



Established 1865 sunday pioneer



DEHRADUN, SUNDAY JANUARY 12, 2025; PAGES 12 ₹3

www.dailypioneer.com

PUBLISHED FROM DELHI | LUCKNOW | BHOPAL | BHUBANESWAR | RANCHI | RAIPUR | CHANDIGARH | DEHRADUN | HYDERABAD | VIJAYWADA

BJP SLAMS AAP FOR ₹2,026 CR LIQUOR SCAM

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

A leaked report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) on the now-scrapped excise policy of the Delhi government flagged several "lapses" in the policy and claimed Rs 2,002.68 crore loss to the exchequer. This figure was put out for the first time to show the impact of the alleged liquor scam. The document of the government's auditor that has exposed the liquor scam is named, "Report of the CAG on Performance Audit on Regulation and Supply of Liquor in Delhi." The report has not been tabled in the Delhi Assembly so far. After the leak, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) launched a scathing attack on the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government.

Supply of liquor in Delhi, some retailers surrendered their licenses before the policy expired, and the government did not re-tender them which led to the loss of Rs 890 crores. It said that the government made exemptions for zonal licensees, which caused a loss of Rs 941 crores. For the purpose of retail vends, Delhi was divided into 32 zones (containing 849 vends) whose licenses were granted to 22 entities through tendering. Whereas during the old policy, 377 retail vends were run by four Government Corporations and 262 retail vends were run by the private individuals. The report revealed a loss of revenue to the tune of Rs 144 crore owing to irregular grant of waiver on account of COVID-19 to zonal licenses. It also revealed that incorrect collection of security deposit from zonal licenses leading to loss of revenue of around Rs



BJP leader Anurag Thakur addresses a press conference at the party headquarters, in New Delhi

27 crore. Citing the leaked CAG report, BJP MP Anurag Thakur on Saturday claimed the Delhi Excise Policy scam is worth Rs 2,026 crore and accused the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal of misleading Delhi residents. Thakur told a press

conference the CAG report has arrived at 10 major findings about the policy, which was scrapped by the AAP government amid a row, asserting that former chief minister Arvind Kejriwal will have to answer the questions it has raised. "He will have to say who pocketed the money,"

Thakur said, alleging that Kejriwal is the kingpin of the scam. BJP president J P Nadda claimed the CAG report has exposed intentional lapses, leading to a loss of Rs 2,026 crore to the exchequer. Nadda said on X, "Intoxicated by power, high on misgovernance. 'AAP'DA' model of loot in full display and that too on something like liquor." He said it is just a matter of a few weeks before the AAP government is voted out and punished for its misdeeds. "The CAG Report on 'Liquorgate' exposes @ArvindKejriwal and @AamAdmiParty Gov. Intentional 'Lapses' in Policy Implementation. Rs 2026 Cr Loss to Exchequer money," he alleged. Asked about the BJP allegations, AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh said, "Where is the report? The BJP itself keeps saying no CAG report has been tabled." AAP

leader Priyanka Kakkar on Saturday accused the BJP of fabricating false allegations against the Delhi government and dismissed the party's claims about a CAG report as "manufactured and baseless." Kakkar alleged during a press conference here that the report presented by the BJP was not authentic and had neither been seen by key stakeholders, including the chief minister and the LG, nor listed on the CAG's official website. "The report they are showing is fake and manufactured in their office. It holds no credibility. This is the same strategy the BJP uses repeatedly to mislead people with false allegations," Kakkar said. Referring to previous allegations levelled by the BJP, including those in the liquor policy case, Kakkar claimed even the Supreme Court had dismissed their claims as baseless.



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during the 'Pratishtha-Dwadashi' programme, marking the first anniversary of the consecration of the Ram Lalla idol at the Ram temple, in Ayodhya

Yogi urges unity at Ram Temple event

BISWAJEET BANERJEE/
KAMLESH SRIVASTAVA ■
AYODHYA:

On the first anniversary of the consecration of the Ram Lalla idol at the grand Ram temple, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath issued a stark warning about the dangers of societal divisions. "If we remain divided by caste or other ideologies, our religious places will bear the consequences, and our sisters and daughters will suffer," he said, urging unity to preserve the sanctity of India's spiritual heritage. The historic event saw thousands of devotees gathering in Ayodhya, which has been transformed into a vibrant spiritual epicenter for the three-day celebrations. "Pratishtha Dvadashi calls us to unify as a nation," CM Yogi said, recalling Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message: "If there is Ram, there is a nation; if there is a nation, there is Ram." He urged citizens to uphold this principle, linking

faith with national identity. The anniversary commenced with CM Yogi performing an 'abhishek' of the idol, followed by the chanting of Vedic hymns. He emphasized the need to strengthen Sanatan values as the foundation for unity and national integrity. "The Ramjanmabhoomi movement reflects the unwavering resolve of our ancestors, whose sacrifices have brought us to this historic moment," CM Yogi said, highlighting the 500-year struggle to reclaim Lord Ram's birthplace. "Today, Ayodhya feels like Treta Yuga, and in the coming years, the Ram Janmabhoomi complex will emerge as one of the world's most magnificent spiritual centers." Devotees from across the country echoed the Chief Minister's sentiments. Priya Sharma, a visitor from Delhi, said, "Being here feels like stepping into history. The energy and devotion in Ayodhya are unparalleled. It's an emotional experience to see Ram Lalla in his full glory."

Building collapses at Kannauj railway station, 23 injured



Rescue operation underway after an under-construction building collapsed at the Kannauj railway station

PNS ■ LUCKNOW, KANNAUJ

An under-construction building at the Kannauj railway station collapsed on Saturday afternoon, trapping around two dozen workers under the rubble. At least 23 people have been injured in the incident. Six of them were pulled out of the debris and rushed to hospital. The North Eastern Railway (NER) said it has constituted a three-member committee to probe the incident. "According to preliminary information, the incident occurred when the under-construction shuttering of the roof collapsed," said District Magistrate (DM) Shubhrant Kumar Shukl. Taking cognisance of the incident, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath directed officials to ensure safe recovery of those trapped inside and their proper medical treatment. State Relief Commissioner Bhanu Chandra Goswami is in touch with the Kannauj district administration for all possible help in relief work, state government officials said. Teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) have been deployed at the site where frantic efforts are underway to rescue the workers. Ambulances have been kept on standby to provide first aid and take the injured to hospital.

Strategic Z-morh tunnel in valley tomorrow

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

With the opening up of the 6.4 km long Z-Morh tunnel, scheduled to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 13, India is inching closer to fulfilling its dream of constructing the strategic corridor between Srinagar-Leh to provide all-weather connectivity and maintain defence and civil supply lines in adverse weather conditions. After dedicating the first leg

of the corridor to the Nation on Monday the focus will be shifted to the timely completion of the 13.15 km long Zojila Tunnel. The Z-Morh tunnel will link Kangan with Sonamarg, a famous tourist destination on the Srinagar-Leh highway. The Zojila tunnel will provide year-round connectivity between the Kashmir Valley and Ladakh, which will be extremely important for the development of Ladakh, the promotion of tourism, the free movement of local goods,



and the movement of Indian armed forces in case of emergency. Currently the average travel time to cross the Zojila Pass is three hours. After the completion of this tunnel, the travel time will come down to 20 minutes, resulting in fuel savings.

The total Project cost of the Zojila tunnel is Rs. 6,809.69 crore. The tentative deadline for the completion of the project at an altitude of over 11,000 feet is September-December 2026. To welcome the dignitaries visiting the venue of the Z-Morh tunnel project the Union Territory administration is making elaborate arrangements. The security personnel have been deployed in large numbers to secure the venue.

MVA rift grows as Shiv Sena (UBT) announces independent poll strategy

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a development that came close on the heels of its decision to support Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in the Delhi Assembly polls and which reflected the widened rift within the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) in Maharashtra, the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena on Saturday announced that it would contest the forthcoming local body in the state independently. A day after he questioned the very relevance of the Opposition INDIA bloc at the national level, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP and spokesperson Sanjay Raut dropped a bombshell by saying that his party would go it alone in the local body polls. Talking to media persons, Raut said: "As already indicated by our party president Uddhav Thackeray, from Nagpur to Mumbai we will contest all the municipal corporation polls independently. Let's see what happens. We will get to know our party's strength across the state." "If we are to contest the polls as an alliance, when will our party workers get an opportunity to contest the polls? If our workers don't get a chance to fight polls, it will affect the party's growth. If we are to contest the municipal corporation, Zilla Parishad and Nagar Panchayat polls, our party will be strengthened," Raut said. However, the Congress and NCP (Sharad Pawar) have not yet come out with a formal statement on the decision of their alliance partner -- the Shiv Sena (UBT) -- to contest the forthcoming local body polls independently. NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar, reacting to the Sena (UBT)'s decision to support the AAP in the Delhi Assembly polls, had expressed serious concerns that the Uddhav Thackeray-led party's



decision might have a negative impact on the prospects of the prospects of all three MVA partners in the polls. Raut's statement appeared to be in line with the stand taken by the Shiv Sena (UBT) on Friday, when he had indirectly slammed the Congress for its failure to keep the INDIA bloc together, and also questioned the very relevance of the all Opposition front at the national level. "We fought the Lok Sabha elections together, we got good results. After that it was the responsibility of all of us, especially Congress, to keep the INDIA alliance alive, sit together and guide the way forward. But till now not a single such meeting has taken place after the Lok Sabha elections. This is not right," Raut had said. "Leaders like Omar Abdullah, Mamta Banerjee, Akhilesh Yadav and Arvind Kejriwal have said that the INDIA bloc is no longer in existence. If people have begun to nurse such doubts, I would say the biggest party in the alliance - Congress - is responsible for this. There is no coordination, there is no discussion. This means that there are serious doubts in the minds of the people whether everything is fine in the INDIA alliance or not... If this alliance breaks once, then the INDIA alliance will not be formed again," Raut had said.

IMD warns of dense fog, rain, traffic disruptions in Delhi

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Lashed out in parts of Delhi and the national Capital region on Saturday evening leading to traffic jams and cold wave conditions. The instant rain triggered traffic congestion at key routes in Delhi at the peak hours, frustrating commuters. ISBT Kashmiri Gate, ITO, Mehrauli Badarpur road, Anand Vihar road, Chirag Dilli, Dhaura Kuan, Sainik Farm, Azad Market road, Karol Bagh, Peeragarhi Road, New Rohtak Road are among those stretches that witnessed traffic jams during the peak hours in the evening. The weather department forecasts that weather is expected to remain the same on Sunday. The minimum temperature was recorded a low of 7.7



A juggler with monkeys sits around a bonfire on a cold winter day

degrees Celsius. Meanwhile, moderate to dense fog continued to blanket parts of Delhi and its adjoining areas on Saturday, prompting the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) to issue multiple advisories overnight, asking passengers to contact airline concerned to be updated about flight status. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), dense to very dense fog conditions likely to continue over North, East and Northeast India during next 2- 5 days. According to the weather

department, Safdarjung observed minimum visibility of 50 metre from 12.30 am to 1.30 am which improved thereafter becoming 200 metre and continues to remain so 7.30 am. The humidity was 100 per cent during the day. In comparison to recent days, early morning temperatures have dipped between 8 and 11 degrees Celsius, highlighting the ongoing cold conditions. The maximum temperature settled at 17 degrees Celsius, three notches below the season's average, the IMD said. Parts of the national capital, including the Central Delhi area, received light rain. Forty-five trains were delayed as a thick layer of fog engulfed the city in the morning, reducing visibility which impacted train operations, officials said.

Nutrela[®] SPORTS
POWERED BY AYURVEDA
ISOVEDA

27g⁺ Protein in Every Scoop

Nutrela[®] NUTRITION

Your Daily Dose of Complete Nutrition⁺

- 13 Vitamins, 12 Minerals, 8 Essential Amino Acids
- With Ginseng, Ginkgo & Rosehip

Take 100% Vegetarian & Natural Collagenprash, Reduce wrinkles and get youthful skin

Watch this short video to see how Collagenprash is prepared step by step.

Scan to watch videos of Nutrela Nutrition.

Shop Online : www.nutrelanutrition.com



Rishikesh-Karnprayag rail project to be a blessing for Uttarakhand: CM

PNS ■ JYOTIRMATH

Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has said that after the completion of the Rishikesh-Karnprayag rail line project the people of the State will get transportation facilities and the pilgrims visiting the

asked about their wellbeing. The CM said that due to the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the dream of rail in the mountains is being fulfilled. He said that the Rishikesh-Karnprayag rail line

project is expected to be completed in December 2026.

The engineers informed that the station of Karnprayag is being constructed in Sewai. On December 25 last year, the

BJP expels many renegade leaders and office bearers contesting against party candidates in ULB polls

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Bharatiya Janata Party has expelled scores of its leaders and workers for either directly contesting the urban local body elections against the official party candidate or their close family members contesting against the BJP candidates. The rebels have been expelled from the party for a period of six years.

Those suspended by the party include former municipal council chairman Bhupendra Singh Chauhan for contesting as an independent from Badhat municipal council, former district head Ummichand Shah for contesting as an independent from Purola municipal council, former block Pramukh Yashwant Kumar for contesting as an independent from Naugaon Nagar Panchayat and Shakti Kendra coordinator Ajay Singh Rawat for contesting as an independent candidate from

the Badkot municipal council. The former Ukhimath district Panchayat chairman and the party's district working committee member Vijay Rana and the party's former Agastyamuni Nagar Mandal minister Sushil Goswami have also been expelled from the party for a period of six years. According to sources in the BJP, apart from these party leaders and office bearers, scores of other party leaders and members have also been expelled for either directly contesting against the official party candidates or for the close family members contesting against the party candidates. Action has been taken against a number of party members for indulging in anti-party activities, a BJP leader said. The party has acted against its rebels in Rudraprayag, Chamoli, Pauri and Tehri districts.

Doon to host first Pravasi Uttarakhandi Sammelan today

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The first Pravasi Uttarakhandi Sammelan - the conclave of non-resident Uttarakhandis - will be organised on Sunday. Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami will address the inaugural session of the conclave. Panel discussions on investment opportunities in various sectors (manufacturing, power generation, start-up), hospitality and wellness, skill development, overseas employment and higher education and horticulture, herbal medicines and aromatic plants will be held during the one day conclave.

The enthusiasm among the non-resident Uttarakhandis for the conclave is clearly palpable. On Saturday most of the participants from 17 countries arrived in Dehradun. They were welcomed at the airport and hotels in the tra-

ditional manner.

Anita Sharma of United States of America (USA) said that the welcome accorded to her made her nostalgic. Shalendra Negi who has come from UAE expressed gratitude to CM Dhami for organising the conclave and the traditional welcome.

The organisers of the conclave informed that many non-resident Uttarakhandis who have earned a reputation in the countries they are residing will attend the conclave. Girish Chandra Pant from Dubai, Dev Raturi from China, Anita Sharma from USA, Bhuwan Tiwari from Japan, Sunil Thapliyal from Singapore and Dr S K Kala from Thailand will attend the conclave. Many of the attendees have also participated in the Pravasi Bharatiya

Diwas organised at Bhubaneswar by the government of India.

Dhami had visited many countries to promote the International Investment Summit which was held in December 2013. In his visit to the foreign countries he was accorded a warm welcome by the non-resident Uttarakhandis. To take the benefit of the experiences of non-resident Uttarakhandis, the CM had directed the officers to set up a special cell for them.

He also asked the authorities to organise a conclave of non-resident Uttarakhandis in Dehradun. It is pertinent to mention here that the State government had organised a conclave for people of the State settled in other states of the country on November 7 last year.



State for Badrinath and Kedarnath will also benefit. He said that the railway project will prove to be a milestone for the State. The CM said that the railway line will also give an impetus to the winter Char Dham Yatra.

Dhami conducted an inspection of the ongoing railway project at Sewai, Karnprayag in Chamoli district on Saturday.

In his visit, the CM sought information about the construction works, infrastructure facilities and the progress of the project from the officers. He also met the labourers and

has shown the special affinity the PM has towards Uttarakhand.

The CM said that PM Modi has given many gifts such as the all-weather road, air and railway connectivity to Uttarakhand. He said that after completion of the Rishikesh-Karnprayag rail line the Char Dhams will be connected by rail.

The officers informed the CM that the total length of the Rishikesh-Karnprayag rail line is 125-kilometre long and 16 tunnels and 12 stations are being constructed for it. The

breakthrough of the 6.3 kilometre long escape tunnel between Gauchar and Sewai was achieved. The breakthrough of the 6.2 kilometre main tunnel between the two stations will be in March this year. Work from both the directions of this tunnel is being undertaken at present.

Karnprayag MLA Anil Nautiyal, Tharali MLA B R Tamta, former MLA Rajendra Bhandari, AGM of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) Ajay Kumar, DGM Bhupendra Singh and others accompanied the CM.

On fast track to make U'khand drugs-free: CM

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has said that the State government is on the fast track to fulfill its commitment to a drug-free Uttarakhand. He was virtually addressing the regional conference on drug trafficking and national security presided over by Home minister Amit Shah on Saturday. Dhami said that drug trafficking and national security are closely linked. He said that with the youth coming in the grip of drugs, both national security and social fabric get threatened. The CM said that efforts at institutional, enforcement and awareness levels are being undertaken in the State to prevent youth from falling prey to substance abuse. He averred that strict action is being taken on those involved in illegal business of drugs. The anti-narcotics task force is engaged in enforcement activities against drug trafficking and legal action under the



Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act is being taken against the culprits. Dhami added that rehabilitation centres have been set up in the districts to bring the addicts back into the mainstream of the society. He said that special awareness campaigns against substance abuse are being undertaken in the State with the help of Mahila Mangal Dal and Yuva Mangal Dal. Counsellors have been appointed

in the schools and jails and the State government has also issued a toll-free helpline number for the purpose. The CM informed that 2,183 awareness rallies, 1,050 seminars, 75 street plays and 10 marathons were organised in the State in the year 2024. He said that efforts for making a drugs-free Uttarakhand are being undertaken at the levels of government, departments and institutions.

Congress seeks minister's apology for derogatory comment on women

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The chief spokesperson of Uttarakhand Congress Garima Dasauni has said that the statement given by the Forest minister Subodh Uniyal during campaigning in Kotdwar reflects the real character of ruling BJP. She said that while addressing a public meeting in support of BJP's mayoral candidate Shalendra Rawat, the minister stated that the Congress party could not find a male (Mard Ka Baccha) candidate in Kotdwar which is a general (non-reserved) seat and has fielded a woman.

