. Traditionally, they have joined the British Army since the early 19th century, later the Singapore Police and Brunei Army and still later, the French Foreign Legion and the Russian Army (around 15,000 according to Al Jazeera news) Soldiering is in their blood with the first choice always and every time, the British Army has pampered as well as exploited them. On 10 November 2024, Kathmandu Post carried a frontpage picture of impeccably smart Gorkhas at an attestation parade in the UK.

Three brothers in a Nepali family could still be in British, Indian and Nepalese armies in that order of preference. But Britain does not recruit Indian Domiciled Gorkhas. NDGs ceased joining the Indian Army for 5 years rendering hopelessly bleak the future of the Gorkha Brigade and a strategic glue that binds India and Nepal.Last year, in November and December, Indian and Nepalese Army Chiefs who became honorary Generals in each other's army spent a week in the other's country and were made much of. Last week, 1/11 Gorkha Rifles commanded by Col JP Singh went for joint training with the Sri Sri Jung battalion of the Nepal Army at Saljhandi near the border town of Butawal. (With PLA Nepal Army does only platoonlevel joint training restricted to Kathmandu Valley).

No weapons are carried by either contingent as the host country provides them. No two sovereign armies and their Chiefs have such unique rapport. Despite the shared history, geography and historic links between the two countries and their armies, recruitment of NDGs has been frozen since India took the unilateral decision in June 2022 to change MoD and EAM, Prime

the terms of engagement that Kathmandu says violated arrangements. Curiously both countries have remained silent at the political and military levels. India's seniormost officer, Chief of Defence Staff, Gen Anil Chauhan from 11 Gorkha Rifles has been approached by several Gorkha veterans to try to break the stalemate but he is loath to approach PM/RM/NSA saying that the government 'has taken a political decision'. QED

It is his responsibility to raise the decision-making process to the next level as other Army Chiefs in the past have done in the national interest. During the economic blockade in 2015, Gen Dalbir Singh was able to persuade PM Narendra Modi and FM Sushma Swaraj that prolonging the blockade would adversely affect the livelihood of Indian Army Gorkha ex-servicemen and families of serving soldiers in Nepal which in turn would impact bilateral relations. The blockade was ended but bilateral ties were seriously disturbed. After King Gyanendra conducted the Palace coup in 2004, India decided to stop the supply of lethal armaments to the Nepal Army which was thting the Maoists

Then Army Chief, Gen JJ Singh, recommended against it. In a slanging match between



DESPITE THE

SHARED HISTORY, **GEOGRAPHY AND** HISTORIC LINKS BETWEEN THE TWO **COUNTRIES AND** THEIR ARMIES, RECRUITMENT OF NDGS HAS BEEN FROZEN SINCE INDIA TOOK THE UNILATERAL **DECISION IN JUNE** 2022 TO CHANGE THE TERMS OF **ENGAGEMENT THAT** KATHMANDU SAYS VIOLATED TREATY

ARRANGEMENTS

Minister Manmohan Singh upheld the embargo. On the other hand, Siachen, Army Chiefs had prevailed in convincing Singh not to budge over any withdrawal from or concessions on Siachen.

In 1986, during the Gorkhaland movement in North Bengal, as a senior Gorkha officer who had been deployed there, I was invited to a meeting by Principal Secretary to PM, Sarla Grewal along with Deputy Chief of Army Staff, Lt Gen Rawat for discussion on the violence and our response.

In the higher direction of war in 1971, PM Indira Gandhi consulted Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw at every stage for planning and conduct of battle. In 1975, then Army Chief, Gen Gopal Bewoor, 11 Gorkha Rifles convinced Mrs Gandhi of the negative impact of stopping the recruitment of NDGs. So this is not the first time that the absurd idea of ending NDG recruitment has come up. But this time government decided on NDGs that CDS accepted..Lt Gen Sanjeev Chauhan is the senior officer and President Gorkha Brigade which meets annually in February in a unique assembly of seven Gorkha regiments to discuss professional matters. On recruitment of NDGs, they too are stuck at the Army Chief/CDS level. Two years ago, I wrote a letter

altered rules of NDG recruitment to the Principal Secretary to the PM, PK Mishra. No acknowledgement nor reply was received. Service Chiefs in the past have been willing and able to advise political authority on military matters. The consultative process has stopped with this government. On December 15, 2024, while inaugurating India's World magazine, Foreign Minister Jaishankar conspicuously omitted to mention national security or the military component of international relations as part of India's foreign policy vision. Answering a question last year on why no NDG recruitment he said foreign policy is determined by India's national interest and not that of any other country, implying Nepal. India's national interests in terms of defence and security are entwined with those of Nepal with whom New Delhi claims a special relationship which Kathmandu mildly reaffirms. It was Modi who said in Nepal's Parliament in 2014 that India has fought no war where Nepalese blood was not shed. India-Nepal relations are writ-

on strategic loss accruing from

(The writer, a retired Major General, was Commander, IPKF South, Sri Lanka, and founder member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the Integrated Defence *Staff. The views are personal)*

THE EDITOR

Digital shield: Safeguarding children from the digital trap



DHARMAPALAN

The Indian government has proposed the Digital Personal Data Protection Rules,

2025 to fortify children's online safety through robust data protection measures

⊣he digital revolution has profoundly trans-I formed how we live, learn, and connect. While this transformation offers immense opportunities for growth and development, it also poses significant risks, especially for vulnerable populations such as children. The digital world is fraught with challenges, from exposure to inappropriate content to exploitation through targeted advertising. Recognising the urgent need for robust protections, the Indian government has introduced the Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025, under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023.

These rules, still in draft form, have the potential to safeguard children from falling into digital traps by establishing a comprehensive framework for responsible data handling. A cornerstone of the draft rules is the requirement for verifiable parental consent before processing children's data. This mandate ensures that entities cannot collect or use data about minors without explicit authorisation from their parents or legal guardians. For The draft rules explicitly

example, creating an account on a social media platform or an online gaming service requires parents to verify their identity and approve the data processing activities. This provision is vital in

reducing the risks posed by predatory targeting, identity theft, and unauthorised data collection. By putting parents in control, the rules prevent businesses from exploiting children's data for financial gain. This safeguard is particularly important in protecting children from behavioural profiling, which can have long-term implications on their psychological develop-

ment and privacy. Educational institutions play a critical role in a child's growth, but they, too, rely heavily on data collection.

address this by restricting data processing in schools and allied institutions to activities that are essential for educational purposes or the safety of students. For instance, tracking attendance, monitoring behaviour, and ensuring the security of transportation services are permissible, but excessive or irrelevant data collection is prohibited. These safeguards ensure that children's data is not misused or repurposed without clear justification.

The digital world can be a double-edged sword. While it offers educational resources and entertainment, it also exposes children to inappropriate or harmful content. The draft rules mandate that data fiduciaries implement measures to ensure that children cannot access content that negatively affects their well-being. This includes filtering out materials related to violence, explicit content, and other age-inappropriate mate-

Such provisions are critical in protecting the mental and emotional health of children, who are particularly susceptible to the influence of harmful digital stimuli. Moreover,

they underscore the importance of collaboration between regulators and technology companies to create a safer online environment. Consent managers play a pivotal role in the new framework. As intermediaries, they enable data principals-in this case, parents or guardians—to give, manage, review, and withdraw consent for data processing activities. These managers must ensure that the process is transparent and user-friendly, empowering parents to monitor how their children's data is being

The draft rules also require consent managers to maintain detailed records of consent given, denied, or withdrawn, enhancing accountability across the board. While the draft rules represent a significant leap forward, their successful implementation hinges on overcoming several challenges. This calls for innovative solutions, such as integrating verified digital IDs like Aadhaar with consent management systems.

(The writer is an adjunct faculty at the National Institute of Advanced Studies; views are personal)

AUSTRALIA WINS B-G TROPHY

Madam —Australia deserves to be the winner of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy by their immaculate performance under the brilliance of Pat Cummins. While India was beaten thoroughly 3-1, the little hope in the Sydney test was vanished when the ace Jasprit Bumrah got injured at the inappropriate time. All the credit goes to Bumrah and the world-class bowler claimed the man of the series despite India losing heavily, indicating that he's the supreme bowler from both sides. World stalwarts rated him high with huge respect for him and he has been shortlisted for the ICC men's cricketer of the year award for the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy, which has seen him walking tall among geniuses among world cricketers.

It's unfortunate that Captain Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli were the great disappointment and the ultimate reasons for Team India losing the rhythm for the Titanic sink at the end. Though the young Jaiswal has been spectacular and K L Rahul did some good work, Pant played a cameo in a few innings that wasn't good enough for the team to pull back when the rest of the batters failed miserably at the end. Aussies Scott Boland's splendid variation and bounce would make Kohli remember Scott Boland more than Anushka in his dreams in this series by dismissing Virat 4 times out of Boland's 5 innings by having faced 68 balls for a mere 28 runs. Boland came into the side during the middle of the series and was the only breather for the Indian team. Anyhow, the series has not only the test for players but also for the head coach too. Gambhir needs to study a few management lessons. Hope the team India would make a comeback in the upcoming fixtures of T20 against England and in the following months to prove their worth to serve a few Badusa to ICC Chief Jay Shah to bring back sweeter moments for the fans too in the

A P Thiruvadi | Chennai ent of byhearting and reproducing no

Create safe online environment for kids



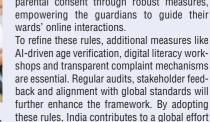
 he digital age has revolutionised childhood. with social media becoming an integral part of how young people connect and communicate. Yet, this evolution brings significant risks that demand urgent action. In this backdrop, India's draft rules under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act mandating consent of parents guardians for minors to open social media accounts are a commendable step in safeguard-

EDUCATION SYSTEM NEEDS REFORM

Madam—This refers to the article on turning Canada's crisis into India's opportunity. This looks to be an incongruent aspiration. Because Indian industries are already expressing their difficulties in getting recruitable skilled workers. This crisis is further confirmed by the latest programme to train 10 lakh youth as apprentices. 500 industries are listed out to engage in this programme in which both the trainees and the engaged industries are incentivised. The fact is the participants are already educated diploma

or degree holders. The education system is yet to be tuned in such a manner as to make those completing education employable with appropriate skills and enough knowledge. It would be more appropriate to correct our systems before aiming at utilising others' crises into our opportunities. Having put education in the hands of the private players, the quality of education suffers the most. Except producing degree holders, simply by utilising the taling children. The proposed rules make social media companies accountable for verifying parental consent through robust measures. empowering the guardians to guide their

ten in blood.



platforms is crucial for lasting change. N Sadhasiva Reddy | Bengaluru

to create a safer online environment for children.

In a world where digital engagement is unavoid-

able, prioritising the safety and wellbeing of the

youngest users is not merely a responsibility but

also an ethical imperative. Building collabora-

tion among parents, educators and social media

scope for creativity is offered. In the name of introducing new educational system subjects like astrology is being introduced. The education system urgently needs a total revamping to make it meaningful.

A G Rajmohan | Anantapur

BIDHURI SPARKS CONTROVERSY

Madam -BJP candidate Ramesh Bidhuri's statement, "We will make all the roads in Kalkaji like Priyanka Gandhi's cheeks," is not just an insult but also a reflection of his mentality. If such remarks can be made by a prominent senior party candidate, what can we expect from an ordinary citizen? The BJP should take strict action against Ramesh Bidhuri, as such a derogatory statement by a party member not only tarnishes his reputation but also damages the party's image. He should issue a public apology for this remark.

Priya Thakur | Ujjain

Send your feedback to: letterstopioneér@gmail.com www.dailypioneer.com

facebook.com/dailypioneer | @TheDailyPioneer | instagram.com/dailypioneer/

FIRST COLUMN

TEN MEANINGFUL RESOLUTIONS FOR 2025

It is time to focus on resolutions that align with our aspirations



The dawn of a new year provides a blank canvas to rewrite your story, redefine your priorities, and reimagine the future. In 2025, seize this opportunity by setting resolutions that not only align with your aspirations but also enhance your quality of life. This year calls for more than just ambitious declarations - it demands realistic, sustainable changes that can truly transform our lives. Here are ten meaningful resolutions worth keeping making 2025 your best year yet.

1. Digital Wellness Revolution: The first and foremost is to break free from screen addiction by implementing a "sunset hour" for devices. Keeping aside one hour before bedtime for offline activities like reading or meditation will definitely help in improving both sleep quality as well as mental health.

2. Financial Intelligence Upgrade: Financial stability is a key component of a stress-free life. Start by evaluating your spending habits and creating a realistic budget by dedicating at least 30 minutes weekly to learning about investments and financial planning. By aiming to save consistently and work towards reducing debt, setting financial goals can provide clarity and motivation.



3. Sustainable Living Practices: As global awareness of environmental challenges grows, adopting sustainable habits is more important than ever. By transforming your environmental impact through practical steps such as switching to reusable products, adopting a plant-based meal day, and calculating your monthly carbon footprint to identify areas for

4. De-clutter your space: A cluttered environment often mirrors a cluttered mind. Take time in 2025 to organize and declutter your living and working spaces. Try working towards donating or recycling items that are no longer in need and creating systems to maintain the same.

5. Relationship Enrichment: Human connections are the bedrock of happiness and fulfilment. This year, try making a conscious effort to nurture your relationships with family, friends, and colleagues.

6. Physical Health Revolution: Developing regular physical activity is the cornerstone of good health. In 2025, move a daily habit. Whether it's strength training, yoga, swimming, or brisk walking, find an activity you enjoy and stick to it. Aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise per week to improve cardiovascular health, strengthen muscles, and boost mental well-being.

7. Mental Fitness Focus: A positive mindset can transform your experiences. In 2025, focus on the good in every situation, practice self-compassion, and surround yourself with uplifting individuals. Integrate daily mental health practices such as five minutes of mindfulness, gratitude journaling, or therapeutic creativity. Positivity fuels resilience and empowers you to overcome challenges with grace.

8. Knowledge Expansion: Read one book monthly on subjects outside your comfort zone. This broadens perspectives and keeps your mind agile in our rapidly changing world.

9. Community Engagement: Helping others fosters a sense of purpose and connection. Find a cause you care about and dedicate time or resources to it. Community service not only helps others but also provides networking opportunities and personal fulfilment. Volunteering not only benefits those in need but also enriches your own life with mean-

10. Creative Expression: Dedicate time weekly to any form of creativity – writing, painting, music, or crafts. Creative outlets reduce stress and enhance problem-solving skills. As we embrace 2025, let's move beyond traditional resolution-setting and focus on creating meaningful, lasting changes that enhance both our personal growth and our impact on the world around us.

(The writer is an educator; views are personal)

Farmers shunning use of nano-urea despite promotion



Despite a strong push from the government and ambitious targets for production and adoption, the fiscal year 2023-24 witnessed a sharp 43 per cent drop in nano-urea sales

ast year, around this time, the Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers Mansukh Mandaviya had said "Consumption of urea this fiscal (read: FY 2023-24) is likely to be 8 percent less than in FY 2022-23 due to the use of its liquid nano variant. Because of this and higher domestic production, import of urea, the soil nutrient that accounts for 70 percent of the fertilizer subsidy bill, declined more than a fifth on year in 2023. Further spread of nano urea consumption and the start of a new large urea plant (Talcher in Odisha) by September 2023 would lead to elimination of imports in two-three years".

Nano-urea is urea in the form of a nanoparticle containing nitrogen particles of 20-50 nanometres (nm) in size. It provides nitrogen or 'N' to plants in liquid form as an alternative to conventional urea which is mostly supplied as prill (it is a small diameter, spherical white solid). The minister's statement pointed towards the commitment of the government to promote the use of nano-urea so that imports of conventional urea are brought down to eliminating it.

However, according to data from the Fertiliser Association of India (FAI) an umbrella body of the fertilizer industry - the sales of Nano urea plummeted by nearly 43 per cent during FY 2023-24 (this happened after growing by a significant 62 per cent during FY 2022-23). Meanwhile, the total production of Nano urea during FY 2023-24 was 81 per cent less than in the previ-

The manufacturers knew that there wouldn't be much demand for it; so they reduced the output even as its production capacity rose by 59 per cent.Why did the sales of Nano-urea decrease? But, before that, we need to understand why the government is so keen to promote its use.

