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# FAITH, CHARITY, BUSINESS, CONVERGE AT MAHAKUMBH 20

**BISWAJEET BANERJEE** 

¬he sacred banks of the Ganga, Yamuna, and the mystical Saraswati came alive with a sea of humanity as the Maha Kumbh commenced on the auspicious day of Paush Purnima with over 1.65 crore people took a dip at the holy river.

Pilgrims from every corner of the country, carrying faith in their hearts and offerings in their hands, gathered to take the first holy dip. The air was filled with reverberating chants of "Har Har Gange" and "Jai Shri Ram," creating an atmosphere of divine fervor.

The devotion of the pilgrims was palpable as they began arriving at the Sangam from midnight, braving the biting cold. Wrapped in woolens, they carried their belongings on their heads, the weight of which seemed insignificant before their unwavering faith. "It feels like a burden lifted from my soul when I take a dip here," said Savitri Devi, a 65-year-old pilgrim from Rajasthan, as she emerged from the water with a serene smile.

The banks of the Sangam turned into a kaleidoscope of colors as people dressed in traditional attire thronged the ghats. Children played in the shallow waters, their laughter mingling with the chants of mantras, while elders sat in prayer, their lips murmuring sacred hymns. The youthful enthusiasm was especially striking, with many capturing the moments on their phones and sharing them instantly. "It's a proud moment for us to be here and celebrate our culture with the world," said 22-year-old Aniket Mishra from Allahabad, holding a selfie stick as he stood at the edge of the waters.

The spiritual energy was matched by nature's grace, with a light drizzle the previous night followed CRORES OF BELIEVERS BATHE IN THE ETERNAL GLORY OF SANGAM



Devotees take a holy dip at Sangam during Maha Kumbh Mela 2025, in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh

by a cool breeze enhancing the sanctity of the occasion. Pilgrims were seen lighting diyas, offering flowers, and performing rituals on the ghats. "The cold water feels like the blessings of the goddess herself. This is not just a bath; it's a spiritual rebirth," said Ramesh Gupta, a trader from Delhi who had traveled

with his family for the occasion.

elaborate arrangements ensured a smooth flow of devotees. Police personnel stood alert at every corner, guiding the crowds and maintaining order. Drones hovered overhead, providing real-time monitoring from the Integrated Command and

Control Center. "We feel safe and cared for. The arrangements this vear are truly commendable," said Kavita Joshi, a teacher from Uttarakhand.

For many, the Maha Kumbh was not just an act of faith but also a celebration of cultural heritage. The ghats became a stage for

performances of impromptu bhajans and folk songs, as groups of devotees formed circles and sang in unison. The atmosphere was electric yet peaceful, a blend of human devotion and divine energy. Social media was abuzz with posts, photos, and videos from the event. "I shared a live video of the aarti,

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and my friends back in Mumbai were amazed. This is a part of our culture we should all be proud of," said Prerna Mehta, a first-time visitor to the Kumbh.

As the sun rose over the horizon, casting a golden glow over the confluence, the Sangam appeared like a painting brought to life. The sight of millions standing waist-deep in the water, hands folded in prayer, was both humbling and awe-inspiring. "This is the heart of India, where the soul of our nation resides," said Dr. Vinod Kumar, a

historian observing the event. The first day of Mahakumbh also saw a bustling market atmosphere, with devotees enthusiastically shopping for food, puja items, and essentials from both established stores and small

Ramkumar, a food vendor from Hardoi who arrived two weeks ago, shared his experience: "Here, we are not only feeding devotees but also earning spiritual merit. We are not overcharging anyone, and everything is running smoothly." Similarly, Sunil from Bhadohi, who

is serving tea at the event, expressed gratitude for the opportunity. "I've come here for 45 days to earn a livelihood. On this chilly first day, tea is being served to the devotees without any extra charge," he added. Mahakumbh 2025 is turning into a

unique confluence of commerce and charity, as the first day witnessed both thriving business and widespread acts of generosity. Various organisations set up Bhandaras across the fairgrounds, distributing food and tea in abundance to the countless devotees present.

From piping hot Khichdi to Puri Sabzi, devotees were treated to a variety of meals, while tea was served at numerous stalls throughout the day.

Renowned saints, including Satua Baba, have also extended hospitality by organizing Bhandaras and making arrangements for devotees to stay in their camps, ensuring that no one leaves without being cared for. This seamless blend of spiritual service and economic activity highlights the inclusive spirit of Mahakumbh.

### **India summons Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner**

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

 $I_{\text{summoned}}^{\text{ndia}}$ Monday on Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner Nural Islam amid escalating border tensions between the nations. The development comes a day after the Bangladesh Foreign Ministry summoned Indian Commissioner to Dhaka Pranay Verma.

The border tensions between India and Bangladesh have escalated after Dhaka alleged that India was trying to construct fences at five locations along the India-Bangladesh border, violating a bilateral agreement.

Bangladeshi foreign ministry said, "Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Ambassador Md Jashim Uddin on Sunday expressed the deep concern of Government Bangladesh to the High

Commissioner of India Pranay Verma at his office at the Ministry of Foreign

statement, the Affairs over the recent activities of the Border Security Force (BSF) of India along the Bangladesh-India Border."

The conflicts have surfaced in areas,

including five (northwestern) Chapainawabganj, Naogaon, Lalmonirhat, and the Tin Bigha Corridor.

### FIIs exit, Sensex drops sharply PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The equity benchmark Sensex cracked over 1,000 points to dive below the 77,000 level on Monday, tracking heavy selling in global equities and a spike in international crude prices. A strong US jobs data, which

dampened early rate cut expectations, the rupee logging its steepest single-day fall in nearly two years and unabated foreign fund outflows also dampened investors' sentiment.

#### **MARKETS** SENSEX 76,330.01 ↓ -1.36%



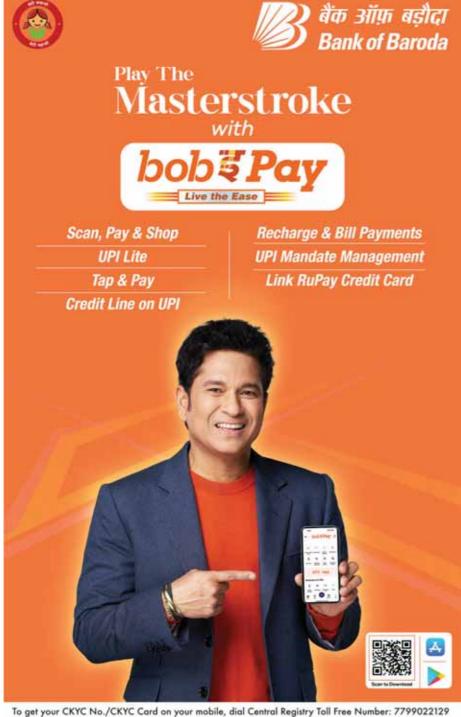
Falling for the fourth straight the BSE benchmark Sensex tanked 1,048.90 points or 1.36

at 76,330.01. During the day, it plunged 1,129.19 points or 1.45 per cent to 76,249.72. The NSE Nifty dropped 345.55 points or 1.47 per cent

to close at 23,085.95. From the 30-share blue-chip

pack, Zomato cracked nearly 7 per cent. Power Grid, Adani Ports, Tata Steel, NTPC, Tata Motors, Tech Mahindra, Mahindra & Mahindra, Asian Paints, Sun Pharma and UltraTech Cement were the other major laggards.

In contrast, Axis Bank, Hindustan Unilever, Tata Consultancy Services and IndusInd Bank were the



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# PM Modi inaugurates Z-Morh Tunnel

On his maiden visit to Jammu and Kashmir after the Assembly polls, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said he will keep the promises he made to the people of Jammu and Kashmir and right things will happen at the right time.

Prime Minister Modi also described the union territory as India's "crown," and expressed his desire to see it as "beautiful and prosperous."

Addressing a large gathering soon after inaugurating the strategically important Z-Morh tunnel in the Sonamarg area, Prime Minister, without referring to the issue of restoration of 'statehood to Jammu and Kashmir', said, " You have to believe that this is Modi and he keeps his promises. There is a right time for everything and the right things will happen at the right time".

Welcoming Prime Minister in Chief Minister Omar had earlier sought restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir in his brief speech.

Omar also thanked Prime Minister Modi for visiting Kashmir in the cold weather and said, "We hope that you will come again and again, and join in our happiness.

Referring to the transformation happening across Jammu and Kashmir Modi said that the dream of a developed India will be realized when its crown, Kashmir, is adorned with the jewels of progress. He expressed his desire for Kashmir to become even more beautiful and prosperous.

He emphasized that numerous road and rail connectivity projects are set to be completed in Jammu and Kashmir in the coming days.

The prime minister also paid tribute to seven people, including labourers, who were killed in a terror attack in the area in October 2024.

"First of all, I would like to thank all the brothers who worked in the most difficult circumstances, risking their lives, for the progress of the country and Jammu and Kashmir. Also, seven of our labour colleagues lost their lives but completed this task by overcoming all challenges. Today, I would like to remember the 7 colleagues who have lost their lives," he said.

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, MoS PMO Dr Jitendra Singh, MoS MoRTH Ajay Tamta were also present at the inauguration. In his inaugural speech, Nitin Gadkari listed



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, J&K Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah during the inauguration of the Z-Morh

the pipeline across Jammu and

After inaugurating the Rs 2,700 crore project, the prime minister went inside the tunnel and interacted with the project officials. He also met the construction workers who worked meticulously amid harsh conditions to complete the tunnel.

Announcing the inauguration of the Sonamarg Tunnel the Prime Minister highlighted that this tunnel will significantly ease the lives of people in Sonamarg, Kargil, and Leh. The 6.5km-long two-lane bi-directional road tunnel between Gagangir and Sonamarg in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district is equipped with a parallel 7.5-metre escape passage for emergencies.

Situated at an altitude of over 8,650 feet above sea level, the tunnel will enhance all-weather connectivity between Srinagar and Sonamarg en route to Leh, bypassing routes prone to landslides and avalanches.

out major infrastructural projects in It will also promote tourism by

ensuring year-round connectivity to Sonamarg.

Emphasising extensive infrastructure development from Iammu and Kashmir to Arunachal Pradesh, the Prime Minister remarked that Jammu and Kashmir is becoming a hub of tunnels, high bridges, and ropeways, with some of the world's highest tunnels and highest rail-road bridges being constructed here. The Prime Minister noted the engineering marvel of the Chenab Bridge, where a passenger train trial was recently completed. He mentioned several key projects, including the cable bridge Kashmir's enhancing railway connectivity, the Zojila, Chenani Nashri, and Sonamarg tunnel projects, Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail link project. The Prime Minister also mentioned the schemes for the Shankaracharya Temple, Shivkhori, and Baltal-Amarnath ropeways, as well as the Katra-Delhi expressway. He emphasized that over ?42.000 crore worth of road

connectivity projects are underway in Jammu and Kashmir, including four national highway projects and two ring roads. The Prime Minister remarked that more than 14 tunnels like Sonamarg are being constructed, making Jammu and Kashmir one of the most connected regions in the

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah stole the show while praising efforts made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in bridging the gap between "Dil (heart) and

Abdullah said the inauguration of projects like the 'Sonamarg Tunnel' tunnel would bridge the gap between Jammu and Kashmir's "dil' (heart)" and Delhi.

Omar said terrorism will be defeated to ensure peace and development besides safeguarding democracy in

Jammu and Kashmir. Referring to Modi's speech during his visit to Srinagar on International Yoga Day last year, the chief minister said, 'My heart says that very soon, you will fulfill your promise to the people of Jammu and Kashmir which is the restoration of statehood to the Union

Territory."
The chief minister's statehood remark in the presence of the prime minister was welcomed by the audience with a round of applause.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha also lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for transforming Jammu and Kashmir into a "real paradise" and eradicating terrorism from the region. Speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the 6.5-km-long Z-Morh tunnel in Central Kashmir, LG Sinha, highlighted the developmental strides J&K has achieved under PM Modi's leadership.

The government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has wiped out terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir and has turned it into a real paradise. Peace, progress, and prosperity have become the hallmarks of his regime," said LG Sinha.