She said that the statement shows the mindset of the BJP and its leaders towards women. Dasauni said the fact that the Congress party has fielded a woman in the general seat reflects the respect the party has for women. The Congress



party has made Ranjana Rawat its mayoral candidate in Kotdwar. She claimed that the BJP treats women as second grade citizens. "The BJP always makes loud noises about women empowerment but when it comes to giving respect to women it turns its back. Uniyal should apologise for his comment," she said.

Thunderstorm warning issued for 7 districts, rain forecast across State today

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

A warning has been issued regarding the possibility of thunderstorms in seven districts of the State and dense fog in two districts of the State on Sunday. Apart from this, rain is likely in 12 of the State's 13 districts today.

in Tehri, Champawat, Dehradun, Nainital, Pauri, Udham Singh Nagar and Haridwar districts. Further, moderate to dense fog is likely to occur at a few places in Udham Singh Nagar and Haridwar districts on Sunday.

Tehri, Haridwar, Pauri, Nainital, Champawat and Udham Singh Nagar districts today.

The provisional State capital Dehradun is forecast to witness a partly to generally cloudy sky with the possibility of rain with thunderstorms. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be about 20 degrees Celsius and seven degrees Celsius respectively in Dehradun today.



The State Meteorological Centre issued a yellow warning (Watch) regarding the possibility of thunderstorms accompanied by lightning likely to occur at isolated places

apart from this, very light to light rain is likely to occur at most places in Uttarakashi, Rudraprayag, Chamoli, Pithoragarh, Bageshwar and at a few places in Dehradun,

Meanwhile, though there was no major rainfall activity in the State on Saturday, the temperatures dropped by a few degrees in various parts of the State. The maximum and minimum temperatures recorded on Saturday were 20 degrees Celsius and 7.2 degrees Celsius respectively in Dehradun, 22.8 degrees Celsius and 3.6 degrees Celsius in Pantnagar, 11.9 degrees Celsius and 2.4 degrees Celsius in Mukteshwar and 13.8 degrees Celsius and 4.8 degrees Celsius in New Tehri.

Maharaj invites Rajasthani devotees to winter Char Dham Yatra in U'khand

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Tourism minister Satpal Maharaj appealed to devotees of Rajasthan to consider visiting Uttarakhand for a safe winter Char Dham Yatra. He made this appeal while meeting Rajasthan chief minister Bhajan Lal Sharma on Saturday. Maharaj discussed winter Yatra opportunities in Uttarakhand, emphasising that the Char Dham sites of Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath attract millions of pilgrims during the summer months. However, with the arrival of winter, these Dham become inaccessible due to heavy snowfall and the doors of the temples are closed to the public, he said. He further added that during this season, the presiding deities of these pil-

grimage sites retreat to lower altitudes, where devotees can pay their obeisance to them by undertaking the winter Char Dham Yatra. He informed the Rajasthan CM that on December 8, the Uttarakhand chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami initiated the winter Yatra programme. The state government has made all necessary arrangements to ensure its success, he said. Maharaj said that considering this, despite the severe cold, the enthusiasm of the devotees continues to grow. Thousands of devotees have already visited the winter abodes of the Char Dham deities. Maharaj noted that the winter Yatra is a major attraction among the devotees.

NAPSR urges DM & SEC to regulate poll campaign, minimise disruption to studies ahead of board exams

MANSI BHAMBRI ■ DEHRADUN

The National Association of Parents and Students Rights (NAPSR) has highlighted the need for the district magistrate and the State Election Commission (SEC) in regulating and limiting the timing of election campaign activities for the ensuing Urban Local Bodies (ULB) election. This is particularly vital to minimise disruptions to students' study routines. Notably, the campaign efforts by nominated candidates—characterised by the use of music, loudspeakers and slogans—have posed significant challenges for students, especially those preparing for board examinations in the coming days. The written exams will start in February while practicals will begin later this month. Consequently, numerous parents and students have expressed their concerns and have appealed to the authorities for action aimed at protecting students' academic interests.

The election campaign serves as a promotional strategy for political parties and candidates, typically featuring loud music, speakers and traditional instruments. In light of this, the prevailing atmosphere within communities can be quite disruptive, particularly for students engaged in their studies.

Regarding this, a parent Meena Jaiswal said that her son, who is currently in class X and preparing for his upcoming board examinations, has been significantly affected by the election campaign for the ULB elections. She said that candidates from various parties visit their colony every one to two hours, accompanied by loud music, to solicit support during the election period. Jaiswal said that this has become a regular occurrence that disrupts her son's studies. While she acknowledged that holding an election campaign is not inher-

ently wrong, she emphasised the need for authorities to establish designated time frames and to conduct campaigns without loud music and speakers.

Student Vansh Saini shared his concerns regarding the disruptive nature of the loud election campaigns throughout the city in the ULB elections. He stated that his ability to concentrate while studying is frequently interrupted by the noise from loud music, drums and other activities initiated by the various political parties during the campaign. To prevent this situation, authorities must recognise that the election campaign does have an impact on the social environment and the academic progress of students, particularly those preparing for board examinations. Campaigns that are free from noise pollution are preferable, he said.

Several parents and students

have shared similar concerns regarding the election campaign, which has become a hindrance to students' studies.

In light of this, the president of the NAPSR, Arif Khan told this correspondent that, in addition to the election campaign, studies have been affected by other factors as well. The government has assigned school teachers to election duties, which impedes their ability to provide and teach to their respective classes' students. Further, election offices have been established near the schools. The crowds and noise near these election offices also disrupt students' studying within the schools. He said that the election campaign is impacting students' ability to concentrate on their studies. To mitigate the disturbances caused by the election campaign, he recommended that the DM

and SEC Should restrict campaign activities to the hours of 8 AM to 5 PM, after which no candidates should be permitted to promote their election bids using music or loudspeakers. Further, he suggested that the authorities should consider relocating election offices away from areas close to schools.

AXIS TRUSTEE
Axis Trustee Services Ltd. Axis House, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound, Pandhurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400025

CORRIGENDUM
This is with reference to the Auction Notice published by Axis Trustee Services Ltd, Worli, Mumbai - 25, on 15.12.2024 in Active Times, Lakshdip, Sunday Pioneer, Dainik Bhaskar pertaining to Elder Pharmaceuticals Limited. Please note the following corrections other details remaining the same:

1) Last Date for Submission of Online Bid Documents & EMD: On or Before 14.01.2025 Till 04:00 PM for all mention property
Dated: 11.01.2025, Place: Mumbai & Dehradun
Authorised Officer - Axis Trustee Services Ltd

AXIS BANK LTD.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION OF PLEDGED ASSETS BEING GOLD ORNAMENTS

THE BORROWERS, IN SPECIFIC AND THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE GOLD ORNAMENTS PLEDGE IN THE BELOW ACCOUNTS IS PROPOSED TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE AXIS BANK AT THE BELOW MENTIONED BRANCH. THE BELOW MENTIONED BORROWERS HAS AVAILED THE CREDIT FACILITY FROM THE AXIS BANK LIMITED AGAINST THE PLEDGE OF GOLD ORNAMENTS ("GOLD LOAN FACILITY") IN FAVOUR OF THE BANK TOWARDS THE SECURITY. THE DEMAND NOTICES WERE ISSUED TO THE BORROWERS/GUARANTORS CALLING UP THE BORROWERS/ GUARANTORS TO PAY THEIR OUTSTANDING AMOUNT TOWARDS THE GOLD LOAN FACILITY AVAILED. AS THE BORROWERS/ GUARANTORS HAVE FAILED TO REPAY THE OUTSTANDING LOAN AMOUNT, THE BANK IS CONSTRAINED TO INVOKE THE PLEDGE AND PROPOSED TO CONDUCT AN E-AUCTION SALE OF PLEDGED GOLD ORNAMENTS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY HEREUNDER ON 22.01.2025 AT 12.30 PM TO 03.30 PM ON "AS IN WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", "WHATSOEVER THERE IS" AND "NO RECOURSE BASIS". DETAILS OF BORROWERS AND OUTSTANDING AMOUNT

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN A/C NO.	AMOUNT OUTSTANDING (IN RS.)	DATE OF RECALL NOTICE	GROSS WEIGHT	NET WEIGHT
BRANCH :- BAZPUR [UT]					
NIZAMUDDIN .	XXXXXXXXXXXX7319	Rs. 2,75,088.00	28-AUG-24	51.600	50.300
YOGESH KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXXXX6949	Rs. 1,74,251.00	7-JUN-24	31.300	31.100
DAL BAG SINGH	XXXXXXXXXXXX5631	Rs. 1,69,267.00	9-NOV-23	32.900	32.800
HABIBUR RAHMAN	XXXXXXXXXXXX0610	Rs. 1,39,959.00	28-AUG-24	28.800	28.800
SUKHWINDER KAUR	XXXXXXXXXXXX5345	Rs. 1,26,155.00	7-SEP-24	49.700	35.800
MAHARUL NISHA	XXXXXXXXXXXX7981	Rs. 1,23,204.00	7-JUN-24	31.100	30.600
AHMAD NABI	XXXXXXXXXXXX7994	Rs. 1,05,083.00	20-JUL-24	28.100	27.600
RIZWAN ALI	XXXXXXXXXXXX3275	Rs. 93,990.00	7-SEP-24	19.000	18.900
RAUF KHAN	XXXXXXXXXXXX2649	Rs. 83,586.00	20-JUL-24	12.650	12.640
BRANCH :- GANGOOWALA,UDHA JSP UT					
SHAHRUKH ALAM	XXXXXXXXXXXX9772	Rs. 3,06,200.00	20-JUL-24	86.000	84.700
SAMEER ALAM	XXXXXXXXXXXX8165	Rs. 76,526.00	4-AUG-24	18.800	18.000
BRANCH :- HARIDWAR [UT]					
MUDIT NARANG	XXXXXXXXXXXX6574	Rs. 4,00,209.00	28-AUG-24	78.600	72.000
SHRIKANT TYAGI	XXXXXXXXXXXX7445	Rs. 3,02,251.00	27-SEP-24	65.900	64.400
NISHANT SHARMA	XXXXXXXXXXXX8197	Rs. 87,092.00	8-MAY-24	14.800	14.400
PUNEET KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXXXX5109	Rs. 79,926.00	20-JUL-24	14.700	14.500
BRANCH :- KASHIPUR [UT]					
ANJALI BHARTI	XXXXXXXXXXXX3046	Rs. 2,36,077.00	28-AUG-24	41.700	40.800
RAJESH .	XXXXXXXXXXXX9815	Rs. 71,379.00	27-SEP-24	15.400	15.000
BRANCH :- KICHHA,UTTARAKH RUD UT					
HASRAT .	XXXXXXXXXXXX0265	Rs. 68,256.00	8-MAY-24	22.100	21.700
JISHAN ANSARI	XXXXXXXXXXXX3228	Rs. 40,583.00	8-MAY-24	12.100	12.000
DHRMENDRAA KUMAR GAUTAM	XXXXXXXXXXXX7038	Rs. 26,774.00	2-APR-24	7.700	7.400
BRANCH :- MALL ROAD PAURI PAU UT					
BABITA DEVI	XXXXXXXXXXXX4365	Rs. 85,998.00	20-JUL-24	17.200	13.800
KUSUM LATA	XXXXXXXXXXXX7507	Rs. 49,431.00	28-DEC-23	13.400	13.300
BRANCH :- MUSSOORIE [UT]					
SHIV KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXXXX5039	Rs. 1,19,051.00	15-FEB-24	32.800	30.300
BRANCH :- NAINITAL NAI UT					
SUMITRA .	XXXXXXXXXXXX4495	Rs. 41,203.00	20-JUL-24	19.100	19.000
BRANCH :- ROORKEE [UT]					
ASHISH PAL	XXXXXXXXXXXX5344	Rs. 79,825.66	28-AUG-24	13.600	13.500
MOHD AZEEM	XXXXXXXXXXXX5192	Rs. 64,266.31	20-JUL-24	11.200	11.000
BRANCH :- SHIVLALPUR PAND NAI UT					
POONAM POONAM YADAV	XXXXXXXXXXXX1268	Rs. 1,50,169.80	20-JUL-24	30.100	29.200
BRANCH :- TEHRI UT					
MANISHA NEGI	XXXXXXXXXXXX6623	Rs. 1,42,142.76	8-MAY-24	29.630	24.820

AXIS BANK LTD. HAS THE AUTHORITY TO REMOVE ACCOUNT/CHANGE THE AUCTION DATE WITHOUT ANY PRIOR NOTICE. AUCTION WILL BE HELD ONLINE [HTTPS://GOLD.SAMIL.IN](https://gold.samil.in) BETWEEN 12.30 PM TO 03.30 PM.

FOR DETAILED TERMS AND CONDITIONS, PLEASE LOG INTO GIVEN WEBSITE [HTTPS://GOLD.SAMIL.IN](https://gold.samil.in) PLACE: UTTARAKHAND, DATE: 12.01.2025



अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय प्रवासी उत्तराखण्डी सम्मेलन

(विभिन्न देशों में निवासरत प्रवासी उत्तराखण्डियों का समागम)

प्रवासी उत्तराखण्डियों
का

हार्दिक स्वागत एवं अभिनन्दन

दिनांक : 12 जनवरी, 2025 (रविवार)

समय : प्रातः 09 बजे से सायं 05 बजे तक

स्थान : होटल हयात सेंद्रिक, राजपुर रोड, देहरादून

थीम:

सशक्त
उत्तराखण्ड में
प्रवासी उत्तराखण्डियों की भूमिका



कार्यक्रम की विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट <https://pravasiuttarakhandi.uk.gov.in/en/program> देखें।

सूचना एवं लोक सम्पर्क विभाग, उत्तराखण्ड द्वारा जनहित में जारी | www.uttarainformation.gov.in | [uttarakhandDIPR](https://www.facebook.com/uttarakhandDIPR) | [DIPR_UK](https://www.instagram.com/uttarakhandDIPR) | [uttarakhand DIPR](https://www.youtube.com/uttarakhandDIPR)

VIEWPOINT

Ancient India, regenerated, stood up to the mighty West



Romit Bagchi

“Everything happens according to the will of the Divine Mother. She is the Universal Will. She moves, but men imagine that it is they who move,” said an elderly disciple of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa. Young Narendranath Datta who was present retorted sharply: “I do not agree with you, with your He or She. I am the Soul; in me is the Universe. In me it is born, floats and disappears.” Unfazed by Narendranath’s imperious rebuttal, the disciple said to him calmly: “You do not have the power enough to change a single black hair into white one and yet you speak of the Universe. Without God’s will, not a blade of grass dies.” Without batting an eye, Narendranath, who was then a staunch follower of Brahma Samaj, said, “Without my will the Sun and the Moon could not move. At my will, the Universe goes like

a machine.” Sri Ramakrishna listened to this spirited conversation intently with an ironic smile on his lips. Then he said to the disciple, “Truly, only Naren can say that, for he is like a drawn sword.” It was as though he knew that such stupendous strength was needed for the monumental work his dearest disciple was destined to do in his later life not just to wake up the somnolent India but also to hold a mirror up to the conceited West to show the bondage of its Soul.

The celebrated French writer Romain Rolland wrote in his book, “The Life of Vivekananda and the Universal Gospel”, “Such pride is only a hair’s breadth removed from the bragging of a matamore and yet there is a world of difference, for he who spoke these words was Vivekananda, an intellectual hero who weighed the exact meaning of his audacious statements. Here is no foolish self-glorification or utterance of a delirious Superman.”

Among the Swami’s biographers from the West, Rolland, who won the Nobel Prize in literature, is considered the best. A true Vedantist in his soul, he viewed Vivekananda’s journey to the West as an epoch-making event in the



realm of spiritual and cultural exchange between the East and the West.

When I was rereading Rolland’s biography of the monk after many years, I felt thrilled not just by his profound knowledge of the unfathomable depth of the Hindu philosophy but also by his passionate advocacy to bridge the chasm between the East represented by the renaissance and the rationalistic West.

However, at the same time, as a representative of the inward-looking West, Rolland said that none of the ideas and

aspirations Vivekananda embodied were alien to the real West. He urged the Asians, in general, and Indians, in particular, to rid themselves of the superficial and so fallacious judgment of the West on the basis of their understanding of the ‘Marketplace’ of Europe—their bankrupts, their politicians, their traders, their narrow-minded officials, their colonisers—their ravelling wolves whose gospel was their maw. He affirmed that in spite of these people and their ideas, the real West was alive and awake to the light of the Soul. The oak of Europe would long ago have been hurled to the ground by the tempests that had raged around it if it had not been for the mighty spiritual sap rising ceaselessly from its silent reservoir.

And yet, Rolland warmly applauded the ‘new, greater India’ ushered in by the ‘Swan’ Guru and his ‘Eagle’ Disciple contrasted with the West-enslaved India represented by the followers of the Brahmo Samaj led by the liberal ideas of Raja Rammohun Roy. Despite his admiration for the Raja and his followers, he averred with a penetrating

insight that the new, renaissance India was uncompromising in the zealous avowal of her hoary civilisation, refusing allegiance to the imperious Western civilisation and choosing to rest solely on her own ideas bequeathed by the Rishis. In his view, India had stepped into her age-long heritage with the firm intention not to sacrifice any part of it but to allow the rest of the world to profit by it and to receive its return in the intellectual conquest of the West. Post-the Vivekananda phenomenon, Asia and Europe—the two giants—were standing face to face as equals for the first time and if they were wise they would work together and the fruit of their labour would be for all.

Urging the West to embrace the new knowledge disseminated by the Guru-Disciple duo, he said

that it was high time for the rest of the world to profit from the marvellous movement led by the awakening India. It was not difficult for the West, he wrote, to accept and assimilate the ideas of the Indian Swami and his Master as these were in accord with many of their secret thoughts.

The West was amazed by Vivekananda’s invocation of the perennial Truth that India had been nurturing in her privileged bosom since the time of the Vedas: Involution and Evolution. He accepted Darwinian evolution which went against the concepts of the Western religion marked by its robust refusal to admit any evolution in the Creation. Darwin with his revolutionary theory had thus triggered an intense clash between the Western religion and the Western science. While accepting the truth behind the

theory of evolution, the Swami asserted that it was incomplete without the comprehension and acceptance of ancient India’s idea of involution. “No rational man can quarrel with these evolutionists. But we have to learn one more thing. We have to go one step further and what is that? That every evolution is preceded by an involution.”