The beauty of nano-urea lies in its ultra-small size and high surface area (10,000 times over 1 mm urea prill), which enable easy absorption by plant leaves. These particles enter the plant through cuticular pores, or stomata, and then penetrate the cell membranes through endocytosis. Once inside the cell, these release nutrients slowly and ensure full absorption by eliminating waste that normally happens with conventional means. The innovator namely Nano Biotechnology Research Centre (NBRC) of the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) claims its efficiency (a measure of how much of the 'N' supplied from it is absorbed by the plant) is over 80 per cent against around 40 per cent for the conventional stuff.

The use of nano-urea also results in higher crop yield by 3-16 per cent when compared to traditional urea. Moreover, unlike the latter which raises environmental concerns including nitrate leaching, global warming, ozone layer depletion, and groundwater pollution, the former causes less soil, water and air pollution. According to a study, two foliar sprays of nano-urea curtailed nitrogen load by 25 per cent, besides reducing the greenhouse gas (GHG) emission from 164.2 to 416.5 kg CO2-eq ha-1 under different crops.



FOR A COUNTRY THAT DEPENDS **HEAVILY ON IMPORTS AND EVEN INCURS** HUGE SUBSIDIES, WHY WOULD THE **GOVERNMENT ALLOW EXPORTS? THE**

INDUSTRY, HOWEVER, **CONCEDES THAT** THERE WAS UNSOLD INVENTORY WITH

DEALERS AND THAT MIGHT HAVE **IMPACTED SALES DURING 2023-24** to a 45-kg bag of conventional

The latter contains 46 percent N nutrient, or 20 kg (45 \times 0.46). In contrast, the former contains 4 per cent N, or 20 grams (500x.04). The equivalence between the two means that urea in nano-form with a mere 20 grams can achieve what conventional urea does with 20 kg - a gap of 1000 times in efficiency.It is this monumental difference in efficiency that also enables the manufacturer to deliver a 500-ml bottle of nano-urea to farmers for Rs 240 without any subsidy sup-

In contrast, the cost of supplying is over eleven times at around Rs 2650 (while, this figure is for imported urea, even for urea produced domestically, the cost is substantially higher and varies from unit to unit), the Government has to give a subsidy of Rs 2410 to make available to the farmer at the same price of Rs 240. There being 22.22 bags in a ton of urea (1000/45), the subsidy on the import of a ton of conventional urea comes to Rs 53,550 (2410×22.22) .

If we were to replace one million tons of imported urea with nanourea which doesn't require any subsidy support, the government would save Rs 53,550 million or Rs 5355 crore. Mandaviya had kept a target of producing about 55 million bottles of nano-urea during FY 2023-24 which replaces 2.5 million tons of conventional urea. This would yield because whatever the level of 'N' savings of around Rs 13,400 crore concentration, fundamentally

in subsidy. Around 600 cubic metres of nat-

ural gas (NG) is needed to produce a ton of conventional urea. For generating the same effect through the nano-urea - given the efficiency difference of 1000 times, the requirement of NG would be a mere 0.6 cubic meters (600/1000). This would lead to huge savings in the import of gas (currently, India imports onethird of its requirement for domestic urea production). Drastic reduction in load on infrastructure will be a bonus. Imagine the impact of handling, moving, storing and delivering a 500 - ml bottle of nano-urea visà-vis a bag of conventional urea containing 45,000 grams of the material.

equivalent conventional urea in The use of nano-urea thus offers ing 2023-24. This shows that unprecedented possibilities in terms of not just a substantial reduction in fertilizer subsidy but also trimming excess consumption of urea thereby reducing the imbalance in fertilizer use improving soil health, and helping achieve the environmentrelated goals. Additional benefits will accrue by way of savings in foreign exchange outgo, and a reduction in the current account deficit.

What explains the setback during FY 2023-24? Reportedly, the industry's argument that the fall in production and sales was due to the launch of new products such as Nano urea plus, with a higher concentration of nitrogen and reduction in sales of earlier variants of Nano urea that had lower nitrogen concentration' is untenable. This is

the product remains 'Nano-Another explanation is that 'the drop in sales coubecausee fact that farmers had bought large quantities of Nano urea in the previous years' doesn't cut ice. Farmers generally are not prone to stocking fertilizer material as the majority of them

just don't have the wherewithal to hold stocks. A third possibility that lower domestic sales could be due to the export of nano-urea doesn't make sense. For a country that depends heavily on imports and even incurs huge subsidies, why would the government allow exports? The industry, however, concedes that there was unsold inventory with dealers and that

might have impacted sales dureven during 2022-23, farmers didn't lift nano-urea to the extent revealed by the sales figures of that year. One can't escape inferring that nano-urea could be losing charm amongst farmers. If it is due to factors like their being unable to cope with the

rigours of the new technology (spraying it on leaves is more challenging than prill urea) or shortage of skilled labour etc, those can be overcome. But, if it is due to tall claims regarding efficiency or yield going haywire, it is a matter of concern. For instance, a study released by Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) in January 2024 says that the 'use of nano-urea led to decrease in the vield of wheat and rice by 21.6 per cper cent 13 percent respectively?

(The writer is a policy analyst;

Prashant Kishor's Jansuraj: A new political force or BJP's strategic move in Bihar?

As the 2025 assembly elections approach, the big question remains: Can Kishor truly reshape Bihar's political future, or is his role simply to disrupt opposition unity?

Prashant Kishor, a name synonymous with political strategy, has made his debut in Bihar politics with the launch of his party, Jansuraj. Drawing an analogy to a potter, Kishor likens his work to shaping the best clay into something meaningful, declaring, "We are bringing forward the best people of society. My role is to make this party win. I am in the role of a sutradhar (narrator); I have announced after the formation of the party that I will not run it. The party people will

run the party. This declaration, however, has done little to quell speculations about his aspirations. Rumors abound that Kishor is vying for the post of Chief Minister, a claim he repeatedly denies. "I am not contest-



ing the elections," he insists. "I do not feel like contesting, but if the party decides that only I can secure a seat, then it will be a collective decision. I am not bigger than the party." Despite his assertions, Kishor's entry into Bihar politics has stirred discussions about the impact of Jansuraj on the state's political landscape, particularly in the context of the 2025 assembly elections. Questions loom: will his party Kishor's efforts as insignifi-

weaken the NDA or the INDIA alliance? Political analysts suggest that Kishor, with his background as a strategist for both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, could be a disruptive force. Some even speculate that he might be a BJP-backed "pawn," designed to fragment opposition votes, a claim fueled by his apparent inability to align with the Congress or RJD leadership.

Kishor's criticisms of Nitish Kumar's governance have been particularly sharp. He has lambasted Kumar's leadership style, though his past affiliations with the BJP have also fueled skepticism. Adding to the intrigue, JDU leaders have dismissed

JDU, meanwhile, continues to champion causes like the nationwide caste census and the "One Nation, One Election" policy. It also plans to hold a workers' meeting in Nalanda on January 20, 2025, to gauge its position before the elections. JDU's reliance on caste-based politics, particularly its focus on Mahadalits, underscores its strategy for retaining relevance.

Recognizing the centrality of caste and community dynamics in Bihar politics, Kishor has crafted his approach accordingly. His first major move was targeting the Muslim and backward caste vote banks, which collectively account for 53.8 per cent of the electorate. To solidify his position, he announced plans



Muslim and extremely backward communities in the upcoming elections. The appointment of a Dalit as Jansuraj's first working president further underscored this strategy.

This decision, however, drew criticism, with some perceiving it as an overt counter to JDU's Mahadalit card. Kishor's of opportunism.

emphasis on Dalit representation, though a significant gesture, was met with resistance from sections of the political spectrum.

Before launching Jansuraj, Kishor spent two years traveling across Bihar, conducting a padayatra and engaging in public dialogues in villages and towns. His campaign drew heavily from the ideas of Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore, echoing a narrative of grassroots empowerment. However, his advocacy for ending Bihar's liquor prohibition—a policy closely associated with Nitish Kumar's governance—has sparked controversy. Critics argue that this stance contradicts Gandhian principles and exposes Kishor to allegations

Despite the criticisms, Kishor's efforts signal a genuine attempt to address Bihar's long-standing issues. Bihar has long grappled with challenges like unemployment, poor infrastructure, and rising crime. Kishor positions Jansuraj as a platform to tackle these problems, but whether he can deliver remains to be seen.

Kishor's focus on marginalised communities, grassroots dialogue, and inclusive leadership sets a distinct tone. However, his political credibility and ability to translate ideas into action will be closely scrutinized. As the assembly elections approach, the political battlefield in Bihar is becoming increasingly dynamic. JDU's focus on its traditional voter

base and initiatives like the caste census may clash directly with Jansuraj's appeal to similar demographics. Meanwhile, speculation about Kishor's BJP connections and his critique of Nitish Kumar suggest that his presence will influence alliances and electoral strategies across the board.

Prashant Kishor's entry into Bihar politics marks a significant shift. By forming Jansuraj, he has sought to disrupt the status quo and present a new alternative. However, whether he can truly emerge as a transformative leader or will merely fragment votes remains the critical question.

(The writer is a senior journalist; views are

South Korean agency receives new warrant to detain impeached President Yoon

South Korea's anti-corruption agency said it received a new court warrant on Tuesday to detain impeached President Yoon Suk Yeol after its previous attempt was blocked by the presidential security service last week.

The Corruption Investigation Office for High-Ranking Officials, which plans to question the embattled president on rebellion allegations over his short-lived martial law decree on Dec. 3, didn't immediately confirm how long the warrant would remain valid.

The agency's chief prosecutor, Oh Dong-woon, refused to answer when asked by lawmakers when the warrant would expire, saying such information is sensitive as the agency and police contemplate ways to

Detention warrants typically last seven days but can be extended to around 10 days. Oh didn't say when investigators planned to make their next attempt to detain Yoon. The Seoul Western District Court last week had initially

issued a warrant to detain Yoon and a separate warrant to search his residence after he repeatedly defied authorities by refusing to appear for question-

About 150 anti-corruption agency investigators and police officers attempted to detain Yoon on Friday but retreated from his residence in Seoul after a tense standoff with the presidential security service that lasted more than five Assembly. Lawmakers who hours. The investigators did not managed to get past the block-

make another attempt to detain Yoon and the previous court warrants expired after a week on Monday

If investigators manage to detain Yoon, they will likely ask a court for permission to make a formal arrest. Otherwise, he will be released after 48 hours. The anti-corruption agency and police have pledged to make a more forceful effort to detain Yoon, which could be a complicated process as long as he remains in his official residence.

The anti-corruption agency is leading a joint investigation with the police and military into Yoon's brief power grab, which included declaring martial law and dispatching troops to surround the National

ade voted to lift martial law hours later.

Yoon's presidential powers were suspended after the oppositiondominated Assembly voted to impeach him on Dec. 14, accusing him of rebellion. The Constitutional Court has started deliberations on whether to formally remove Yoon from office or reinstate him.

Members of the presidential security staff were seen installing barbed wire near the gate and along the hills leading up to the presidential compound over the weekend. Oh confirmed to lawmakers

that the agency was debating with police on whether to arrest members of the presi-dential security staff if they forcefully obstruct efforts to detain Yoon. Police have said they are considering "all available options" to bring Yoon into custody and haven't publicly ruled out the possibility of deploying SWAT teams, although it's unclear whether investigators would risk escalating a confrontation with presidential security forces, who are also armed.

Park Jong-joon, chief of the presidential security service, has hit back against criticism that it has become Yoon's private army, saying it has legal obligations to protect the incumbent president. He and his deputy have so far defied summonses by police, who planned to question them over the suspected obstruction of official duty following Friday's events.

In a parliament hearing Tuesday, Oh criticized the country's acting leader,

Deputy Prime Minister Choi Sang-mok, for instructing police to oblige with the presidential security service's request to deploy personnel to Yoon's residence to beef up security ahead of Friday's detention attempt. The police did not carry out Choi's instruction, and Oh said the agency was reviewing whether Choi's actions constituted an obstruction of official duty. The agency has repeatedly called for Choi to instruct the presidential security service to comply with the execution of the detention warrant against Yoon. Choi hasn't commented. Yoon's lawyers argued the detention and search war-rants against the president cannot be enforced at his residence due to a law that pro-

tects locations potentially

linked to military secrets from search without the consent of the person in charge — which would be Yoon. They also argue the anti-corruption office lacks the legal authority to investigate rebellion charges and delegate police to

detain Yoon. Yoon's lawyers on Monday filed complaints with public prosecutors against Oh and six other anti-corruption and police officers over Friday's detention attempt, which they claim was illegal. The lawyers also filed complaints against the country's acting national police chief, the acting defense minister and two Seoul police officials for ignoring the presidential security service's request to provide additional forces to block Yoon's detention attempt.

Trump renews offer of making Canada 51st state of US

PTI WASHINGTON

Hours after the resignation of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, US President-elect Donald Trump on Monday renewed his offer of making Canada the 51st state of the United States. Trudeau, 53, announced to resign Monday as he was forced by his ruling Liberal Party amidst his growing unpopularity. General elections are scheduled this year. The Canadian prime minister said that he would stay on as prime minister till the party elected a new leader. Trump, 78, who never had a good relationship with Trudeau even during his first term from 2017-2021, has been floating the idea of making Canada the 51st state of the United States ever since he met Trudeau after his November 5 electoral victory in Mar-a-Lago. Thereafter, he has been mentioning this on his social media posts several times.

'Many people in Canada LOVE being the 51st State. The United States can no longer suffer the massive Trade Deficits and Subsidies that Canada needs to stay afloat. Justin Trudeau knew this, and resigned," Trump said on Truth Social.

"If Canada merged with the US, there would be no Tariffs, taxes would go way down, and they would be TOTALLY SECURE from the threat of the Russian and Chinese Ships that are constantly surrounding them. Together, what a great Nation it would be!!!" said the presidentelect after the resignation of Trudeau on Monday.

There has not been much reaction to Trump's proposal from the Canadian side. Trump has threatened to impose 25 per cent tar-iffs on Canadian imports if Toronto is not able top stop the flow of illicit drugs and illegal migrants from its southern border with the US. In some of the posts, Trump even mocked Trudeau as "Governor of the

Biden 'doing everything possible' to make transition difficult: Trump

PTI WASHINGTON

US President-elect Donald Trump has accused Joe Biden of making the presiden-tial transition difficult, citing recent executive orders on climate and other official acts being taken by him in his last weeks as president.

Trump, 78, is slated to be sworn in as the 47th President of the United States on January 20. He replaces Biden as the new occupant of the White House, the official residence of the US President

"Biden is doing everything possible to make the TRANSI-TION as difficult as possible, from Lawfare such as has never been seen before, to costly and ridiculous Executive Orders on the Green New Scam and other money wasting Hoaxes," Trump said in a post on Truth Social. "Fear not, these "Orders" will all be terminated shortly, and we will become a Nation of Common Sense and Strength. MAGA!!!" said the president-

Trump issued the statement shortly before Congress certified his victory in the Electoral College — and after Biden, 82, banned drilling for oil and nat-ural gas off most of America's coastline, with the total area covered by the order greater than the land of Alaska and Texas combined.

Biden announced earlier Monday he would block new drilling off the entire East Coast, as well as California, Oregon and Washington state, and block some drilling off Alaska's coast in portions of the Northern Bering Sea and in the eastern Gulf of Mexico.

Biden made the move just two weeks before Trump, who has promised to promote domestic energy production, is sworn in. Trump vowed to undo Biden's recent executive orders, though it's unclear if he would be able to reverse the decision to block oil drilling, considering he was blocked in 2019 when he tried to reinstate drilling in areas blocked off by former President

Barack Obama. Despite Trump's assertion that Biden's White House has not been helpful during the transition, his incoming chief of staff Susie Wiles has said otherwise. She told in an interview published Monday the White House has been helpful during the transition process.

"White House chief of staff Jeff Zients has been very helpful. He has made great suggestions, helped make sure we stay on time with required functions, helped us navigate the labyrinth that is the Executive Office of the President, and been very professional," she said.

He introduced me to the 'for mer chief of staff club' and even hosted a dinner (for Wiles and the former chiefs) at his beautiful home," Wiles added.