LG Sinha termed the inauguration of the Z-Morh tunnel, built at a cost of Rs 2,700 crore, as a "game changer" for the region. He described the (Z-Morh) tunnel as a "Bhagya Rekha" (lifeline) for Jammu and Kashmir, enabling year-round connectivity to the picturesque Sonamarg.

This is a day of immense pride. This tunnel will boost connectivity and usher in a new era of economic opportunities for the region," said LG



## PM Modi to launch **Mission Mausar**

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI** 

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch 'Mission Mausam' on the occasion of Meteorological India Department 150th Foundation Day on Tuesday, the Prime Minister's Office said on Monday. Mission Mausam aims to make

India a 'weather-ready and climate-smart' nation by developing cutting-edge weather surveillance technologies and systems. He will also release the IMD Vision-2047 document for weather resilience and climate change adaptation. It includes plans for weather forecasting, weather management and climate change mitigation, said the PMO.

The PM will participate in 150th celebrations Foundation Day of India Meteorological Department on January 14 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. He will

Vaishnaw's reality over Zuck's

also address the gathering on the occasion," it said. Mission Mausam high-resolution implement

atmospheric observations, next-generation radars and satellites, and performance computers. It will also focus on improving the understanding of weather

and climate processes, and provide air quality data that will help strategise weather management and intervention in the long run.

The mission was approved by the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in September 2024. It aimed to boost India's weather and climate-related science, research, and services and better equip stakeholders, including citizens and last-mile users, in tackling extreme weather events and the impacts of climate change.

The ambitious programme, with an outlay of Rs 2,000 crore over two years, will chiefly be implemented by the India Meteorological Department, the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, and the National Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasting.
Mission Mausam will directly

benefit numerous sectors, such

agriculture, disaster management, defence. environment, aviation, water resources, power, tourism, shipping, transport, energy, and health, the communique said, adding that it would also enhance data-driven decisionmaking in areas such as urban planning, road and rail transport, offshore operations, and environmental monitoring. To celebrate the 150th Foundation Day of IMD, a series of events, activities, and

workshops have been organised to showcase achievements during the past 150 years, its role in making India climate-resilient, and demonstrate the role played by government institutions in providing various weather and

### Soldiers at Siachen glacier now have high-speed internet

PTI SRINAGAR

Soldiers posted at Siachen highest Oglacier, the highest battlefield in the world, can now enjoy high-speed internet services, a telecom company said.

In the run-up to Army Day on January 15, Reliance Jio, in collaboration with the Indian

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

**⊤**he CBI on Monday

I informed a special court it

sanctions from Delhi LG to

prosecute AAP leader and

Jain disproportionate assets' case.

The central bureau of investigation (CBI) informed

special judge Jitendra Singh,

who posted the matter on

January 22, observing a

supplementary chargesheet was filed against Jain in the

Delhi

requisite

minister

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Satyendar

case on January 3

groundbreaking milestone by successfully deployed plug-extending its 4G and 5G and-play pre-configured network to the Siachen equipment at a forward post, glacier, the company said.

With support from the Army Signallers, Reliance Jio becomes the first telecom operator to deliver seamless region," a spokesperson for the telecom company said Reliance

CBI get approval to prosecute

under Section 19 of the POC

(Prevention of Corruption)

Act, has been filed by the IO

(investigating officer). The same is taken on record... Be

listed for consideration on January 22, 2025," the court

In November 2024, the CBI in

a status report said the file seeking sanction to file the

chief secretary and the

Lieutenant Governor (LG).

AAP leader Satyendar Jain

leveraging its indigenous fullstack 5G technology.

"This achievement was made possible in coordination with Signallers Army connectivity in this harsh planning to multiple training sessions, system preconfigura Jio comprehensive testing. The

sanction request and asked it

matter" for the completion of

the process in reasonable time.

Observing the agency did not

maintain the case diary according to the rules, the

judge sought a status report from the CBI's deputy

inspector general concerned

The judge was informed by the

central probe agency that the

to the appropriate authority

on November 5, 2024.

Indian Army was pivotal in managing logistics, including airlifting Jio's equipment to Siachen glacier.

"This collaboration ensured connectivity at 16,000 feet in the Karakoram range, an area characterised by extreme conditions with temperatures plummeting to -50 degrees

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SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

Amid ongoing unease over the Indian efforts to build

fence along the international border with Bangladesh the

Border Security Force had to

open fire reportedly injuring

Mathabhanga outpost. The

incident took place late on

Sunday night. According to

Bangladesh newspaper, "Shahidul Islam, 44, has been

injured in firing by the BSF in

near

one Bangladeshi

smuggler

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## myths on Lok Sabha poll results PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw hit back at Facebook for making a Monday "factually incorrect" statement incumbent the government in India lost the election in 2024 due to its handling of the COVID-19

pandemic.

Zuckerberg, chairman and CEO of Meta Platforms, triggered a row by claiming in a podcast interview that the Indian government lost the election in 2024 due to its weak COVID-19 response. The issue spiralled from the social media platform 'X'. "From free food for 800 Vaishnaw opted for Meta's million, 2.2 billion free



Facebook platform to call out Zuckerberg for spreading misinformation"

"It is disappointing to see misinformation from Mr Zuckerberg himself. Let's uphold facts and credibility,' the Union information and broadcasting minister said, tagging Meta on X and other social media platforms.

"From free food for



vaccines, and aid to nations worldwide during COVID, to leading India as the fastestgrowing major economy, PM Modi's decisive 3rd-term victory is a testament to good governance and public trust," he said.

Vaishnaw said as the world's largest democracy, India conducted the 2024 general election involving more than 640 million (64 crore) voters.

"People of India reaffirmed their trust in the NDA led by PM Narendra Modi Ji's leadership," he added. Vaishnaw said Zuckerberg's remarks failed to recognise

these efforts and the strong mandate secured by the Indian government, and risked undermining the credibility of Meta's platforms. "Mr Zuckerberg's claim that

most incumbent governments, including India in the 2024 elections, lost post-COVID is factually incorrect," the minister said.

Appearing on the Joe Rogan podcast, Zuckerberg said 2024 was the big election year around the world and in a lot of countries like India, the incumbents lost the polls.

## Raut, Pawar discuss local polls, seatsharing possibility as INDIA bloc falters

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Within days after he announced that his party would go it alone in the forthcoming local body polls, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP and chief spokesperson Sanjay Raut met NCP (SP) president Sharad Pawar on Monday and discussed the issues relating to the forthcoming the issues relating to the forthcoming local body elections. In a development that reflected its

flexibility to explore the possibility of having seat-sharing for the forthcoming local body polls, Raut called on Sharad Pawar at the latter's residence "Silver Oak" in south Mumbai and their meeting lasted for 25 minutes.

There was official word from either Raut or Pawar as to what transpired at the meeting. However, informed sources in both the parties said that the two leaders deliberated on the issues relating to the local body polls, especially municipal corporation elections in major cities in Mumbai, Pune, Thane, Nagpur, Sambhaji Nagar and Nashik.

Though the Shiv Sena (UBT) has taken a stand that it will contest the local body polls in the state on its own strength, it is unlikely that the Uddhav Thackerayled party will do so, considering that such a move would affect its poll prospects in the municipal corporations

in the major cities of the state. Sharad Pawar has already gone on record saying that the Shiv Sena (UBT)'s

decision to go it alone in the local body polls would have a negative impact on the prospects of all three MVA partners in the polls.

On its part, the Congress' central leadership is expected to reach out to Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray after the Delhi Assembly polls, in which the Thackeray Sena is supporting the Arvind Kejriwal-led AAP in its fight against the BJP and the Mallikarjun Kharge-led grand-old

The Shiv Sena (UBT)'s announcement that it would go it alone in the local body polls should be seen in the context of the fact that the Opposition MVA is in total disarray after its miserable performance in the recent Maharashtra Assembly polls – in which the Shiv Sena (UBT), Congress, and NCP won 20, 16, and 10 seats, respectively, as against the 230 seats out of the total 288 seats collectively bagged by the ruling MahaYuti partners – comprising the BJP, Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde) and NCP (Ajit Pawar).

Notwithstanding the Shiv Sena (UBT)'s posturing that it would contest the local body polls on its own strength, the Uddhav Thackeray-led party realises that its stakes are high in the municipal corporations, especially the ones in Mumbai, Thane, Pune, Sambhaji Nagar and Nashik and it can ill-afford to take on the might of the ruling MahaYuticomprising the BJP, Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and NCP (Ajit Pawar). In the normal course, the elections to

the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) and other municipal corporations should have been held in February 2022.

The Shiv Sena, led by Uddhav Thackeray, was ruling the BMC for more than two decades. However, the political equation has changed after the split witness in the Shiv Sena in June last. There are now two Sena factions -one led by Uddhav and the other one by chief minister Eknath Shinde.

It may be recalled that the BMC polls held in 2017 had thrown up a hung house. The Shiv Sena had emerged as the single largest party with 84 seats in the 227-member BMC, followed by BJP-82, Congress- 31, NCP- 9, MNS- 7 and others-- 14. During the first two and a half years in power, the Shiv Sena increased its strength to 94, by inducting among others seven corporators from the Raj Thackeray-led MNS.

In the forthcoming BMC polls, the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena will contest the polls in alliance with the NCP and Congress, while the Shindeled Sena will team up with the BJP to contest the crucial polls. The Raj Thackeray-led MNS may have an understanding with the BJP in the BMC

### Delhi Police arrest Gogi-Karalia gang members for extortion operation in NCR **STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police's Crime Branch claimed on Monday to have arrested a key member of the Gogi-Dinesh Karalia gang, who was wanted in three extortion cases lodged across Delhi-

According to the police on Monday, the gang made extortion calls from Malaysia and Dubai, targeting high-profile businessmen in the region. Acting on a tip-off, a Crime Branch team conducted a raid near Bhagwati Garden Extension and apprehended Sitender Kumar.

"He initially denied any involvement but later, during interrogation, confessed to orchestrating multiple extortion calls along with his associate Ajay, who is currently in Dubai," Special currently in Dubai," Special Commissioner of Police (Crime Branch) Special Devesh Chandra Srivastava said, adding that Kumar admitted to making extortion calls to prominent businessmen in Delhi's Rohini and Palam areas as well as in Ghaziabad,

demanding crores of rupees.

To intimidate its targets, the gang arranged for associates to fire shots at the residence of a relative of an NRI businessman in Ghaziabad," the officer

"Today, a sanction dated The court had noted the CBI's December 31, 2024 for sanction request and asked it

prosecution of Satyendra Jain to "personally monitor the

supplementary chargesheet investigation in the case was was sent to the offices of the complete and the file was sent

The gang relied on SIM cards and phones sourced from abroad to avoid detection and ensure anonymity, he said. The gang's activities were coordinated by Ajay and Kumar, who received instructions from associates based in foreign countries, including jailed members of the Gogi-Dinesh Karalia gang. Kumar told the interrogators that Ajay had persuaded him into joining the gang and expanding its extortion operations.

"With his arrest, police worked out three major extortion call-related cases registered at KN Katju Marg, Palam and Masuri in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. Legal provisions related to extortion have been added to these cases," the officer said.

The Gogi-Dinesh Karalia gang has a network, he added.

well-organised network operating both locally and internationally. Extortion calls were made from Malaysia and Dubai to evade law enforcement. Additionally, Additionally, the gang used sharpshooters to intimidate its targets, with logistical support provided by associates in India.

A resident of Haryana's Jhajjar, Kumar completed a polytechnic diploma in 2011 and worked with private firms, before venturing into the moneylending business. After meeting Ajay, a member of the gang, Kumar started indulging in criminal activities, leveraging his financial resources and connections. His involvement in extortion schemes escalated over time, making him a key member of the gang police said. The officer said police arrested Naveen

alias Sonu, the brother of Dinesh Karalia, in an extortion case in December. Further investigations are focused on dismantling the gang's

# Wind of change evident in Bastar, claims CM Top Maoist ultras held in Kanker



Balrampur to get devt works of Rs 172 cr today

district on Tuesday.

Sai will also open the Tatapani

This includes the inauguration of

The inauguration works include

crore and the foundation stone laying

works of the Public Works

Department, Health and Family

Welfare Department works, and Rural

of 139 works of Rs 129.68 crore.