He brushed off the Western religion’s concept that God created the universe out of nothing and so God is separate from His creation. He, on the contrary, proclaimed with invincible conviction while harking back to the knowledge enshrined in the Hindu philosophy that the God is immanent in His creation. Why? Because the Eternal Being breathes out this universe and then breathes it in. Nothing in the universe exists outside the all-immanence of

the Eternal Being. The Supreme Being gets involved in the universe and then evolves in multitudinous forms: a Self-Loss and then progressive Self-Finding, from lower to higher forms reaching the stage of the humans and now seeking to transcend the human to become the superhuman beings. This is the Eternal Being’s Lila or the Divine Play; playing hide and seek in His delight of Creation and Dissolution that have been going on ad infinitum.

Vivekananda invoked the Upanishads to aver that the universe has no beginning, dismissing the idea of the first cycle—the starting point. The universe has neither a beginning nor an end; it is being breathed out of Him and then dissolves into Him. It is not a creation but a projection of what already existed in the Creator.

Express train starts operating between Lalkuan & Bengaluru

PNS ■ LALKUAN

A new weekly express train started between Lalkuan and Bengaluru city railway station on Saturday. The first day witnessed cent per cent passengers for the train for Bengaluru city. The sleeper coaches were fully packed on Saturday while the sleeper coaches of the train scheduled

319 seats in the four sleeper coaches in the Lalkuan-Bengaluru City Express train were fully booked while 95 per cent of the 798 seats in the 10 third AC economy coaches were full on the first day. Officials informed that the fare for the 2,635 kilometre train journey from Lalkuan to Bengaluru city is Rs 1,050 in the sleeper class and Rs 2,550 in the third AC economy. There are a total of 40 stoppages on the entire route. The train will depart from Lalkuan every Saturday at 5:55 PM. It will pass through Bareilly junction, Mathura, Agra, Gwalior and Jhansi on the first day, Bhopal, Betul, Nagpur, Balharashah, Tedpalli, Warangal, Ongal and Krishnarajapuram on the second day before reaching Bengaluru on the third day at 3:25. From Bengaluru, this train will depart on Tuesdays and reach Lalkuan at 9:05 AM on the third day.



to depart for Bengaluru on January 18 have already been fully booked this week itself. According to the information provided by the Railways, the

38th National Games to fulfill dreams of players in mountains: Negi

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

With the organisation of the 38th National Games, the dreams of athletes from the mountainous regions will be fulfilled, the former international hockey player and coach known for his role in the movie Chak De India, Mir Ranjan Negi said. He expressed his excitement about the upcoming National Games and emphasised that this event will provide a platform for sports talent to shine, creating a sports environment in Uttarakhand that will attract international attention. Negi confirmed that he plans to attend the National Games in Uttarakhand and extended his best wishes to chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami for this event. He said that the organisers of the National Games have reached out to him and he is eager to return to his birthplace for this significant sports event.

will emerge in Uttarakhand, leading to positive changes. He acknowledged that in the past, players from the mountains faced challenges in fulfilling their dreams due to a lack of facilities. However, he believes that the National Games will change this scenario. Further, he noted that the government is now prioritising sports, which has led to an increased budget and improved facilities.

Negi also highlighted the advancements in sports technology and training since his sporting days, stating that the resources available now were not present during his time. Notably, originally from the Almora district, Negi has been residing in Indore, Madhya Pradesh for a long time. However, his ties to Uttarakhand remain strong, as he often appears in Uttarakhandi films and provides guidance to players at the Maharana Pratap Sports College in Dehradun.

IN BRIEF

Protection of scriptures will spread Sanatan: Swami Ramdev

HARIDWAR: While inaugurating the fourth ‘Swarn Shalaka’ competition at the University of Patanjali here on Saturday, the chancellor of the university Swami Ramdev stressed on the assimilation of the traditions enshrined in the scriptures. The competition is being held under the joint aegis of the departments of Philosophy and Sanskrit under the Faculty of Humanities and Oriental Studies of the university. He further said that the principal inspiration for yoga comes from the scriptures and their authors—the Rishis. Addressing the gathering, the vice-chancellor of the university

Acharya Balkrishna said that following scriptures would ensure the followers’ protection and upward growth, adding that this university has been playing a pivotal role in the preservation of Sanatan traditions. The chief coordinator of the competition, Sadhvi Devpriya said that 475 students are participating in it.

KU hosts lecture on lab techniques’ commercialisation

NAINITAL: The Innovation and Incubation Centre and Directorate of Visiting Professors of Kumaun University hosted an expert lecture on technology development, technology readiness level (TRL) and commercialisation of lab techniques. The keynote speaker Prof Nand Gopal Sahu helped the participants understand the commercial aspects of technological innovation and research in depth. He explained to over 100 participants how laboratory discoveries could be taken to the commercial level through science and technological innovations while sharing the success story of his team and told how they converted plastic waste into a ‘miracle’ material (graphene). He discussed the features of graphene and its applications. “At least 200 times stronger than steel and extremely light, it is being used in energy storage, water purification, drug delivery and polymer manufacturing,” he said. A number of professors along with research students were present in the programme.

UAU presents research on Ayurvedic treatment to governor

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Uttarakhand Ayurved University (UAU) vice chancellor Arun Kumar Tripathi presented details of the progress in ongoing research under the theme ‘One University - One Research’ at Raj Bhawan on Saturday in the presence of governor lieutenant general (retd) Gurmit Singh. The university has been researching the treatment of fistula with alkali Sutra management. Notably, the governor had earlier directed all universities in the

complex disease. He said that the main causes of fistula are poor lifestyle choices, improper diet and chronic constipation. The disease primarily affects individuals between the ages of 24 and 54 years, with a higher prevalence in men. Tripathi emphasised that fistula can be successfully treated through Ayurveda, with a low recurrence rate. Patients were treated using Kshar Sutra as part of the research, he said. The governor praised the university’s research efforts, noting that it will strengthen public faith in Ayurveda. He highlighted the necessity of such research to establish Ayurveda on a scientific basis and to gain global recognition. Singh said that the



State to undertake research that benefits Uttarakhand, leveraging their respective areas of expertise. During the presentation, Tripathi shared that over the past year, the university has conducted research and treatment of 182 individuals suffering from fistula. The aim of this research is to provide an effective and permanent solution to this

final findings of this research will be shared with the State government and the Ministry of AYUSH for widespread adoption. He said that this initiative would not only provide a new identity for Ayurveda but also offer effective, safe and permanent treatment solutions for patients. He appreciated the research team for its dedication and hard work.

SMFG Grihashakti (Formerly Fullerton India Home Finance Co. Ltd.)

Corporate Office: 503 & 504, 5th Floor, G-Block, Inspire BKC, BKC Main Road, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400051. Regd. Off.: Commerzone IT Park, Tower B, 1st Floor, No. 111, Mount Poonamallee Road, Porur, Chennai - 600116, TN.

POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY [(Appendix IV) Rule 8(i)]

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of SMFG India Home Finance Co. Ltd. (Formerly Fullerton India Home Finance Co. Ltd.) a Housing Finance Company [duly registered with National Housing Bank (Fully Owned by RBI)] (hereinafter referred to as “SMHFC”) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002), and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated mentioned below under Section 13(2) of the said Act calling upon you being the borrowers (names mentioned herein below) to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers mentioned herein below having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers mentioned herein below and to the public in general that the undersigned has **Taken Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The borrowers mentioned here in above in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with said property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of “SMHFC” for an amount as mentioned herein under and interest thereon.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) LAN	Description of Secured Assets (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Date of Possession
1.	LAN :- 61173951116437 1. Mohd Shakeel, S/o. Munhan, W/o. Mohd Shakeel	A Residential Property Having Plot of Land 1/2 Part of Plot No. 16 Measuring, Having Total Area of 853.31 Sq.ft. i.e. 79.30 Sq.mtr. Kharsa No. 37, Situated in Village Dadupur, Govindpur, Pargana Roorkee Tehsil & Distt. Haridwar, East :- Way 12 Ft Wide, West :- Plot No. 14, North :- Part of Plot No. 16, South :- Plot No. 12	16.10.2024 Rs. 13,66,326/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Six Only) as on 14.10.2024	08.01.2025
2.	LAN :- 611638311048395 1. Chandra Sekhar, S/o. Gopal Singh Bisht 2. Gopal Singh Bisht 3. Radha Devi	A Property Plot of Land, Admeasuring Having Total Area 4600sq.ft.427.5 Sq.mtr. Bearing Its Kharsa No. 607 & 608 Situated At Village Balawaia, Pargana Parwadoon, Tehsil & Distt. Dehradun, East :- Passage 20 Feet Wide, West:- S/o. Hukum Singh Bisht 3. Radha Devi Land of Rajendra Singh.	16.10.2024 Rs. 72,08,217/- (Rupees Seventy Two Lakhs Eight Thousand Two Hundred Seventeen Only) as on 13.10.2024	09.01.2025

Place : Dehradun, Haridwar, Uttarakhand
Date : 08.01.2025 / 09.01.2025

Authorized Officer, SMFG INDIA HOME FINANCE CO. LTD.
(Formerly Fullerton India Home Finance Co. Ltd.)

JM Financial Asset Reconstruction Company Limited
Corporate Identify Number: U67190MH2007PLC74287
Registered Office: 7th Floor, Energy, Appasaheb Marathe Marg, Prabhadevi, Mumbai 400025
Contact Person: 1. Rabindra Prasad - 9814741973 2. Vishal Ketele - 958496653 3. Jyoti Sawant - 022 - 6224 1676

E-Auction Sale Notice – Fresh Sale

That Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Ltd have assigned a pool of Loan (including below mentioned Loans) together with underlying security interest created thereon along with all the rights, title and interest thereon under Section 5 (1) (b) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (“SARFAESI ACT”) vide an assignment agreement dated March 29, 2023 (“the Assignment Agreement”) in favour of JM Financial (JM) (herein referred as Assignee) acting in its capacity as trustee of JMFCAR – Aranya – Trust. It is to notify that JMFCAR is authorized and appointed to act as Service Provider / Collection agent to facilitate all operational and procedures processes vide Assignment / Service Agreement. Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Secured Creditor under the SARFAESI Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the possession, on ‘As Is Where Is Basis’, ‘As Is What Is Basis’ and ‘Whatever Is There Is Basis’, Particulars of which are given below:

Loan Code / Branch / Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Co-borrower(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Property Address _final	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Outstanding Amount (08-01-2025)
Loan Code No.: 09700002227, Dehradun (Branch), Manoj Kumar (Borrower), Rekha Sharma (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 16-03-2018, Rs. 1968212/-, (Rs. Eight lakh Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Two Only)	All the piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Plot No 104 Kharsa No 94/2, 95/1 & 96 Vill Bhusatwala Pargana Jwalapur, Haridwar-249407 Boundaries As :- North :- common passage South :- open landEast :- flat no 105 West :-flat no 103	Rs. 851900/-, (Rs. Eight lakh Fifty One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Only)	Rs. 85190/-, (Rs. Eighty Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Only)	Rs. 1721974/-, (Rs. Seventeen lakh Twenty One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Four Only)
Loan Code No.: 28600000763, Haridwar (Branch), Krishan Lal Sharma (Borrower), Neha Sharma (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 24-10-2018, Rs. 1968212/-, (Rs. Nineteen lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twelve Only)	All the piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Plot No 3, khawat No 170/178 Kharsa No.30/11/1/2,19/2,20, 22/1 Moja Sirasgarh Ambala Haryana IN 133201 Boundaries As :- North :- part of plot no 3 South :- street 20 ft roadEast :- land no 4 West :-18 ft road	Rs. 800000/-, (Rs. Eight lakh Only)	Rs. 80000/-, (Rs. Forty Seven Thousand Only)	Rs. 4075833/-, (Rs. Forty Seven lakh Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Three Only)
Loan Code No.: 28600002158, Haridwar (Branch), Tayyab Ali (Borrower), Khalid (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 17-05-2021, Rs. 1344073/-, (Rs. Thirteen lakh Forty Four Thousand Seventy Three Only)	All the piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Plot No 25 & 26, Part Of Kharsa No 2143, Krishna Nagar Ph-1, VIII- Salempur Mehooad 2, Pargana Roorkee Haridwar Uttarakhand :- 249402 Boundaries As :- North :- vacant land South :- vacant landEast :- vacant plot West :- road	Rs. 883230/-, (Rs. Eighty Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Only)	Rs. 88323/-, (Rs. Eighty Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Only)	Rs. 2446857/-, (Rs. Twenty Four lakh Forty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Seven Only)
Loan Code No.: 28600002286, Haridwar (Branch), Prashant Chatter (Borrower), Monika Wo Prashant Chetan (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 21-01-2020, Rs. 1699573/-, (Rs. Sixteen lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Three Only)	All the piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Plot No- 14 & 15, Kharsa No 2143, Krishna Nagar Colony Ph-1, Gram- Salempur Mehooad-2, Pargana- Roorkee, Haridwar, Uttarakhand :- 247666 Boundaries As :- North :- vacant plot South :- vacant plotEast :- kachcha road West :-vacant land	Rs. 1195600/-, (Rs. Eleven lakh Ninety Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Only)	Rs. 119560/-, (Rs. One lakh Ninety Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Only)	Rs. 3176745/-, (Rs. Thirty One lakh Seventy Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Seven Only)
Loan Code No.: 28600002292, Haridwar (Branch), Navab M (Borrower), Gulista N (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 20-07-2021, Rs. 1792119/-, (Rs. Seventeen lakh Ninety Two Thousand One Hundred Nineteen Only)	All the piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Kharsa No 477, Bhageri Mahavattpur Musthakam, Pargana- Roorkee, Haridwar Uttarakhand :- 247666 Boundaries As :- North :- LAND OF LEELA NAND South :- LAND HUSAN BANODESI : FIELD OF KHALI WEST :-14' WD ROAD	Rs. 1765140/-, (Rs. Seventeen lakh Sixty Five Thousand One Hundred Forty Only)	Rs. 176514/-, (Rs. One lakh Seventy Five Thousand Five Hundred Fourteen Only)	Rs. 3190363/-, (Rs. Thirty One lakh Ninety Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Three Only)
Loan Code No.: 28600001124, Haridwar (Branch), Soniya M Anuj Kumar (Borrower), Anuj Kumar (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 20-02-2020, Rs. 1304062/-, (Rs. Thirteen lakh Four Thousand Sixty Two Only)	All the piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Plot No 7 & 8 Part Of Kharsa No 96 Ganpati Vihar Vill Begumpur ,Bhadrabad Pargana Jwalapur, Haridwar-249407 Boundaries As :- North :- land no 09 West :- plot no 06	Rs. 633670/-, (Rs. Six lakh Thirty Three Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Only)	Rs. 63367/-, (Rs. Sixty Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Seven Only)	Rs. 2681668/-, (Rs. Twenty Six lakh Eighty One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Only)
Loan Code No.: 28600002321, Haridwar (Branch), Inder So Mamchand (Borrower), Maya Wo Indar (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 30-04-2019, Rs. 912636/-, (Rs. Nine lakh Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Six Only)	All the piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Part Of Kharsa No 482 Bhagadi Mahavattpur Vill Bhagadi Mahavattpur Pargana Roorkee Haridwar Uttarakhand 249407 Boundaries As :- North :- VACANT PLOT South :- VACANT PLOT East :- 16' WD ROAD West :-VACANT LAND	Rs. 737000/-, (Rs. Seven lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seven Hundred Only)	Rs. 73700/-, (Rs. Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seven Hundred Only)	Rs. 1942866/-, (Rs. Nineteen lakh Forty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Six Only)
Loan Code No.: 09700006007, Dehradun (Branch), Manoj M (Borrower), Sheela S (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 17-05-2021, Rs. 1362392/-, (Rs. Thirteen lakh Sixty Two Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Two Only)	All the piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Kha No 133M Vin Mauza Mehualwa Kalsa Tehsil Vikasnagar Pn Pachwad Dehradun Uttarakhand :- 248001 Boundaries As :- North :- 14 ft road South :- goolEast :- plot of jai pal West :-plot of other	Rs. 625240/-, (Rs. Six lakh Twenty Five Thousand Two Hundred Forty Only)	Rs. 62524/-, (Rs. Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Four Only)	Rs. 2250248/-, (Rs. Twenty Two lakh Five Hundred Forty Eight Only)

DATE OF E-AUCTION: 20-02-2025, FROM 11.00 A.M. TO 2.00 P.M. (WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES EACH), LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF BID: 19-02-2025, BEFORE 4.00 P.M.

For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.jmfinancialarc.com/Home/Assetsforsale OR https://www.bankauctions.in.

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTOR / MORTGAGEE

The above mentioned Borrower/Guarantor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned in section 13(2) of the Act in full with accrued interest till date before the date of auction, failing which property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost from borrower/guarantor.