Trump Jr arrives in Greenland

PTI ■ NUUK (GREENLAND)

 $T^{\text{he eldest son of US President-}}_{\text{elect Donald Trump arrived}}$ in Greenland on Tuesday for a private visit that has heightened speculation that the incoming US administration could seek to take control of the Danish territory. The Danish state broadcaster reported that Donald Trump Ir's plane landed in Nuuk, the capital of the vast and icv territory. Greenland's government said Trump Jr's visit would take place "as a private individual" and not as an official visit and that Greenlandic representatives would not meet with him. Mininguaq Kleist, permanent secretary for the Greenland foreign affairs department, said that authorities were informed that Trump Jr would stay for about 4



Camels walk through snow during El Museo del Barrio's 47th annual Three Kings Day parade on Monday, in New York. AP/PTI

China shuts down Mt Everest scenic area after quake

PTI BEIJING

hina has closed for tourists Uthe scenic areas of its side of Mt Everest, also known as Mount Qomolangma, following a 6.8-magnitude_earthquake that jolted Dingri County in the Tibet 0118 Tuesday.

Dingri is home to the base camp of the world's highest peak

According to local authorities, the staff and tourists were in safe condition after the quake, which hit the region at 9:05 am

Tuesday (Beijing Time). The hotel buildings and surrounding areas in the scenic area have remained intact state-run Xinhua news agency reported, citing the Dingri Culture and Tourism Bureau. However, the Qomolangma Station for Atmospheric and Environmental Research of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, located in Dingri, is experiencing a power outage. Despite this, the facilities have remained in good condition. Located at the China-Nepal border, Mount Qomolangma reaches an altitude of more than 8,840 metres, with its northern section located in Tibet referred to as Xizang by

Singapore passes law to protect scam victims

Singapore on Tuesday passed a new law providing the police with powers to order banks to restrict the banking transactions of potential scam vic-

The Protection from Scams Bill comes Singapore, said Minister

State for Home Affairs and Social and Family Development Sun Xueling as she tabled the Bill for a secreading Parliament.

"This Bill, passed unanimously, allows the

police to act decisively and close a gap in our arsenal against scammers Channel News Asia quoted the minister as saying in the House

The Bill will allow specified officers, including those from the police and Commercial Affairs Department, to issue restriction orders to banks if there is reasonable belief that account holders will be making transfers to scammers. These restriction orders will suspend money transfers, the use of ATM facilities and all credit facilities, although individuals will still be provided access to their monies for daily living expenses. "The intent is to buy the police more time to engage and convince the individual that he is being scammed, including through enlisting the help of his family members," Sun

She added that the restriction orders would involve the seven Domestic Systemically Important Banks (DSIBs) - DBS, OCBC, ÛOB, Citibank, HSBC Maybank and Standard Chartered Bank which account for the vast majority of consumer bank accounts in

> The orders can also be issued to non-DSIB banks if there is reason to believe that victims will make transfers to scammers

Sun said the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is "mindful of the need to strike a balance

between protecting an individual from further harm and not unduly inconve niencing him".

Several safeguards are in place, such as requiring restriction orders be issued only "as a last resort if all other efforts to convince the individual have failed". Individuals can also appeal to the Commissioner of Police against the restriction orders - a process that MHA will ensure is expeditious, Sun added. The Bill will limit the duration of a restriction order to "a maximum of 30 days at the outset". Each order may be extended up to five times if the officer deems it necessary.

After five extensions, the restriction order "must lapse ... even if the victim is still at risk of transferring more money to the scammer," said Sun.

Planned trip to Kyiv by Trump's Ukraine envoy unlikely

n upcoming trip to Kyiv by US President-elect An upcoming trip to Kylv by Co Freshdein-Clear Donald Trump's special envoy for Ukraine and Russia has been cancelled but will be rescheduled, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha said Tuesday. The planned meetings between Keith Kellogg, a highly decorated retired three-star genong been Trump's top adv defence issues, and Ukrainian officials are "extremely important," Sybiha told reporters in the Ukrainian

"I am confident that this meeting will take place in its own time," he said during a news conference with his visiting Icelandic counterpart. "We are in contact to clearly define the timeline for its organisation and to ensure that the meeting is as meaningful as possible?

Trump's arrival in the White House on January 20 injects another measure of uncertainty into how the almost 3-year-old war might unfold and whether it can end in the foreseeable future.

Ukraine, up against a larger enemy, Russia, relies on Western — and especially US — military backing to keep fighting. But Trump has criticised the billions of dollars the Biden administration has spent on Ukraine. He has also said he could end the war in 24 hours, though he hasn't elaborated on how he might do that. Ukrainian officials are eager to sway Trump on sticking with Ukraine. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has praised Trump's "strength" and said the American president's "unpredictability" could work in Ukraine's favour. Ukrainians have expressed hope tinged with pragmatism about Trump's election victory last November. The war is draining the resources of both sides, though military analysts say the conflict is less sustainable for smaller Ukraine, and the war's recent trajectory has not been in its favour.

Seattle police officer who fatally struck Jaahnavi Kandula sacked

Tn a significant development, **L**a Seattle police officer who killed Indian student Jaahnavi Kandula in January 2023 when the patrol vehicle he was driving struck her, has been fired officials said.

Kandula, 23, from Andhra Pradesh, was struck by a police vehicle driven by Officer Kevin Dave when she was crossing a street in Seattle on January 23, 2023. He was driving 74 mph (more than 119 km/h) on the way to a report of a drug overdose call.

Kandula was thrown 100 feet when she was struck by the speeding police patrol vehicle. According to a report in The Seattle Times on Monday, Interim Seattle Police Chief Sue Rahr said that she had fired Dave from the Seattle Police Department.

The report, citing an email sent by Rahr to employees, said she fired Dave on Monday after the Seattle Office of Police Accountability found he had violated four department poli-

"I believe the officer did not intend to hurt anyone that night and that he was trying to get to a possible overdose vic-



Rahr said.

"However, I cannot accept the tragic consequences of his dangerous driving. His positive intent does not mitigate the poor decision that caused the loss of human life and brought discredit to the Seattle Police Department," according to the Seattle Times report.

It added that the policies Dave failed to follow "include using emergency lights for an emergency response and being responsible for safely operating a patrol vehicle", according to the copy of Rahr's email.

The development comes months after another Seattle police officer Daniel Auderer was fired following his insensitive comments and laughter after Kandula's death.

The Consulate General of India in Seattle had been working consistently with authorities and law enforcement officials to ensure justice in the case, with Auderer's firing and now the action against Dave bring-

tice for Kandula's family. The Consulate had been in regular touch with Kandula's family representatives and had said that it would continue to

extend all possible support in ensuring justice for Jaahnavi In a February 2024 post on X, the Indian Consulate in Seattle said that "On the recently released investigation report of the King County Prosecution

Attorney on the unfortunate death of Jaahnavi Kandula, Consulate has been in regular touch with the designated family representatives and will continue to extend all possible support in ensuring justice for Kandula and her family. 'We have also raised the mat-

ter strongly with local authorities, including Seattle Police for appropriate redress. The case has now been referred to the Seattle City Attorney's office for review. We await completion of Seattle Police's administrative investigation and will continue to monitor progress on the

Rahr was appointed as interim chief in May 2024 and in July last year, she had announced Auderer's firing. However, decision about Dave's action came in only now.

Jimmy Carter to be honoured in Washington, city where he remained outsider

PTI WASHINGTON

Nearly 44 years after Jimmy Carter left the nation's capital in humbling defeat, the 39th president returns to Washington for three days of state funeral rites starting on Tuesday.

Carter's remains, which have been lying in repose at the Carter Presidential Centre since Saturday, will leave the Atlanta campus Tuesday morning, accompanied by his children and extended family. Special Air Mission 39 will depart Dobbins Air Reserve Base north of Atlanta and arrive at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland, with a motorcade into Washington and the Capitol, where members of Congress will pay their respects at

an afternoon service. Carter, who died December 29 at the age of 100, will then lie in state Tuesday night and again Wednesday. He then receives a state

funeral Thursday at Washington National Cathedral. President Joe Biden will deliver a eulogy.

There will be the familiar rituals that follow a president's death — the Air Force ride back to the Beltway, a military honour guard carrying a flag-draped casket up the Capitol steps, the Lincoln catafalque in the Rotunda. There also will be symbolism unique to Carter: His hearse will stop at the US Navy Memorial, where his remains will be transferred to a horse-drawn caisson for rest of his trip to the Capitol.

The location nods to Carter's place as the lone US Naval Academy graduate to become commander in chief.

All of the pomp will carry some irony for the Democrat who went from his family peanut warehouse to the Governor's Mansion and eventually the White House. Carter won the presidency as the smiling Baptist and technocratic engineer who promised to change the ways of Washington — and eschewed many of those unwritten rules ways when he got there.
"Jimmy Carter was always an out-

sider," said biographer Jonathan Alter, explaining how Carter capitalised on the fallout of the Vietnam War and Watergate scandal that toppled Richard Nixon. "The country was thirsting for moral renewal and for Carter, as this genuinely religious figure, to come in and clean things

From 1977 to 1981, Carter was the city's highest-ranking resident. But he never mastered it.

"He could be prickly and a not very appealing personality" in a town that thrives on relationships, Alter said, describing a president who struggled with schmoozing lawmakers and reporters.

The gatekeepers of Washington society never embraced Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter, either, not quite



knowing what to make of the smalltown Southerners who carried their own luggage and bought their clothes off the rack

Carter sold what had been the presidential yacht, a perk his predecessors had used to wine and dine Capitol power players.

Early in Carter's presidency, Washington Post society columnist

Sally Quinn tagged the Carters and their West Wing as "an alien tribe," incapable of "playing the game." An elite Georgetown hostess herself, Quinn nodded to Washington's "frivolity" but nonetheless mocked "the Carter people" as "not, in fact, comfortable in limousines, yachts, or in elegant salons, in black tie" or with "place cards, servants, six courses, different forks, three wines and after-dinner mingling."

He endured a rocky four years that left him without enough friends in the town's power circles and, ultimately, across an electorate that delivered nearly 500 Electoral College votes to Ronald Reagan in the 1980 election.

Long after leaving office, Carter still bemoaned a political cartoon published around his inauguration that depicted his family approaching the White House with his mother, "Miss Lillian," chewing on a hayseed. Carter often flouted the ceremonial trappings that have been on display in Georgia and will continue in Washington.

As president, he wanted to keep the Marine Band from playing "Hail to the Chief," thinking it elevated the president too much. His advisers convinced him to accept it as part of the job. And the song played Saturday as he arrived at his presidential centre after a motorcade through his hometown of Plains and past his boyhood farm.

He also never used his full name, James Earl Carter Jr, even taking the oath of office. His full name was printed on memorial cards given to all mourners who paid their respects

in Atlanta. He once addressed the nation from the White House residence wearing a cardigan, now on display at his museum and library. His remains now at rest in a wooden casket being carried and guarded by military pallbearers in their impeccable dress

"He was a simple man in so many ways," said Brad Webb, an Army veteran who came to honour the former president at his library, which is on the same campus as The Carter Centre, where the former president and first lady based their decades of advocacy for democracy, public health and human rights in the developing world. "He was also a complicated man,

who took his defeat and did so much good in the world," said Webb, who voted for Republican Gerald Ford in 1976 and Reagan in 1980. "And, looking back, some of the things in his presidency — the inflation, the Iran hostages, the energy crisis – were really things that no president can actually control. We get to look back with some perspective and understand that he was an excellent former president but also had a presidency we can appreciate more than we did as it was happening."

Saudi Arabia presses Florida man to give | First bird flu death up US citizenship over critical tweets

Saudi Arabia has forced a Florida retiree to try to renounce his American citizenship after jailing him over social media posts critical of the kingdom's crown prince, according to the man's son. The retiree, 74-year-old Saad

Almadi, is one of at least four dual Saudi-American nationals who accuse Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's government of pressuring them to give up their US citizenship, a US-based Middle East human

rights group said.
The alleged tactic by a key strategic partner of the US, which has not been previously reported, tracks with similar efforts to silence even mild criticism, including the threat of imprisonment and exit bans like the one that has kept Almadi from returning to the US after being released from more than a year in a Saudi

"There are Saudi princes that come to the US for routine medical checkups, so why can't an American citizen return home for his health?" Ibrahim Almadi said of his father.

"It's all because we don't want to upset our ally's feelings," he said in an interview from Washington. "If this were Russia, Iran or North Korea, he would've been declared wrongfully detained months ago. The Saudi Embassy in

Washington acknowledged receiving a request for comment on the allegations but did not otherwise respond. The Saudi government doesn't recognize dual citizenship. It regularly rejects criticism of its actions, saying they are part of a multiyear crackdown on cor-

Hebdo attacks

Adecade after gunmen stormed the offices of satir-

ical newspaper Charlie Hebdo

in a deadly assault that shook

France to its core, the nation is

pausing Tuesday to honour

the victims and grapple with the evolving challenges of free

President Emmanuel Macron

and Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo

are leading solemn tributes at

people, including some of

France's most beloved cartoon-

ists, were killed on January 7,

2015. Among those remem-

bered was Ahmed Merabet, a

police officer who was gunned

down on the street while

The massacre, carried out by

two brothers claiming alle-

giance to al-Qaida, marked

the start of a grim new era for

France, with a wave of extrem-

ist violence pushing the coun-

try to reassess its security pri-

orities and commitment to

free speech. Speaking on the

anniversary, Interior Minister

Bruno Retailleau painted a

stark picture of France's current

security landscape. "France has

rearmed considerably, but the

threat is still there," he warned

in an interview with RTL, ref-

erencing both external dangers

and a troubling rise in home-

The nature of the threat has

changed," Retailleau explained.

"It is now primarily endoge-

grown radicalisation.

defending the newspaper.

expression and terrorism.

security threats.

The plight of the elder Almadi and others could complicate US efforts to turn the page on tensions arising from the 2018 killing of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi. President Joe Biden in his 2020 campaign vowed to make pariahs out of Saudi royals after US

intelligence officials concluded that the crown prince authorized the killing of the USbased journalist inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul. The prince has denied any involvement.

But once in office and confronted with a spike in gas prices that did lasting damage to support for Democrats, Biden softened his criticism. During a visit to Saudi Arabia in 2022, the president had an awkward fist bump with Prince Mohammed.

Saudi-US relations are expected to warm further under President-elect Donald Trump, whose real estate empire and family have extensive business dealings with the world's top oil exporter.

A retired project manager who immigrated to the US in the 1970s, Almadi was arrested in Saudi Arabia in 2021, when he arrived on a planned twoweek visit to see family. Saudi officials confronted him with tweets he had posted over the past several years in the US, including one about Khashoggi's killing and another on the crown prince's consolidation of power.

Almadi was quickly sentenced to more than 19 years in prison on terrorism-related charges stemming from the tweets. Saudi Arabia freed him after more than a year but imposed

nous — young individuals rad-

icalised through social media.

Last year alone, our services foiled nine attacks, the highest

tures of the Prophet

Muhammad, ignited fierce

global debates about the limits

of free expression. In the days

that followed, millions marched

in solidarity, brandishing pens

and signs declaring, "I am

tive, particularly toward mar

Charlie Hebdo itself remains

unapologetic. Its 10th-anniver

sary edition features a cover

cartoon of a reader perched on

al, the magazine's director,

Laurent Sourisseau, known as

"Riss," defended the power of

satire. "If you want to laugh, it

ginalised communities.

against extremism.

ruption, terrorism and other an exit ban that keeps him from returning to his home in Boca Raton, near Miami.

> For months after his release Almadi received menacing phone calls from men his son alleges were agents of the feared intelligence police, whose job it is to root out threats to the kingdom's rulers. Then, last November, they summoned Almadi to a villa in Rivadh. where he was promised the exit ban would be lifted if he renounced his American citizenship, his son said.

Feeling helpless, Almadi signed a document and followed instructions to try to return his American passport to the US Embassy, his son said.

By law, Americans seeking to relinquish their citizenship must follow a lengthy process, and US officials must deem their actions voluntary. That had not happened in Almadi's case, the State Department said, adding that he remains a US citizen and receives consular support.