Mechanical Services works. The Tatapani Festival will see performances from

Chhattisgarhi singer Garima Diwakar,

Bollywood singer Mithoon, and Bhojpuri

artist Akshara Singh, along with students and other artists.

tribal fashion show on

the second day to promote local art and

draw participation of

The festival will

culture.

STAFF REPORTER

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Monday said that a wind of change was now visible in Bastar. The region in which once sounds of bullets had echoed was transforming because of his government's development oriented policy, he claimed.

He said this while addressing a programme at Bacheli in Dantewada district of the state in which he dedicated to the public various development works worth Rs 160

Speaking on this occasion he said that the efforts of the state government for restoring peace and the launch of rehabilitation policy were yielding positive results.

"We are making the youths of Bastar skilled and are paving their way for employment by imparting them higher education", the Chief Minister

He further reiterated the commitment of eliminating the red menace from the region and said that the martyrdom of Jawans would not

'The Chhattisgarh government is committed to the development of Chhattisgarh and is striving hard to shape the dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi of making the country a developed nation by the year 2047", the Chief Minister claimed.

The Chief Minister further said that his government has completed one year in office and had fulfilled most of the promises of 'Modi Ki Guarantee' which the party had made before the Assembly polls.

Citing Bastar Olympics organised recently, Sai said that the Prime Minister had lauded the efforts of his government in restoring peace in the region in his programme 'Man Ki

The state government, in the past one year, had distributed free of cost mobile phones to 1,200 families under the Niyad Nellanar scheme, he said, adding that it will connect the local people with the mainstream.

To arrange transport facilities in the region, Jan Suvidha Express Scheme was launched by his government under which 37 vehicles worth Rs 4 crore were plying and ferrying the local people, he said.

To promote and encourage tourism a zoo would soon be established in the Dantewada region, the Chief Minister announced.

### Strike on Maoists' roots needed: CM

SUKMA: Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Monday compared Maoism with the diseases of cancer and said that striking on its roots was needed for its elimination.

Claiming that an offensive approach has been adapted for ending the red menace from the Bastar region, the Chief Minister said that they have decided to take the battle against Maoists to their

The security forces had succeeded in eliminating more that

have exploited the innocent tribal using arms and ammunition. But, soon the scenario would change, he

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STAFF REPORTER

Atop woman Maoist, carrying a reward of Rs 8 lakh on her head, and her associate were arrested from Chhattisgarh's Kanker district.

Inspector General of Police, Bastar Range, Sundarraj P told media on Monday that Malti alias Raje (48), a divisional committee member of Maoists, and Shyamnath Usendi, who had given her shelter in his house, were arrested from Koyalibeda police station area.

Raje's husband was apprehended last year, he said. The official termed the couple's arrest as a crucial development in the anti-Naxal operation in the state.

Raje was in-charge of Rowghat area committee under north Bastar division of Maoists and carried a reward



Police had been receiving inputs about her movement in the Koyalibeda area, located around 200 km from the state capital Raipur, for the past few

During investigation, her location was traced to Kaudosalhebhat village where Usendi had given her shelter. The two were subsequently apprehended, the official said.

#### 230 Maoists in the past one year, he **Chhattisgarh farmers progress** claimed. The Chief Minister further said that the Bastar region was till now a financially through beekeeping safe haven for the Maoists as they



**STAFF REPORTER SURGUJA** 

 $F^{\text{armers in Chhattisgarh's}}_{\text{Surguja district are}}$  progressing financially by boosting their income through beekeeping, an

official statement claimed. Farmer Narendra Singh said that not only do they get an additional income from the honey, but the pollination done by bees increases the yield of crops and their quality.

training under the Beekeeping Programme of Agriculture College.
Programme Chief Dr. PK

For this, they receive

Bhagat said that mostly three breeds of bees are reared

The first is an Italian species, which produces six to seven kg of honey in 15 to 20 days. This can be sold for Rs 500 to 600 per kg.

The second is a native

breed called the Satgharwa bee; its production is very low, only two to three kg of honey.

The third is a stingless bee that produces only 400 grams of honey in 20 days. But it fetches a high price as it contains an abundance of medicinal properties.

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# The inauguration works include works of the Public **Works Department, Health and Family**

Welfare

Department works,

and Rural

**Mechanical** Services works.

STAFF REPORTER **BALRAMPUR** 

hhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for development works of Rs 172 crore in Balrampur

#### SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY **E-TENDER NOTICE**

**1.Tender Notice No.:** E-R-T-107-24-25 Dated: 07.01.2025 Name of Work: Execution of zona works for Staff quarters associated service building in WRS Colony unde the jurisdiction of SSE-Works, WRS Raipur for period ending 30.06.2025 Tender Value: ₹ 1,55,26,951/- | EMD: ₹ 2.27,600/-

2.Tender Notice No.: E-R-T-108-24-25 Dated: 07.01.2025 Name of Work: Execution of zona

works for Shivnath Rail Vihar Phase-I hase-II & associated service building in WRS Colony under the jurisdiction ofSSE-Works, WRS, Raipur for period ending 30.06.2025. | Tender Value: 82.38.976/- I EMD: ₹ 1.64.800/-Submission of Tender: Up to 11.00 Hrs. on **06.02.2025**, | **Opening** Tender: At 11.00 Hrs. on 06.02.2025 For further details/purchase of tender document, eligibility criteria & the complete details for the above work lease contact office of the Sr.DEN (Co.)/Raipur or refer/download tende locument which is available on our ebsite: www.ireps.gov.in.

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Registered Office: - KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai- 600031 Tel: +91 44 4564 4000 | Fax: +91 44 4564 4022 NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION

OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002
The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from IDFC FIRST Ban mited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as

IDFC First Bank Limited) The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co-borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI idelines. Amounts due by them to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamate with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited) are mentioned as per respective otices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also e applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

No.	Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Section 13 (2) Notice
1	79494051	Home Loan	Ageshwari Das Manikpuri     Sharda Das Manikpuri	28.12.2024	INR 5,03,151.72/-
333 Wa	3/2/4/80, Joint R rd, Tehsil Basn	(h. No. 334,335 a, District Maha	5/2,336/1,337, Admeasuring 12 asamund, Chhattisgarh-49355	200 Sq. Ft. i.e. 11 4, And, Bounded	n. Basna, Ward 11, Khasra No. 1.52 Sq. Mtrs., Rani Durgawati 1 As: <b>East : Land Of Dadsena,</b> e <b>Road Left By Gajendra Sahu</b>
2	99565565	9	Anil Kumar Khunte     Prem Singh Khunte	28.12.2024	INR 3,32,819.37/-

Property Address: All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Abadi Land Part Of Khasra No. 406/1, Old Ph No. 12, New Ph No. 18, Admeasuring 2400 Sq. Ft., Mouja/gram Arjuni, Old Rnm Akalatara 1, New Rnm Nariyara 3, Tehsil Akaltara, District Janjgir-champa, Chhattisgarh-495552, And, Bounded As: East: Land Of Resham West: Land Of Vinod North: Road South: Land Of Resant

3	146809342	Property	Sunil Kumar Kashyap     Jageshwari Bai Kashyap     Shivkumar Kashyap     Pooja Kashyap	28.12.2024	INR 10,68,040.01/-
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roperty Address: All That Piece And Parcel Of Land Area 2800 Sq. Ft., Part Of Abadi Khasra No. 283/4gha. uated At P.h.no. 28/18, Mauja: Pauna, RNM- Nariyara, Block & Tehsil: Akaltara, District: Janjgir Champa Chhattisgarh-495553, And Bounded As: East: Kedal, West: Rasta, Durgabai, North: Mitthulal, South: Rasta fou are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited) as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties 58 development works of Rs 43.14 ount due to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited). Furthe you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise

Sd/- Authorized Office **IDFC First Bank Limited** Date: 14.01.2025 (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited Place : Chhattisgarh

#### SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE PICICI Home Finance Registered Office: ICICI E (East), Mumbai- 400051 Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059 Branch Office: Sky Park, Ground floor, Unit No.1, Near Canal Road Raipur - 492001

Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 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 notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower is postfeliate and the public in general is borrower.

in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time One of the key highlights will be a

avo	available, to redeem the secured assets.							
Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-borrower/ Loan Account Number	Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch				
1.		Na Na Vir Savakar Nagar Ward 238-1, Hirapur Village, Ric Raipur, Raipur Chhattisgarh- 492018 (Ref. LAN No. LHRPR00001288522). Bounded By- North: Road, South: Core House, East: Plot No. Ch-132, West: Plot No. H- 134./ Date of Possession- 08-01-2025	19-12-2023 Rs. 5,18,372/-	Raipur- B				
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people of Chhattisgarh The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. and neighbouring Date: January 14, 2025, Place: Chattisgarh

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APPENDIX IV [Rule 8(1)] **POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)** 

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of IDFC First Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with [rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notices calling upon the Borrower/ Co-borrowers and Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the lemand notice appended below within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice together with further interest and other charge rom the date of demand notice till payment/realization.

The Borrower/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrowers Guarantors and public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this notice.

Loan	Borrower/s/	December of	Dema	Date and		
Account Number	Co-borrower/s & Guarantors Name	Description of The Mortgaged Properties	Date	Outstanding Amount (Rs.)	Type of Possession Taken	
48768614	Kumar, 2. Dimpal Sahu, 3. Sanjay Sahu	All That Piece And Parcel Of Residential Property On Diverted Land Khasra No. 106/9, Area 0.0186 Hect., Situated At Mouja Pitiyajhar, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Ward, Ward No. 12, P.H.No. 53, R.I.C Mahasamund, Tehsil: Mahasamund, District: Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh-493445, And Bounded As: East: Ho Basant Sahu, West: H/o Takeshwar Prasad Bhatt, North: H/o Kumar Sahu, South: Road (Gali)		Rs. 4,70,253.09/-	09.01.2025 Symbolic Possession	
97080327 & 39430075	Rohit Gupta ,     Harsh Gupta ,     Lalita Gupta	All That Piece And Parcel Of Land On Khasra No 378/2, Area 0.044 Hect. At Village Bagiya, Ph. No. 15, R.N.M. Kansabel, Situated At Tahsil Kansabel, Distt. Jashpur, Chattisgarh-496223, And Bounded As: East: Land Of Sumer, West: Road, North: Land Of Ashok Kumar, South: Land Of Sunita		Rs. 24,10,021.19/-	09.01.2025 Symbolic Possession	

dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of IDFC First Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) for an amount mentioned in the demand notice together with further interest and other charges from the date of

Date: 09.01.2025 Place: Chattisgarh

Authorised Officer **IDFC First Bank Limited** 

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 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 Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the belowmentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal

with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.								
Sr. Name of the No. Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number		Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch				
	Tigga/ House No. A/ 23, Near St. Joseph School Amlidih Chhattishgarh Raipur- 492006/ LBRPR00006417452/	Plot/ House No. 64, Dream Home Colony, Khasra No. 207/2, 207/3 And 207/4, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Ward No. 46 (Old), Ward No. 53 (New), P.H. No. 69, Kandika No. 13, R.N.M Raipur-2, Mouza Village Amlidih (Gandhi Nagar), Tahsil And District Raipur (C.G), Chhattisgarh Admeasuring An Area of 712.5 Sq.ft./ Date of Symbolic 09.01.2025	31/08/2024 Rs. 31,35,800.02/-	Raipur				

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/quarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount. else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: January 14, 2025 Sincerely Authorised Signatory For ICICI Bank Ltd.

### IDFC First Bank Limited

(Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd) | CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6) & 9 (1)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES -Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) as per column (iii) that the below described immovable properties as per column (iv) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd, will be sold on As is where is, "As is what is," and "Whatever there is," as described hereunder, for the recovery of amount due to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd) rom Borrower (s) and Co-Borrower (s) as per column (i). For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on IDFC FIRST Bank website i.e. www.idfcfirstbank.com.