Date : 12-01-2025 Place : Uttarakhand
Sd/-
(Authorised Officer) (Aranya - Trust)

THE PIONEER CLASSIFIEDS PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is informed that I have changed my name from SHAHANA to SHAHANA PARVEEN and in future I should be known as Shahana Parveen W/o Sahanawaz address 147, Azad Nagar Colony, Raipur Road, Adhwaiala, Dehradun, Uttarakhand

In some documents my name is written as Umang Anil Thapa and in some documents it is Umang Thapa. My correct and real name is UMANG THAPA. Both names belong to me, the same person. Umang Thapa D/o Late Anil Kumar Thapa R/o Vill & Post Selaquai, District Dehradun, Uttarakhand

मेरे आधार कार्ड नं 0 562453811174 में त्रुटिदश मेरा नाम MOHIT CHAUDHARY गलत दर्ज हो गया है। जबकि मेरा वास्तविक नाम MOHIT CHUDERE है। जोकि मेरे हाईस्कूल अनुक्रमांक 2388988 तथा इंटरमीडिएट अनुक्रमांक 2520677 व जन्म प्रमाण-पत्र में भी दर्ज है। भविष्य में मुझे MOHIT CHUDERE S/o NARAYAN SINGH के नाम से जाना पहचाना व पुकारा जाए। निवासी-उदलहरी जिला-हरिद्वार उत्तराखण्ड।

PUBLIC NOTICE

Three previous sale deeds of my property dated 10.12.2024 have been lost somewhere while going towards Ekta Vihar Sahasthradhara, in which one of the previous seller Shri R.S. Kapil has been executed in favour of Shri K.P. Chakvati, whose registration is done in the Sub Registrar Office, Dehradun, Book No. 1, Volume 2739, Page 01/32, Me.No. 2121 dated 21.04.2009 and the second sale deed in favour of previous seller Shri Keshav Nand Puri, whose registration is done in favour of Shri R.S. Kapil, whose registration is done in the Sub Registrar Office, Dehradun, Book No. 1, Volume 1337, Page 1520, A.D.Fa. Book No. 1, Volume 1633, Page 147 to 107, Me.No. The third sale deed executed in favour of previous seller Shri Harchand Singh Maan etc. in the Sub Registrar Office, Dehradun, Puri is registered in Sub Registrar Office Dehradun in Book No. 1, Volume 1337, Page 517, A.D.F. Book No. 1, Volume 1438, Page 241 to 252, Me.No. 7161 dated 27.10.2004. The above three sale deed are not mortgaged in any bank, financial institution etc. nor has any loan been taken from any bank or financial institution on the above sale deed. Loan is being taken from Uttarakhand Gramin Bank on the above sale deed. Shri Rambi Singh son of Shri P.S. Bisht resident of M.No. 3167, Lane No. 3, Ekta Vihar, Opposite Beverly Hills School, Sahasthradhara Road, Amwala Tarla, District Dehradun.

NOTICE

It is informed to the public that the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, (SEIAA) constituted by the Ministry of Environment and Forest and Climate Change, Government of India has been granted Environmental Clearance to M/s Shree Balaji Stone Crusher, Kharsa No. 1224, 1233, 1225, 1226, 1220 Kwa, Village Majri Grant, Tehsil-Doiwala, Dehradun, Uttarakhand for proposed stone crushing process vide File No. EC No - 153-09(91)/2023 on Dated - 30/01/2024 with File No. - EC-09(90)/2023 and the aforesaid environmental clearance proposal file is available in office of “Environmental Clearance State Authority” (SEIAA) Uttarakhand

Disclaimer

The Pioneer does not take responsibility for the content for the advertisement (Display/Classified) carried in this newspaper. The paper does not endorse the same. Readers are requested to verify the contents on their own.

For advertisement booking 9045057787, 8909212518 Email: pioneerdoon@gmail.com

VP Jagdeep Dhankhar stresses merit-based appointments, slams extensions and favouritism

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ BENGALURU

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar said on Saturday that extensions in service, in any form for a particular post is a setback to those who are in line. Dhankhar was delivering the inaugural address at the 25th National Conference of Chairpersons of State Public Service Commission being held in Bengaluru. Vice President also said that extension of service indicates that some individuals are indispensable.

"Indispensability is a myth. Talent abounds in this country. No one is indispensable. And therefore, it lies in the domain of Public Service Commissions (PSC) at the state and the central level that when they have a role in such kinds of situations, they must be firm," added the VP. He also said PSC's appointments cannot be driven by patronage, or by favouritism. "We cannot have a public



commission Chairman or a member, wedded to a particular ideology or an individual. That will be undoing the essence and spirit of the constitution," said Dhankhar. The Vice-President also frowned upon post-retirement recruitment and

said it is antithetical to what was visualised by framers of the Constitution. "In some states, it has been structured. Employees never retire, particularly those in the premium services. They get a number of ad-hoc nomenclatures. This is not good. Everyone in the country must have due and

that due is defined by law," said the VP. The VP also said fairness of selection has no meaning if paper leakages occur. "Paper leakage has become an industry, a form of commerce. This is a menace that must be curbed," he added. He commended the initiative the Government has taken in this

regard, with the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill, 2024. The Vice President is also of the view that although it is "India's century", without a "calm political atmosphere" India will not really gain. A vitiated political climate is far more dangerous than the climate change we are facing, he pointed out.

"Our polity at the moment is too divisive, too polarised. Interaction is not taking place at the premium level in political organisations." The solution, according to him, is harmony in polity. "Harmony is imperative. If there is no harmony in polity, if the polity is polarized, deeply divisive, with no communication channels functioning, imagine you are in an earthquake, you are lost and you have no connection with the outside world, things will be terrible for you," he added. He also said for India to stand strong, we need strong institutions.

Tamil Nadu Governor's actions 'childish' says CM MK Stalin

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ CHENNAI



Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi was unable to "digest" that the State was developing and his decision not to address the Assembly was "childish", Chief Minister MK Stalin said on Saturday. The state Legislative Assembly has been witnessing strange scenes for the last few years after Ravi took over as Governor, he said. "The Governor comes to the Assembly but returns without addressing the House. That's why I had said that his actions were childish," Stalin told the Assembly. As per Article 176 of the Constitution, the Governor has to deliver his address to the Legislative Assembly at the commencement of the session. "But he appears to be keen on violating the rules in a planned manner," the CM said winding up the debate on the motion of thanks to the Governor for his address. In 2022, this Governor delivered his address without altering the speech.

But in the following three years, he avoided delivering his customary address citing 'absurd' reasons, the Chief Minister said. Singing the Tamil anthem (Tamil Thai Valthu) before the session starts and playing the national anthem after the address has been the tradition for long. "I think, the Governor is unable to digest the fact that Tamil Nadu is developing. I may be an ordinary person but this Legislative Assembly came into existence due to the feelings of crore of people," Stalin said. This House cannot bear to see the Governor doing something with political motives that drags the

position and responsibility he held by not respecting the dignity of this Assembly, not respecting the people's feelings, and 'daring' to insult the Tamil anthem. "We should not see such things again," the Chief Minister added. On January 6, Ravi left the Assembly without delivering the customary address. The Raj Bhavan later said that he left 'in deep anguish' as the national anthem wasn't played. "Disrespecting the Constitution does not augur well for democracy," the Governor had then said. Reacting, Stalin had said, "it was childish of the Governor choosing not to read the government address."

Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi seeks SIT probe into Assam mining tragedy

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ GUWAHATI

Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi on Saturday said he has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, seeking a SIT probe into the mining tragedy in Assam, which left several labourers in a coal quarry dead.

He also alleged that "illegal mining continues unchecked" due to "weak law enforcement and local complicity" in the northeastern state. Nine workers were trapped inside a coal mine in Umrangsu in Dima Hasao district on Monday after a sudden gush of water



flooded the quarry. Of them, the bodies of four labourers have so far been recovered. "As of today, rescue operations have entered their sixth day, but the fate of coal

miners trapped in the illegal coal mine at Dima Hasao remains uncertain. Illegal mining continues unchecked in Assam, fuelled by weak law enforcement and local

complicity," said the Congress' deputy leader in the Lok Sabha. "I have written to the prime minister urging an urgent SIT probe to investigate this tragedy," he said.

Gogoi urged the prime minister that the proposed special investigation team (SIT) should not only look into the "illegal" operation of the mine and identify those responsible for this tragedy but also address the broader issues at play. "This includes the failure to enforce the NGT's (National Green Tribunal) ban on rat-hole mining, the complicity of local authorities-including the district administration

and district police - who have enabled these illegal activities to persist, despite repeated accidents and warnings," the Congress leader alleged.

The SIT should also examine safety standards and working conditions in these mines, which are "consistently ignored", leading to deadly incidents, he claimed. "The investigation should expand its scope to identify and map out other illegal mining sites across Karbi Anglong, Dima Hasao, and Upper Assam, areas where these activities continue unabated," he alleged in the letter. Additionally, the

investigation must address the environmental impact of such "illegal mining operations and recommend necessary actions to curb the long-term damage to both human lives and the environment," Gogoi said. "The people of Assam, and indeed all of India, deserve to know the truth and justice done. This must be a turning point in our collective efforts to end illegal mining and protect vulnerable workers from exploitation and harm," he said. The families of the victims deserve justice, and "we must ensure that such incidents are prevented in the future," he added.

Court relaxes bail conditions for Allu Arjun in stampede case

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ HYDERABAD



In a major relief to actor Allu Arjun, a court here has relaxed the conditions of his bail in the 'Pushpa 2' stampede case, exempting him from appearing before the investigating officer every Sunday. The court also permitted him to travel abroad to specified countries, with the condition that he must undertake to appear before the SHO of the Chikkadpally police station as and when required.

He has been directed to inform the SHO of his travel schedule for each trip and provide details of his place of stay in the destination country until the charge sheet is filed. The remaining bail conditions remain unchanged, the court noted in its order dated January 10. The court's decision followed a petition filed by the actor seeking relaxation of the bail conditions. Previously, while granting regular bail to Allu Arjun on January 3, the court had instructed him to appear before the investigating officer every Sunday between 10 am and 1 pm for two months or until the filing of the charge sheet, whichever is earlier. He was also barred from leaving the country without prior court permission.

Additionally, the court had directed the actor to cooperate with the inquiry and refrain from interfering with the ongoing investigation or influencing witnesses in any manner. Allu Arjun was arrested on December 13 in connection with the stampede case and released from jail on December 14 after the Telangana High Court granted him interim bail for four weeks, which ended on January 10. The actor named Accused No. 11 in the case, subsequently filed a regular bail petition. A 35-year-old woman died, and her eight-year-old son was injured in a stampede on December 4 at the Sandhya Theatre in Hyderabad, as fans jostled to get a glimpse of the actor during the premiere of 'Pushpa 2'.

CM N Biren urges Naga leaders to help resolve ethnic conflict



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ IMPHAL

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh on Saturday requested the church, community and other leaders of the Naga community to take a greater role in resolving the ongoing ethnic conflict in the state.

Clashes between Kuki and Meitei communities have left over 250 people dead and thousands homeless since May 2023. The Nagas were not involved in this conflict. Addressing a programme at Maram in Naga majority Senapati district, Singh said "I want to appeal to the Naga communities that a third party is required to resolve the

current issues and for restoration of peace. For this, church and community leaders needs to take responsibilities and initiatives." All grievances and problems can be resolved under the Constitution and the laws of the Manipur government, he said. "Whatever happened has happened. As I said during my New Year's message, it's time to forget and forgive. We need to jointly walk on the path of peace and bring back the former Manipur. We need to jointly work together to resolve this crisis. "I seek the support of all those gathered today including elected members, former elected members, and church leaders to overcome this crisis," Singh said.

Juna Akhara expels Mahant over minor girl's induction as Sadhvi

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ MAHAKUMBH NAGAR



In a shocking development just days before the Maha Kumbh 2025 begins, the Juna Akhara has expelled Mahant Kaushal Gauri for seven years after allegations surfaced that he accepted a 13-year-old girl from Agra as "daan" (donation) and initiated her as a Sadhvi (female ascetic).

The decision was taken on Friday during a meeting of the Akhara's top officials, held in the presence of the Ramta Panch. The girl, who had been seen in ascetic attire, was immediately sent back to her

family. The Maha Kumbh, starting on January 13 with the first holy dip on Paus Purnima, has already started drawing saints and devotees from across the

country. While the Akharas have settled into their camps, creating grand and regal setups, this disturbing incident has drawn widespread attention. According to reports, Mahant Kaushal Gauri claimed that the minor girl, Rakhi, was given to him by her family as a "donation." He initiated her as a Sadhvi and introduced her in the Akhara's camp in religious attire. He had planned to formally initiate her into ascetic life during the Maha Kumbh by performing rituals to dedicate her to the religious flag. Furthermore, he announced

that, as per tradition, the girl would perform her own funeral rites (Pind Daan) while still alive. Kaushal Gauri had stated that the girl, now named "Sadhvi Gauri," would completely renounce worldly life and dedicate herself to asceticism. The incident has raised serious questions about the ethical practices of some religious traditions and the protection of minors in such settings. The leadership of the Juna Akhara acted swiftly to address the matter, expelling Kaushal Gauri and ensuring the girl was returned to her family.

BSF foils smuggling attempt by Bangladeshi nationals in West Bengal's Malda district

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KOLKATA



The Border Security Force (BSF) on Saturday said that its jawans thwarted a smuggling attempt by a group of Bangladeshis in West Bengal's Malda district. The incident occurred around 2.10 am at Border Outpost Nawada, under the 119th Battalion of the BSF's South Bengal Frontier.

BSF personnel observed a movement of 15-20 armed Bangladeshis approaching the

border. Several others were also spotted on the Indian side of

the fence, officials said. Despite being challenged by the

BSF, the smugglers advanced towards the fence. They used high-beam flashlights to blind the jawans.

The BSF initially fired two rounds in the air to disperse the smugglers, but the move proved to be ineffective. "The smugglers then attacked the jawans with sharp weapons and sticks. In response, the BSF personnel fired two rounds at intervals in self-defence to halt the smuggling attempt," a BSF statement said. Reinforcements soon arrived,

causing the smugglers to flee. A subsequent search of the area resulted in the recovery of 572 bottles of a particular brand of cough syrup, a sharp weapon, and a high-beam flashlight. The BSF has not ruled out the possibility of smugglers injured in the firing.

In separate incidents in Murshidabad and Malda districts, the BSF foiled more smuggling and infiltration attempts at border outposts Nandanpur, Farjipara, and Harinathpur,

and Churiyantpur. BSF said it used stun grenades, pump action guns (PAG), and other weapons in self-defence to repel cattle smugglers and illegal intruders, leading to the seizure of illicit drugs, five cattle, and other contraband. The incidents and seizures were reported to the local police stations, and the confiscated items handed over to the appropriate authorities. A BSF South Bengal Frontier spokesperson said such attacks are a recurring challenge.

Lecture on 'One Nation One Election' to be held on January 18 at Mahakumbh

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ MAHAKUMBH NAGAR

A series of thought-provoking lectures on contemporary issues, along with discussions on religion, spirituality, and culture, are being organized at the Mahakumbh in Prayagraj. The Divya Prem Seva Mission from Haridwar will conduct a special lecture on 'One Nation One Election - In the Context of Economic Political Reform and Developed India' on January 18, with former President Ram Nath Kovind invited as the chief guest. The lecture series at the Mission's camp will include seven topics. The first lecture



on January 12 will be on Swami Vivekananda Sanatan

Dharma ki Vaishvik Drishti. The second, scheduled for

January 17, will address "Bharat ki Gaurav Gatha Banam Atmaheena ki Bhavana" (India's Glorious Legacy vs. the Spirit of Inferiority). The third, on January 18, will cover "One Nation One Election - Arthik Rajnitik Sudhar evam Viksit Bharat ke Sandarbh Mein" (One Nation, One Election: Economic and Political Reforms in the Context of a Developed India). The fourth lecture, on January 20, will discuss "Vaishvik Aatankvad Samadhan - Bharatiya Sanskriti ke Paripekshya Mein" (Global Terrorism Solutions - Indian Cultural Perspectives). The fifth, on

January 25, will focus on "Bharat ki Akhandta - Bhogolik aur Rajnitik Chunautiyan" (India's Geographical and Political Challenges to Integrity). The sixth, on January 31, will explore "Laingik Samaanata evam Mahila Sashaktikaran - Bharatiya Sanskriti ke Paripekshya Mein" (Gender Equality and Women Empowerment: An Indian Cultural Perspective). The seventh and final lecture, on February 6, will delve into "Social Media par Nijata aur Suraksha - Yuvaon ke Paripekshya Mein" (Privacy and Security on Social Media: Perspectives of the Youth).

Nine Naxalites, with ₹43 lakh bounty, surrender in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ RAIPUR

Nine hardcore Naxalites, allegedly involved in attacks on security forces and carrying a cumulative bounty of Rs 43 lakh, surrendered in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district on Saturday, police said. The cadres, including two women, turned themselves in before senior officials from the police and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) here, citing disappointment with "hollow" and "inhuman" Maoist ideology and infighting within the outlawed outfit, Sukma Superintendent of Police Kiran Chavan said. He said the surrendered

Naxalites were also impressed by the state government's 'Niyad Nellanar' (your good village) scheme, which aims at facilitating development works in remote villages and stated that senior cadres were on backfoot with the increasing pressure of security forces and setting up of police camps in interior areas. The official said Ransai alias Oyam Buska (34), the commander of platoon no 24 here, citing disappointment with "hollow" and "inhuman" Maoist ideology and infighting within the outlawed outfit, Sukma Superintendent of Police Kiran Chavan said. He said four other cadres carried a reward of Rs 5 lakh,

a woman Naxalite carried a reward of Rs 3 lakh, and two others, including a woman, carried a bounty of Rs 2 lakh each. Chavan said Ransai was allegedly involved in attacks, including the Jhara Ghati ambush in Narayanpur district in 2007, wherein seven policemen were killed; the 2007 Ranibodli (Bijapur district) attack, in which 55 security personnel died; the 2017 ambush in Burkapal (Sukma), where 25 CRPF personnel were killed and the 2020 Minpa ambush (Sukma) that killed 17 security personnel. The other surrendered cadres were also involved in multiple attacks on security forces, he said.

Chinese FM makes surprise visit to Maldives, holds talks with Muizzu

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi made a surprise visit to the Maldives, during which he held talks with President Mohamed Muizzu and discussed the state of bilateral relations...

'I would have beaten Trump,' says Biden

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Outgoing US President Joe Biden on Friday said that he would have defeated Donald Trump in the November general elections, but he decided to withdraw from the race mid-way for the sake of the unity of the Democratic Party.

the US Presidential race against Trump after his disastrous performance at the presidential debate in Atlanta in June.

Following a lot of criticism from his own party leaders, Biden decided to withdraw from the race mid-way and endorsed his running mate Vice President Kamala Harris to be the Democratic Party's presidential candidate.



out of mind?" he was asked. On January 20, Donald Trump, 78, would be sworn in as the 47th President of the United States.

don himself asserting that he has done nothing wrong. At the same time, he might be pardoning several others before he demits the office on January 20, he indicated.

"The idea that he (Donald Trump) would punish people for not adhering to what he thinks should be policy as related to his well-being is outrageous, but there is still consideration of some folks but no decision," Biden said in response to the question.

KAMALA HARRIS IS COMPETENT TO RUN AGAIN IN FOUR YEARS: Vice President Kamala Harris is competent to run for presidency again in four years, outgoing US President Joe Biden said Friday, noting that the decision on this would finally be on her.