"The Department will continue to advocate for Mr. Almadi with the Saudi government and hope he is soon able to rejoin his family in the United States," the agency spokeswoman said.

Abdullah Alaoudh, a senior director at the Middle East Democracy Center, a Washington-based human rights group, said he knew of three other dual US-Saudi citizens who reported being pushed to give up their US citizenship. He said they were not activists or vocal critics of the Saudi government.

Alaoudh said Almadi's case appeared the most egregious: "They are kind of forcing

reported in US

The first US bird flu death has been reported — a person in Louisiana who had been hospitalised with severe respiratory symptoms. Louisiana health officials announced the death on Monday.

Health officials have said the person was older than 65, had underlying medical problems and had been in contact with sick and dead birds in a backvard flock. They also said a genetic analysis had suggested the bird flu virus had mutated inside the patient, which could have led to the more severe illness. They have disclosed few other details about the person. Since March, 66 confirmed bird flu infections have been

reported in the US, but previous illnesses have been mild and most have been detected among farmworkers exposed to sick poultry or dairy cows. In two cases — and adult in Missouri and a child in California — health officials have not determined how they caught it. The origin of the Louisiana person's infection was not considered a mystery. But it was the first human case in the US linked to exposure to backvard birds, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Louisiana officials say they are not aware of any other cases in their state, and US officials have said they do not have any evidence that the virus is spreading from person to person.



In this photo released by Russian Orthodox Church Press Service, Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill (left) and Russian President Vladimir Putin speak after the Christmas service in the Christ The Saviour Cathedral in Moscow, on Tuesday. AP/PTI

Over 22,000 bureaucrats in Pakistan possess dual nationality: Report

PTI ISLAMABAD

Tn a surprising development, a National Assembly (NA) panel was informed that over 22,000 bureaucrats in Pakistan possess dual nationality, raising concerns about national security. As the NA's standing committee on Interior met on Monday with Raja Khurram Nawaz in the chair, members sounded alarm

over the practice and called for stringent measures to restrict the practice, especially for bureaucrats, judges and members of the parliamentarians, according to The Express Tribune newspaper. The meeting was deliberating on the proposed legislation that would grant Pakistani passports to citizens of countries with which Islamabad has dual nationality agreements.

after her Demise I have requested to M/s Supertech

mited to Remove her name the said Flat. If anybod

as an objection, in this regard he/she may conta-

i M/s Supertech Limited office at Plot No C-2 ector 96, Noida, Uttar Pradesh 201303 within 19

avs of the Published notice Gautam Manoi (MAIN

Applicant) S/O SH.SATYA PRAKASH GAUTAM R/O 38A/42A, DAYANAND BAGH,TAGORE NAGAR

ROAD, AGRA (U.P). JHA AND ASSOCIATE (Advocate)Cha. No. 45, Sub-

Registrar Compound, Sector-33, Noida-210301 (U.P.)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large, on behalf of our client, Mr. Amit Kumar S/o Mr. Ompal Singh R/o Flat No.-801, Tower A, BPIP, Park Elite Premium, Sector-84, Old Aradabad, Hargane. 121002. ("Owner") Mr. Amit Kumar was the owner of schedule property by virtue of Corneyance beed which was duly registered with the concerned Sub-Registrar-Faridabad as Document No. 12238, In Addl. Book No. 1. on 60 of 2024, Flat/Sulider Buyers Agreement dated 18.12.2010 executed by BPIP Ltd in favour of Mr. Kanwal Bhalfa have been lost, an FlR dated 19.06.2023 (Crime Branch, Delhi Police) bearing LR No. 569229/2023 was also lodged. (LOST Flat/Builder Buyers Agreement).

rson receiving or dealing with the said Document would d

person leterang or users and responsibility (including criminal liability) and our client shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for any loss incurred by such person (s) on account of any such unauthorized dealing, our client will proceed to take such action including applying to concerned unthorites for issue of duly Cartified Copies / Certified True Copies/ Duplicate Copies of the Document.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

lat No. A-801, on 8" Floor, in Tower A, Super area measuri
74 sq. ft., in the project name as "Park Elite Premiur
ituated at Sector-84, Tehsil & Distt. Faridabad, Haryana.

Sachin Maheshwari & Associates (SMA) Law Offices Sachin Maheshwari Advocate Badarpur Border, New Delhi

"It is to inform to the public at large that Mrs. Pooja had acquired Built-Up Property bearing Plot no. 52, area 60 sq. yrds., Khasra No. 66/8, situated at as Village Hastsal Delhi, area abadi colony known

New Delhi vide GPA Dt. 26 01 2024 executed by

Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement,

lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, part

nereby required to intimate in writing to the under signed within 07 days from the date of public

ners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise

signed within or days from the date or point tion of this notice of his/her/their share or claim if any, with all supporting documents at below men tioned address. After expiration of notice period the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waive and not brighting on our client.

Ajay Kumar Giri (Advocate) H No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi -110024

TYPE OF BONDS

14-24-25. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: SI.
No.1; Tender No.: AP-EL-TRD-14-24-25;

Name of work: Provision of different type

of bonds in connection with Raninaga

Jalpaiguri - New Coochbehar -TSR (P)

ed Tender Value: ₹6,00,779.50

12.132 TKM of Alipurduar division

Earnest Money: ₹12,000.00; E-tender

will be **closed** at 15:00 hrs. on 23-01-2025 and will be opened on

23-01-2025 at 15:30 hrs. at DRM/Elect

TRD)/Alipurduar Jn.'s office. The

omplete information with the tender

vailable in website <u>www.ireps.gov.in</u>. Sr. DEE/TRD, OP & GS,

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

ment of above e-tender will be

E-Tender Notice No.: AP-EL-TRD-

and not binding on our client

During the meeting, it was also revealed that 22,000 bureaucrats hold dual citizenship.

Committee member Abdul Qadir Patel expressed surprise that while members of the National Assembly and judges were prohibited from holding dual citizenship, bureaucrats were not. He proposed that the bill should include a provision to ensure that individuals with dual nationality should not be appointed as bureaucrats. Patel also challenged the argument that politicians are not

given dual citizenship due to the need to safeguard state secrets. Agha Rafiullah of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) demanded detailed statistics on Pakistani citizens holding dual nationality, including how many have renounced their foreign citizen-

ship and whether NADRA, the official registration body, possessed data on which countries these individuals were affiliated with. The committee member also raised concerns about the relaxation of dual nationality rules, citing the example of the chairman of NAB (National Accountability Bureau), the top anti-corruption body, reported

MAINTENANCE CONTRACT OF IPIS E-Tender No. SNT-42-LMG-2024-25; Dated: 31-12-2024. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work Name of work & Place: Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of IPIS a Lumding and Badarpur stations for the period of two years in Lumding division Tender Value: ₹36,73,007.26; Bid Security: ₹73,500,00: E-tender will be Closed at 15:00 hrs. on 24-01-2025 and Opened at 15:30 hrs on 24-01-2025. For details visit:

Sr. DSTE, Lumding NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

q. Yds, out of Khasra no. 374, Khatoni no. 32, tutated at village Babar pur in the abadi of west torakh Park Shahdara Delhi. He is in possession mough Notarised GPA dared 24,05,1988 Mr. hyam Kishore Aggarwal in favour of Mr. Suresh hand Rastogi in respect of the said Property. Ir. Suresh Chand Rastogi intends to transfer the winership of aforementioned Property by way of Sale eed to Mr. Jaydeep Singh and Mrs. Kamini Singh are in the process of mortigaging in said property with SMFG India Home Finance O. Ltd. (Formerly Fullerton India Home Finance O. Ltd.), Any objections or concerns regarding this ansaction should be raised within a period of 07 ays from the date of this public notice. Any typictions submitted after the completion of this 07-ay period will not be considered binding with respect; the said property or the interests of our client. nyone wishes to raise an objection, please do ithin the stipulated 07-days period by contactin aw Veritas: North (Advocates & Legal Consultants · Office No. 11, 1st Floor, Building No. A-44// ector-16, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-20130 andline(s): +910120-3101683, e-ma

PD(1203)C DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I. DELHI Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK

Vs ...Applicant RAJESH KUMAR TRIPATHI AND ORS. ...Defendants

Prasad Tripathi, R/o H No 848 2nd Floor Sector-Vaishali Ghaziahad LIP 201010 (2) Mrs Priyanka Tripathi W/o Mr Rajesh Kumar Tripathi, R/o H No 848, Second Floor, Sector-5, Vaishali Ghaziabad UP-201010 (3) M/s Krishna Assets Developers Pvt. Ltd.. office at: 3 Dimensior Khasra No. 1264-1265 Raj

hereas the above named applicant has nstituted a case for recovery of Rs. 21.14.694.72 Rupees Twenty One Lakh Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Four and Paisa Seventy Two only) against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement irecting you to make appearance before LD Registrar on 28-01-2025 at 10.30 A.M. (for further details kindly visit DRT website www.tribunal.gov.in Phone No. 011-23748473). Take notice that in case of your failure appear on the above mentioned day before this Fribunal, the case will be heard and decided in

All the matters will be taken up through Video Conferencing and for that purpose:-i) All the Advocates / Litigants shall download the Cisco Webex" application / Software:

Registrar/Recovery Officer-I/and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e.

this 02*Dec, 2024.

By order of this Tribunal Respondent may contact under me phone number for further enquiry.

ROVISION OF DIFFERENT TYPE OF BONDS IN ALIPURDUAR DIVISION <u>Public notice</u> I, Gautam Manoj **s/o sh. satya prakash Gautam R/o 38a/42a, dayanand bagh,tagor**e NAGAR ROAD ,AGRA (U.P) had booked a flat 0001 Tower D-4, in project called Superfech Eco Village-3, Plot no. GH-06,SECTOR-16B, GREATER NOIDA, alonwith My Mother late Smt. SAROJ GAUTAM, now Tender Notice No.: AP-EL-TRD-12-

24-25; Dated: 01-01-2025; E-Tender ar invited by the undersigned for the following work; Tender No.: AP-EL TRD-12-24-25; Name of Work Provision of different type of bonds i connection with Raninagar Jalpaigur New Coochbehar-TSR(P)-12.800 TKM of Alipurduar Division. Tender Value: 6,60,406.55/-; Earnest Money ₹13,200/-; Date & time of closing of tender at 15:00 hrs. and opening a 15:30 hrs. on 23-01-2025. For details ease visit in website www.ireps.gov.ir

DRM/Elect. (TRD), Alipurduar Jr NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

been granted Environmental Clearance for Group Housing Colony project located at revenue estate of Village- Fazilpur Jharsa, Sector-71, Gurugram Manesar Urban Complex, Haryana vide letter SEAC/HR/2024/107 dated 03.01.2025. The copy of clearance along with the conditions to be complied is available at office of the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, Haryana and on the website of the MOEF&CC at http://parivesh.nic.in. Also available at the registered office of the company at 13th floor. Dr. Gopal Dass Bhawan, 28. Barakhamba Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi and also on website of the company at www.signatureglobal.in.

uthorised Signatory For Signatureglobal (India) Limited CIN: L70100DL2000PLC104787 Address: 13th Floor, Dr. Gonal Das Bhawan 28 Barakhamba Road, Connaught Place,

PROVISION OF DIFFERENT TYPE OF BONDS E-Tender Notice No. AP-EL-

TRD-15-24-25 Dated: 31-12-2024. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: Tender No. AP-EL TRD-15-24-25. Name of work Provision of different type of bonds in connection with Siliguri Jn.-New Mal Jn. (SL)-TSR (P)-17.000 TKM of Alipurduar Jn. Division. Tender Value: ₹7,45,210.50/-, Earnest Money: ₹14.900/-. Date & Time of closing of Tender: 15.00 hrs. on 23-01-2025 & opening at 15.30 hrs. of 23-01-2025 at DRM/Elect (TRD)/Alipurduar Jn. office. The complete information of the tender document of above e-tender will be available in the website www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. DEE/TRD, OP & GS,

Alipurduar Jn NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Serving Customers With A Smile

01st May 2025 TO 30™SEPTEMBER 2025 ender No. Head (PMG)/BRPL/E Tender/2024-25/49

In accordance with the guidelines fo short term procurement of power ortified by the Ministry of Power and directions issued by Hon'ble DERC BRPL has floated power procurement tender with the General Terms and Conditions for purchase of power and same is available on e-Bidding porta www.mstcecommerce.com www.bsesdelhi.com. Bidders are requested to kindly visi

competitive purchase offers on www.mstcecommerce.com.

Last date of bid submission is 17t January'2025 up to 15:000 HRS an Opening of non financial technical Bids i ary'2025 at 11:00 HRS

Address:- Head PMG . BSES Raidhani power Ltd BSES Bhawan, 2nd Floor, D-Block, Nehru Place New Delhi - 110019 (Tel: 011-49209037)

My Client Mrs. Kamlesh Yadav owner of a Single

Storey Residential House area measuring 246 sq. yds i.e. 205.68 sq. mtrs, out of Khasra no. 386, situated at Village Chotpur Pargana & Tehsil Dadri District Gautam Budh Nagar U.P. through Registered Gift Deed Dated 02.01.2025 executed by Mr. Munna Lal Yadav Vide Reg. no. 53 at SR-I NOIDA U.P. the above-mentioned property is going to be mortgage with Fedbank Financial Services Limited. If any person/bank/financial institution having any claim/right, lien, any objection whatsoever in regard to the above property, should notified to the undersigned/Adv. Vishal Mehan, E-713, Arrkardooma Court, Delhi-110092 along with documentary evidence under address through registered within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which any claim, lien or objection shall be deemed to have been waived. Adv. Vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Yogesh
Wahi who is purchasing the Property No. 58 (New
No.17-8), measuring 50.78 52, Yds., on Piot
Nos.19 & 21, Khasra No.287 & 288, Village
Ghondli, East Azad Nagar, Gali No.12, Illaqa
Shahdara, Delhi-110051 from Mrs. Pramila
Joshi who became owner vide Relinquishment
Deed dated 25.10.2011 (Document No.17943)
executed by Mr. Virender Joshi and same to be
financed & mortgaged by Aditya Birla Housing
Finance L4d. That, (1) SMC in the name of Legal
heirs of Late Mr. Bhardwaj Joshi & (2) SMC in
the name of Legal heirs of Late Mr. Pshepender
Kumar Joshi are not available. If any Person
having any type of claim/right/title/interest over the
said properly, may inform in writing, at the address
mentioned below, about his objections, within
10days from today, failing which it shall be
presumed that the said property is free from all type

presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lienetc. Lucem Legal LLF B-93B, Second Floor, Opp. SBI Bass Sector 2, Noida, UP-201301Contact#0120-426937

This is for the information of all concerned that our project of

Commercial Complex, situated at Parmeshwari Wala Bagh, Near Azadpur Metro Station, Delhi, has been accorded the Environmental Clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change vide Environmental Clearance Identification No. EC24C3802DL5909042N dated 02/01/2025 subject to the conditions enumerated herein and copies of clearances letter are available with the MoEF&CC and may also be seen on the website www.parivesh.nic.in and our website - www.unitygroup.in

ANIL SOBTI - AUTHORISED SIGNATORY AGGARWAL PLAZA PVT. LTD. G-3, Aggarwal Corporate Tower 23, Rajendra Place, New Delhi - 110008

MANIBHAVNAM HOME FINANCE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED Manibhavn:

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer, under the provision of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, of Manißhavnam Home Finance India Privat imitted having its Registered Office at 2nd Floor, N.2. South Extension Part.1. New Delhi-11049 (pherinality referred to as "MBHE"), which has duly been Authorised by the Central Government, vide a notification date 17.06.2021, to be treated as a Financial Institution, for the purposes of the "The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, hereby issue you the following notice: -