S. NO		Agreement ID	(III) Name of Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s)	(v) Reserve Price Amount	EMD Amount	Date and Time of Auction	(VIII) Date and Time of EMD Auction	Date and Time of Inspection	(x) Authorized Officer Name & Contact Number
1	INR 5679166.07/-	12946470	Devraj Kishore Das &	INR	INR	31-Jan-2025	30-Jan-2025	23-Jan-2025	Name- Vinay Soni
	Demand Notice		Ghanshyam Kishore Das	650000.00/-	65000.00/-	11.00 AM to	10.00 AM to	10:00 AM To	Contact Number- 8319378592
	dated:					1.00 PM	5.00 PM	4:00 PM	Name- Sandesh Jain
	11-Apr-2021								Contact Number- 8839140796
/is	(iv) MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: Property 2-All That Piece And Parcel Of Plot No. 24, 29 And 30, Admeasuring (1089,82 + 1000 + 1111,03 = 3200,85 Sq. Et.), P.C. No.								

14/19, Kh. No. 483/2, Vill. Khurud Dist Durg Cg, Durg, Chhattisgarh – 491001, And Bounded As:- East: Plot No. 28 And Part Of Plot No. 27 And Plot No. 25, West: Land Of Roongta, North: 25 Feet Passage & South: 25 Feet Passage

Disclaimer: Please note that the said notice is issued for sale of immovable property only and IDFC FIRST Bank Limited has no Date: 14.01.2025

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# Situation along LAC 'sensitive but stable': Army Chief

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi said here on Monday the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) is "sensitive but stable.

Addressing a press conference ahead of the Army Day on January 15, he said there is still a "degree" of standoff in the eastern Ladakh region and efforts are needed to restore trust between the Indian and trust between the Indian and the Chinese militiaries.

The Army chief said patrolling and grazing in traditional areas have started in Depsang and Demchok, the two friction points from where the two sides have disengaged in October.

Our deployment is balanced and robust and we are capable of handling any situation, he said. We are focusing on boosting border infrastructure and capability development, the Army chief said on the overall LAC situation.

He said there is still a "degree" of standoff between the Indian and Chinese militaries along the LAC in eastern Ladakh and both sides need to sit down and firm up a broader understanding on how to calm down the situation. General Dwivedi, describing the situation in the region as "sensitive but stable", said the corps commanders have now been delegated powers to resolve "trivial" matters or "minor frictions" relating to patrolling and grazing so that they do not become "big" issues

The Army chief also said there was no such thing called buffer zones as a temporary moratorium was put on patrolling in certain areas to avoid chances of violence.

Delving into changes witnessing the region since the face-off began in April 2020, General Dwivedi said both sides "doctored" the terrain, carried out

constructions, made deployment of troops and resorted to stocking of military hardware. Therefore, what it means is that there is (still) a degree of standoff. Now as you have changed the situation after April 2020, so the trust between the two countries has to have a new definition," the Army chief said.

"Therefore, there is a requirement for us to sit together and thereafter come to a broader understanding of how we want to calm down the situation and restore the trust," he said. General Dwivedi said the

Army is looking forward to the next meeting of the Special Representatives on the boundary question of the two countries as well as talks under the framework of WMCC (Working Mechanism for Consultation Coordination) on India-China border affairs. "We will be moving forward based on the guidance emerging from the

meetings," he said. Following an understanding reached on October 21 last year, the two sides completed the disengagement of troops at the two remaining friction points of Demchok and

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping held talks on the mar-

gins of the BRICS Summit in Russia on October 23 and agreed to revive various bilateral dialogue mechanisms, signalling an intention to normalise the relations.

Last month, National Security Advisor(NSA)Ajit Doval travelled to Beijing and held Special Representatives talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on the boundary dis-

As you are aware, the situation is sensitive but stable. In October 2024, the situation in Depsang and Demchok in eastern Ladakh was resolved," General Dwivedi said.

"The patrolling to traditional areas in these two sub-sectors has commenced. Similarly, the traditional grazing has also commenced in these two areas," he added.

Calling India's military deployment along the LAC as "balanced and robust", he said the Army is "well poised" to deal with any situation. "A focused capability develop-

ment for northern borders enabled infusion of niche technology into a war-fighting syshe said.

Asked about the creation of buffer zones as part of disengagement process at certain friction points, Dwivedi said the terminology was used for

It means that both sides will remain back and will not go to the common areas because we still feel that if we meet at those places, the violence level may go high. The terminology was used for temporary moratorium," he explained.

On the situation in Manipur, the Army chief said "synergised efforts" by security forces and "proactive" government initia-tives have brought the situation

in the state under control. "However, cyclic incidents of violence continue. We are working towards establishing peace in the region," he said. General Dwivedi said various NGOs and Army veterans are reaching out to the community leaders in an attempt to nsure reconciliation.

He said the Army has put in place "enhanced surveillance" and "domination" along the India-Myanmar border to insulate the areas from a "spillover of turbulence" taking place in

"Fencing is a significant step and we have started new progress on this," he said.

As regards Jammu and Kashmir, the Army chief said the situation is "firmly" under control and the 2021 "ceasefire" with the Pakistan military on the Line of Control (LoC) was holding up. At the same time he said: "The violence level is being orchestrated by the epicentre of terrorism that is

Pakistan." The Chief of Army Staff said infiltration attempts are continuing including at the IB (International Border) sector along with attempts to smuggle in war-like stores and nar-

"Last year, 60 per cent of ter-rorists eliminated were of Pakistan origin. As of today, whatever is a remnant in the Valley and Jammu area, we feel that around 80 per cent or more are of Pakistan origin," he

## CDS urges youth of India to never give up in their journey of life



Chief of Defence Staff(CDS)General Anil Chauhan on Monday urged the youth of India to never ever give up in their journey of life, underlining that "a bend in a road is not the end of the road". Addressing a gathering of cadets and officers during his visit to the ongoing National Cadet Corps (NCC) Republic Day Camp at Delhi Cantonment, he also said the country's youth will contribute towards reaching the goal of becoming a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047 and they will also be the largest beneficiary of it.

General Chauhan said January is a month of festivities and Tuesday is Veterans' Day fol-January 15.

Then comes the Republic Day on January 26 and immediately next day the prime minister's rally happens at the NCC R-Day Camp, he said, adding, "this is symbolic of the fact that future of a nation rests with the youth of the country'

A total of 2,361 NCC cadets from across the country are taking part in the month-long camp, which began on December 30. The annual event is also witnessing the participation of 917 girl cadets, the largest so far.

Out of the total number of cadets, 114 are from Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and 178 from the northeast region.

General Chauhan said youths are the microcosm of the society, a demographic truth, a statistical reality. "The nation desires to be a Viksit Bharat by 2047. The youth of the coun-

try will contribute towards reaching that goal and will also be the largest beneficiary of it," he said.

The CDS said he was sure that as a nation we will be able to achieve this goal or dream of being a Viksit Bharat by 2047". The momentum will take it as the mass exists and the velocity is the vector which coupled with it, will help achieve the target, he added.

General Chauhan said the country's youth will provide the speed and the direction will be provided by the senior leader-

The CDS also offered some life lessons to the cadets and through them to the youth of the country. "Destiny and success is not preordained, you have to work for it. It is often it is by choice. And, for success you will have to work hard to achieve it," he asserted.

There will be ups and downs in life. So, remember a bend in a road is not the end of the road," the CDS said. In his address, he also quoted lines from a poem 'If' by Rudyard Kipling and recited poetry 'Koshish Karne Walon ki Haar Nahin Hoti' by Sohanlal Dwivedi.

"That is the message I want to leave with you, 'koshish karne walon ki kabhi haar nahin hoti'. So, never, never, ever give up," the CDS said. General Chauhan during his

visit to the NCC R-Day Camp also visited the 'flag area', the NCC Hall of Fame and also interacted with a few cadets before being treated to some colourful cultural performances by groups of cadets from different directorates of

# PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Monday here lauded the Election Commission(EC)for holding polls that have earned global accolades, saying there will always be an urge to criticise it to get the best of it.

He also said the independence of the poll panel is never a casualty as the bureaucracy is so trained and the election machinery so greased and

His remarks came against the backdrop of the opposition's attacks on the EC over alleged discrepancies in electoral rolls, allegations of fudges voter turnout data and the efficacy of

electronic voting machines. Addressing a book launch event, Dhankhar said "We have an Election Commission that has worked. And it has worked in a fashion that global recognition is coming to it. Many countries in the world want their elections to be overseen by our Election Commission.' There will always be, the vice president said, an urge to criticise to get the best of it. "But we all are assured because our bureaucracy is so trained. Our election machinery is so greased and fuelled. Îndependence is never a casualty". Dhankhar, who is also the Rajya Sabha chairperson, said a functional Parliament is quintessential to the survival of democracy because it is



Dhankhar lauds EC for conducting polls that earned global accolades

Parliament that allows the power of expression. "A power of expression where

no one can question. What you say in Parliament, you are immunised from any other concern, you can't be taken to civil court, you can't feel cul-pability in it. When you have that supreme authority, that no matter what you say in Parliament, no citizen of this country can take recourse to law if they are hurt," he said explaining parliamentary privileges. He said it puts a heavy obligation on Parliament itself. The privileges come with "heavy responsibility," he explained.

The vice president opined that Parliament is the "most possible" platform for the represen-

India signs Hajj agreement

with Saudi Arabia, finalises

tation of the people.
"... Most possible because eli-

gibility to vote has an age factor and those below that age are not entitled to reflect themselves. Therefore it is not very idealistic, but it is very close to idealism. So Parliament reflects the will of the people," he said. One of Parliament's powers is to hold the executive accountable. He said the executive is held accountable only through a parliamentary mechanism which is based on dialogue, debate, discussion and deliberation.

He said Parliament is not a place for a free fall of information and not a place to settle scores with people or institutions that cannot have their say

### GMDA Enforcement Wing acts heavily on encroachment at SPR

STAFF REPORTER

The Enforcement Wing of the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) on Monday acted heavily on encroachment on SPR wherein 12 acres of green belt area DTP GMDA R. S. Batth with his team including ATP Mange Raam with four earth movers and 50 police persons held the demolition drive. About 12 acres rea was

cleared by GMDA by removing big nurseries and illegal parking and building material. Nurseries developed across four acres and building materials spread across three acres were cleared.

In the drive DTP GMDA also got the building material that was encroaching green belts mixed by earth movers and thereafter all concerned requested for one day time to remove all material.

Additionally, about five permanent rooms and 10 temporary structures were also removed. GMDA looks after the important stretches and major sector dividing roads and green belts in gurugram. Recently the Enforcement



GMDA, R.S. Baath assured that entire SPR of about 12 km length from national highway to Ghata will be cleared by 31 st January.

Though efforts were made earlier however now strict enforcement drives will be conducted and systematic ways will be worked out to make the area greener. Earlier Minister

Environment and Industry Minister Rao Narbir Singh also directed that SPR road must be made clean and green.

Furthermore, CEO GMDA also directed DTP GMDA to work on important roads and green belts on top priority to further enhance the development and infrastructure. DTP R.S. Batth also visited surrounding area and direct-

ed all to remove the encroach-

ment in 24 hours and drive

will be continued.

### Ramesh's petition challenging tweaking of election rules to come up for hearing on Wednesday

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Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh's writ petition in the Supreme Court challenging the recent amendments to the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, will come up for hearing in the apex court on Wednesday. The matter will bench headed by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna on January 15, according to the cause list uploaded on the

Supreme Court website. The Congress had filed the writ petition in the Supreme Court last month challenging the recent amendments to the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 and expressed hope that the apex court will help restore the "fast eroding" integrity of the electoral process.

The government has tweaked an election rule to prevent public inspection of certain electronic documents such as CCTV camera and webcasting footage as well as video recordings of candidates to prevent their misuse. AICC general secretary Jairam Ramesh, who has filed the petition, had said, "The integrity of the electoral process is fast eroding. Hopefully the Supreme Court will help restore it.



"A writ has just been filed in the Supreme Court challenging the recent amendments to the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961," he had said earlier in a post on X.

Ramesh had said the Election Commission, a Constitutional body charged with the conduct of free and fair elections cannot be allowed to unilaterally, and without public consultation, amend such a vital law in such

a brazen manner. "This is especially true when that amendment does away with public access to essential information that makes the electoral process more transparent and accountable," he had said.Based on the recommendation of the Election Commission of India, the Union law ministry in December amended Rule 93(2)(a) of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, to restrict the type of "papers" or documents open to public inspection.