NOTICE INVITING EOI No. SSA-45035/1/2024-MIS-SEC-SSA/507157 Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha Axom, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, invites Expression of Interest (EOI) through e-Tendering process from NSDC approved Training Partners or Govt. Institution...

Ukraine says it captured 2 North Korean soldiers

Kyiv (PTI): Ukraine's forces have captured two North Korean soldiers fighting alongside Russian troops in Russia's Kursk border region, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Saturday.

in August that resulted in the first occupation of Russian territory since World War II. Moscow's counterattack has left Ukrainian forces outstretched and demoralised, killing and wounding thousands and retaking more than 40 per cent of the 984 square kilometres of Kursk Ukraine had seized.

Venezuela's Maduro takes new oath amid protests, international rebuke

PTI ■ CARACAS

Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro was sworn in Friday for a new term, extending his increasingly repressive rule in the face of renewed protests and rebukes from the United States and others who believe he stole last year's vote.



al sovereignty. "I have not been made president by the government of the United States, nor by the pro-imperialist governments of Latin America," he said, after being draped with a sash in the red, yellow and blue of Venezuela's flag.

Caracas on Friday contrasted sharply with the hundreds of Venezuelans who took to the streets Thursday to protest Maduro's power grab. The protest took place in relative calm but after it ended, aides to the popular former lawmaker María Corina Machado — the driving force behind what's left of Venezuela's beleaguered opposition — said she was briefly detained by security forces.

THE PIONEER CLASSIFIEDS CHANGE OF NAME

I, Batheri Devi, Mother of No.2897858L. Hav Ram Kishan Yadav, R/o- Vill & Post- Chhardra, Teh- Kotputli, Dist- Jaipur, Rajasthan- 303105, have changed my name from Batheri Devi to Bhatari, vide affidavit dated 11/01/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

CORRIGENDUM NO. - 1 FOR TENDER NO.: N 10 HQ IDS 2024-25. DTD.: 09-01-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to all that, Shivraj Kanungo s/o Late Dr. Kissen Kanungo R/o- 241-A, Aerodrome Area, AT-Palaspali, Post Aerodrome Area, Bhubaneswar, Khorda, Odisha-751020, I am the allottee/legal owner of Flat No.27-B, FF, SFS Cat-II, with Scooter Garage, in Pkt-A, Sukhdev Vihar, Delhi, FILE NO F-78(346)82/SFS/SV/II which is allotted by the DDA. I have lost the Original ALLOTMENT LETTER, POSSESSION LETTER, NOC FOR WATER AND ELECTRIC CONNECTION, SITE POSSESSION SLIP, INVENTORY of the above Flat. FIR/NCR to this effect has lodged in P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi vide LR No.2484274/2025 Dated 11-01-2025. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may bring in contact with above named person at above address/phone No. 9937162130 with in 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. Any person claiming any right, interest, or having any objection with respect to this notice, may also personally inform/contact me.

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform to the public at large that Sh. Mohit Varshney is the Owner of the Flat No. 603, Block-C, on 8th floor, in the Exotica Eastern Court, P.O. No. 06, Sector-1, Crossing, Gurgaon, Haryana, India. He is hereby declared that the gazetted officer, I am hereby declared that the owner is now selling the said Flat and the respective Purchaser/s are availing loan facility against the mortgage of the aforementioned Property with State Bank of India, RACPC Karkardoma, Delhi by mortgaging all Original Documents. In the entire chain of documents, the Original Allotment Letter dated 25.02.2012 and Original Possession Letter both issued by Exotica Developers are missing hence not traceable. Therefore, any person having any type of claim right/interest over the said property or Flat may inform in writing or contact at the address mentioned below about his/her objections within 15 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc. or any claim. Navneet, Tripathi, Advocate, Sector-1, Gurgaon, Haryana. Contact No. 9810966717, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, Mob No. 9698906717

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform to the general public that Smt. Alka Suri is the Owner of Built-Up Shop No. 1 on Ground Floor without roof area measuring 8.5 X 5.5, 142/2015 Sq. Mtrs. Built-Up property bearing No. WZ-537, out of Kharsa No. 1575, situated at Old Lal Dora of 1908/9, village 'Inar', New Delhi - 110018. She is in possession through legal. Sale Deed dated 30/12/2015 as doc. no. 26505 executed by Smt. Kiran in favour of Mrs. Alka Suri in respect of the said property.

Public Notice It is notified to the general public that Anara Homes had allotted the Unit No. J-1105 in Tower-J in the residential project 'Anara Homes' situated at Plot No. G1-03, Sector-15, Block-B, Capital Park, District Gurgaon, Haryana. (UP) by M/s APV Realty Ltd. (hereinafter Company). The allotment letter dated 23.10.2010 (1) Mrs. Sushma Gulati W/o Vijay Kumar Gulati (2) Gaurav Gulati S/o Vijay Kumar Gulati. (hereinafter 'Allottees') R/o A-524, Kamla Nagar, Agra, Uttar Pradesh-282004. Gaurav Gulati (Son) has informed the below mentioned company that Mrs. Sushma Gulati (Mother) had expired on 17.01.2018. Vijay Kumar Gulati (Father), Mrs. Nidhi Kasturia (Daughter) & Gaurav Gulati (Son), are the legal heirs of the deceased allottee and there is no other legal heir. They have no objection to transfer the flat/Unit in the name of Gaurav Gulati. In this regard, Gaurav Gulati has requested through affidavit that the allotment letter/sale deed of the above unit be executed and registered in the name of Gaurav Gulati. Therefore, it is notified to the general public that if any person has any objection in this regard, then he should personally appear at the mentioned below address on any working day between 11:00 am to 5:00 pm within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication of this public notice and register his objection in writing on the basis of certificates and evidence, otherwise it will be understood that no person has any objection and the allotment letter/sale deed of the above unit will be registered in the name of Gaurav Gulati. By APV Realty Ltd. 801, 802, 8/Floor Iconic Corentium Sector-62, Noida-201301

AXIS BANK LTD. PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION OF PLEDGED ASSETS BEING GOLD ORNAMENTS THE BORROWERS, IN SPECIFIC AND THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE GOLD ORNAMENTS PLEDGED IN THE BELOW ACCOUNTS IS PROPOSED TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE AXIS BANK AT THE BELOW MENTIONED BRANCH. THE BELOW MENTIONED BORROWERS HAS AVAILED THE CREDIT FACILITY FROM THE AXIS BANK LIMITED AGAINST THE PLEDGE OF GOLD ORNAMENTS ("GOLD LOAN FACILITY") IN FAVOUR OF THE BANK TOWARDS THE SECURITY. THE DEMAND NOTICES WERE ISSUED TO THE BORROWERS/GUARANTORS CALLING UP THE BORROWERS/GUARANTORS TO PAY THEIR OUTSTANDING AMOUNT TOWARDS THE GOLD LOAN FACILITY. AS THE BORROWERS/GUARANTORS HAVE FAILED TO REPAY THE OUTSTANDING LOAN AMOUNT, THE BANK IS CONSTRAINED TO INVOLVE THE PLEDGE AND PROPOSED TO CONDUCT AN E-AUCTION SALE OF PLEDGED GOLD ORNAMENTS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY HEREUNDER ON 22.01.2025 AT 12.30 PM TO 03.30 PM ON "AS IN WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", "WHATSOEVER THERE IS" AND "NO RECOURSE BASIS". DETAILS OF BORROWERS AND OUTSTANDING AMOUNT

PUBLIC NOTICE It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Imran Ahmed who is the owner of the Plot No. 12A & 12B, measuring 70 sq.yds., Kharsa No. 1358/1min, New Hindon Vihar, Ardhala, Loni, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, owner vide Gift Deed dated 19.11.2024 (Document No. 14458) executed by Mrs. Hasina Begum and same to be financed & mortgaged by Fedbank Financial Services Limited. That, Mr. Zamid Ahmed was the owner through Sale Deed dated 20.12.2004. Further, Mr. Jamil Ahmad expired on 19-11-2012 leaving behind his legal heirs namely Mrs. Hasena Begum (wife), Mr. Imran Ahmed (son), Mr. Rizwan Saifi (son), Ms. Salma (daughter) but Mr. Rizwan Saifi and Ms. Salma were not present at the time of execution/registration of Gift Deed dated 19.11.2024. To comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any Person having any type of claim (right/interest/creating mortgage over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections within 7 days, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc. or any claim. Navneet, Tripathi, Advocate, Sector-1, Gurgaon, Haryana. Contact No. 9810966717, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, Mob No. 9698906717

PUBLIC NOTICE My client Smt. Saroj Devi W/o late Sh. Surender Kumar, residing at House No. A-599, New Ashok Nagar, Vasundhara Enclave, s.o. East Delhi, Delhi-110096, do hereby formally disown and debar her son namely Virender Kumar and his wife Gaurav along with their children, Piyush and Vidhi from all my movable and immovable properties. My client severed all relations with them. Any person/ entity dealing with them, will do at their own risk, cost, and responsibility. My client shall not be held liable for any acts/dealings involving them as they are doing unlawful acts and not obeying my client. Tushar Malhotra (Advocate)

FORM No. 14 (See Regulation 33(2)) By Regd. A/D, Distt falling with by Publication. OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - (I) DEBITS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL DELHI - DRT 1 4th Floor, Jeevan Bhawan, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001 DEMAND NOTICE NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS BY BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961. RC/180/2024 08-01-2025

DEBITS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL DELHI (DRT 1) This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBITS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL DELHI (DRT 1) in 14/7/2023 an amount of Rs 1040227.10 (Rupees Ten Lakhs Forty Thousands Two Hundred Twenty Seven And Paise Ten Only) along with pendentite and future interest @ 13.15 % Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. 24/05/2019 till realization and costs of Rs 13000 (Rupees Thirteen Thousands Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally) Fully/Limited. 1. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under. 2. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing. 3. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 14/01/2025 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings. 4. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay: (a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/ execution proceedings. (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due. Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 08/01/2025 Sd/- Recovery Officer DEBITS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL DELHI (DRT 1)

Panama Canal administrator rejects Trump's assertions of Chinese meddling

PTI ■ PANAMA CITY

The administrator of the Panama Canal said Friday that the vital waterway will remain in Panamanian hands and open to commerce from all countries, rejecting claims by President-elect Donald Trump that the United States should take it over. In an interview with The Associated Press, Ricuarte Vásquez denied Trump's claims that China was controlling the canal's operations, and said making exceptions to current rules concerning its operation would lead to "chaos."

this is to maintain the established rules." Requests for exceptions are routinely rejected, because the process is clear and there mustn't be arbitrary variations, he said. The only exception in the neutrality treaty is for American warships, which receive expedited passage. Some 70% of the sea traffic that crosses the Panama Canal leaves or goes to US ports. The United States built the canal in the early 1900s as it looked for ways to facilitate the transit of commercial and military vessels between its coasts. Washington relinquished control of the waterway to Panama on Dec 31, 1999, under a treaty signed in 1977 by President Jimmy Carter. Last month, Trump told supporters "We're being ripped off at the Panama Canal." He claimed that the US "foolishly gave it away."

Regarding the fees for using the canal, Vasquez said a planned series of increases had concluded with one this month. Any additional increases would be considered in the first half of the year to give clients certainty in their planning and would go through a public comment process, he said. "There's no discrimination in the fees," he said. "The price rules are uniform for absolutely all those who transit the canal and clearly defined." The canal depends on reservoirs to operate its locks and was heavily affected by drought during the past two years that forced it to substantially reduce the number of daily slots for crossing ships. With fewer ships using the canal each day, administrators increased the fees that are charged all shippers for reserving a slot. The canal bisects Panama, running 51 miles to end. It allows ships to avoid the longer and costlier trip around Cape Horn at the tip of South America.

Gambhir, BCCI officials to meet to review Australia tour

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The future of leading batters Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma will be discussed threadbare in a meeting that head coach Gautam Gambhir and chief selector Ajit Agarkar is scheduled to hold with BCCI officials to review the recent tour to Australia here on Saturday.

The back-to-back series defeats against New Zealand (home) and Australia (away) and the diminishing returns with the bat have put Kohli and Rohit under scanner. The PTI has learned that the powers that be will discuss in detail the future plan — whether to activate the transition switch from next month's Champions Trophy or wait for the cycle to end with the ICC marquee event. Though it's likely that the senior batters will get another chance to redeem themselves at the ODI Champions Trophy, a format in which they have always excelled.

They may also take into consideration the fact that both Kohli and Rohit have played just three ODIs in 2024 after the 2023 World Cup at home, and that could be too light a sample size to make a final call on their 50-over career. Both Kohli and Rohit endured different fortunes too in the series against Sri Lanka. While Kohli amassed 24, 14 and 20 in Colombo, Rohit walked away with scores of 58, 64 and 35 against the Lankans.

But overall, Kohli has been a champion performer in 50-overs, his staple format and a good outing in the Champions Trophy could bring him, and Rohit too, back into a good frame of mind.

However, their Test future is different. The next assignment is an away five-match series against England, and the mandarins will certainly assess the drying runs from Kohli and Rohit in the traditional format.



In the most recent outing against Australia, Kohli, despite a hundred at Perth, could garner only 190 runs at an average of 23.75 while Rohit, who skipped the first Test and opted out of the fifth match, made 31 runs at 6.2. Those performances will certainly be mooted thoroughly while seeking Gambhir's views on their desire to continue playing the longest version of the sport. Similarly, it is possible that the performance of the Gambhir-led coaching staff too could be assayed, and asked about their vision to handle the transition period without any more hiccups.

Apart from the review meeting, the selectors, led by Agarkar, will also convene on Saturday evening to pick the Indian squad for the Champions Trophy. India will play all its matches in the UAE and will open the campaign with a match against Bangladesh on

February 20. However, it is unlikely that the team will be announced on this day itself, as the selectors have time till January 12 to release the squad.

They will assess the fitness level of star pacer Jasprit Bumrah, who is recuperating from back spasms, and veteran fast bowler Mohammed Shami. Shami, who has not played since the ODI World Cup 2023 because of an ankle surgery, is likely to get a green signal from BCCI's Centre of Excellence physics. Shami has played in the Ranji Trophy, Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy and Vijay Hazare Trophy matches recently for Bengal to underline his increasing fitness levels and match readiness. The other interesting point will be to see whether Yashasvi Jaiswal will get the nod after doing well in 19 Tests and 23 T20I since making his debut in mid 2023. Team for England T20Is,

ODIs

The selectors are also expected to discuss and pick the India squad for the five T20Is and three ODIs against England for the home series, beginning from January 22. There could not be many surprises as the team that did duty in South Africa late last year could be picked up again for the T20Is.

Shami could be included in the ODIs depending on the fitness certificate from CoE, which is understood to be positive though it will be assessed deeply before taking a final decision.

Bumrah and fellow pacer Akash Deep, who will also be in CoE in Bengaluru for recovery from a back niggle, will miss the white ball series against England. Jaiswal will certainly feature at least one of the squads though, along with Washington Sundar and Nitish Kumar Reddy, who impressed everyone with some gutsy outings Down Under.

Satwik-Chirag lose Malaysia Open semifinals

PTI ■ KUALA LUMPUR

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty's impressive run at the Malaysia Super 1000 badminton tournament came to an end following a straight-game loss to Korea's Kim Won Ho and Seo Seung Jae in the semifinals, here on Saturday.

Seeded seventh, Satwik and Chirag, who reached the finals last season, lost 10-21 15-21 in a 40-minute semifinal clash.

"They played really well, and we could have followed our game plan a bit better. Instead, we played some random strokes, but kudos to them for playing a solid game," Satwik told reporters.

"Today, the pace of the game was very slow compared to the last three days. It's part of the game. It was a valuable learning experience for us. It is disappointing, but we have a long way to go. Today's match showed that we can



still make it a good fight." The Asian Games champions struggled to get the right start and trailed 6-11 at the break in the opening game. Despite their efforts, the Indians could not make a comeback as Kim and Seo wrapped up the first game in just 19 minutes.

After the break, Satwik and Chirag showed better control and intent, making it 11-8 at

the interval. However, they couldn't maintain the momentum, allowing the Koreans to recover and seal the contest comfortably. Kim and Seo have reunited for the 2025 season after finding success with other partners.

Seo previously partnered Kang Min Hyuk to the world title in 2023 and reached world No. 7 with Choi Sol

Gyu before that. Kim, on the other hand, claimed the mixed doubles silver medal alongside Jeong Na-eun at the Paris Olympics.

"They both are playing like a mixed doubles pair now, which is making it tougher," laughed Satwik.

"They are not giving away any easy points, and that's their best quality. We have to work hard for every point, and that's exactly what happened today."

Satwik, who hasn't competed much after the Paris Games due to injuries, said a little more attitude and mind games could have helped against their opponents.

"We were working really hard, but they were taking easy points whenever they wanted, which kept the pressure off them. In the first game, and even in the second, despite us leading, they maintained their confidence.

"They could take any point at any time. I think maybe

some mind games could have worked here and there. We started a bit calmer, thought the game would come to us, but we could have shown a little more attitude on the court and played with a little more fire," he said.

Chirag added: "I think we started to be a little calmer in the second game. But credit to them, I think we gave away a few easy points from 11-8, but they were also serving quite well."

Satwik and Chirag haven't played much badminton since the Olympics.

They will next lead the home challenge at the India Open Super 750, starting January 14. The Indian pair will face Malaysia's Wei Chong Man and Kai Wun Tee in the opening round.

"Really excited. It's our home tournament and we would really want to go, play well there, and go as deep into the tournament as possible," Chirag signed off.

Rani Rampal hopes Women's Hockey India League will inspire future Olympic stars

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former captain Rani Rampal believes the Women's Hockey India League (HIL) can have a similar impact on the sport as the Indian Premier League (IPL) has had on cricket, providing a platform for young girls to earn national team spots for the 2032 Olympics.

The inaugural WHIL, scheduled from January 12 to 26 in Ranchi, will feature four teams: Delhi SG Pipers, Odisha Warriors, Shraichi Rarh Bengal Tigers, and Soorma Hockey Club.

"There may be four teams only this time but starting the league has been a long time coming. Hockey India needs to be complimented for this," Rampal, who will serve as a mentor and coach for the Soorma HC, told SAI Media.

"The men's hockey team won back-to-back bronze medals in the Olympics in Tokyo and Paris because the foundation



was laid by the men's Hockey India League years back," said the former India hockey captain.