. ASHOK KUMAR SHARMA S/O KUWAR PAL SHARMA, 2. ANUJA SHARMA W/O ASHOK KUMAF HARMA. 3. AMRITA SHARMA D/O ASHOK SHARMA. All R/o - R7-931/A/4. GALL NO. 14A/1 NAGAR, PALAM VILLAGE, SOUTH WEST DELHI - 110045, **ALSO AT** : RZ-931/A/4, SADH NAGAR GALI NO. 4 Palam Village, NR Canara Bank delhi-110045, **ALSO AT** : B-400 | Huggi cluster, mayapuri phase 2 South West Delhi-110064, **ALSO AT** : RZ-586/16 GALI NO. 24, Sadh Nagar Palam Colony, Nea ANARA, NEW DELHI - 110045, **ALSO AT**: M/S.S.K. DYENIO (PLANT INCHARGE) PLOT NO. 3 BIAIM COLON ARAI ALAWARDI GUNGRAM, NEAR SARAI RAILWAY PATAK, **ALSO AT** : R2-80, GALI NO. 4, INDRA PARK ALM COLONY, SOUTH WEST DELHI - 110045.

oan A/c Numbers/Date: LP0000000002460 & LP0000000008407 / 31.08.2020 & 18.08.2023 oan Amount Availed : Rs. 7,00,000/- , Date of 13(2) Notice : 24,12,2024. NPA Date : 09.12,2024

emand Date and Amount as Per Sec. 13(2) Act. Notice: Rs. 7.78.778.21/- as on 18.12.2024

Mortgage Properties: All That Piece And Parcel Of Third Floor Which Is Built Towards Front & Left Hand With lis Roof/Terrace Rights Out of Property Bearing No.R-931a/4, In Gali No.14a/1, Area Measuring 45 Grids. Ltd. 37.7 Sq. Mtr., Out Of Robardy Bearing No.R-931a/4, In Gali No.14a/1, Area Measuring 45 Grids. Ltd. 37.7 Sq. Mtr., Out Of Khasra No.92/7/1, Situated In Revenue Estate Of Village Palam, Delhi State Delhi Colony Known As Sadn Nagar, Palam Colony, New Delhi-110045, Alongwith Common /Combined Rights Of Mai Entrance, Passage & Staircases Leading From Stilt Floor To Top Floor With Other Occupants Of This Building & With Provision Of One Bike Parking Space In Common Parking Area X Silt Floor, With All The Proportionate Undivided, Indivisible And Impartial Free Hold Rights Of The Land Underneath, And The Same Is Bounded A Under-East - Portion Of Property, West - Gali, North - Other's Property, South - Portion Of Property.

urther with reasons, we believe that you are evading the service of demand notice, hence this publication temand notice. You are hereby called upon to pay MANIBHAVNAM HOME FINANCE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITE within a period of 60 days of date of publication of this demand notice the aforesaid amount alongwith furth to the control of the c within a period of 60 days of date of publication of this demand notice the aforesaid amount alongwith furthe net of the cost, incidental expenses, charges etc., failing which MANIBHAWAM HOME FINANCE INDIA PRIVAT IJMITED will take necessary action under all or any of the provision of Sec. 13(4) of the said Act against all o ony one or more of the secured assets including taking possession of this secured assets of the borrower/s.

The you are prohibited U/S 13(13) of the said Act from transferring either by way of saie/fease or in any other way the afforesaid secured assets. Please note that no further demand to ceil file issued. Date - 08.01.2025, Place - Delhi Authorized officer, MANIBHAVNAM HOME FINANCE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED

STORES E-PROCUREMENT E-procurement Tender Notice No. S/32/2024-25 Dated: 06-01-

2025. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works. SN.1. Tender No. 30/24/5029A/OT/268/2024-25

Closing/Opening date: 09-01-2025

Brief Description: Supply & fitment of air Brake modification Items for 450 nos of LHB coaches as per annexure [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0] [UVAM Linking:] Item Type: Goods Qty-1 Set for SSE/C/IC/Guwahati, NFR (Assam), P.L. No-429086140043.

SN.2. Tender No. 83/24/1049A/OT/269/2024-25 Closing/Opening date: 27-01-2025 Brief Description: Pre-printed ticket paper rolls for printing UTS

tickets without advertisement, [500 tickets per roll] with sprocket holes on both sides and size of ticket 103 mrn length and 64 mm width made of 130 GSM [+ -5%] Good quality virgin pulp white paper with Indian Railway water mark as per detail specification and other terms and conditions as per Annexure 'A' enclosed. Spec. no. IS:1848/1991 or latest. as per Drg. No. Specn no. IS:1848/1991 or latest. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] 1) Qty-1929.00 in Thousand Numbers for Dibrugarh Town/WORKSHOP/ DEPOT. NFR (Assam), 2) Qtv-11226.00 in Thousand Numbers for Guwahati/FORMS/DEPOT, NFR (Assam), 3) Qty-4502.00 In Thousand Numbers for Katihar/GSD, NFR (Bihar), 4) Qtv-4802.00 in Thousand Numbers for New Jalpaiguri/GSD, NFR (West Bengal), P.L. No-83040407

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.

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Indonesia, Japan agree to resume stalled talks

Indonesia's government said it **L**agreed with Japan on Tuesday to resume talks on the joint development of naval vessels that have stalled in recent years.

Visiting Japanese Defence Minister Gen. Nakatani discussed ways to deepen a defense partnership with his Indonesian counterpart, Sjafrie Sjamsoeddin, in a meeting Tuesday and agreed to continue negotiations on joint development of naval ships and other military equipment and on technology transfer, Defence Ministry spokesperson Brig. Gen. Frega Wenas said.

"In principle, both defence ministers welcomed cooperation on promoting military equipment," Wenas said. "Of course, it needs to be explored

further where the joint devel opment would occur and whether it would involve ships or other defence equipment." Japan is unable to export finished frigates or submarines under its current guidelines on transfer of defence equipment and technology, and it is believed that joint development is the most feasible way to make transfers. Japanese media said Nakatani, who arrived in Jakarta on Sunday for an Indonesia-Japan defence ministerial meeting, would present a proposal for joint development of destroyers that

stalled in recent years. The Japanese government is envisioning frigates based on its Makvana to which President Prabowo Subianto earlier showed interest when he was defence min-

before Notary Public Delhi. affidavit dated 07/01/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

Makvana, W/o- No.14859329Y Sep Makvana Alpesh, R/o- Vill-Karol Tal+PO- Prantij, Dist-Sabar Khantha, Gujarat-383205, have changed my name from Varshaben Alpeshsinh Makvana Monogami class design, in Varshaben Alpeshsinh, vide affidavit dated 07/01/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1207)C

France marks 10 years

France marks 10 years

Since deadly Charlie

Hehdo attacks

Last year alone, our services foiled nine attacks, the highest number since 2017."
Retailleau cited recent attacks at public gatherings in Germany and New Orleans as grim reminders of why France must maintain a "very highlevel of caution."
The attack on Charlie Hebdo, carried out in retaliation for the newspaper's irreverent carica-

ATHE PIONEER A

CHANGE OF NAME

Charlie" — a rallying cry for I, Urmila Agarwal W/O Sudhii press freedom and defiance Kumar R/o H.No.-99, Sector-12, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar But 10 years on, the unity of that moment has splintered (U.P) 201301 have changed my French commentators say name from Urmila Aggarwal to younger generations are Urmila Agarwal for all future increasingly critical of satire they see as divisive or insensi-

I, Deepali W/o Gaurav Sharma, R/o Arihant Arden, F-1603, Sec-1, Greater Noida Extension, G.B Nagar, U.P.-201306 have an AK-47, captioned changed my name to Deepali "Indestructible." In an editori-

PD(1204)A I, Prem Wati, Mother of-No.16022125A NK Narayan means you want to live," he Singh, R/o- Vill- Nangal Jat, Teh- Hathin, PO- Nangal Jat, Dist- Palwal, Haryana-121105, have changed my name from Prem Wati to Premwati, vide affidavit dated 07/01/2025

> PD(1205)C I, Sunder Kanwar, Mother of-No.16026123M NK Amar Singh, R/o- Devinagar, Beejapur, Dist-Pali, Rajasthan- 306707, have changed my name from Sunder Kanwar to Sundar Kanwar, vide

PD(1206)C I, Varshaben Alpeshsinh

1) Rajesh Kumar Tripathi S/o Rajendra

Nagar Extn, Ghaziabad UP

"Meeting ID" and "Password" for the next ate of hearing qua cases to be taken by

https://drt.gov.in" under the Public Notice (iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates tigants can contact the concerned official at Ph. No. 011-23748473. iven under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on

Ld. Registrar, DRT-I, New Delhi Ph. No.: 011-23748473, Email: drt1delhi-dfs@nic.ir

ELECTRICAL WORKS AT KATIHAR DIVISION E-Tender Notice No

EL/29/02 2025/K/1119 Dated:

03-01-2025. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: Tender No. 02 2025. Name of work: (A) Electrical General work in connection with Engg. work "Raninagar Jalpaiguri-Kishangan & Raninagar Jalpaiguri-Haldibari Provision of Track Machine Siding and facilities-3 Nos. and 1 No. respectively". (B) Electrical Genera work in connection with Engg. work "Hatwar-Haldibari & Siliguri Jn.-Aluabari Road-Provision of new RGM Siding-4 Nos. and 1 No. respectively". Tender Value: ₹1,32,25,940/-. Earnest Money ₹2,16,200/-. Date & Time of closing of Tender: 15.00 hrs on 27-01-2025 & opening at 15.30 hrs. of 27-01-2025. The complete information of the tender document of above e-tender will be available in the website

Sr. DEE (G&Chg), Katiha NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

www.ireps.gov.in

BSES

NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR SHORT TERM

Duty cut on smartphone parts to hit electronics ecosystem: GTRI

reduction in the Acustoms duty smartphone parts in the budget will forthcoming harm India's developing ecosystem. component discourage investment, increase imports, and make local firms uncompetitive, potentially resulting in job losses, think tank GTRI said on Tuesday.

India's smartphone industry is a 'Make in India' success 2023-24 with production reaching USD 49.2 billion and exports at USD 15.6 billion, making smartphones the fourthlargest export after diesel, aviation fuel, and polished diamonds.

However, a few industry groups are pushing for further import tariff cuts on smartphone components in the Union Budget for FY26.

The Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) warns that this could harm India's growing local manufacturing ecosystem and long-term ambitions in electronics.

"Instead of cutting tariffs, GTRI recommends setting up component hubs near ports to reduce import delays and warehousing costs. This

approach, used by countries like Vietnam and China, support manufacturing and reduce import dependency," the think tank's founder Ajay Srivastava said.

Highlighting six key risks of reducing tariffs, he said any reduction would harm India's developing component ecosystem, discourage investment, and hurt the goal of self-reliance; and would not help pushing exports as current export schemes allow duty-free already imports for manufacturing

He added that the country's success in smartphone manufacturing stems from policies promoting local production through tariffs, incentives, and phased programmes and cutting tariffs could weaken this framework.

tariffs unsustainable encourage assembly-based operations, as seen in past policy failures. Besides, the mid- and lowend segments depend on local components and provide employment. Duty employment. Duty cuts would make local firms uncompetitive, resulting in job losses," he added. He also said that the



electronics imports have risen significantly, and further tariff cuts would worsen this trend, increasing India's reliance on foreign suppliers. Tariffs were already reduced from 15 per cent to 10 per

cent last year. Explaining further, the GTRI said that out of USD 49.2 billion worth of production of smartphones last fiscal, premium phones account for about 20 per cent of production, mid-range 30 per

However, the ecosystem is duty-free imports, making it harder for local firms to compete and would force them to shut down, it said. This would discourage further investment in local

microphones and speakers, SIM card holders, and USB connectors," it said.

manufacturing and undo the progress made under the Manufacturing Programme (PMP). It would harm not just the

smartphone industry but the entire electronics sector, jeopardizing India's goal of becoming self-reliant in electronics production," it

It added that the mid-range and low-end smartphone segments, which heavily rely locally produced provide employment components, significant opportunities.

"If import duties are reduced, local firms will struggle to compete with duty-free imports, leading to job losses. In contrast, countries like South Korea, Japan, and Taiwan have focused on developing specialised local retired, and J K Mahesh ecosystems for high-value had said on May 9, 2022.

components, which has helped them sustain their electronics industries and still developing and needs protection, and reducing import tariffs would allow duty feed interest. The ecosystem is create long-term jobs," it said. On imports, the GTRI said that India's electronics component imports are create long-term jobs," it said. rising. It rose from USD 15.8 billion in FY19 to USD 34.4

billion in FY24. Cutting tariffs further will increase this dependence on foreign suppliers, making India vulnerable to global supply chain disruption.

(Multi Modal international Cargo Hub and Airport at Nagpur), cancelling the award of contract to GMR Airports, had said the impugned judgment was based on sound reasoning and true analysis of facts and did not warrant interference. We are of the considered

opinion that the findings recorded by the High Court allowing the writ petition are in accordance with law. Those findings do not suffer

from any illegality, warranting interference by this court in exercise of the power under Article 136 of the Constitution. All these appeals are hereby dismissed," a bench of Justices Vineet Saran, since retired, and J K Maheshwari

Rupee falls seven paise against USD



PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee fell 5 paise to settle (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday, as higher crude oil prices and outflow of foreign funds continued to weigh on the local unit.

Forex traders said the rupee pared some of its intraday losses as the American currency retreated from its elevated levels. Moreover, the recovery in the domestic equity market also aided sentiments.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 85.77, touched the day's peak of 85.65 and hit an intraday low of 85.80 against the greenback. The unit settled at 85.73 (provisional) against the dollar, registering a fall of 5 paise from its previous

On Monday, the rupee settled 11 paise higher at 85.68 against the dollar. During intraday, the unit had hit the

lowest-ever level of 85.84 against the American currency. We expect the rupee to trade with a negative bias on FII outflows and underlying strength in the US dollar amid expectations of no rate

cut by Fed in January. However, any extended recovery in the domestic markets may support rupee at lower levels.

Traders may take cues from ISM services PMI, trade balance and JOLTS jobs data from the US, USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of Rs 85.50 to Rs 85.90," Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst at Mirae Asset Sharekhan, said.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.30 per cent lower at 107.92, amid disappointing US services PMI and factory orders data, while President-elect Donal Trump dismissed rumours



Microsoft to invest USD three billion in India: Nadella

PTI ■ BENGALURU

T major Microsoft will I'm major ivideoco.

linvest USD 3 billion in India for the expansion of cloud and AI infrastructure country, the company's chairman and CEO Satya Nadella said on Tuesday. There is a fantastic expansions in India.

are nushing

"I am really really excited to announce the single largest expansion we have ever human capital of this done in India by putting USD 3 billion additional dollars to expand our Azure capacity," Nadella said. He said that the company is

momentum in India where Nadella said that Microsoft's have always had, to train 10 of person and organisation in skills by 2030," Nadella said. he noted.

India drives the company. To that end it is about being able to ensure that the country is able to continue to scale, take advantage of immense opportunity and potential the technology has. That's why we are very doing a lot of regional excited to announce today our commitment, which we

million neonle around

Automobile retail sales rise in 2024: FAD PTI ■ NEW DELHI

cent, and low-end 50 per cent.

"Local components are used

in 70 per cent of low-end

phones, 50 per cent of mid-

range phones, and only 5-30

per cent of premium phones.

The rising use of local parts is driven by India's production

of key components for mid-and low-end phones like

printed circuit boards (PCBs),

display modules, camera

modules, battery packs, smart

phone chargers and adapters,

utomobile retail sales Automobile retail sales grew 9 per cent year on year in 2024 riding on the back of robust demand for two-wheelers and passenger vehicles amid challenging business environment, dealers' body FADA said on Tuesdav.

Overall vehicle registrations stood at 2,61,07,679 units last year as compared to 2,39,28,293 units in the 2023 calendar year, recording a growth of 9 per cent.

Despite multiple headwinds CY24, including heatwaves, elections at both central and state levels and uneven monsoon, the auto retail industry remained resilient," the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) President C S Vigneshwar said in a statement.

In the two-wheeler segment, improved supply, fresh models and strong rural demand propelled growth, though finance constraints and rising EV competition continued to pose challenges



The passenger vehicle (PV) segment benefited from robust network expansion and product launches, albeit with margin pressures due to inventory, thus leading to a discount war towards the second half, Vigneshwar stated.