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finalising a quota of 1,75,025 pilgrims for itself. Ministry of Rijiju signed the agreement with Saudi Arabia's Minister for Hajj and Umrah Tawfiq Bin Fawzan Al-Rabiah in Jeddah. with Tawfiq Bin Fawzan Al-Rabiah, Minister for Hajj and Umrah of Kindom of Saudi Arabia. Finalized a quota of 1,75,025 pilgrims from India for Haj 2025. We are committed to providing the best possible services to all our Haj pilgrims," Rijiju said in a social media post.

"In the meeting with Dr Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al Rabiah, Saudi Minister of Hajj and Umrah,

quota of 1,75,025 pilgrims

ndia on Monday signed a Haj Lagreement with Saudi Arabia, Minority Affairs Minister Kiren "Haj Agreement 2025 signed

we discussed important matters related to Hajj 2025 and explored steps to further improve the pilgrimage experience for Indian pilgrims. It will also strengthen our bilateral relation," the minister said. Reacting to the development, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he welcomes this agreement, which is a "wonderful news" for Hajj pilgrims from India. He said, "Our Government is committed to ensuring improved pilgrimage experiences for devotees."

In a written reply to a question in the Raiva Sabha last month. Rijiju said that for the year 2025, the quota has been distributed within the same range between HCoI and HGOs, in the ratio of 70:30, which has been communicated vide the Haj Policy-2025 issued on August 5, 2024.

# Army Day Parade to see participation of all-girl marching contingent from NCC

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The Army Day Parade this ■ year will see participation of an all-girl marching contingent from the National Cadet Corps (NCC) and showcasing of four thematic tableaux, including one based on the force's Mission Olympics Wing. An all-women Agniveer contingent from the Corps of Military Police (CMP), Centre and School at Bengaluru, and a set of marching 'robotic mules' will also register their presence at the prestigious annual parade for the first time, defence sources said. The Army Day Parade will take

place at Bombay Engineering

Group (BEG) and Centre in

Maharashtra's Pune on January

15 which comes under the

Army's Southern Command.

In the evening, a programme

called 'Gaurav Gatha' is

planned to be held showcasing

the evolution of welfare from ancient period to the contemporary era. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is likely to grace this event, the sources said.

The theme for the 77th Army Day celebrations is 'Samarth Bharat, Saksham Sena', and the focus this time is to demonstrate the capabilities of the Army contributing to a stronger nation.

Some of the platforms that will be showcased during the parade include K9 Vajra selfpropelled howitzer, BMP-2 Sarath infantry combat vehicle. T-90 tanks, Swathi weapon locating radar, Sarvatra Bridging System, Multi-Barrel Rocket System, ATOR N1200 all-terrain vehicle, drone jammer systems and mobile communication nodes, sources in the defence establishment said. "This year's parade will include an all-girl contingent of the

NCC and an all-women

Agniveer contingent from the Corps of Military Police centre in Bengaluru and both will be taking part in the Army Day Parade for the first time," a defence source said.

Besides, "12 robotic mules' standing in two equal rows followed by their handlers will also be taking part in the parade for the very first time. These mules were inducted last year and represent the Army's steps towards modernisation of the force. These nimble-footed machines can carry loads, go to inaccessible areas and engage militants also, they said.

"While marching, when they reach in front of the dais, the robotic mules will salute the dignitaries before carrying forward in the parade," the source added. 'Also, in line with the the

theme of the parade, four

tableaux akin to the ones seen

also be showcased depicting the Indian Army's prowess, green initiatives, the value of the veterans and the force's role in fostering the Olympic spirit to produce winners," the source told PTI. As per the plan, the tableau

depicting the Army's Mission

Olympics Wing will be the

leading tableau and one

at the Republic Day Parade will

themed on technology absorption in the last one decade will be the last in the series, an official said. The Indian Army's Mission

Olympics Wing was established in 2001 under which a large number of sportspersons are training at various different sports nodes in the country. Besides, there are total of many Boys Sports companies and

nurturing the talent from young age (9-16 years). Additionally, a Paralympic Node was earlier established to

Girls Sports companies for

motivate and train soldiers with any disability for paralympic sports.

The Mission Olympics tableau will show moving depiction of athletes doing fencing, wrestling aboard it and some paralympic athletes who have brought laurels for the country, while some members of the Army Sports Institute, Pune, will be walking on ground alongside the tableau," the source said.

The next in line will be the veterans' tableau depicting their contribution to nation-building even after they have hung their

Paralympic athlete and Army veteran Murlikant Petkar, who had earned a gold medal in swimming (in 1972) and on

whose life the film 'Chandu Champion' was based, will also be part of the parade through the tableau, he added

Another tableau will portray the Army's efforts in adopting green measures to contribute towards achieving net-zero emission, including the achievement by Pune's College of Military Engineering in this field, officials said.

The fourth tableau's theme is on technology absorption, the cutting-edge technology inducted by the Army in the last decade such as drones, nano technology, UAVs and tethered drones will be showcased in it, they said.

The Army has declared 2024-25 as the 'year of technology absorption'.

In the run-up to the Army Day Parade, several events such as display by a dog squad, exhibition of weapons and equipments, and defence companies

the Southern Command area. The Southern Command traces its origin to the erstwhile Bombay Command established on April 1, 1895, the day which marks the raising of the command in Pune (then called Poona).

putting up stalls were held at

various locations falling with

encompasses 11 states and four Union Territories covering nearly 41 per cent of the country's landmass, according to its official website. Traditionally, the annual Army Day Parade had been held in

The Southern Command

Delhi. This long-standing practice saw a shift in January 2023 when the parade was conducted in Bengaluru, which comes in the Southern Command area. The Army Day Parade 2024

was hosted in Lucknow, which falls in the Central Command

# **MAHAKUMBH 2025: SPECIAL COVERAGE**



# PM Modi welcomes Maha Kumbh 2025

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As Maha Kumbh began in the holy city of Prayagraj on Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi described it as a very special day for

those who cherish Indian values and culture, saying the massive religious event embodies India's timeless spiritual heritage.

"A very special day for crores of people who cherish Bharatiya values and culture! Maha Kumbh

2025 commences in Prayagraj, bringing together countless people in a sacred confluence of faith, devotion and culture. The Maha Kumbh embodies India's timeless

social media post. The prime minister said he was

happy to see Prayagraj abuzz, with countless people coming there, taking the holy dip and seeking spiritual heritage and celebrates blessings. He wished the pilgrims faith and harmony," he said in a and tourists a wonderful stay.

# Unique themed entry gates captivate devotees









BISWAJEET BANERJEE MAHAKUMBH NAGAR

Under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the Akhara area at Mahakumbh 2025 is a sight to behold. Camps for various organisations, including the Akharas, Khak Chowk, Dandiwada, Acharyawada, and Prayagwal, are fully set up and adorned with vibrant decora-

While the camps are beautifully designed as always, this year, the entry gates are stealing the spotlight with their unique and

thematic designs. Themed entry gates across the Mela area go beyond being visually stunning, serving as markers of identity, helping pilgrims locate and reach specific

organisations.
CM Yogi Adityanath's vision of making Mahakumbh more grand and divine than ever is clearly visible in the Akhara area. Various Akharas and organizations have not only enriched their camps spiritually, but have also designed their entry gates

with distinctive themes. Located near Jhunsi, these gates come in various designs, including airplane models, and Shivlings, the enhancing grandeur of the camps. The artisans behind these gates have come from all across India, including Kolkata, Varanasi, and South India.

According to the artists, it took them 10 to 15 days to construct these gates, with costs running into lakhs of rupees. These gates serve a dual purpose: they enhance the aesthetic appeal of the camps and act as identifiers, helping pilgrims locate specific camps in the



## **UP Police ensure robust security**

BISWAJEET BANERJEE MAHAKUMBH NAGAR

On Monday, the Uttar Pradesh Police intensified security and crowd management measures at the 2025 Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj, one of the world's largest human congregations. Police personnel, including mounted units, patrolled the grounds to ensure a seamless and secure experience for devotees flocking to the Triveni Sangam for the auspicious Paush Purnima Snan.

Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Vaibhav Krishna said over 10,000 personnel from police stations, paramilitary forces, and specialized units have been deployed for the event. Speaking to ANI, he noted that approximately 60 lakh devotees had already taken the holy dip, and final figures would be released later.

The arrangements made by the police are functioning well. Crowd regulations, diversions, and parking accommodations are being efficiently managed. We are fully prepared to address any challenges," DIG Krishna stated.

Additional Director General (ADG) Bhanu Bhaskar these sentiments, emphasizing

3 a.m. Bathing ghats are under constant surveillance, and there have been no reported issues so far," he

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Rajesh Dwivedi devotees that continued to arrive in large numbers throughout the day. The ghats are fully occupied, and the first day of the Maha Kumbh is peacefully. proceeding We are monitoring the influx and ensuring a safe environment

for all," he said. In a notable upgrade, five American Warmblood horses worth ?1.5 crore have been deployed for mounted police patrols. Known for their preparedness of the police force. "The fair administration is fully alert, with all forces deployed since with all forces deployed since an additional layer of security sprawling Mela at the

grounds. Prime Minister Modi Lauds Maha Kumbh 2025

# Dome city promises hill-station experience for visitors

This year's Maha Kumbh has an L extraordinary addition: the stateof-the-art Dome City in Arail. Designed to provide an unparalleled blend of luxury and spirituality, this ambitious project by Evo Life Space in collaboration with the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department promises visitors an experience reminiscent of a hill station.

'For the first time, pilgrims will have access to accommodations that combine modern comfort with the serene spirituality of the Kumbh. Dome City is not just a facility; it is lasting impression," said Amit Johari, Director of Evo Life Space.

A Unique concept Elevated 15 to 18 feet above ground, Dome City comprises 44 uniquely designed domes, each measuring 32x32 feet. Constructed with 360degree polycarbonate sheets, these domes are bulletproof and fireproof, ensuring safety and comfort.

"Visitors can enjoy the panoramic views of the Kumbh from the domes while feeling as if they're in a hill station," Johari explained. "It's an effort to redefine how people experience the Maha Kumbh

Mukesh Meshram, Secretary of the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department, emphasized the innovative vision behind Dome City. "The Maha Kumbh is not just a religious event; it is a global gathering.

This Dome City concept adds a



broader audience, incluinternational tourists," he said. including The domes city will feature 176 airconditioned cottages equipped with

amenities like geysers provisions for satvik vegetarian) meals. These 16x16-foot cottages are priced at ?1.1 lakh per day during peak bathing days and ?81,000 on other days.

Travel agents are already witnessing interest in the bookings. "We have received numerous inquiries, especially from NRIs and tourists looking for a unique way to experience the Kumbh," said Pankaj Sharma, a Prayagraj-based tour operator.

"This concept of luxury within a modern dimension to its timeless spiritual framework is very appeal, making it accessible to a appealing to international visitors."

Online bookings for both domes and cottages have commenced. "We encourage early reservations as demand is expected to peak closer to the event," added Sharma. The Dome City will also host

cultural and spiritual programs, including religious discourses, yoga sessions, and live musical performances. "Our goal is to enhance the spiritual environment while ensuring visitors have an engaging cultural experience," said

Meshram echoed this sentiment, stating, "Dome City reflects our commitment to combining tradition with innovation. Visitors can immerse themselves in the spiritual energy of the Kumbh while enjoying modern conveniences.'

During a visit to Prayagraj on December 23, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inspected the Dome City and lauded its potential. "This initiative is a testament to our efforts to make the Maha Kumbh a globally renowned event. It sets a new benchmark for hospitality and spiritual tourism, he said. Shishir Singh, a

spokesperson, highlighted the broader vision. "The Dome City is an example of how we are elevating the Maha Kumbh experience. It is not just about accommodations but about redefining tourism standards

Tour operators believe this initiative will place Prayagraj firmly on the global tourism map. "Dome City offers a chance for visitors to experience the Kumbh in a way that has never been done before. It will attract both pilgrims and leisure tourists looking for a unique spiritual getaway," said Sunita Verma, a Delhi-based travel consultant.

The Future Beckons
With its innovative design and luxurious amenities, Dome City is poised to revolutionize the Maha Kumbh experience.