"Now thanks to the introduction of the women's HIL, we will get to see a lot of talented young women showcase their mettle in the 2032 and 2036 Olympics. This platform will turn out immensely fruitful."

The 30-year-old from Haryana, who has played over 250 international matches, is embarking on her first stint as a support staff member. The Hockey India League (HIL) began in 2013 with six men's teams, running for five

years before it was discontinued primarily due to commercial challenges. It was revived after seven years with the addition of a women's league. Reflecting on the rise of women's cricket, Rampal drew parallels with the success of the Women's Premier League, which gave the sport a lot more prominence.

"Nobody knew much about women's cricket, but now you see, how the sport has become so popular in the nation. Through the women's IPL (WPL), people came to know about it and have started following the sport manifold." Rampal extended her wishes to former goalkeeper PR Sreejesh in his new role as coach of the Indian junior hockey team.

"Sreejesh has almost 20 years of international experience. The junior team will do very well because they will get to know how to perform in a high-level pressure situation," said Rani.

David Moyes returns as Everton manager during 'pivotal time' for club

AP ■ LIVERPOOL

Everton hired David Moyes for a second stint as manager at the Premier League club on Saturday.

Moyes replaces Sean Dyche, who was fired Thursday with the team just one point above the relegation zone.

The 61-year-old Moyes managed Everton from 2002-13, during which he led the Merseyside club to the 2009 FA Cup final and four European campaigns.

"It's great to be back," Moyes said. "I enjoyed 11 wonderful and successful years at Everton and didn't hesitate when I was offered the opportunity to rejoin this great club."

The storied club — a nine-time English champion which has been without a major trophy since 1995 — was bought last month by the



Texas-based Friedkin Group in a deal reportedly worth in excess of 400 million pounds (\$495 million).

Everton's next game is Wednesday at home against Aston Villa in the Premier League. "We are pleased that David is joining us at this pivotal time in Everton's history," club executive chairman Marc Watts said in the team's statement. "With

over a decade of experience at the club, he is the right leader to propel us through our final season at Goodison Park and into our new stadium. We look forward to working with David to build the foundation of a new era for Everton."

Dyche was fired hours before Everton hosted and beat third-division Peterborough 2-0 in an FA Cup third-round match.

Mumbai eye return to winning ways, Jamshedpur FC target top-two spot

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Title holders Mumbai City FC will look to regain their footing at home when they face Jamshedpur FC in the Indian Super League here on Sunday.

The Islanders are determined to recover from a disappointing home defeat and will aim to avoid back-to-back losses at the Mumbai Football Arena for the first time since early 2023.

Mumbai City FC have lost two of their last five matches at the Mumbai Football Arena, including a 0-3 defeat to NorthEast United FC on December 30, 2024.

The last time they suffered a consecutive home losses was in early 2023.

The Islanders enter the match with concerns over their defensive structure.

After maintaining an impressive run of four consecutive clean sheets, Mumbai City FC have now



conceded multiple goals in back-to-back matches -- a worrying trend that head coach Petr Kratky will be eager to address.

With their last two home matches yielding a defeat and a draw, the Islanders need a solid defensive display to secure three points.

Despite their defensive

struggles, Mumbai City FC's attack remains potent.

Leading the charge is Lallianzuala Chhangte, a consistent performer with three goals and two assists against Jamshedpur FC in ISL history.

Chhangte's ability to unlock defences could be crucial in breaking down the Red

Miners' resilient backline.

"Regardless of who we play, every game is important for me. We need to win and that's our No. 1 priority. We need to play good football, as it gives us more chances to succeed," Mumbai City FC coach Petr Kratky said.

Jamshedpur FC, with a poor away record this season, on the other hand will seek to break their streak of four consecutive road defeats and keep their momentum alive as they push for a top-two spot.

Jamshedpur FC thrive without dominating possession. The Red Miners have the lowest average possession in the league (41.1%) but are masters of the counter-attack.

By absorbing pressure and striking swiftly on the break, they've managed to keep pace with the league's top teams.

The key to their strategy is Muhammed Uwais, who has been instrumental in transitioning play from

defence to attack.

His dual role makes him a crucial player for Jamshedpur's counter-attacking setup.

Adding further strength to their cause is Stephen Eze, whose aerial dominance and defensive prowess make him a standout performer.

"It's an away game. So, it's very important. We must take full responsibility and work hard to get a positive result," the Red Miners coach Khalid Jameel said.

The Islanders are sixth in the table, with 23 points from 14 games, courtesy of six victories and five draws.

Jamshedpur FC are positioned fourth, winning 24 points from 13 matches, taking all three points in four out their previous five clashes.

They are just three points short of the second-placed Bengaluru FC (27), and have a game in hand (13) compared to the Blues (14).

Australian Open 2025: Carlos Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner have a real rivalry atop men's tennis

AP ■ MELBOURNE

When Carlos Alcaraz is on court for a training session, perhaps working on his newly revamped service motion, he's doing so to buttress a game already good enough to claim four Grand Slam titles.

He's also got his young rival, Jannik Sinner, in mind.

"The good thing for me is, when I'm seeing him winning titles, when I'm seeing him in the top of the ranking, it forces me to practice even harder every day. In practice, I'm just thinking (about) the things that I have to improve to play against him," Alcaraz said Saturday, a day before the start of the Australian Open.

"That, I think, is great for me: Having him (and) such a great rivalry, so far, just to (force me to) give (my best), every day."

Alcaraz, 21, and Sinner, 23, have head into the 2025 tennis season at the top of the men's

game, coming off a year that portended greatness for both. With Rafael Nadal now joining Roger Federer in retirement, leaving 24-time major champion Novak Djokovic as the lone remaining member of the Big Three on tour, it appears as though Alcaraz and Sinner have separated themselves from the rest of the next generation, each taking two of the four Slam singles trophies in 2024.

Forever, it seemed, the sport's most important laurels were dominated by Federer, Nadal and Djokovic, and anyone harboring hopes of claiming them needed to defeat at least one, and often two, of that trio.

The names have changed, but the dynamic is similar.

"I feel like now, with Jannik and with Carlos, it kind of moved toward the same way, just with new guys. You have to go through them to win big tournaments. It's as simple as



that," said Alexander Zverev, a two-time major finalist who is seeded No. 2 at Melbourne Park, between No. 1 Sinner and No. 3 Alcaraz. "They

both won two Grand Slams (last) year. And they're the two best players in the world, for sure. And you have to beat them to win the tournament."

Sinner is the defending champion in Australia, and went on to also win the U.S. Open in September, part of a season in which he went 73-6

with eight titles — but also dealt with a doping case in which he tested positive twice for trace amounts of an anabolic steroid, blamed it on accidentally being exposed to a banned substance via a massage from his trainer and was exonerated. (The World Anti-Doping Agency appealed that ruling; a closed-door hearing will be held at the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Switzerland on April 16-17.) Alcaraz exited from the Australian Open in the quarterfinals against Zverev last January, but then triumphed at the French Open, getting past Zverev in the final, and Wimbledon, where he won against Djokovic in the final for the second year in a row.

On Sunday, Zverev faces wildcard entry Lucas Pouille at night, after defending champion Aryna Sabalenka takes on 2017 U.S. Open champion Sloane Stephens. Other top names scheduled

for Day 1 action include 2024 Australian runner-up and Paris Olympic champion Zheng Qinwen and three-time major finalist Casper Ruud.

Alcaraz, Sinner and Djokovic, along with five-time major champ Iga Swiatek and 2023 U.S. Open winner Coco Gauff, all will get started Monday.

If Alcaraz, whose first major title came at the 2022 U.S. Open at age 19 and propelled him to a debut at No. 1, wins this Australian Open, he would be the youngest man in tennis history to complete a career Grand Slam, with at least one championship from each of the sport's four most prestigious events.

"It's truly remarkable," former player Feliciano Lopez said, "what he has achieved in the last three years."

Alcaraz and Sinner already are establishing quite a head-to-head rivalry, one that already has shown glimpses of

the potential to become as memorable as Federer vs. Nadal, or Djokovic vs. Nadal. "You have more eyes on us," Sinner said, "because this is a match most people want to see."

Overall, Alcaraz leads 6-4. In 2024 alone, he went 3-0 against Sinner, who was 73-3 against everyone else, with setbacks only against Daniil Medvedev, Andrey Rublev and Stefanos Tsitsipas.

"When I'm playing against him, I have a different mindset, a little bit. I mean, when you're facing the ... Best player in the world, you have to do something different — different preparation or different mindset or whatever," said Alcaraz, who was 54-13 with four titles last season. "When I'm facing him, I just know that I have to play my best if I want to win. That's it. Probably if I have a bad day against Jannik, it's 99% that you're going to lose."

YUVA SHAKTI **SHAPING THE FUTURE OF**

VIKSIT BHARAT



Igniting **IDEAS** for **A BRIGHTER TOMORROW**

with

PM Narendra Modi

Event Date : 12th January 2025 | 10:00 AM Onwards

Venue : Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

- PM Modi to interact with 3000 young leaders selected through a merit-based, multi-level selection process from over 30 lakh participants.
- Young Leaders to present their Vision of Viksit Bharat to PM Modi.



To watch the Event Live,
Visit DD News or scan the QR code

“He was the king amongst the industrialists of India”
— NARAYANA MURTHY



“What I would like to do is to leave behind a sustainable entity of a set of companies that operate in an exemplary manner in terms of ethics, values and continue what our ancestors left behind.”

— RATAN NAVAL TATA

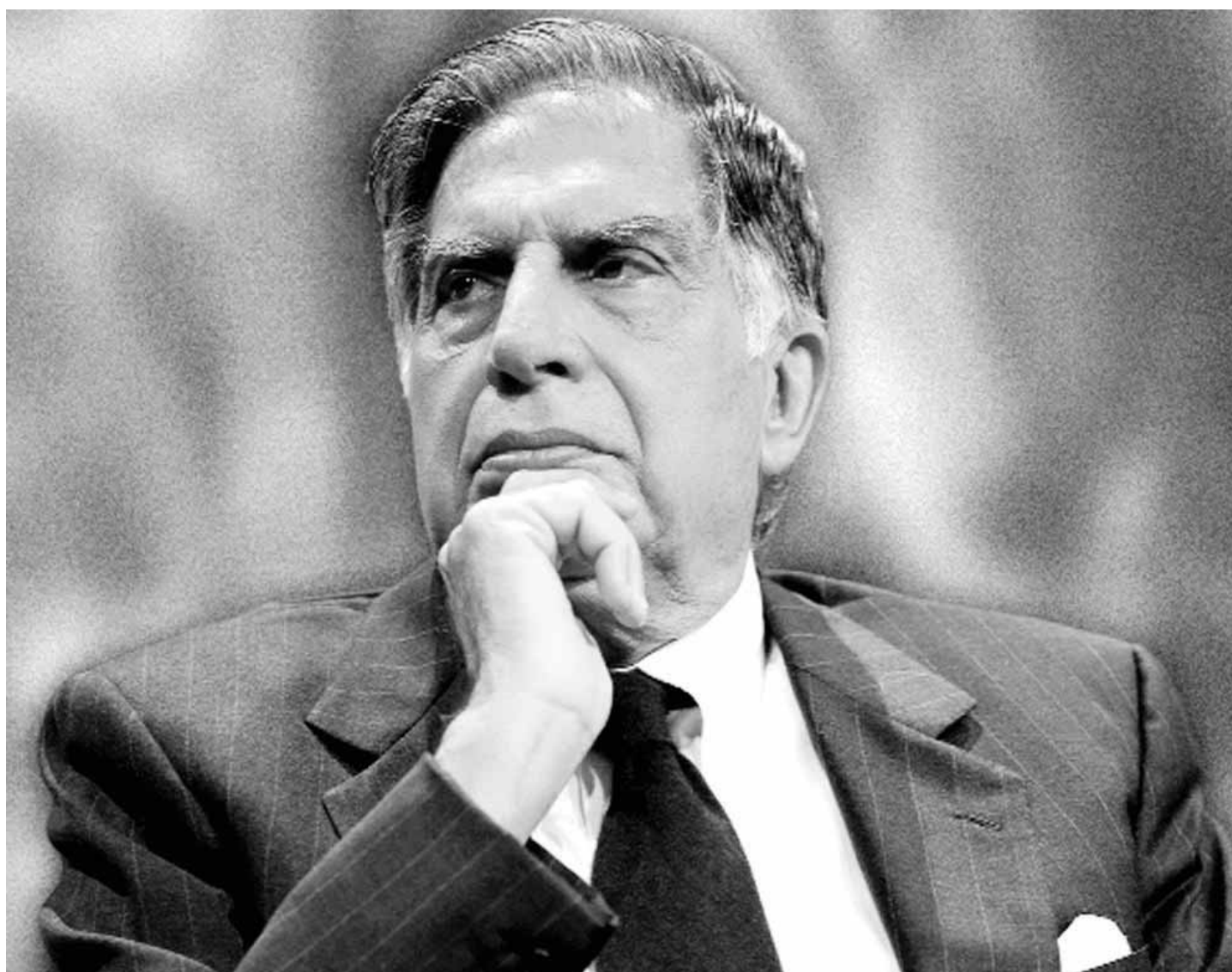
Pericles, the monumental Greek politician and statesman during the Golden Age of Athens in his historic Funeral Oration delivered in 431 BC (that is said to have influenced President Abraham Lincoln’s famous Gettysburg Address on 19th November, 1863!), said, “To famous men all the earth is a sepulchre: and their virtues shall be testified not only by inscription on stone at home but in all lands wheresoever in the unwritten record of the mind, which far beyond any monument will remain with all men everlastingly.”

On 9th October, 2024, at exactly 11.30 pm IST, the towering 5 feet 10 inches tall Surat born Parsee industrialist-philanthropist Padma Vibhushan Ratan (meaning “precious jewel”) Naval Tata, the Chairman Emeritus and the patriarch of the House of Tata, the largest business conglomerate in India (having a staggering annual revenue of over 165 billion US Dollars and encompassing a grand well knit family of over 1 million happy, well cared for and dedicated members worldwide!), breathed his last at the iconic Beach Candy Hospital nestled atop the Arabian Sea facing Cumballa Hill at the age of 86. He had been hospitalised on 7th October, 2024 owing to a critical combination of senescence and hypotension. Ratan held a meger 0.83 % cent stake in Tata Sons and had a net worth of Rs 7,900 crores, according to the Hurun India Rich List 2024. A large part of his wealth-nearly 75 per cent-was tied to his shares in Tata Sons. For Ratan, accolades poured in a torrential stream from across the country and from all corners of the world. In an impassioned eulogy that reflected the melancholy mood of a shattered nation, our Prime Minister Narendra Damodardas Modi tweeted on X - “Shri Ratan Tata was a visionary business leader, a compassionate soul, and an extraordinary human being.” On 13th October, 2024, the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin “Bibi” Netanyahu in a post on X addressed to his friend Modi, condoled Ratan’s death and highlighted his stellar contributions in fostering Israel-India ties, “I and many in Israel mourn the loss of Ratan Naval Tata, a proud son of India and a champion of the friendship between our two countries.” In a post on LinkedIn on 14th October, 2024, Padma Bhushan Natarajan Chandrasekaran, (popularly known as “Chandra”), the most worthy successor of Ratan (he effortlessly stepped into Ratan’s distinguished shoes and proudly donned his enviable mantle on 12th January, 2017) and my personal friend for over 15 years since my heady days as a long term Advisor to Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. (“TCS”), the flagship of the prodigious Tata fleet, paid an effusive heartfelt homage to his former boss and mentor, “Anybody who met Mr. Tata came away with a story about his humanity, warmth, and dreams for India. There really was no one like him.” Joseph Bitner Wirthlin, the renowned American businessman and religious leader rightly observed, “Some memories are unforgettable, remaining ever vivid and heartwarming!” In a moment of helpless nostalgia, my mind goes back irresistibly to the rather sultry summer day in 1983. Thereafter, I often used to stay at the Taj Mahal Hotel (the second hotel built by the Indian Hotel Company Ltd. (“IHCL”) belonging to the Tata group after the iconic Taj Mahal Palace Hotel (“Taj Mahal Palace”) in Colaba, Mumbai, in 1903 and popularly known as the Taj Mansingh Hotel because of its strategic location at 1, Mansingh Road), the 5 star-deluxe hotel of 1978 vintage, characterised as the “Epicentre of Delhi”.