Commercial vehicle segment performance was subdued election-driven uncertainty and reduced PV sales stood at 40,73,843 commercial vehicle sales industry to end CY25 on a it added.

compared to 38,73,381 units Two-wheeler sales rose 11

per cent year on year to 1,89,12,959 units in 2024 as against 1,70,72,932 units in Three-wheeler registrations

units last year, up 5 per cent

rose 11 per cent year on year to 12,21,909 units as against 11,05,942 units in 2023. Tractor sales witnessed a 3 infrastructure spending, he per cent year on year growth remained flat at 10,04,856 units in 2024. On business outlook, FADA

noted that in the twowheeler segment, rising rural fresh incomes, introductions and an eventual plateau in EV disruption could revitalise growth after years of sluggish demand. The CV sector is looking for

momentum from month as compared to infrastructure investments, stable credit availability and government incentives -factors that could spark a healthy uptick in fleet renewals and expansions, it said. Meanwhile, PV dealers anticipate strong consumer pull from new SUV launches and feature-rich EVs amid maturing ecosystem, FADA noted.

price-sensitive However, buyers and interest rate fluctuations remain watch points, it added.

'Overall, FADA remains optimistic that market recovery, coupled with strategic OEM support and coupled with policy-level clarity, will retail

December automobile retail sales declined 12 per cent year on year to 17,56,419 units. Two-wheeler registrations fell 18 per cent to 11,97,742

robust note," it said.

units as compared to 14,54,353 units in December 2023. PV retail sales also dipped 2 per cent to 2,93,465 units last

2,99,351 units in December PV retails declined primarily due to high inventory levels

following the festive season and aggressive discounting aimed at clearing stock, FADA noted. Poor market sentiment.

limited new model launches intense competition among co-dealers further impacted

sales, it added. Overall, despite certain headwinds, automotive dealers remain hopeful that steady product availability, strategic marketing and government will sustain supportive measures

Government notifies procedure for export of certified organic products

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

to a public notice.

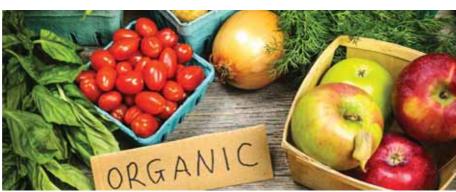
The government has laid out a procedure for export of certified organic products, mandatory certification under the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP)

The Directorate General Of Foreign Trade (DGFT) in a public notice said that a product will be allowed to be

for such shipments, according

exported as "organic product" only when accompanied by a Transaction Certificate (TC) issued by a certification body accredited by the National Accreditation Body for such items under the NPOP of the Department of Commerce. India has fixed a target of USD 2 billion exports for organic

food products by 2030. It added that exports of these goods shall only be certified as such if produced, processed, packed and labelled as per the



standards laid down in the

'Procedure for export of certified organic products has been notified," it added. The revised edition of the NPOP will come into force with effect from 180 days

from January 5.
The commerce ministry's arm APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Development Authority) has revised the NPOP's regulations to make it

more farmer-friendly and During April-November this help India push exports of organic food products.

The National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) standards for provides organic production and procedure for accreditation of certification bodies.

The standards and procedures have been formulated in with harmony international standards regulating the import and export of organic products.

fiscal, these exports rose by about 40 per cent to USD 456 million. It was USD 495 million in 2023-24.

To promote Indian organic goods in the global markets, he said, APEDA is facilitating the participation of a number of companies in 'BioFach', which is the largest organic food trade fair in Nuremberg, Germany. The four-day fair will start from February 11.

Tata Elxsi and CSIR-NAL partner for air mobility



PTI MUMBAI

¬lobal design Global ucsign services provider Tata Elxsi has inked an initial pact with CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (CSIR-NAL) for a strategic partnership in advanced air mobility amid a rapidly evolving market for unmanned aerial vehicles and urban air mobility globally, a statement said on Tuesday.

The partnership combines NAL's deep aeronautical expertise and Tata Elxsi's technological capabilities in electrification, AI/ML, sensor fusion, and certification processes to support global and Indian markets, it stated. This partnership

accelerate product development cycles for these sectors by providing access to advanced testing infrastructure, methodologies, and expertise, Tata Elxsi said.

The two partners, as per the statement, will jointly focus on technologies such as design, aerodynamic autonomous systems, and secure communications to address the unique needs of

both manned and unmanned

air mobility systems. "We believe the future of aerospace innovation lies in technologies like UAVs and partnership with NAI innovation and accelerate the development of next generation air mobility solutions for our customers said Raghavan, MD & CEO at Tata

Stating that India presents significant opportunities through initiatives like Makein-India, indigenisation, and the growing demand for advanced air mobility solutions, Tata Elxsi said the partnership will contribute to building a robust ecosystem of manufacturing, precision component suppliers, and tool vendors.

This ecosystem aims to bring together key stakeholders to foster innovation, enhance scalability, and address the unique requirements of advanced air mobility systems, the company said. advanced air

"CSIR-NAL's deep expertise in aerospace research and testing, along with Tata Elxsi's advanced technology and design expertise, will help us develop innovative, scalable, and sustainable solutions that combines our strengths to will shape the future of urban in 8 hours.
push the boundaries of transportation," said Abhay A. From 10 AM to 6 PM, the will shape the future of urban

Lectrix delivers over one lakh meals on electric vehicles in just eight hours

PNS NEW DELHI

rectrix delivered 114,985 Lmeals in just 8 hours using a fleet of Lectrix electric vehicles, including their latest scooter model, NDuro. This groundbreaking initiative, titled "1 Lakh Meals on Lectrix Wheels," was not just about numbers-it was a testament to the power of sustainable action to solve pressing global challenges.

In collaboration with social organizations purpose including Navodyam (an SDMC Trust initiative), the Robin Hood Army, and The Akshay Patra Foundation, Lectrix showcased how technology and sustainability can work together to solve real-world social problems. This event earned prestigious place in the Asia Book of Records and India Book of Records for the highest number of meals delivered via electric vehicles



capital city witnessed an operation extraordinary powered Lectrix's vehicles. Speaking about the initiative, Pritesh Talwar, President of EV Business, Lectrix, said, "At Lectrix, we believe innovation should not only drive progress but also serve humanity and the planet. This initiative was about more than breaking equitable tomorrow." records; it was about demonstrating how green technology can create meaningful change. By delivering over 1 Lakh meals

proved that sustainability isn't just a goal-it's the future. We tested how, in the future, we could roll out EVs in a pandemic or emergency scenario and reach more than a lakh people in just a few hours in a sustainable way. We invite the world to join us in embracing this vision for a greener and more

The operation began at Akshay Patra's four kitchens, where thousands of meals were prepared and dispatched to 11 strategically using electric vehicles, we identified hubs across Delhi.

Market benchmarks rebound after a two-day decline

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark equity indices and Nifty rebounded on Tuesday after a sharp decline in the previous two sessions, driven by intense buying in blue-chip stocks like Reliance Industries, ICICI Bank and L&T amid a firm trend in global markets.

However, a decline in IT stocks ahead of the earnings season and a weak rupee against the greenback restricted the market rally, traders said.

The 30-share BSE benchmark Sensex climbed 234.12 points or 0.30 per cent to settle at 78,199.11. During the day, it jumped 487.75 points or 0.62 per cent to 78,452.74.

The NSE Nifty gained 91.85 points or 0.39 per cent to 23,707.90.

From the 30-share blue-chip pack, Tata Motors, Reliance Īndustries, ICICI Bank, Asian Paints, Nestle UltraTech Cement, Larsen & Toubro and Adani Ports were



Services, Tech Mahindra, Kotak Mahindra Bank and Infosys were among the In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, and Shanghai settled in positive territory while

Hong Kong ended lower. European markets were trading with gains in midsession deals. US markets ended mostly higher on Monday.

The rupee fell 5 paise to settle at 85.73 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday. Institutional Foreign Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 2,575.06 crore on Monday, according

to exchange data. Global oil benchmark Brent crude dipped 0.12 per cent to USD 76.21 a barrel.

AC Milan 3-2 win over Inter Milan in Italian Super Cup final

t took exactly one week on the job for Sergio Conceicao to earn his first trophy as AC Milan's coach — with two comeback wins

Milan came back from two goals down to beat city rival Inter Milan 3-2 and win the Super Cup on Italian

Monday. Rafael Leao came off the bench and played a part in all three of Milan's goals from Theo Hernandez, Christian and

Abraham. Conceicao was hired to replace the fired Paulo Fonseca last Monday and also led the Rossoneri to a comeback win over Juventus in the semifinals.

So what changed with Conceicao?

"We played with confidence,

strong team."

Added Pulisic, "He told us we need to have more hunger and that that's more important than tactics." After the semifinals, Conceicao was asked if he

embraced his players. "I'm not so nice and I'm not someone who hugs," he said.

"I'm not here to make friends. I'm here to win." But after the final, Conceicao was seen dancing with his players and smoking a cigar

in the changing room. It was Milan's first trophy since winning Serie A in 2022; and eighth Super Cup title but first since 2016. Lautaro Martinez and Mehdi Taremi put Inter ahead with goals on either side of

Leao then earned a foul that resulted in a free kick which Hernandez curled in around Inter's wall

Then Pulisic finished off a courage and hunger, Then Pulisic finished off a Abraham said. We're a counterattack by shooting



through Augusto's legs on a play that began with Leao. For the third goal, Leao provided a through ball for

Pulisic, who crossed to Abraham, who tapped into an empty net in stoppage time. The final was moments away from going to a penalty shootout, since there was not going to be any extra time according to the competition "It's also our fault that

Fonseca was fired," said Hernandez, who like Leao often clashed with Fonseca. 'We didn't have much time to work together (with Conceicao) but it's gone well in that short span."
It was the fifth time in the

last seven years that the competition was played in Saudi Arabia, and the second year of an expanded fourteam format.

A throw-in led to Inter's opener as Taremi fed the ball

through Hernandez's legs on Inter's only real chance of the

Taremi, who was playing in place of the injured Marcus Thuram, finished off a

counterattack right after the Milan plays its first Serie A match under Conceicao against Cagliari on Saturday. The Rossoneri are in eighth place with only seven wins in 17 matches but will return to

league action with much more confidence. Inter lost for only the third time this season across all competitions, and for the second time to Milan, which won the Serie A derby 2-1 in September. The Nerazzurri's other loss was to Bayer Leverkusen

"Inter stopped playing when it was 2-0," Lautaro said. "You pay for that in games

Treesa-Gayatri pair

makes pre-quarters

India's women's doubles duo of Treesa Jolly and

Gayatri Gopichand easily

Champions League.

Malaysia Open:

PTI ■ KUALA LUMPUR

Djokovic says he still feels 'trauma' when he travels to Australia because of his deportation

AP MELBOURNE

Novak Djokovic said he still feels "a bit of trauma" when he travels to Australia, from deportation in 2022 because he was not vaccinated against COVID-19.

"The last couple of times that I landed in Âustralia, to go through passport control and immigration, I had a bit of trauma from three years ago, Djokovic said in an interview with Melbourne's Herald Sun newspaper published Monday, ahead of the Australian Open. "And some traces still stay there when I'm passing passport control, just checking out if someone from immigration approaching?

Djokovic, who has won 10 of Grand championships at Melbourne Park, continued: "The person checking my passport they going to take me, detain me again or let me go? I must



lawyers.

admit I have that feeling." Back in 2022, Djokovic sought, and initially obtained, an exemption that would allow him into the Australian Open and the country — even though there were strict rules requiring shots to protect against the coronavirus. But after his flight landed, he was detained at the airport, his visa was canceled and he was sent to an immigration hotel.

A judge later reinstated the visa and ordered Djokovic's

"I don't hold any resentment, to be honest," Djokovic told "I don't hold a grudge.'

the Herald Sun about the saga. The Australian Open begins Sunday (Saturday EST), and Djokovic will be pursuing his

11th trophy in Melbourne to

immigration minister granted

Djokovic a visa in 2023 —

when he went on to claim the

add to his men's record and an unprecedented 25th major singles title overall. A year ago, Djokovic lost in the semifinals to eventual

champion Jannik Sinner. "I just hope to, before I retire, get at least one more title there," said the 37-year-old Djokovic, whose only triumph at a tournament in 2024 was his singles gold medal for Serbia at the Paris Olympics in

August. Djokovic opened 2025 at the Brisbane Înternational last week, losing in the quarterfinals to Reilly Opelka.

Cameron Norrie accidentally hits spectator with thrown racquet at Auckland ATP event

AP AUCKLAND

British t tennis apologized and avoided disqualification when a racquet he tossed in the air struck a spectator at the ATP tournament Auckland on Tuesday.

Auckland-born Norrie was facing match point against Facundo Diaz Acosta of Argentina when he lightly tossed his racquet into the

The racquet struck a woman in a court-side box who was unhurt. Norrie received a warning from the chair umpire and went on to lose 6-2, 6-3 in the first round of the tournament. He reached the final in Auckland in

"I wasn't meaning to do that but it's still not ideal to be doing that and I've never done something like that," Norrie said. (The spectator) "was laughing and I just said so sorry, I didn't mean to do



that.' And she said yeah, I'm completely OK.

'That was not a big deal. But as we saw with some other players, you can easily be defaulted if it catches them in the wrong spot or they're not looking or something.

"I was not meaning to do that and it is completely not me to do something like that. I apologized very quickly and want to apologize in general. I'm not happy with how I behaved."

overcame the challenge from Ornnicha Jongsathapornparn and Sukitta Suwachai, beating the Thai pair in straight games in the opening round of the Malaysia Super 1000

> just 30 minutes to secure a place in the round of 16. On a high following their success in the Syed Modi International Super 300 tournament in Lucknow, Treesa and Gayatri faced little challenge from the

unseeded Thai pair taking a

17-8 lead in no time.

tournament here on Tuesday.

The Indian pair, seeded sixth

here, won 21-10, 21-10 in

The second game saw the Thai pair go neck-and-neck till 8-all before Treesa and Gayatri ran away with the game and the match.

India to host top javelin competition with Neeraj and best in world competing later this year

PTI ■ CHANDIGARH

Omedallist Neeraj Chopra will headline a star-studded global javelin competition which India will host most likely in September, the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) announced on Tuesday. This event is in addition to a slew of competitions India has expressed its interest to host, including the marquee 2029 World Championships.

Outgoing AFI president Adille Sumariwalla confirmed that India has expressed interest to host the 2029 Championships, as well as the 2027 World Relays. The AFI has already submitted its expression of interest to host the 2028 World Junior Championships when the international body chief Sebastian Coe visited the country in November last.

"There will be a top javelin competition in India in which the top-10 javelin throwers in the world will compete. This will be an invitation tournament to be held later



this year," Sumariwalla, whose 12-year tenure as AFI chief ended on Tuesday, said on the first day of the AFI Annual General Meeting (AGM).

"Neeraj Chopra will be there. He is part of the team that is organising the event, along with ISW, a foreign firm and the AFI are together creating this competition. This is being done as there is so much interest in javelin with August 7 -- when Chopra won the Tokyo Olympics gold -- being observed as National Javelin Day.

Sumariwalla later told PTI that the event is most likely to be held in September.

Just before the start of the AGM, 2002 Asian Games shot put gold medallist Bahadur Singh Sagoo was elected unopposed as the new AFI

release, ruling he wasn't given

enough time to speak to his

immigration minister then

took away the visa again, based

on "public interest." Djokovic's

appeal of that ruling was

denied by a three-judge panel,

He faced a possible three-year

ban from the country as

someone whose visa was

revoked, but Australia had a

change of government, its

and he was deported.

Australia's

Talking about the big global events India is hoping to host in the next four years, Sumariwalla said, "Bids are open at the moment for (2028) World Junior Championships, 2029 World Championships, World Relays (2027) and India is going to bid for all of them. We have put in our expression of interest and so the process has started." 'We might also do a World

Half Marathon," he said.

Over 300 athletes to participate in Boccia nationals

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

ver 300 athletes from participate in the 9th Boccia Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior Championship, National scheduled to be held at the Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone in Visakhapatnam from January 8 to 14.