This is not just about luxury; it is about creating memories that resonate with the soul," concluded Johari.

As the countdown to Maha Kumbh 2025 begins, Prayagraj is ready to welcome the world to an unforgettable journey of faith, culture, and comfort.

# Kumbh becomes a global spiritual hub and symbol of world unity

BISWAJEET BANERJEE MAHAKUMBH NAGAR

The Maha Kumbh has emerged as a global epicenter of faith and a symbol of world unity.

Pilgrims from across India and countries like the United States, Russia, Germany, Italy, and Ecuador were captivated by the grandeur of Sanatan culture. They took holy dips at the Sangam, donned tilaks, and strolled along the sacred sands.

The atmosphere was charged with chants of "Jai Shri Ram" and "Har Har Gange," echoing in Spanish, Russian, German, French.

This year, the Sangam Ghat has transformed into a major spiritual and cultural attraction for the world. Visitors, both Indian and international, described it as a center for profound experiences. Christina from Germany shared, "Being here brings immense peace to my soul.

I had heard about the Maha Kumbh, but experiencing it is unforgettable." Christina, born in Ecuador, later moved to Germany with her

parents. Her companions from Ecuador also expressed admiration for India's spirituality, saying, "Taking a dip in the Ganga feels like washing away all sins.'

New Yorker Coby Halperin Discovers India's Cultural Depth

Fashion designer Coby Halperin from New York called the Maha Kumbh a life-changing experience. "Witnessing India's culture and traditions in such a grand form is entirely new for me.

The Maha Kumbh has given me an opportunity to understand Indian culture deeply. This event is not just





spiritual but also culturally inspiring," he said.

Life-Changing Experience for Russia's

Mikhail Mikhail and his friends from Russia chanted "Har Har Gange" after taking a holy dip at the Sangam.

"I had read about the Maha Kumbh, but witnessing its scale and divinity is the most beautiful experience of my life," said Mikhail. "It's a moment we will never forget.'

Pilgrims from Italy and Australia Hail the World's Largest Gathering

Paulo from Italy, along with his 12-member group, bathed at the Sangam and praised the Uttar Pradesh government's arrangements. An event of this scale is unimaginable anywhere else in the world. It showcases India's greatness.

leadership

(referring to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath) deserves appreciation," Paulo said. Similarly, Alex from Australia, inspired by his friends in Germany friends in Germany, attended the Maha Kumbh and described it as the most memorable experience of his life.

This year's Maha Kumbh has not only drawn Indian devotees but also attracted thousands of international tourists and seekers.

Visitors from around the world came to experience Indian culture, spirituality, and the sacred significance of the Ganga. The event stands as a

testament to India's rich traditions and also serves as a convergence point for global unity and spirituality. The Maha Kumbh has captivated the world, firmly establishing itself as a symbol of India's cultural here and spiritual heritage.

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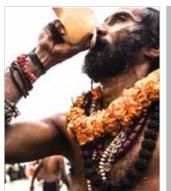
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## **Confluence of faith**

Truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience, the Maha Kumbh celebrates India's unity, diversity and enduring spiritual heritage

here are fairs and festivals but none like Maha Kumbh, a once-in-a-lifetime event that is as spiritual as it is eventful, showcasing tenacity, modernity, culture and human will to endure—all at the same time. The Maha Kumbh Mela 2025, the world's largest religious congregation, began on January 13 in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, drawing millions of devotees to the sacred confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati rivers. This event is expected to host over 45 crore pilgrims, including 15 lakh from foreign nations, over its 45-day span. The Maha Kumbh is a deeply spiritual event, rooted in ancient Hindu traditions. The ritual of taking a holy dip at the Triveni Sangam is believed to cleanse one of sins and pave the way for salvation (moksha). This grand gathering is a testament to India's enduring spiritual heritage and celebrates the unity and diversity of its cultural fabric. As Prime Minister Narendra Modi noted, the Maha Kumbh is a "sacred confluence of faith, devotion, and culture." The Uttar Pradesh



government, in collaboration with central agencies, has made extensive preparations to accommodate the unprecedented number of pilgrims. The state has allocated a budget of Rs 7,000 crore for the event, focusing on sanitation, security, and technological integra-

Like any mega event Maha Kumbh is also not free from fear of mishaps especially stampedes which have happened in the past. To avoid that, there have to be elaborate security arrangements especially on the designated bathing days. The State government has deployed Al-enabled cameras, underwater drones for 24/7 monitoring, and teams from PAC, NDRF, and SDRF for

crowd and water safety are on the watch. A first-of-its-kind initiative featuring digital monitoring systems to streamline crowd management and enhance safety has also been put in place. Besides, this time expansion of ghats, installation of remote life-saving buoys, and a fleet of 700 flagged boats have been made to ensure smooth movement and safety of devotees. Maha Kumbh's appeal lies in its fusion of ancient spirituality with modern infrastructure. This year's 'mela' exemplifies this synergy, blending cutting-edge technology with age-old rituals. The congregation serves as a melting pot for devotees, saints, and tourists, creating a vibrant tapestry of faith and culture. On Paush Purnima, the first 'Shahi Snan' witnessed more than 40 lakh devotees taking a holy dip at the Sangam. The ceremonial bath marks the beginning of the 'mela,' symbolising the purification of body and soul. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath welcomed devotees, emphasizing the event as a celebration of 'unity in diversity' and the blending of faith with modernity. With meticulous planning and unwavering commitment, Maha Kumbh 2025 stands as a shining example of India's ability to honour its spiritual roots while embracing technological advancements. As the Maha Kumbh unfolds, it offers a transformative experience to millions who seek spiritual solace and cultural enrichment.



# The calculus behind global invitations



**BHOPINDER SINGH** 

The guest list of Republic day, over the years has reflected India's growing global aspirations, balancing diplomacy with pragmatism

eyond the obvious suggestions of bilateral bonhomie and relationship, there is an invisible calculus of cold strategy in inviting foreign Heads of State to events like the Republic Day, in the Indian context. This year, the President of Indonesia, Prabowo Subianto, graces the occasion. Last year it was the French President, Emmanuel Macron, who heads what the Hudson Institute has described as "India's new best friend". This is unsurprising, given that France was one of the rare countries to avoid condemning India's nuclear test (later emerged as amongst the foremost nuclear fuel and reactor suppliers), supports Delhi's bid to become a permanent member of the United Nations, besides offering strategic defence platforms like Rafale fighters, Scorpène submarines etc. Before Macron it was the

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi (reviving memories of Nehru-Nasser era) whose visit signified India's increased leverage within Ummah (Islamic world), negating Pakistan's ageold rhetoric. Still earlier were stalwarts from BRICS comity i.e., Brazil and South Africa, which was reflective of India's expanded outreach and ambition to assert its strategic independence, beyond superpower-led 'Blocs'. But one region that has increasingly concerned India in terms of the duality of opportunities and threats, is from the East feeding its 'Act East' (evolved from prior 'Look East') policy.

Part of the opportunities is to stitch alliances and further the latent opportunities of the prosperous ASEAN region, and part of its security concern is the shared fear of China's expansionism which makes these Eastern countries, natural allies with India. Therefore the 2018 guest list for the Republic Day parade was a virtual who's who of Heads of State under the commemorative theme 'Shared Values, Common Destiny' from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, viaiaysia, Miyanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and

This year's guest is yet again the President of Indonesia, Prabowo



Beyond the deep civilisation and cultural connection between the two Asian countries, Indonesia as the world's largest Muslim population country with institutionalised tenets of religious tolerance and diversities, has much in common with India. But perhaps the most significant commonality is the wounded history with China as the purge unleashed by Indonesian dictator and strongman, Suharto (killing between 0.5 to 1 million communists, also banning Chinese literature, culture and diplomatic relations) took decades for the Sino-Indonesian diplomatic relations to reopen in 1990.

But it is the brazen Chinese claims of territorial usurpation in the South China Seas that affect Indonesia the most, especially with its sovereignty over the Natuna Islands getting repeatedly punctured by Chinese transgressions. China's infamous nine-dash line formulation has consumed the waters of the Natuna Islands from a cartographical sense, even though the Permanent Court of Arbitration Kuling validated Indonesian claims. But it is an issue that remains testy with Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto



**THEREFORE** 

THE 2018 **GUEST LIST** FOR THE REPUBLIC DAY PARADE WAS A VIRTUAL WHO'S WHO **HEADS OF STATE** 

**UNDER THE COMMEMORATIVE** 'SHARED VALUES. COMMON DESTINY'

recently signing a memorandum of understanding with the Chinese for "joint maritime development" whilst acknowledging an "overlapping claim" – it was a move of acknowledgement that was slammed by many international commentators who believe it gave credence and support to Chinese claims.

That said, the usually unconcerned Indonesians who had warmed up to the Chinese with its Belt & Road Initiative (BRI) largesse and other investments are gradually becoming more Sino-wary and concerned. The visit of the Indonesian President to India will be carefully watched in Beijing for what is said or suggested during the visit. Besides the Chinese angularity, there are enough commercial and diplomatic stakes to be tapped bilaterally, which chooses the Indonesian Head of State, very apt and strategic.

However, across the oceans, it is the guest list of invitees for the swearing-in of the 47th President of the United States (20th Jan) that is raising eyebrows, about the unpredictability of the Trump 1.0.2 tenure, that it signifies. Reportedly the Trump-Vance Inaugural Committee has raised an unbelievable \$170 million (compared to \$107 in 2016) from the deep-pocketed donors and corporations wno presumadly seek to curry favour with him at the jamboree. But it is the personal invite list of Trump (doing away with the traditional

avoidance of Head of State to US Presidential swearing-in) that is extremely disconcerting, for it includes ideological hard right-wingers like Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, Argentinian President Javier Milei, El Salvador President Nayib Bukele, Hungarian President Viktor Orban, ousted Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro and French farright leader Eric Zemmour! But the strangest invite was to the Chinese President Xi Jinping, onto whom his Presidential campaign diatribe and threats were ostensibly directed. Xi tellingly declined and may instead send

the Indian Prime Minister never came, and it will be left to the External Affairs Minister, S Jaishankar, to represent the Indian government, as per the invite received. Another notable omission has been the Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky who went public in expressing interest to attend the same but hasn't received the invite. Trump's unsaid 'frenemy' Vladimir Putin would be smiling at emerging signals from Washington DC. US Ambassador to India's reassurance given the "crowded swearing-in ceremony" doesn't seem too convincing or reassuring.

some other official.

The much-believed invite to

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# Devotees take a holy dip at Sangam on the first day of Maha Kumbh Mela 2025, in Prayagi How to give a golden touch to the silver years



Old age often conjures images of frailty, dependence and withdrawal. But it can be a second bloom—a chance to embrace life with renewed vigour

ohn and Hazel are a couple in their eighties. They were our neighbours at a mountain resort in Germany and were on a two-week holiday. They had come from the UK, driving nonstop for hours. They went hiking in the woods, drove to nearby places of interest even on snowy and rainy days without cursing the weather, made their own breakfast in their room instead of indulging in the buffet, and seemed to be having the best of their times. When I spoke to them, I saw how enthused they were about their retired lives, looking forward to travelling more, seeing more places on earth, and not once did they mention any discomfort that might be commonplace at their age: creaking knees, waning memory, shivering hands, feeble limbs.

This is the kind of old age I wish for myself and my spouse. Though, truth be told, 'wish' feels more honest than 'envisage' because I am unsure if I will see the world that far ahead. Pushing my mid-fifties, I am already troubled by the thought of a frail old age where my body might fail me, denying me the equated with quietude, protein intake and essential

chance to drink life to the lees. Health issues have started

giving me early warnings. And every time I travel to the West and see people older than me by a few decades living with independence, engagement, and joy, I am overcome not with envy but with wonder-and a quiet determination.

Why do we, in India, not envision such a golden old age for ourselves? Why do we resign ourselves so early to physical decline, social withdrawal, and the weight of ailments? Somewhere along the way, we have been conditioned to expect aging as a slow retreat from life rather than an opportunity for a second bloom. Part of it lies in our cultural mindset, perhaps-where old age is often dependence, and spiritual În contrast, many Western

cultures emphasise personal fulfillment and activity well into the later years of life. Retirees continue to travel, explore hobbies, and stay physically active, seeing old age as a continuation of life rather than its decline. We Indians often embrace a more sedentary old age, citing health issues, familial obligations, or even spirituality as reasons to wind down. But does spirituality have to mean withdrawal?