I used to meet Ratan sporadically in the hotel lobby mostly in the company of its various General Managers and close personal friends belonging to the golden days of the hotel viz. Ravi Dubey, Ronnie Lobo (both Ravi and Ronnie are sadly no more in this world!), and Patu Keshwani or even otherwise. Ratan used to be invariably accompanied by his old faithful, close confidante, trouble shooter and quintessential out and out Taj-Man Devendra Kumar Beri (“DK” to his friends!). Ratan used to mostly stay at a spartan guest house in the Tata Apartments at 23, Prithviraj Road, New Delhi. In those heady days, Uncle PV, who used to live at 9, Motilal Nehru Marg, often dropped by at the famed coffee shop Machan to drink endless cups of freshly brewed sugar free piping hot filter coffee over steamed idlis and vadas soaked in mild sambar. Ratan never missed the opportunity to wish him if he happened to be around in the hotel. He was an indefatigable admirer of Uncle PV! After Uncle PV became the Prime Minister on 21st June, 1991 consequent upon Rajiv Bhai’s tragic assassination on 21st May, 1991, and before he moved into Prime Minister House at 7, Race Course Road (renamed Lok Kalyan Marg), a special Suite was booked in the hotel for his family members through the good offices of Ratan, which was guarded round the clock by the Special

THE SHAH OF THE CORPORATE UNIVERSE

Ratan Naval Tata redefined corporate leadership with vision, ethics, innovation and unparalleled philanthropy, writes **ANOOP BOSE**



Protection Group (“SPG”). Ratan personally saw to it that members of Uncle PV’s family were well cared for in the hotel. I had the glorious good fortune of staying with Uncle PV at his residence even prior to his becoming the President of the Indian National Congress and was, naturally, a regular visitor to Suite where I used to meet and interact with Uncle PV’s two sons Rajeshwar and Prabhakar under the watchful eyes of the SPG personnel. One of my close friends Prashant Tewari, who used to work very closely with Uncle PV and Hansraj Bhardwaj, (the versatile lawyer and later rose to become India’s most famous law minister), both were closely known to Uncle PV’s family, used to co-ordinate crucial governance and political issues during the period of most dramatic transformation of the country. Again, I used to have the opportunity to meet Ratan in the hotel! Ratan used to take a very special interest in the JRD Tata Memorial Lectures. On 19th September, 2008, Somnath Chatterjee, eminent Barrister and the then Speaker of the Lok Sabha and a close personal friend, delivered the 11th JRD Memorial Lecture on “Economic Development and Political Consensus Building” at the Mansingh Hall in the Taj Mansingh. I was a special invitee to the event. After Somnath’s lecture, I met Ratan and Somnath at the adjacent Aftab Mahtab, the regal wood and marble panelled venue, over dinner. My old friend Dr. Jamshed Jiji Irani (popularly known as “Doc I”), the honorific Managing Director of Tata Steel, was also there at Ratan’s table. The tall and handsome Sanjay “Pole” Singh, Principal Resident Executive and Adviser, Tata Sons, came over to the table unobtrusively and recounted how I had saved Doc I’s life by forewarning the Tata Management that some evil people had plotted to attack Doc I with crude bombs in the heart of Jamshedpur with a sinister motive. My last Taj Mansingh encounter with Ratan was just before the outbreak of the Covid epidemic in 2020. I was standing outside one of the hotel lifts when suddenly as if by magic Ratan emerged from the lift along with his old Harvard educated friend Prince Shah Karim al-Husseini, Aga Khan IV (known by his religious

“TO FAMOUS MEN ALL THE EARTH IS A SEPULCHRE: AND THEIR VIRTUES SHALL BE TESTIFIED NOT ONLY BY INSCRIPTION ON STONE AT HOME BUT IN ALL LANDS WHERESOEVER IN THE UNWRITTEN RECORD OF THE MIND, WHICH FAR BEYOND ANY MONUMENT WILL REMAIN WITH ALL MEN EVERLASTINGLY”

title “Maulana Hazar Imam”), the founder and chairman of the Aga Khan Development Network, and DK of course. I wished him and walked with him to his waiting car. He bid me goodbye with a wave of his hand before getting into his car! As a Special advisor to the Marathon group of companies, I used to travel every year to Bengaluru to participate in Aero India, the biennial air show and aviation exhibition held by the Ministry of Defence at the Yelahanka Air Force Station, Bengaluru, along with my illustrious Israeli friend Hezi Bezalel, the Chairman of the group, and other top Israeli officials. The 2007 Aero India was a very special event for me as Ratan, who was 69 years old at that time, valiantly reached out for the skies in a

spellbinding saga of high adventure on 8th February, 2007. Clad in a G-Suit, he co-piloted a Lockheed Martin F-16 Falcon multi-role fighter jet in a historic 35 minute sortie. Ratan held licences to fly both jets and helicopters! Upon landing after what Ratan described as an “exhilarating” flight, I heartily congratulated Ratan shortly after he was greeted by my old friend William “Bill” Sebastian Cohen, former US Defense Secretary, Royce Keplinger and other senior Lockheed Martin officials. On 9th February, 2007, a G-Suited Ratan once again took to the skies co-piloting a Boeing F/A-18 Super Hornet fighter jet. I met Ratan shortly after his second flight in the Boeing Pavilion to felicitate him with a small bouquet of pink roses in the august presence of my close friends Thomas “Tom” Reeve Pickering, the former US Ambassador to India and the former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs in the Clinton Administration, Dinesh Keskar, the senior Vice President, Sales in Asia-Pacific and India, Anil Srikhande, India President, and other top officials of Boeing Company. During that visit, I also had the golden opportunity of watching a scintillating aerobic display by the Hindustan Aeronautical Industries Ltd. manufactured fly-by-wire Light Combat Multi-Role Tejas Aircraft in the distinguished company of Ratan, Arackaparambil Kurien Antony, Union Defence Minister, Indru and Bookanakere Siddalingappa Yedyurappa, Chief Minister, Karnataka, amongst other important dignitaries. Ratan noticed to his enormous delight that I was smartly attired in a royal blue English blazer, grey English flannel trousers, a hand crafted boater hat from the reputed hatters K.R.Snoxell & Sons, Luton, and dazzling gold rimmed Zeiss sun glasses! On 26th November, 2008, “a date which will live in infamy”, Mumbai, the financial capital of India, witnessed a brutal, dastardly terrorist attack orchestrated by the Pakistani sponsored group Lashkar-e-Taiba, when the Indian Home Secretary Madukar Gupta, by an ominous coincidence, was enjoying Pakistan’s hospitality in Murree, a mountain resort city close to Islamabad. Ten highly trained and heavily armed

terrorists infiltrated the city, having stealthily landed in inflatable speed boats at Macchimar Nagar, in Mumbai’s Cuffe Parade neighbourhood, and heinously targeted several meticulously planned locations, including the Taj Mahal Palace. The Indian Government’s response to the attack was “pusillanimous”, as aptly observed by the Hindustan Times on 26th November, 2023! The attack claimed 166 lives, including 33 at the Taj Mahal Palace, and did not spare even the General Manager of the hotel Karambir Singh Kang’s wife Niti and his two young teenage sons Uday and Samar. Gautam Shantilal Adani, the Indian billionaire businessman (who has recently been in the eye of a storm!), by a superb stroke of luck managed to save himself by hiding in the kitchen of the hotel! Defying all odds, it was Ratan who in a truly Churchillian manner valiantly rose to the occasion and provided the much needed leadership to an embattled nation facing an “ordeal of the most grievous kind”! In the face of the attack watched by a shell-shocked nation, Ratan, who was then 70, displayed superhuman courage, resolve and determination. He strode like a colossus and stood like a Rock of Gibraltar at the Colaba end of the Taj Mahal Palace for 3 days, as security forces fiercely battled the terrorists in the Taj Mahal Palace. Everyone became just those inches taller, every back just that much broader, as Ratan’s own was. This was undoubtedly Ratan’s finest hour when he embodied the will, spirit and grit of our people..indomitable, undaunted, relentless! Ratan was imbued with the extraordinary, nay God given, ability and gift to pick out and support the ideal leader both for the House of Tata as well as the nation...he was the Kingmaker extraordinaire! Ratan backed Modi to the hilt before the General Elections in 2014 and on 19th May, 2014 tweeted on X, “Mr. Modi’s landslide victory echoes the people’s mandate for strong leadership and clear policies for growth and prosperity for India.” On 19th December, 2020 at the ASSOCHAM Foundation Week, Ratan ecstatically heaped praise on Modi for his leadership during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic, “I think if we all stand together and follow what you have said, what you have done and what you have shown, we will have a situation where the world will look at us and say this Prime Minister said it could happen and he made it happen.” In January, 2017, Chandra’s “mentor, guide and friend” Ratan cherry-picked Chandra to lead Tata Sons as its Chairman, the first non-Tata family member to hold the coveted post! On his appointment as the Chairman of Tata Sons, Chandra said, “I am humbled and honoured to be chosen to lead a truly great institution that occupies a unique position in hearts of the people in India and the world. I am proud to have been part of the Tata family for over 30 years and assuming this position is a great privilege. I want to thank the Tata Sons board and Mr Ratan N Tata for their confidence in me to lead this trusted institution that has a rich heritage.” Addressing the annual gala annual event at the National Centre of Performing Arts on the birth anniversary of JRD Tata on 30th July, 2018, Ratan expressed gratification with regard to the direction in which group companies were headed under the leadership of Chandra and said that he was confident that “Tata Group is in safe hands.” Yes, only a true leader can identify other true leaders! Both Modi and Chandra have proved to be phenomenal leaders of the 21st Century and have earned international acclaim, respect, adoration and admiration. I have a myriad of friends who knew Ratan intimately and worked with him closely. I am highly emboldened to single out only 5 names viz. Pole, Tanmoy, Raian, Suprakash and Zubin Mehta, the Managing Director of Uniforms Unlimited, Mumbai, who holds a Masters Certification from the internationally reputed Savile Row Academy, London. All of them are unquestionably ad idem about Ratan : “He was a genuinely good, dedicated and large hearted soul filled with the milk of human kindness and our age is hardly fit to understand him.” We should remember the stellar quality of Ratan’s character as well as the remarkable range of his achievements. In his love of adventure and his imaginative powers, he was far removed from the modern industrialist-philanthropist. Yet everyone who came in contact with him paid tribute to the unimaginable power of his mind. He had an aptitude for business which raised him far above the ordinary levels of our generation. He had a firmness of spirit which was not often elated by success, seldom downcast by failure and never swayed by panic. He loved life and was perfectly at peace with himself and the world around him. He could be helplessly uproarious. He wanted everyone to be happy. He wanted to taste and try everything that life could offer. Power never corrupted him, nor did success make him conceited, arrogant or pompous. Beyond his reputation as a business magnate and animal lover, Ratan’s tenure as Chairman of the Tata Trusts has left an inerascable mark on India’s cultural kaleidoscope. The trusts have spearheaded numerous initiatives across healthcare, education, environment and disaster relief and their manifold contributions to art and culture stand out as particularly noteworthy. With no thought of the length of time he might be permitted on Planet Earth, Ratan was concerned solely with the quality of the service he could render to his nation and to humanity.

— The author is an internationally reputed senior lawyer practising in the Supreme Court of India and various High Courts and Tribunals in India



PHOTO: PANKAJ KUMAR



THE SPIRIT OF MAHA KUMBH

The *Maha Kumbh Mela 2025* in Prayagraj is a unique gathering where spirituality, culture and commerce come together, attracting millions from all walks of life to witness this incredible event, writes **BISWAJEET BANERJEE**

The countdown to the *Maha Kumbh 2025* has begun, with Prayagraj transforming into a bustling hub of spirituality, culture, and economic activity. From 13 January to 26 February, the city will host the largest human congregation on earth, drawing an estimated 40 to 45 crore pilgrims. This iconic event, steeped in Hindu tradition and faith, is more than a ritual, it is a celebration of India’s cultural and spiritual essence. The Sangam, where the Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati converge, is at the heart of this grand spectacle. Pilgrims believe that a dip in these holy waters during the auspicious period cleanses them of sins and paves the way to salvation. “The Maha Kumbh Mela is not just a religious gathering but a transformative experience,” said Acharya Ramkishore Tiwari, a spiritual leader. “It is where faith meets divinity.” At the heart of this grand celebration lies the belief in spiritual purification. According to Hindu tradition, a dip in the holy confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati during this auspicious period is believed to absolve sins and pave the path to salvation. The origins of the *Kumbh* are steeped in the Puranic tale of the Samudra Manthan, where drops of divine nectar (amrita) spilled at four locations, Prayagraj, Haridwar, Nashik, and Ujjain, sanctifying these sites forever.



A CITY REBORN

The banks of the Ganga and Yamuna have transformed into a temporary city, sprawling across the Sangam area. Colourful tents of all sizes and hues have sprung up, creating an awe-inspiring sight. These tents house spiritual discourses, yoga sessions, cultural programmes, and temporary dwellings for millions of devotees. The air is filled with the aroma of traditional Indian delicacies, as numerous eateries and food stalls cater to the surging crowds. Stalls selling Rudraksha beads, saffron garments, holy books, and souvenirs stretch along the pathways, adding vibrancy to the bustling atmosphere. The iconic Naga Sadhus, covered in ash and wearing Rudraksha beads, take centre stage, drawing devotees and curious onlookers alike. Aghories, known for their intense spiritual practices, are seen meditating near the riverbanks, adding a mystical charm to the gathering. “We are not just preparing for an event; we are crafting an experience that celebrates India’s cultural heritage,” said Divya Prakash Singh, a senior official overseeing the arrangements. “From smart surveillance through 10,000 CCTV cameras to a dedicated mobile app for route and ritual updates, technology is playing a crucial role in ensuring safety and convenience.” “The energy here is contagious,” said Abhilash Narain, a resident of Prayagraj. “You do not have to be Hindu to feel the magic of this gathering.” Among the pilgrims is Rajni Devi, a 62-year-old widow from Rajasthan making her third trip to the Kumbh. “The Kumbh is my escape,” she said. “It’s where I find peace and the courage to face life’s challenges.” Similarly, Sunil Mishra, a young IT professional from Bengaluru, sees the



Kumbh as a chance to reconnect with his roots. “In the hustle of corporate life, you lose touch with who you are. The Kumbh gives me clarity and a sense of purpose,” he shared.

ECONOMIC DIMENSIONS

Beyond its spiritual significance, the *Maha Kumbh Mela* is a colossal economic engine. The Uttar Pradesh government has allocated a staggering ₹5,600 crore to infrastructure and event management, with the total budget projected at ₹6,382 crore. The local economy thrives on this influx, benefiting small vendors, hoteliers, and service providers alike. “During the Kumbh, my daily earnings triple,” said Shyam Lal, a shopkeeper selling puja items near the ghats. Hotels across Prayagraj are reporting record bookings, with many fully reserved months in advance. “The demand is unprecedented,” said Priya Mehta, the manager of a mid-range hotel in the city. The ripple effect extends beyond Prayagraj. Nearby religious hubs like Varanasi, Ayodhya, and Mathura also see a surge in tourism,



creating thousands of new jobs. “The Maha Kumbh 2025 could generate economic activity worth over ₹3 lakh crore,” estimated Awanish Awasthi, advisor to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

CHALLENGES AND INNOVATIONS

Hosting an event of this magnitude comes with its share of challenges. Ensuring the availability of clean drinking water, medical aid, and sanitation facilities for millions of pilgrims requires meticulous planning. “The key is vigilance,” said Ramesh Chandra, a senior police officer stationed at the Mela. “We’re deploying over 50,000 security personnel and using AI-enabled systems to manage crowds and prevent untoward incidents.” “The Maha Kumbh is a test of our organisational capabilities,” said Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. “We aim to set a global benchmark in event management while preserving the spiritual essence of the gathering.”

A GLOBAL CELEBRATION

The *Maha Kumbh Mela* is not just a religious event; it is a global celebration of India’s living traditions. Documentary filmmaker Lisa Reynolds, covering the event for an international audience, described it as “a story of humanity in its purest form.” For first-time visitors, the scale of the event is overwhelming. “I’ve never seen anything like this,” said Hiroshi Tanaka, a journalist from Japan. “The blend of chaos and harmony is fascinating. It’s a reflection of India itself.” As the countdown begins, the anticipation surrounding *Maha Kumbh 2025* is palpable. For millions, it is a journey of faith and a reaffirmation of humanity’s enduring spirit. For Prayagraj, it is an opportunity to shine as a beacon of tradition, resilience, and progress. Acharya Ramkishore Tiwari sums it up: “Kumbh is about coming together as one family, transcending divisions and reaffirming our shared humanity.”



MAYFAIR SPRING VALLEY (GUWAHATI, ASSAM)

Located amidst the lush greenery of Guwahati, Mayfair Spring Valley offers a luxurious escape from the city's hustle and bustle. This premium resort is designed to provide guests with ultimate comfort and relaxation, featuring elegantly appointed rooms, a rejuvenating spa, a dedicated kids' play area and top-notch dining experiences. Surrounded by picturesque landscapes, the resort offers serene views of rolling hills and verdant gardens, making it an ideal retreat for nature enthusiasts and luxury seekers alike. Guests can also explore nearby attractions, such as the famous Kamakhya Temple and Brahmaputra Riverfront, ensuring a blend of tranquillity and adventure during their stay.



VIVANTA MEGHALAYA (SHILLONG, MEGHALAYA)

Located in the vibrant city of Shillong, Vivanta Meghalaya is known for its proximity to exciting outdoor activities and cultural events. The resort offers 87 elegantly designed rooms and 14 spacious suites, providing comfort and luxury. It serves as a perfect base for exploring the region's natural beauty and music festivals. Known as the 'Abode of Clouds,' Meghalaya captivates one and all with its misty hills, living root bridges, and cascading waterfalls amidst lush greenery.

By TEAM AGENDA

Blessed with nature's bounty, Northeast India is a safe haven for many travellers who wish to escape the overcrowded and over-polluted city life from time to time. With the winter season worsening the pollution's threat to healthy living, Northeast India is the best place to take refuge in to revitalise your health and take a step back to recentre within. Here are a few of the many scenic vacation spots that can do just that.

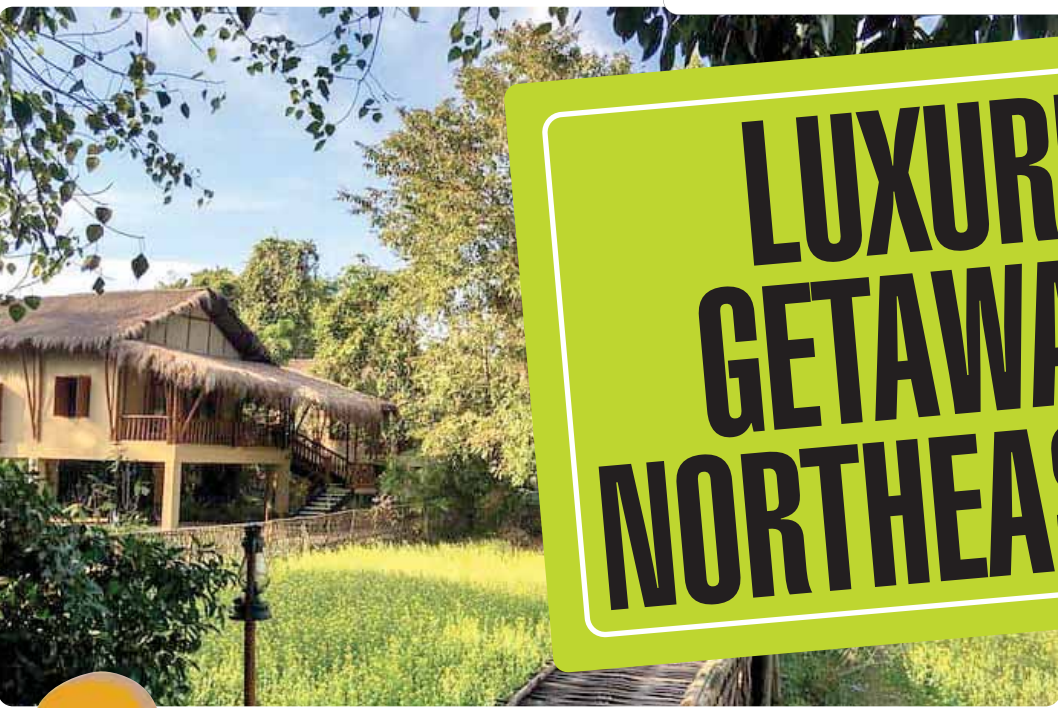


HOTEL CLASSIC GRANDE (IMPHAL, MANIPUR)

A part of the Radisson Individuals group, Hotel Classic Grande provides cosy accommodations in Imphal. With 171 rooms and suites featuring modern amenities, this hotel offers warm hospitality infused with local culture. Guests can enjoy exquisite dining options while taking in views of the Baruni Hill range. Manipur, known as the 'Jewel of India,' boasts of the world's only floating lake, 'Loktak Lake' and the serene Keibul Lamjao National Park, home to the endangered Sangai deer. It is also celebrated for its classical dance and handwoven textiles making it a true treasure of the Northeast.