The championship, held annually, provides a platform for athletes with cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, and other locomotor disabilities to demonstrate their skills, resilience, and determination. The primary goal of the championship is to prepare athletes for events such as the Paralympic Games and to amplify awareness about the capabilities of differentlyabled individuals, said Boccia Sports Federation of India (BSFI) chairman Ashok Bedi. "The event highlights India's dedication to fostering inclusivity in sports and creating opportunities for athletes with disabilities to excel. It represents a significant step in India's journey as a developing nation



toward fostering equality in sports," Bedi said. Boccia, a precision ball game, has been recognised as a

Paralympic sport since 1984. Played individually, in pairs, or in teams, the sport requires strategic thinking, precision, teamwork, and discipline.

India is making significant strides in creating platforms for differently-abled athletes to shine on the national and international stage, and Boccia has become a symbol of empowerment, providing opportunities to athletes to represent the country in global competitions like Paralympics.

'The sport is not just a game but a movement that inspires hope, resilience, and equal opportunity for all," Bedi said.

China's most successful club folds under weight of debts

disqualified from the 2020 US Open after accidentally hitting a line judge with a ball and at the 2023 French Open

Miyu Kato and Aldila Sutjiadi were defaulted from

the women's doubles after a

ball hit by Kato struck a ball

Also in 2023, Australian tennis player Marc Polmans

was defaulted from the final

round of qualifying at the

hitting a ball into the face of

Shanghai

Masters

after

Usuccessful soccer club in Chinese history, disbanded on Monday due to crippling debts.

The club, formerly known as Guangzhou Evergrande, has been unable to meet the Chinese Football Association's financial entry requirements needed to compete in the 2025 domestic season.

"Due to heavy financial burdens resulted from previous seasons, the club could not pay off all the debt by the deadline," Guangzhou said in a statement. "We express our sincere apology to all the supporters from across the community and we appreciate the understanding and forgiveness of all the fans very much."

After being taken over by property developer Evergrande in 2010, the club started the spending spree in China that made headlines around the world.

Helped by players such as international Brazilian



Paulinho and elite coaches such as Marcello Lippi of Italy and Brazil's Luiz Felipe Scolari, Guangzhou won eight Chinese Super League titles from 2011 to 2019. The team triumphed also won the Asian Champions League in 2013 and 2015.

Other clubs followed with world-famous stars such as Carlos Tevez, Nicolas Anelka, Oscar, Didier Drogba and others heading to China.

In 2021 however, Evergrande reported debts of over \$300 billion and, as key players left the club due to financial issues, it was relegated to China's

second tier in 2022. On the same day, Chinese Super League club Cangzhou Mighty Lions also announced

its disbandment, as did third tier club Hunan Billows. Only by setting sights on the long term, keeping the financial operation in a healthy status and investing in youth with patience should clubs build a robust future," Chinese Football the Association said in a statement, adding that 49

teams had been deemed financially ready to compete in the top three tiers of the league system in 2025.

Former Aston Villa forward Vassilev on US roster ahead of friendlies against Venezuela, Costa Rica

AP ■ CHICAGO

Former Aston Villa Forward Indiana Vassilev Villa was picked Monday for a U.S. Training camp ahead of friendlies against Venezuela and Costa Rica and is among 10 players who could make their national team debuts.

Vassilev made his first Aston Villa appearance on Jan. 4, 2020, against Fulham in the FA Cup and his Premier League debut 14 days later against Brighton. At 18 years, 11 months, 2 days, he became second-youngest American to appear in the

Premier League behind Jonathan Spector, who was 18 years, 5 months, 27 days in 2004. Defender Zimmerman and Jesús

Ferreira, who haven't played

for the U.S. Since 2023, also March 20. are on coach Mauricio Pochettino's 24-man roster along with goalkeeper Zack Steffen, who last appeared for the national team in March

Other veterans include 37year-old defender Tim Ream, captained Americans in Pochettino's first four games, along with defenders Miles Robinson and Shaq Moore. No Europe-based players are

on the roster for the games against Venezuela on Jan. 18 at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Costa Rica four days later at Orlando. The matches are not on FIFA international fixture dates. Europe-based players will return for the CONCACAF Nations League semifinal match against Panama on played for the national team

Born in Savannah, Georgia, to parents of Bulgarian heritage, Vassilev played at the IMG Academy in

Bradenton, Florida, and signed with Aston Villa in 2018. He played for the U.S. Alongside Josh Sargent and Tim Weah at the 2017 Under-17 World Cup. Vassilev made four Premier

League appearances for Aston Villa in 2019-20 but didn't appear with Villa's first team after that season. He spent time on loan with third-tier club Burton Albion fourth-tier Cheltenham Town, then was loaned to MLS's Inter Miami in July 2021 and was acquired by St. Louis after the 2022 season. Zimmerman, 31, hasn't



since

Nations League final against CONCACAF Gold Cup Argentina, Bosnia a Canada on June 18, 2023, semifinal match against Herzegovina, and Croatia.

Panama on July 12, 2023. The 29-year-old Steffen was a surprise cut from the 2022 World Cup roster by coach Gregg Berhalter and hasn't played for the U.S. Since the World Cup qualifiers in March 2022. He returned to the roster after Pochettino replaced Berhalter but Matt Turner started all four matches in October and November.

Twenty-three players are from MLS and the roster includes Matko Miljevic, a 23-year-old midfielder who is among the players who could make debuts. Miljevic, who spent last year with Argentine club Newell's Old Boys, appeared with the U.S. Under-20 team in 2020 and also is eligible to play for Argentina, Bosnia and

When Miljevic was with Montreal, MLS announced on Sept. 18, 2023, that his contract was terminated "for engaging in conduct detrimental to the league and violating his standard player agreement." MLS did not announce any details. In addition to Vassilev and

Miljevic, defender George Campbell, midfielders Max Arfsten and Emeka Eneli, and forwards Patrick Agyemang and Brian Gutiérrez will be attending their first U.S. National team camp. Three others who have

attended prior camps could make debuts: goalkeepers Drake Callender and Matt Freese, and forward Caden Clark.

The roster: Goalkeepers: Zack Steffen (Colorado) Defenders: Max Arfsten (Columbus), George (Montreal), Campbell DeJuan Jones (Columbus), Shaq Moore (Dallas), Jalen Neal (Montreal), Tim Ream (Charlotte), Miles Robinson (Cincinnati), John Tolkin (New York Red Bulls), Walker Zimmerman (Nashville)

Callender (Miami), Matt Freese (New York City), Patrick Schulte (Columbus),

Cremaschi (Miami), Émeka Eneli (Salt Lake), Diego Luna (Salt Lake), Jack McGlynn (Philadelphia) Forwards: Patrick Agyemang

Midfielders:

(Charlotte), Caden Clark (Montreal), Jesús Ferreira (Dallas), Brian Gutiérrez (Chicago), Matko Miljevic (no club), Indiana Vassilev.

12

पंजाब नैशनल बैंक 🔱 punjab national bank ..भरोसे का प्रतीक!

Recovery Center- Circle Sastra, Sector-4, BHEL, Haridwar, Mob. No.: 8171626615

SALE NOTICE

Sale of Immovable Property mortgaged to Bank under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with provison to Rule 8(6) & Rule (9) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public