The narrative around aging needs to shift-from enduring to embracing, from retiring to thriving. Perhaps, if we break free from the cultural mould of passive aging and take cues from people like John and Hazel, we can look forward to a life where the sunset years are not just endured but truly, deeply lived.

To achieve this, we must adopt a proactive approach. Regular physical activity tailored to our abilities can significantly enhance mobility and reduce age-related health issues. Prioritising balanced nutrition with a focus on

vitamins is key to maintaining strength and mental clarity. Beyond physical wellness, fostering emotional wellbeing by staying connected with friends, family, and community can counter isolation and loneliness, which often accompany aging.

Moreover, financial planning cannot be overlooked. A secure financial base can empower older adults to pursue passions, travel, and stay engaged in life. Ultimately, aging is a privilege-a phase of life that can be as vibrant and fulfilling as any other if approached with the right mindset.

Let us not merely aspire for longer lives but richer ones, where we continue to explore, learn, and inspire generations that follow. The golden vears can truly be golden if we choose to make them so. To John, Hazel and dozens others that I come across on my jaunts to the other side of the globe, thank you. For making me see life in a whole new perspective.

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#### **DECODING ANCIENT LANGUAGES**

Madam — The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu MK Stalin has announced a prize of \$1 million for deciphering the script of the Indus Valley Civilisation (IVC), or Harappan Civilisation, aka Dravidian Civilisation, the Bronze Age culture that originated in the Indus River valley around 6000 BCE. For over a century, "the pictographic and logo-syllabic script, probably standing for one or two languages, has been the most vexing problem for epigraphists and archaeologists. However, "Indus script scholars John Marshall, Yuri Knorozov, Nikita Gurov, Kamil Zvelebil, Asko Parpola, Iravatham Mahadevan and Bryan Wells agree that the language underlying the Indus script is Dravidian." A science paper pointed out that the Indus Valley people spoke a Dravidian language, while the Vedic people spoke an Indo-European language, Sanskrit.

The paper argues, "A possible scenario combining genetic data with archaeology and linguistics is that proto-Dravidian was spread by people of the Indus Valley Civilisation." At an event in Chennai to mark the centenary of the IVC, Stalin said that the discovery of Sir John Marshall, the then Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India, completely changed the understanding of India's past. Stalin added that the discovery debunked the claim that Aryans and Sanskrit originated in India. Marshall's argument that the IVC predated Aryan (Vedic) civilisation and that the language in the Indus Valley could be Dravidian was a turning point in history. Ironically, his statue is being installed in Tamil Nadu, though he is credited with discovering IVC through excavations in Harappa and Mohenjodaro, now in Pakistan.

Haridasan Rajan | Kozhikode

#### **END POST-RETIREMENT POSTINGS**

Madam —The suggestions of the Vice President to go on merit while deciding postings are welcome. His suggestion to activities meant for Puritans is like

### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

### **India a developed nation by 2047**



**¬**he ambition of transforming India into a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047 demands bold and innovative economic strategies. The recent proposal to create an 'Amrit Kaal Fund,' inspired by Singapore's GIC model, appears to be a highly promising approach to achieve the financial goals necessary for sustainable growth. India's public sector enterprises have demonstrated significant improvement in earnings and the market value of public sector stocks has nearly tripled

do away with post-retirement rehabilitations is also a valid one to avoid decisions being incentivised and inductive to grab posts. But these are happening as policy of the ruling party. The top executives of public service commissions do not decide such political policies. Therefore, he should use his good office and prevail upon the ruling dispensation to do away with the system of taking their favourable judgements to decide their post-retirement rehabilita-

A blanket ban avoiding posting after retirement for five years may be thought of. Postings lack logic. The governor is selected based on political lenience, and he is expected to appoint apolitical academicians as vice chancellors of universities. It cannot happen so. As such, postings are made on merit, but the merit here means normally the speed and commitment with which the line of the ruling party is toed up. In a system where caste, cash and commitment to policies are predominant, expecting

in recent years. By transferring PSU holdings in excess of 51 per cent into this fund, the government can effectively leverage these assets to raise resources, reduce fiscal deficits, retire public debt and improve India's sovereign credit ratings.

The strategic shift away from traditional privatisation toward shared public ownership addresses valid concerns about the concentration of wealth and political sensitivities. Furthermore, listing the fund as an exchange-traded vehicle would allow domestic and international investors to participate in India's growth story, thereby unlocking additional capital. It is imperative that the 2025 budget prioritises this visionary initiative to propel India towards 8+ GDP growth to achieve the goal of a developed nation by 2047. Vishal Mayur | Tumakuru

searching for fuel sticks in a desert land. A G Rajmohan | Anantapur

**EMPOWERING WOMEN INVESTORS** Madam —The participation of women in India's equity markets is steadily growing, marking a significant shift in financial dynamics. Factors like increased financial independence, digital accessibility through investment platforms, and rising financial literacy have empowered women to actively invest in stocks. Women are adopting a research-driven, long-term approach, contributing to a more balanced and sta-

ble market environment. Despite challenges like cultural biases and limited confidence in some cases, the trend is gaining momentum. This rise not only promotes gender inclusivity but also strengthens retail participation in India's equity landscape, heralding a more diverse financial future.

Anushka Bohra | Ujjain

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## **FIRST COLUMN AN ODE TO MY MOTHER**

A woman of immense strength and boundless compassion, she dedicated her life to healing



Iways be associated with people who are good at heart, said Swami Vivekananda. My mother shared her birthday with Swami Vivekananda (12th January). She nurtured strong bonding with spiritually inclined stalwarts. I recall her association with Sathya Sai Baba, Ganapathi Sachchidanda Swamiji, Raghavendra Swami Mutt, Swami Chinmayananda, Jiddu Krishnamurti, Mahesh Yogi and Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar. She wanted to pursue medicine but life did not take that trajectory. So, she upended the pyramid and became a qualified medical social worker and worked diligently at the Rajan Babu TB (RBTB)

Gurudev says, "Open your hands and sky is in your hands." To combat and challenge the disease of tuberculosis she initiated several rehabilitation projects. This included a creche for the children of those afflicted with this malady, a Stitching Centre, candle and match-making units. She used to tell patients and their children that "Fear is only as deep as the mind allows." Thus, patients afflicted with TB, but not bedridden participated in the projects. This was what she called "Diversionary Therapy". Climate changes, civilisations collapse, governments change, political affiliations alter and even the best possible model collapses

This is inevitable. It was extremely traumatic for my mother and she became a patient of Paroxysmal Atrial Tachycardia (PAT). This is a type of arrhythmia (irregular heartbeat). Paroxysmal means that the episode of arrhythmia originates and terminates abruptly. Atrial implies the arrhythmia starts with atria or in the upper chambers of the heart. The tachycardia results in a significant increase in the heartbeat per minute. It is accompanied by severe sweating, dizziness, palpitations, angina, and



acute breathlessness. Normally a patient suffers from such a condition owing to emotional upheavals, physical exhaustion, deep anxiety, and consumption of caffeine or alcohol. She was administered medication but it worked only to an extent. The real help came in the form of a pentagon-shaped talisman. That is through Siddha Healing, Pranic Healing, the 10-day Vipassana Course and the Part 1 and Part 2 Art of Living

Indisputably it is the infinitesimal and scientific power of breath. Breathing techniques, meditation, medication and proper diet changed the trajectory of the life of the patient and brought back the mojo in her life. The year 2020 A virulent virus that is assumed to have originated in the dragon land of China assumed monstrous proportions and spread like a pandemic across the swathes of the globe. The robust lady, a woman of substance contracted the disease on the 23rd of December that year, a

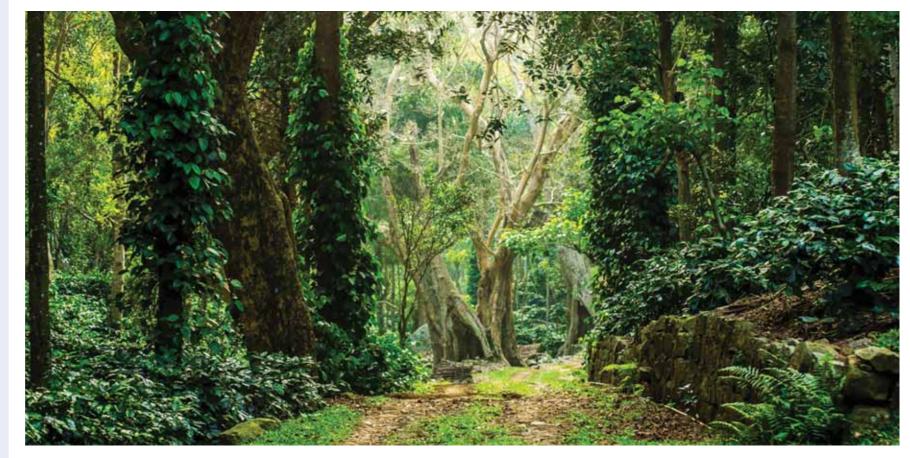
day after I was detected positive with the pestilence. Six days before when she would have celebrated her eighty-fourth birthday, and despite testing negative for COVID, life was snuffed out and she entered the empyrean. She was on the ventilator, something my mother would have abhorred as the lethal virus had entered her lungs. Strangely at 7:30 a.m. that morning, though enfeebled by the pernicious disease, I was performing Sudarshan Kriya and had a premonition that my mother had entered Vaikuntha. A few minutes later my wife knocked on the door and with misty eyes and a choked voice conveyed the news. We are yet to recover from the body blow. My mother used to get up at twelve in the night and followed a strict regimen that included Vipassana meditation, Pranic Healing, Siddha Healing, Mudra Pranayama and then Sudarshan Kriya. This lasted for almost six hours. She was also religious in taking her short walks... how did she contract the disease and leave for her heavenly abode? Destiny or Karma?

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# Deciphering the concerns in State of Forests Report 2023



While the total forest and tree cover rose by 1,445.81 sq km since 2021, the findings reveal deeper concerns about the health and sustainability of India's natural forests



he Forest Survey of India (FSI) has a few weeks ago released its 2023 state of Forest report which shows an increasing trend in forest and tree cover in the country. The current assessment has shown a very meagre increase in forest cover by 156.41 sq km compared to the past assessment of 2021. However, the total forest and tree cover of the country has increased by 1445.81 sq km compared to the last assessment

The results are good to show to the nation that its forest machinery is doing a good job in maintaining and also increasing the resources it is managing and controlling. This also is a good political tool in the hands of the Central government to show its success in conserving the forest resources and the overall environment. However, as the saying goes 'the proof of the pudding is in the eating. The benchmark of any such professionally well-prepared report can be judged only if it shows the correct pic-

This year the team of the FSI brought out several key features like decadal changes in the various forest parameters and tree cover/ agro-forestry by preparing a change matrix, growing stock calculations both inside and outside the forest cover, information on canopy density of different classes of forests, carbon stock calculation, changes in western ghat ecosensitive zone, fires and grazing status and status of natural regeneration, division wise forest cover for 16 states etc. The FSI officers have put up the data collected and analysed in the public domain and it is necessary that as professional administrators people like me bring some of the urgent issues that need the attention of the Prime Minister who is keen to see the success of conservation in the country, because the health of the forest of the country is not good rather the natural forests are in bad shape and



THE CONDITION **OF FORESTS** SHOULD NOT BE ASSESSED BY CARBON GROWTH OR TREE NUMBERS BUT BY THE CONDITION

OF RESERVE AND PROTECTED FORESTS WHICH ARE THE SOURCE OF MORE THAN 450 RIVERS AND RIVULETS OF OUR **COUNTRY AND** SOURCE OF

RECHARGING THE AQUIFERS. BINDING THE SOIL AND CONTROLLING THE HYDROLOGY

overall scenario demand a serious rethink on the way we manage our forest bio-diversity, even though India is ranked 3rd in top ten countries for an average net gain in the forest area. Let us discuss some of the points for action by the professionals/ administrators as well as the political leaders.