TAKEAWAY

From the serene hills of Shillong and Gangtok to the wildlife-rich Kaziranga and Tawang, these destinations offer both luxury and tranquillity. The aforementioned resorts offer that entire one can dream of in a staycation that rejuvenates the mind and soul. Whether you're seeking a luxurious resort or a more rustic retreat, Northeast India provides the perfect haven for anyone looking to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life and reconnect with nature.



DIPHLU RIVER LODGE (KAZIRANGA, ASSAM)

Situated on the outskirts of Kaziranga National Park, Diphlu River Lodge offers an authentic experience with its rustic ethnic design. The lodge features comfortable accommodations and a range of activities such as bird watching, vehicle safaris, and village treks, making it an excellent choice for nature lovers. A land of rolling tea gardens, the mighty Brahmaputra, and rich wildlife, Assam is brimming with its natural beauty and vibrant cultural heritage.



SUMMIT NORLING RESORT AND SPA (GANGTOK, SIKKIM)

This resort is set in a picturesque location with beautiful gardens and a serene atmosphere. Summit Norling Resort & Spa offers 27 well-appointed rooms, including luxurious chalets with stunning views of the Himalayas. Guests can enjoy various recreational activities and unwind by the pond or around a campfire. A serene paradise, Sikkim is adorned with snow-capped peaks, alpine meadows, and vibrant monasteries, offering breathtaking views and spiritual tranquillity.

LUXURIOUS GETAWAYS IN NORTHEAST INDIA

The pressure of waiting for my admission results was becoming unbearable. My friend, Vishesh Shukla, suggested a short trip to Mathura and Vrindavan, known for their spiritual aura and rich heritage. Without much planning, we packed our bags and boarded the Lucknow-Agra Intercity Express in the evening. The train reached Agra late at night, and from there, we caught another train to Mathura. By the time we arrived in Mathura, it was around 1 a.m. A short auto ride costing ₹50 took us to Vrindavan, where we stayed at the Tourist Facilitation Centre. After a long journey, we finally got some rest, excited about the day ahead. In the morning, we checked into a modest hotel that charged ₹1,300 for 24 hours. After freshening up, our first stop was the famous Banke Bihari Temple. The temple's energy and devotion left us amazed. We continued our exploration with visits to the ISKCON Temple, Radha Raman Temple and Nidhivan, each offering a unique spiritual experience. Walking through the streets of Vrindavan, surrounded by the sound of bhajans and the sight of devotees, was truly calming. After a simple lunch at a local eatery, we returned to the hotel for a quick nap. The evening was reserved for the magnificent Prem Mandir, which looked breathtaking under the evening



SOULFUL TRAVEL DIARIES

Mathura's sacred temples, peaceful ghats and lively streets provided the perfect getaway from the stress of admission results, writes MANOJ SINGH NEGI



lights. The intricate architecture and devotional atmosphere made it a highlight of the trip. Dinner was at the newly opened Bikanerwala Restaurant on Chhatikara Road. The delicious food was the perfect end to the day. That night, I received the news I had been eagerly waiting for, I had been admitted to my dream institute, IIMC Dhenkanal! The happiness and relief were indescribable. I couldn't help but thank the positive energy of this spiritual trip for making this moment even more special. The next morning, we visited the Shri Krishna Jannabhoomi Temple, the birthplace of Lord Krishna. The early morning peace at the temple was soothing. We also stopped by the Dwarkadhish Temple, which is known for its vibrant morning rituals. The temples of Mathura left a deep impression on us with their history and devotion. After breakfast near Yamuna Ghat, we boarded a bus from Mathura Bus Stand to Tundla. We had a hearty lunch at Tundla before catching the Gomti Express, which took us back to Lucknow. This trip was much more than just a getaway. It gave me the clarity and positivity I needed, along with the joy of achieving my dream. The spiritual vibe of Mathura and Vrindavan, combined with their timeless charm, made it a journey I will never forget.



YOUR WEEK AHEAD

MADHU KOTIYA



ARIES March 21-April 19

This week brings multiple reasons for joy, with financial gains flowing from various channels. Your earnings are likely to be satisfying, though a busy schedule may cause some mental strain. Work-related travel is also on the horizon. Midweek may bring sudden, unforeseen shifts, urging you to release any unhealthy emotional ties to make space for meaningful growth and deeper fulfillment. As the week progresses, you may experience a strong urge for material possessions, which could cloud your judgment. This period isn't favorable for starting new ventures, as impulsive decisions could lead to setbacks. Maintaining a positive mindset may feel challenging, but staying grounded and focused will help you avoid falling into a cycle of negativity and keep you aligned with your true goals.

Lucky number 6 | Lucky colour Amber
Lucky day Saturday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

You will feel a deep sense of blessings and divine favor surrounding you. This is a period of joy, renewal, and healing, where you take center stage in your personal and professional life. Inner harmony and well-being will align, enhancing your confidence and reputation. Newfound inspiration and courage will lead you to embrace positive changes, marking the conclusion of old chapters. There may be shifts in your perspectives or lifestyle choices, ushering in fresh beginnings. Whether it's a career opportunity, personal goal, or significant purchase, exciting developments await. The latter part of the week promises familial joy and celebrations. Partnerships, whether romantic, professional, or contractual, may also flourish. A wave of positivity will bring emotional and spiritual fulfillment, leaving you content and energized for the future ahead.

Lucky number 8 | Lucky colour Golden
Lucky day Tuesday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week emphasizes inner resilience and emotional balance. It's about harnessing your inner power with grace and staying composed amidst challenges. Strength comes from self-control and the courage to see through illusions, enabling you to navigate situations with clarity. Guidance may come from a wise and insightful individual, likely someone you admire for their wisdom and intuition. Their perspective may inspire you to make significant life decisions. This period serves as a reminder to awaken spiritually—practice mindfulness, meditate, and reconnect with your higher purpose. Focus on grounding yourself through meaningful rituals. It's essential to move beyond fantasies and wishful thinking, as they can distract you from your true path. Embrace the present with focus and determination to make lasting progress.

Lucky number 22 | Lucky colour Green
Lucky day Wednesday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week presents an excellent opportunity to channel your innate creativity into financial growth. You possess a remarkable ability to transform your aspirations into reality through focused efforts. Decisions made during this time are likely to bring favorable outcomes. Your communication skills are at their peak, allowing you to express your thoughts with clarity and make a lasting impression on others. Midweek may bring some delays and restrictions, but your resilience and unwavering determination will keep you moving toward success. A significant message or opportunity from afar may arrive, bringing new prospects. By the end of the week, you are likely to experience a sense of financial stability and emotional fulfillment. Trust in your ability to overcome challenges and embrace the positive outcomes headed your way.

Lucky number 21 | Lucky colour Black
Lucky day Wednesday



VRIGO Aug 23-Sep 22

The week begins with firm decisions concerning both home and work matters. You exhibit resilience and face life's challenges with unwavering strength. Potential disagreements or ego clashes may arise, requiring patience and wisdom for resolution. It's a time to reconsider outdated perspectives and embrace necessary changes, especially regarding career, family, or relationships. You may experience emotional stress or health concerns, emphasizing the need for mental balance and spiritual reflection. A sense of well-being and financial improvements uplift your mood. You'll feel inspired to indulge in life's comforts and display generosity toward those in need. This period encourages finding harmony between ambition and compassion, fostering both personal success and inner fulfillment.

Lucky number 13 | Lucky colour White
Lucky day Sunday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

The week ahead brings a whirlwind of activity across multiple aspects of life, requiring your focus and commitment. Domestic matters may take center stage initially, with important decisions shaping your personal environment. Romantic prospects may lead to significant developments for singles. Travel could feature mid-week, while professional ambitions drive you to work tirelessly, refining your expertise to meet your aspirations. Family news related to a new addition may arise, adding joy to the atmosphere. As the week concludes, the rewards of your dedication become evident, with promising financial gains enhancing your sense of stability. Job seekers may receive a lucrative offer that aligns with their goals. Overall, this period invites you to celebrate progress and embrace contentment as efforts bear fruit.

Lucky number 17 | Lucky colour Pine
Lucky day Friday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

This week promises plenty of reasons for joy and fulfillment. A wave of optimism surrounds you, bringing a sense of ease and progress in your pursuits. Your natural charm and positive outlook uplift those around you, making you a source of inspiration. Midweek may present some emotional challenges, causing momentary unrest. However, this phase is fleeting, and soon you will feel the divine blessings restoring your inner peace and balance. Your hard work will yield visible results, and you'll be pleasantly surprised at how far you've come. The goals you've been working toward will show signs of accomplishment, bringing recognition and rewarding opportunities your way. There is also a potential for significant progress in expanding your horizons, possibly with meaningful connections that elevate your professional growth.

Lucky number 4 | Lucky colour Beige
Lucky day Monday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

The week unfolds with a surge of motivation and creativity. You feel inspired and energized, ready to embrace new beginnings and meaningful pursuits. A fresh spark propels you toward personal and professional growth, allowing you to manage your commitments with ease and confidence. Midweek brings moments of joy and togetherness, as celebrations and achievements within the family create a harmonious atmosphere. Milestones such as career advancements, personal projects, or family accomplishments bring pride and excitement. The positive energy around you uplifts your spirit, making each moment more enjoyable. As the week concludes, your resilience and dedication stand out, serving as a source of inspiration for others. Your efforts pave the way for well-deserved success, reinforcing your belief in your ability to overcome challenges and achieve your goals.

Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour Jade
Lucky day Monday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week will keep you occupied with various aspects of life, requiring your full focus and dedication. Domestic matters may take priority at the start, and significant life events could unfold for some, bringing important commitments. Travel plans may emerge midweek. Professionally, your determination to excel will drive you to work tirelessly toward your ambitions. There is also a possibility of a joyful addition to the family. By the week's end, your efforts will bear fruitful results, with financial gains bringing relief and security. Those seeking career opportunities may receive an offer that aligns with their expectations, presenting a promising future. Overall, the week concludes with a sense of achievement and contentment, offering moments of joy and celebration.

Lucky number 13 | Lucky colour Pink
Lucky day Tuesday



CANCER June 21-July 22

Progress may seem gradual, but your perseverance will lead to significant accomplishments. By channeling your inner strength, you'll complete your tasks efficiently and gain recognition for your dedication. Your versatility will shine, so leverage your skills to the fullest. Your determination will inspire those around you, and your ability to communicate effectively will earn admiration and support from both peers and mentors. As the week concludes, a surge of creativity will illuminate your ideas, boosting your productivity. Your passion for life will be contagious, enhancing both your personal and professional experiences. Embrace this period as an opportunity to live fully, enjoy your journey, and create moments of bliss that uplift your spirit and those around you.

Lucky number 10 | Lucky colour Lilac
Lucky day Thursday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

You have been putting in immense effort in various areas, striving for progress, but the outcomes may feel delayed. Your dedication and determination are undeniable, though financial gains might appear slow this week. However, do not lose hope—better prospects are on the horizon as the days advance, bringing the potential for significant achievements. Guidance and encouragement from elders or mentors will prove invaluable as they genuinely wish to see you excel. Trust that your hard work will pay off at the right time. The key this week is to embrace patience and trust in your journey. Remember, a solid foundation leads to lasting success. You're closer to your breakthrough than you think, and perseverance will turn your aspirations into long-term accomplishments.

Lucky number 19 | Lucky colour Opal
Lucky day Friday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week promises financial growth and material comfort, bringing a sense of stability to your life. Alongside these gains, you may feel drawn towards spiritual practices such as meditation and mindful breathing, finding solace in moments of inner peace. You might also feel inclined to host or participate in religious ceremonies at home, seeking harmony and positivity. However, midweek could bring some emotional turbulence, particularly in your personal relationships. Misunderstandings with your partner could lead to feelings of disconnection. It's important to reflect on your desires and clarify your priorities to regain control. Guard against a pessimistic mindset, as negative thinking may cloud your perspective. Instead of dwelling on what's lacking, focus on what you've achieved and confront challenges with resilience and courage.

Lucky number 9 | Lucky colour Aqua
Lucky day Thursday

Madhu Kotiya is a tarot card reader, spiritual healer, and Founder, MShezaim Institute of Tarot and Divination. Contact details: madhu@indiatarot.com, www.indiatarot.com, M: 9873283331

The Science of Mindfulness

THE LIFE GUIDANCE



Seerat Kaur Marwaha

We are perpetually in pursuit of the next thrill of happiness. Perhaps it's a luxurious Bentley, an exclusive beach getaway, or that coveted Birkin bag. These indulgences certainly light up our lives for a moment. But then, like clockwork, the novelty wears off. The stresses of life take over, and we find ourselves once again in the relentless pursuit of the next object of happiness. In the 1970s, Richard Easterlin observed that an increase in income over time did not lead to a long-term increase in happiness. This paradox is often referred to as the Easterlin Paradox—remains a cornerstone in discussions about material wealth and its limited capacity to deliver sustained joy. While material comforts undoubtedly bring fleeting satisfaction, they fall short of providing the enduring happiness we so desperately seek. Moreover, your happiness level is genetically influenced. If your mother isn't a happy person, chances are you aren't either. A study by Lucas, Clark, et al. in 2003 found that major life events such as marriage, divorce, or widowhood brought temporary changes in happiness, but most people returned to their baseline levels within a few years. This gave rise to the Set Point Theory, which explains that individuals' happiness levels are remarkably stable over time. Within our brains, there's a division of duties: the 'Stress Brain,' tackling worries and tensions, and the 'Happy Brain,'

spreading joy and fostering connections. Genetically happier individuals show higher activity in the 'Happy Brain' and lower activity in the 'Stress Brain,' shaping their positive outlook on life. So, are those not genetically predisposed to higher happiness levels doomed to a negative state of mind? Not at all! Our brains have an amazing ability to reorganize themselves by forming new neural connections throughout our lives—a process called neuroplasticity. This dynamic ability of the brain means that our mental state is not set in stone, offering hope to those who wish to elevate their happiness levels. One proven way to increase activity in the happy brain and reduce activity in the stress brain, thus raising the happiness baseline, is consistent meditation (Fredrickson et al., 2008). Beyond altering neural activity, meditation helps to cultivate a deeper sense of awareness, allowing us to separate fleeting desires from what genuinely brings contentment. Our minds carry deep-seated traumas from childhood, parental influences, past relationships, and more. These emotional scars often go unnoticed or unaddressed, yet they dictate much of our behaviour. Rather than addressing these issues, we often suppress them and seek distraction in new pursuits. However, as Bessel van der Kolk explains in 'The Body Keeps the Score,' buried trauma doesn't disappear; it can lead to physical ailments, mental health challenges, addictions, relationship



difficulties, and self-esteem issues. Meditation acts as a tool for healing and unwinding old negative patterns and traumas. It provides a safe space to clear emotions of sadness, fear and stress held in the body for weeks, years or even since childhood. In doing so, it allows the mind to focus and work through these issues. Consider this: meditating for just 20 minutes every day for a year accumulates 7.3k minutes of dedicated self-care and introspection. Over the years, this consistent practice allows significant time for the mind to process and resolve deep-seated issues. This builds a more resilient, confident, and calm version of ourselves, better equipped to navigate life's inevitable challenges. Supporting this, research by Davidson et

al. (2003) found that an 8-week mindfulness meditation program significantly improved emotional regulation and immune function, demonstrating meditation's profound impact on both mental and physical health. The ripple effects of this practice can extend far beyond the individual, improving relationships, decision-making, and even workplace productivity. Meditation doesn't make you happy. Rather, it alleviates what blocks you from finding and appreciating happiness. This distinction is crucial. Happiness isn't something you attain—it's something you uncover once you remove the mental and emotional clutter. The key, however, lies in consistency. Just as you cannot achieve a sculpted physique by working out strenuously for four hours once a month, you cannot see significant results by meditating for two hours sporadically. A few minutes of daily practice, however, can profoundly impact your well-being. The benefits of mindfulness and meditation go beyond personal happiness. Communities practicing mindfulness often report lower crime rates and greater social cohesion. Families that meditate together strengthen their bonds, developing empathy and understanding for each other's perspectives. Imagine the collective impact if more people embraced mindfulness as a daily practice—it could transform societies, one individual at a time. Furthermore, meditation enhances our

ability to live in the present moment. In a world constantly pulling us in a hundred different directions—emails, deadlines, social obligations, and endless to-do lists—it is easy to lose sight of what truly matters. Mindfulness brings us back to the now, allowing us to savour the small joys we often overlook: the warmth of a morning sunbeam, the taste of a perfectly brewed cup of tea, or the laughter of a loved one. Another compelling aspect of meditation is its accessibility. Unlike other tools for self-improvement, meditation requires no special equipment, expensive memberships, or even a lot of time. It is universally available, adaptable to any lifestyle, and backed by centuries of practice across cultures. Whether through guided meditations, breathing exercises, or silent self-reflection, there is a form of meditation suitable for everyone. In conclusion, as Lao Tzu, an ancient Chinese philosopher, said, "To a mind that is still, the whole universe surrenders." Meditation may not provide the instant gratification of a material purchase or the thrill of a vacation, but it offers something far more valuable: a pathway to inner peace, resilience, and enduring happiness. By embracing mindfulness and making it a consistent part of our lives, we can transform not only our personal well-being but also contribute to a more compassionate and harmonious world. — She is a Life Coach and Founder of Soulful Wellness

Now you can write to us at agendapioneer@dailypioneer.com