in w	E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) & Rule (9) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ physical/symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of the Bank/Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of dues due to the Bank/Secured creditor from the respective borrower(s), and Guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties. SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS						
Lo	Name of The Branch Name of the Account	Description of the Immovable Properties	Dt. of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI Act 2002 Outstanding Amount as on	Reserve Price EMD	DATE & TIME OF	Details of The Encumbrances	
No	Name & Addresses of The Borrower/Guarantor	Mortgaged/Owner's Name (Mortgagers of Property (ies))	Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act. 2002 Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical/Constructive	Last Date of deposit of EMD Bid Increase Amout	AUCTION	Known To The Secured	
	Borrower/Guarantor	This notice is also be treated as 15 days statutory notice to under Rule 8(6)	Details of RC issued by DRT Dehradun & Rule (9) Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002	bid ilicrease Alliout		Creditors	
1	Branch: BSM Chowk (762900) M/s Rashivi Enterprises (Through its Proprietor), Smt. Shweta	Residential North facing House bearing nagar house tax old no. 41 & New no. 54 (1-3) land measuring in East-19 feet, West-37 feet 9 inch, In North-25 feet and in	28.05.2019 Rs. 33,21,519.00 (Rupee Thirty-Three Lakhs Twenty-One Thousand Five Hundred Nineteen only)	Rs. 34,90,000/- Rs. 3,49,000/-	27.01.2025 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM	Not Known	
	Karnwal w/o Sh. Rajesh Kumar, House no 41, SOT Sabji Mandi	south-13 feet 6 inch, total area measuring 611sq. feet i.e. 56.79 sqr meter situated at Mohalla Sot Purani Sabji Mandi Roorkee, Haridwar registered vide sale deed at		27.01.2025 up to 4 PM	with unlimited extensions of	(10000000000000000000000000000000000000	
		bahi no. 1 Zild no. 899 pages 173-202 at Sr. No. 5903dated 18.08.2019in the office of Sub Registrar Roorkee in the name of Smt. Shweta Karnwal w/o Sh.	23.09.2019 (Symbolic Possession)	Rs. 20,000/-	5 minutes		
	Munna Lal, House no 41, SOT Sabji Mandi Roorkee, Haridwar Uttrakhand 247661.	Rajesh Kumar which is Bounded as under: East-House of Sh. Maheshkant, West- Open plot, North- Common Road, South: Remaining part of House of Seller.					
2	Branch: Jagjitpur (036210) Borrower: M/s Accurate Engineering Works (Through Its Proprietor),	All the part & parcel of Residential Property area measuring area 461.18 sq feet or 42.86sqrmtrs, situated at Mohalla Lodha Mandi Jwalapur Haridwar	03.12.2020 Rs. 18,28,792.40 (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Seven hundred	Rs. 12,60,000/- Rs. 1,26,000/-	27.01.2025 From	Not Known	
	Sh. Raees Ahmad s/o Sh. Hasinuddeen, Lodha Mandi, Mohalla-	under the limits of Nagar Palika Samiti registered in the office of Sub Registrar Haridwar vide sale deed at Bahi no 1, Zild No 627 Pages 399-412	Ningty Two and Paica Fourty only) with further interest and other	27.01.2025 up to 4 PM	11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited	Tursum.	
	Sh. Raees Ahmad s/o Sh. Hasinuddeen (Proprietor), H. no. 31, Lodha	Serial No 1808, dated 24.02.2012 in the name of Saleem Javed s/o Sh.	19.02.2021 (Symbolic Possession)	Rs. 20,000/-	extensions of 5 minutes		
	Haridwar 249407. Sh. Wasim Ahmad s/o Sh. Nasim Ahmad	Hasinuddeen which is Bounded as: East- Plot of Surender Lal Chhabra West -House of Taqhtraj, North-Way 3 feet Wide after house of Arvind & Rampal					
	(Guarantor), Shah Gali, Maidaniyan, Jawalapur Haridwar 249407. Sh. Salim Javed s/o Sh. Hasinuddeen (Guarantor), H. no. 95/88,	Choudhary, South- House of Nasir & Zahid.					
	Lodha Mandi, Mohalla- Mehtan, Near Naveen Cloth House, Jawalapur Haridwar 249407.						
3	Branch: BSM Chowk Roorkee (762900)	Residential Property having land measuring in east- 43 feet, West- 43 feet, North- 23 feet 2 inch and South- 23 feet 2 inch having total area of 996 square feet i.e.	25.05.2021 Rs. 74,49,537.61 (Rupees Seventy Four Lakh Fourty Nine thousand Five Hundred	Rs. 18,80,000/-	27.01.2025 From	Not Known	
	Sudhir Tyagi, Karnataka bank Building, Malviya Chowk Roorkee, Haridwar,	92.565 square meter belonging to Khasra No. 272 M Situated in Village- Shekhpuri Pargana & Tehsil- Roorkee- District- Haridwar. registered vide Sale deed at Bahi	Thirty Sough and Baigs Sixty One only) + with further interest and other expanses. Recovery	Rs. 1,88,000/- 27.01.2025 up to 4 PM	11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited	raiowii	
	H.No. 1, V.P.O Tanshipur, Roorke, Haridwar, Uttrakhand- 247667. Sh. Sudhir	No. 1, Zild No. 3322 at Pages 79-106 Serial No. 9854 dated 03.10.2016 at Sub registrar- Roorkee in the name of Sh. Sudhir Tyagi S/o Sh. Jagat Ram which is	30.11.2021 (Symbolic Possession)	Rs. 20,000/-	extensions of 5 minutes		
	Haridwar, Uttrakhand- 247667.	bounded as: East: House of Angoori, West: Plot of other, North: Plot of Saleem Ahmad, South: Way 10 feet wide.					
4	Branch: Narsan Kalan (731000)	All the part and parcel of Residential Property Having total area 2050 sq. mtr, situated at Mauja Makhdumpur, Pargana- Manglore, Roorkee Haridwar	16.04.2019	Rs. 17,10,000/-	27.01.2025 From	Not	
	Pinkesh Devi w/o Sh. Virendra Kumar, Makhdumpur, Jhabreda,	registered vide Gift Deed registered in Bahi no. 1, Jild no. 3055 at pages 167-188 serial no. 2759 on dated 11.03.2016 in the office of Sub-registrar	Rs. 14,50,588.88 (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Fifty thousand Five hundred Eighty Eight and Paisa Eighty Eight only) + with further interest and other expenses- Recovery (If any) w.e.f. 01.04.2019 until payment in full	Rs. 1,71,000/- 27.01.2025 up to 4 PM	11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited	Known	
	Virendra Kumar (Proprietor) Makhdumpur, Jhabreda, Roorkee,	Roorkee in the name of Smt. Pinkesh Devi w/o Sh. Virendra Kumar which is bounded as: East-Land of Sh. Anuj & Rajendra, West -Rest Land of Virender	20.08.2019 (Symbolic Possession)	Rs. 20,000/-	extensions of 5 minutes		
	Ram (Guarantor), 53/1 Makhdumpur, Jhabreda, Roorkee, Haridwar, Uttrakhand (247667).	Kumar, North- Road 15 feet wide, South- Land of vijender.					
5	Branch: Jagjitpur (036210) M/s Dev Home Furnishing Company (Through Its Proprietor), Smt. Sunita W/o	All the part & parcel of Commercial Property having total area 0.053 hectare or 530 sqr mtrs, belonging to Khasra no. 132M situated in Bahadarpur Khadar, Pargana	23.07.2020 Rs. 47.11.167.00	Rs. 26,40,000/- Rs. 2,64,000/-	27.01.2025 From	Not Known	
	Ashok Kumar, Rampur Dandi Haridwar 247667 & Bahadarpur Khadar Roorke Road Laksar Haridwar 247663. Smt. Sunita W/o Ashok Kumar (Proprietor),	Manglore, Laksar Haridwar vide Gift deed at Bahi no 1, Zild No 2636 Pages 263-278 Serial No 3276 , dated 24,06,2017 in the name of Sunia w/o Ashok Kumar which is	(Punger Fourty Sover Lake Flavor Thousand One hundred Sixty Sover only)	27.01.2025 up to 4 PM	11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited	370225020	
	H. no. B-70, Arihant Vihar, Kankhal Haridwar 249407. Sh. Ashok Kumar s/o Sh. Ram Singh (Guarantor), H. no. B-70, Arihant Vihar, Kankhal Haridwar 249407.	Bounded as: East- Property of Sh. Rajender, West-Way 12 feet wide, North-Property of	09.03.2021 (Physical Possession)	Rs. 50,000/-	extensions of 5 minutes		
6		Ashok Kumar, South-Laksar Roorkee Road. Residential Property area measuring 8098.44 sqft i.e. 752.37sq. mtr. Situated	26.12.2012	Rs. 54,30,000/-	27.01.2025	Not	
	s/o Sh. Isham Singh. Sh. Furkan Ali s/o Sh. Riyasat Ali, Village	at Village Old Rukanpur Now Khanjanpura, Shamli Road Tehsil-Sadar, Distt Muzzaffarnager belonging to Khasra no 419 registerd vide Joint ownership	Rs. 4,36,06,992/- (Rupee Four Crores Thirty Six Lakhs Six Thousand Nine Hundred & Ninety Two Only) + with further interest and other expenses- Recovery (If any) w.e.f.	Rs. 5,43,000/- 27.01.2025 up to 4 PM	From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM	Known	
	Filing Center, near Industrial Estate, Delhi Road, Saharanpur-247001	sale deed no. 12505 dated 12.11.2010 in favour of Sh. Kuldeep Singh s/o Sh. Isam Singh, Vide Sale Deed no 12359 dated 09.11.2010 and vide Sale deed	01.10.2011 until payment in full 19.11.2019 (Symbolic Possession)	Rs. 20,000/-	with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes		
	247667. Kuldeep Panwar s/o Sh. Isham Singh (Director), Khasra No. 419, Village Rukanpur, opposite Nursery, Shamli Road,	no 12360 dated 09.11.2010. bounded as per site as under: East: House of Mainpal, West: Property of other, North-Shamli Road, South - Chak Road.			50000000		
	Muzaffarnagar-251001. Sh. Furkan Ali s/o Sh. Riyasat Ali (Director),	Behind Shakti Filing Center, near Industrial Estate, Delhi Road, Saharanpur- sra No. 419, Village Rukanpur, opposite Nursery, Shamli Road, Muzaffarnagar					
	- 251001 & Gam Pinna, Pargana Baghra, Muzaffarnagar-251002. S	smt. Mamta w/o Sh. Kuldeep Panwar (Guarantor), Khasra No. 419, Village					
_	Rukanpur, opposite Nursery, Shamli Road, Muzaffarnagar-251001. Sh. Jane Alam S/o Sh. Mohdammad Hamid (Guarantor), Village Khanjapur, Muzaffarnagar 251001.				07.04.0005	9433	
7	Branch: Sultanpur Kunheri Borrower: Sh Pradeep Kumar S/o Sh Dhoom Singh, 46, Mohalla	All that part and parcel of a residential plot and construction thereon having land area measuring 904.5 sqft i.e. 84.118 sqmt, measuring in East- 54ft, in	18.01.2019 Rs. 14,91,558.62 (Rupees fourteen lakh Ninety one Thousand Five HundredFifty Eight and Sixty Two only)	Rs. 7,80,000/- Rs. 78,000/-	27.01.2025 From 11.00 AM to	Not Known	
	Sh Arun Kumar S/o Sh Madan Prasasd 22- Mohalla Laksar Post	West- 54ft, in North- 18ft 6 inch & in South-15ft. Bounded by East - Property of Seller, West- Plot of other person, North- 11ft Wide road, & in South- Plot	with further interest and other expenses- Recovery (If any) w.e.f. 01.01.2019 until payment in full	27.01.2025 up to 4 PM Rs. 20,000/-	04.00 PM with unlimited extensions of		
	Laksar Haridwar - 247663.	of Chandrawati W/o Kanwerpal singh Situated at Khasra No 61 Muaja Village Laksar Pargana Manglore Tehsil Laksar District Haridwar. Sale deed	04.03.2020 (Physical Possession)		5 minutes		
		registered in Bahi no 1, Zild No 2601, Pages 209 to 232 at Sr No 2262 on dated 08/05/2017 in favour of Sh Pradeep Kumar S/o Sh Dhoom Singh.					
8	Branch: Civil Lines Roorkee (092400) Sh. Ashok Kumar S/o Sh Shyam Singh (Borrower), Add. 1: 42, Civil	Property no.1. Residential property bearing Nagar Nigam house tax no 1364/25, area measuring 2560 sqft or 237.83 sqmt, total covered area	26.04.2021 Rs. 3,99,02,328.68 (Rupees Three Crore Ninety-Nine Lakh Two Thousand Three Hundred	Rs. 1,46,00,000/- Rs. 14,60,000/-	27.01.2025 From 11.00 AM to	Not Known	
	Roorkee Haridwar 247667. Add 2. H 110 423, 35 CWI Lines Roorkee Haridwar- 247667. Smt Seema Chaudhary Wo Sh Ashok Chaudhary (Co Borrower), H no 423, 35 Civil Lines Roorkee	2000sqft situated at Purani LIC building Jadugar road 42 Civil lines Roorkee Pargana Tehsil Roorkee District haridwar registered at Sub-Registrar	+ with further interest and other expenses- Recovery (If any) w.e.f. 01.04.2021 until payment in full	27.01.2025 up to 4 PM Rs. 20,000/-	04.00 PM with unlimited extensions of		
	Haridwar 247667. Sh Shekhar Chaudhary S/o Sh Ashok Chaudhary	Roorkee at Bahi No 1 Zild No 1554, Pages 31-60 at serial No 7254 executed on 01.09.2012 in the name Sh Ashok Kumar & Rajendra Kumar both s/o Sh	27.05.2024 (Physical Possession)	Contract of the Contract	5 minutes		
	Sh Shubham Chaudhary S/o Sh Ashok Chaudhary (Co Borrower),	Shyam Singh. Bounded in: East: Jadugar Road, West: Property of Satpal Palta, North: Property of subhash, Side South: Property of Jain Sahab.					
	Kumar S/o ShShyam Singh (Guarantor), H no 423, 35 Civil Lines Roorkee Haridwar 247667.	Property no.2. Factory Land & Building bearing Khasra No 127 with area measuring 1210 sqmt situated at Village Khanjarpur Pargana Tehsil Roorkee		Rs. 1,28,00,000/-			
		District Haridwar. Property registered vide Sale Deed at sub-registrar Roorkee at Bahi No 1 Zild No 988 pages 299-312 at serial No 2125 executed		Rs. 12,80,000/- 27.01.2025 up to 4 PM			
		on 22.05.2017. Owner of property :Sh Ashok Kumar S/o Sh Shyam Singh Bounded & Butted as under: East: Property of Murtaja & Mustafa, West: 70ft		Rs. 20,000/-			
0	Branch: Ahmedpur Haridwar (149600)	Wide Road, North: Property of Usman, South: Property of Mehdood. Residential Flat on Second Floor having total area 104.16 sqr.mtrs. situated	30.07.2024	Rs. 48,60,000/-	27.01.2025	Not	
9	The state of the s	at Shivlok Residential Scheme Phase 2 Tibri Haridwar, Pargana Jwalapur Tehsil & District Haridwar, registered vide Sale Deed no. 8070 dated	Rs. 28,73,692.74 (Rupees Twenty-Eight Lakh Seventy-Three Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Two	Rs. 4,86,000/-	From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited	Known	
	249403 & Above Kenwood Studio Opposite Prem Nagar Ashram,	07.09.2015 in the name of Sh. Rajesh Arora S/o Ramesh Chand Arora And Smt. Nidhi Arora W/o Rajesh Arora which is bounded as: East: Common	(If any) w.e.f. 01.07.2024 until payment in full 25.10.2024 (Symbolic Possession)	27.01.2025 up to 4 PM Rs. 20,000/-	extensions of 5 minutes		
		Stairs & House H-9C West: House H-11C, North: Road Below 9 Mtr, South:	201101112 1 (0) 11110110 1 00000001011				
	Gurudwara, Jwalapur, Haridwar- 249403 & Above Kenwood Studio Opposite Prem Nagar Ashram, Haridwar- 249403 & H. No. 10-C Shivalok						
	Colony, Residential Scheme Phase-II, Tibri, Haridwar-249403. Sh. Ashok Arora S/o Ramesh Chand Arora (Guarantor), B-62, Raj Nagar, Near						
10	Jwalapur Railway Station, Gol Gurudwara, Jwalapur, Haridwar 249403. Branch: BSM Chowk (762900)	Residential Flat no. 40 on ground floor, having total carpet area 44.35 sgr mtrs	29.02.2024	Rs. 18,90,000/-	27.01.2025	Not	
,,,	Amit Kumar Saini S/o Sh Subhash Chandra, H No 88 Dhanauri Part PO Dhanauri Roorkee Haridwar-247667. Mrs Neeraj saini W/o Amit Kumar Saini	situated MDDA Colony, ISBT Housing Scheme, Near ISBT Dehradun registered vide Sale Deed in Bahi no.1, Jild no. 7151 at pages 259-284, Serial no. 1749	Rs. 10,59,191.08 (Rupees Ten Lakh Fifty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Ninety-One	Rs. 1,89,000/-	From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited	Known	
	S/o Sh Subhash Chandra, Village- Santarshah Near Patanjali Yog Peeth Roorkee Haridwar 247667.	dated 09.06.2017 in the name of Amit Kumar Saini S/o Sh Subhash Chandra which is bounded as: East: Road, West: Flat no 39, North: Flat no 38 South: Common Stair/ Flat no 42.	w.e.f. 01.01.2024 until payment in full 14.05.2024 (Symbolic Possession)	27.01.2025 up to 4 PM Rs. 20,000/-	extensions of 5 minutes		
11		Residential Flat no S-8 on 2nd floor (without roof rights) Superarea measuring	24.05.2021	Rs. 31,60,000/-	27.01.2025 From 11.00 AM to	Not	
	Borrower: Sh. Upendra kumar s/o Sh. Babulal Dhiman, 179, Shivpura, Kankhal, Haridwar, Uttrakhand (249407).	908.60 Sqft i.e. 84.43 sqmt and covered area 73.52 sqmtr (Part of Khasra no 161 and 162M) situated at Krishna Apartment Purshottam Vihar Colony Kankhal Pargana Jawalapur Tehsil & District Haridwar registered vide Sale Deed at Bahi	Rs. 14,72,317.28 (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Seventy Two thousand Three hundered seventeen and Paisa Twenty eight only) with further interest and other expenses- Recovery (If any) w.e.f. 01.10.2023 until payment in full	Rs. 3,16,000/- 27.01.2025 up to 4 PM	04.00 PM with unlimited extensions of	Known	
		No 1 Zild no . 2451, Pages 97-122 at serial no 9002, on date 30.11.2012 in the office of Sub-Registrar Haridwar in the name of Sh. Upendra Kumar S/o Sh.	04.08.2021 (Symbolic Possession)	Rs. 20,000/-	5 minutes		
		Babulal Dhiman Bounded as under: East-Rasta 9 meter, West- Common lobby, North: Flat no S-7, South: Common Rasta 9 meter.					
12	Borrower: (i) M/s Vags Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. Through Directors Sh.	Factory Land & Building Measuring Total Area 1366 Sq. Mtrs Situated At Khata No-263, Khasra No-310mi , Village Raipur Pargana Bhagwanpur	07.06.2023 (Published 29.06.2023) Rs. 13,16,49,055.83 (Rupees Thirteen Crores Sixteen Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Fifty Five	Rs. 2,00,00,000/- Rs. 20,00,000/-	27.01.2025 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM	Not Known	
	Mahesh Chauhan S/o Sh. Kanchan Singh Chauhan & Sh. Neeraj Kumar S/o Sh. Prakash Dutt Sharma, Address: Industrial Plot Situated At Khata	Tehsil Roorkee, District Haridwar Bearing Lease Deed No. 7164 Registered in The office of Sub Registrar Roorkee-I Dated 18.12.2017. In The Fayour of	Bring Field The Cold Mr. Called M	27.01.2025 up to 4 PM	with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes		
	No. 308, Khasra No, 310, Village Raipur Pargana & Tehsil Bhagwanpur Distt. Haridwar-247667, Also at: Plot No. 8-16, South Soti Ganj,	M/s Vags Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. Through Directors, Sh. Mahesh Chauhan S/o Sh. Kanchan Singh Chauhan & Sh. Neerai Kumar S/o Sh. Prakash Dutt	05.09.2023 (Symbolic Possession) Decreed Amount in RC No. 307/2022 dated 07.10.2022; Rs. 11,19,95,287.80 (Eleven crores	Rs. 50,000/-	A SAMALANA		
	Bhagwanpur, Raipur, Roorkee, Uttarakhand-247667, Also at: Shop No.	Charma Payadad As: East roots 25 East Wide West land of Khassa No. 10	Nineteen Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Seven and paisa eighty only) along with pendentelite and future interest at 11.00% Simple Interest yearly wef 13.01.2022 till				
	UP-250001, Also At: Khasra No. 310, Raipur Industrial Area, Raipur, Bhag	gwanpur, Roorkee, Haridwar-247667) Through (ii) Sh. Mahesh Chauhan S/o Sh. Ka	realization & costs of Rs. 1,50,000.00 (One Lakhs Fifty Thousand only) Issued by DRT Dehradun anchan Singh Chauhan (Director/Guarantor), Address: H.no. 2 Pac Road, Gokuldham Col Sector-11 IIE Sidcul, Haridwar-249403, Also At: Plot No. 1, Khasra No.619m, Village Ranip				
			Colony, Arya Samaj Road Daurala Tehsil Sardhana Distt. Meerut- 250221, Also At: H. No59				

Manohar Puram, Kankhal Haridwar-249403) (iii) Sh. Neeraj Kumar S/o Sh. Prakash Dutt Sharma (Director/Guarantor) Address: 253, Gali No-6, Daulat Ram Colony, Arya Samaj Road Daurala Tehsil Sardhana Distt. Meerut- 250221, Also At: H. No. -593 Daulat Ram Colony Post-daurala Distt- meerut UP-250221, Also At: Daurala Sugar Mill, Near Shiv Mandir, Meerut-250221, Also At: H. No. -593, Gali No. 6, Daulat Ram Colony Post-Daurala Distt-Meerut UP-250221) & (iv) Sh. Vijay Chaudhary S/o Sh. Jagdish Singh (Guarantor), Address: House No- 231, South Soti Gunj, Cantt Meerut, Meerut (U.P.)- 250001, Also At: House No. 539, Raipur, Haridwar- 247661, Also At: A-276 Soti Ganj Meerut- 250001, & (v) Smt. Lam Kaur W/o Shri Sohan Singh (Guarantor/Mortgagor), Address: Basant Vihar, Ward No-4 Binauli Road Baraut, Distt- Baghpat Up-250611, Also At: House No-146 Malcha Road, Chankyapuri New Delhi-110021, Also At: Basant Viharward No. 4, Binauli Road, Baghpat, UP-250611, Also At: Vasant Vihar House No. 1, Binauli Road, Baghpat UP-250611.

This notice is also be treated as 30 days statutory notice to under Rule 8(6) & Rule (9) Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002						
Anjali Birla Sawhney W/o Late Shri Pawan Sawhney, Miss. Shreya Sawhney D/o Late Shri Pawan Sawhney, Shri Dhoom Singh (Additional Director), Address: - Village & Post Office Iqbalpur, Roorkee, Distt:	residential layout plan Government Servant Cooperative House Building Society Vasant Vihar New Delhi-110057. Belonging to Smt. Anjali Birla Sawhney W/o Late. Sh. Pawan C. Sawhney and Ms. Sherya Sawhney D/o Late. Sh. Pawan C. Sawhney which is Bounded as: East: Plot No.1, West: Plot No.3. North: 15' wide service road. South: Street No.4/5.	Rs. 98,78,58,559.70 (Rupees Ninety-Eight Crore Seventy-Eight Lacs Fifty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Nine and paisa Seventy only) with further interest and other expenses- Recovery (If any) w.e.f. 01.01.2012 until payment in full	Rs. 1,20,00,00,000/- Rs. 12,00,00,000/- 12.02.2025 up to 4 PM Rs. 1,00,000/-	12.02.2025 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes	Not Known	
Mohd. Usman s/o Mohd. Haneef (Borrower), H. No. 450 near Gl Steel Mohalla Kassaben Jawalapur Haridwar 249407. Smt. Farida Begum w/o Mohd. Usman (Co-Borrower), H. No. 450 near Gl Steel Mohalla Kassaben Jawalapur Haridwar 249407.	having total land area measuring 1299.64 sq. feet i.e. 120.78 sq. mtr. Sale deed	Rs. 12,37,992.91 (Rupees Twelve Lakh Thirty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Two and Paisa Ninety-One only) with further interest and other expenses- Recovery (If any) w.e.f. 01.07.2024 until payment in full 14.11.2024 (Symbolic Possession)	Rs. 58,00,000/- Rs. 5,80,000/- 12.02.2025 up to 4 PM Rs. 20,000/-	12.02.2025 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes	Not Known	

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: 1. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions.: 2. The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" 3. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. 4. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website https://ebkray.in. 5. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer https://ebkray.in. STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) & RULE (9) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

South: Property of Mohd Umar and Mansoor.