Before I flag the issues let us accept the fact that Trees outside the recorded forests are to the tune of 30.7 million ha which is 37.11 per cent of the total forest and tree cover of the country. All kinds of plantations like rubber, coconut, palm, areca nut etc are also included in it have saved the foresters from criticism with around 1289.40 sq km increase in tree cover between 2021 and 2023 and 20,286.57 sq km almost a 20 per cent increase since 2013.

On Paris's commitment to carbon stock India had compared to 2005 had already reached 2.29 billion tonnes of carbon capture. One of the issues of serious concern is the fact that the canopy density of over 40,709.28 sq km has shifted from high-density (70 per cent) and medium (40 per cent and above) density forests to open-category forests (10 per cent or less canopy density).

A major portion of this must be in recorded forests and catchments of major rivers and the habitat of Tigers. Apart from this 5573 sq km of good or open forest forests have become scrub and refractive wastelands. Thus almost 46707 sq km of forests have become nonforest inside the recorded forests as per page 73 of the report. Apart from this glaring forest /tree cover losses are in major forested states like Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Tripura, Telangana, Ladakh and Nagaland, North-eastern states and Himalayas. However, some states reported

an increase also and among them are Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh but the question today is how healthy is our forests. Now let us take the condition of regeneration. Only 48 per cent of the recorded forests have adequate natural regeneration 24 per cent have inadequate regeneration and another 9 per cent have no regeneration at all and for the last 10 years, there has been a severe loss of regeneration. The condition of forests should not

be assessed by carbon growth or tree numbers but by the condition of reserve and protected forests Prime Minister Manmohan Singh 450 rivers and rivulets of our country and source of recharging the aquifers, binding the soil and controlling the hydrology so vital for sustaining the food, nutritional, climate, livelihoods and water security of millions of people of the country. So in a nutshell, we may feel happy to have a figure of 82 million ha of forest and tree cover (25.17 per cent of geographic area) which covers 71 million ha of forest cover (21.76 per cent) and 3.4 per cent Tree

But the fact is we have only 9 million ha of very dense forests with 70 per cent canopy density and 24. 35 million ha of forest with 40 per cent and above density. Another 18.5 million ha is with 10 per cent density or above and this includes the Green Wash area outside the recorded forests on private lands adjacent to recorded forests.

cover is worth good density in the recorded forests compared to 30 million ha of trees outside the forests. Thus the real good forest is only around 10 to 11 per cent of the geographic area and it must give a wakeup call to foresters and political leaders. One of the reasons is the poor implementation of the Forest Right Act 2006 which has become an apolitical tool in the hands of competitive politics.

The Director General of Forests who is the Chief Technical Advisor of the government of India must tell the Prime Minister and Forest minister of the real situation in natural forest management as a professional like the then Army Chief Gen Vij told which are the source of more than when he asked him to make adjustments in Siachin area and do not be hawkish. He told him firmly that being a professional he would never agree and after his presentation the Prime Minister supported him.

The IFS lobby should propose immediate remedial measures and one of the measures should be to change the format of the future State of Forest Report of FSI. The first part should only deal with the assessment of forests in recorded forests, the second part should deal with Trees outside forests and the third part should deal with fire management, carbon and change matrix etc. Hope the powers that be will notice the suggestion given here and stop the hotchpotch reporting.

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# India and Afghanistan: Navigating a complex diplomatic landscape

### The Taliban's return to power and Pakistan's enduring influence have created a multifaceted challenge for India

→he evolving relationship between India and Afghanistan presents a multifaceted diplomatic challenge. India's engagement with Afghanistan, particularly after the Taliban's return to power, is closely linked to its broader strategic interests in the region, especially its rivalry with Pakistan.

The Taliban's close ties with Pakistan and its association with terrorism pose a serious security threat, making India's diplomatic engagement a complex but necessary endeavor. While seeking to safeguard its regional influence and counter Pakistan's dominance in Afghanistan, India must carefully navigate the Taliban's authoritarian rule, human rights concerns, and the risk of further destabilizing the



India's Diplomatic and **Developmental Footprint** India's involvement with Afghanistan extends beyond diplomatic posturing and is driven by long-term strategic and developmental goals. Through substantial investments in infrastructure, education, and humanitarian aid, India has positioned itself as an

Afghanistan. Projects such as the construction of the Afghan Parliament, the Salma Dam, and educational scholarships for Afghan students have sigenhanced Afghanistan's infrastructure while fostering goodwill between the two nations. India's developmental efforts have had a direct positive impact on Afghanistan's stability and growth, providing a counterbalance to Pakistan's attempts to exert control over Afghan affairs.Strengthening ties with Afghanistan offers India significant strategic ben-

efits, including access to Central Asia. By bypassing Pakistan, India secures a direct route to Central Asia's markets and resources, reducing Pakistan's important partner to monopoly over Afghanistan's

trade routes. This economic advantage is coupled with enhanced counterterrorism cooperation, as both nations share concerns about the proliferation of extremist groups. This collaboration not only bolsters India's position as a responsible regional power but also contributes to region-Pakistan's Strategic Setback:

India's strengthened relation-ship with Afghanistan poses a significant challenge to Pakistan's strategic objectives. Historically, Pakistan has viewed Afghanistan as a strategic depth, crucial for its security and regional influence. Any shift in Afghanistan's alliances toward India directly undermines this narrative. The development of an India-Afghanistan trade corridor,



Chabahar Port, bypasses Pakistan entirely, diminishits leverage over Afghanistan's trade routes. This economic shift erodes Pakistan's ability to influence Afghan policy, further isolating it in the region. Security concerns compound Pakistan's challenges. The increasing Indian presence in Afghanistan is perceived as a potential avenue for intelli-

for nationalist movements within Pakistan, particularly in its Pashtun and Baloch regions. The Taliban's Role:

Despite Pakistan's close ties with the Taliban, India's diplomatic engagement with Afghanistan has the potential to empower elements within the country that resist Pakistan's control. This could shift power dynamics within the Taliban or exacerbate internal divisions.

The Taliban's governance and its approach to extremism remain critical factors in shaping the future of India-Afghanistan relations. India's diplomatic strategy hinges on the Taliban's willingness to adopt inclusive governance and curb extremism, which could open avenues for congence-gathering and support structive engagement.

**Regional Stability** 

Regional stability remains precarious as tensions between India and Pakistan persist, coupled with the Taliban's uncertain governance. Proxy conflicts could spill over into Afghanistan, exacerbating instability

The Road Ahead:

India's long-standing commitment to Afghanistan's reconstruction, particularly through investments in infrastructure and humanitarian aid, has been central to its regional strategy. India has invested over \$3 billion in Afghanistan, supporting projects such as the Zaranj-Delaram Highway, the Afghan Parliament building, and the Salma Dam. These initiatives have directly contributed to Afghanistan's economic and social develop-

include power transmission lines, healthcare programs, educational scholarships, and food aid, reflecting India's commitment to Afghanistan's well-being and stability. The Taliban's return to power in 2021 cast uncertainty over the future of these projects. Despite the political upheaval, India has maintained a humanitarian approach, continuing to provide support where possible. However, the Taliban's restrictive policies and authoritarian rule complicate the these initiatives. India's cautious engagement seeks to balance its strategic interests with the need to uphold humanitarian values. (Writer is a senior political ana-

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# Los Angeles wildfire death toll surges to 24

**PTI** LOS ANGELES

fter a weekend spent block-A fiter a weekend spent block-ing the explosive growth of fires that destroyed thousands of homes and killed at least 24 people in the Los Angeles area, firefighters got a slight break with calmer weather but cast a wary eye on a forecast for yet more wind.

Should that happen, already burned homes and valleys could flare anew, sending embers to unburned territory miles downwind. New fires could add to the complication. The death toll surged late Sunday with an update from the Los Angeles County medical examiner. At least 16 people were missing, a number authorities said was also likely

The relative calm Sunday allowed some people to return to previously evacuated areas,

The National Weather Service issued red flag warnings for severe fire conditions through Wednesday, with sustained winds of 50 mph and gusts in the mountains reaching 70



mph. The most dangerous day will be Tuesday, warned fire behaviour analyst Dennis Burns at a community meeting Sunday night.

"It will kind of ebb and flow as much as 2 miles (3.2 km) or

over the next couple days," Burns said. "Tomorrow night, it will really ramp up." Spotting - new fires caused by

more downwind of areas that have already burned, Burns said. Despite their recent losses, stress, and uncertainty, the crowd in a Pasadena City College gym was mostly

harsh criticism elsewhere for Los Angeles and California leaders. Ăpplause followed each of the experts, police, firefighters and community leaders who spoke. Los Angeles County Fire Chief

Anthony C Marrone said 70 additional water trucks arrived to help firefighters fend off flames spread by renewed gusts. "We are prepared for the upcoming wind event," Marrone said.

Fire retardant dropped by aircraft will act as a barrier along hillsides, officials said.

Fierce Santa Ana winds have been largely blamed for turning the wildfires sparked last week into infernos that levelled entire neighbourhoods around the city where there has been no significant rainfall in more than eight months.

Twelve people were missing within the Eaton Fire zone and four were missing from the Palisades Fire, Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna said. Investigators were reconciling whether some of the missing might be among the tures.'

respectful, in contrast with dead but so far no children were among those reported missing, he said.

Meanwhile, the death toll rose to 24 over the weekend. Eight deaths were attributed to the Palisades Fire and 16 to the Eaton Fire, according to the Los Angeles County coroner's

The toll could rise still more as cadaver dogs conducted systematic searches in levelled neighbourhoods. Authorities established a centre where people could report the missing. Officials also were building an online database to allow evacuated residents to see if their homes were damaged or destroyed. In the meantime, LA city Fire Chief Kristin Crowley urged people to stay away from scorched neighbourhoods. 'There are still active fires that

are burning within the Palisades area, making it extremely, extremely dangerous for the public," Crowley said at Sunday morning briefing. 'There's no power, there's no water, there's broken gas lines, and we have unstable struc-

## Gaza ceasefire talks press on in Qatar

**PTI** ■ JERUSALEM

srael and Hamas appear to be  $oldsymbol{1}$ inching closer to a phased ceasfire agreement, officials said Monday.

But a deal hasn't been reached yet, and there are a number of obstacles that could still scupper the talks in Oatar. The war in Gaza has ground on for more than 15 months, starting on Oct 7, 2023, when Hamas militants stormed into southern Israel and killed about 1,200 people, and abducted around 250. A third of the 100 hostages still held in Gaza are believed to be

More than 46,000 Palestinians have been killed in Israel's offensive, according to Gaza health authorities, which don't distinguish between fighters and civilians.

Israel and Hamas have been holding indirect talks for more than a year aimed at ending the war in Gaza and returning scores of militant-held hostages in exchange for Palestinians imprisoned by Israel.

There has been intensive mediation by the United States, Qatar and Egypt. But the talks have repeatedly stalled over several key issues. They include details of the exchange, whether the ceasefire would be permanent and the withdrawal of Israeli forces. The war has ground on as each side has accused the other of backtracking. US and Arab mediators made significant progress overnight toward brokering a ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas war and the release of scores of hostages held in the Gaza Strip, but a deal hasn't been reached yet, officials said Monday.

Three officials acknowledged that progress has been made and said the coming days would be critical for ending more than 15 months of fighting that has destabilised the Middle East. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorised to discuss the talks. One of the three officials and a Hamas official said that there were still a number of hurdles to clear.

# UK PM Starmer lays out plan to make Britain 'world leader' in Al

PTI LONDON

Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Monday laid out his plans to unleash the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) with the help of billions of pounds of investment and dedicated AI Growth Zones to speed up infrastructure to make the UK a "world leader" in the sector. Unveiling details of the Labour government's 'AI Opportunities Action Plan', Starmer said he believes AI can transform the lives of working people and has the potential to speed up planning consultations to get Britain building, help drive down admin for teachers and even help improve roads through cameras to spot potholes.

It comes as three major tech companies - Vantage Data Centres, Nscale and Kyndryl -have committed to GBP 14 billion investment to build the AI infrastructure the UK needs to harness the potential of this technology and deliver 13,250 jobs across the UK.

"Artificial Intelligence will drive er "better, faster, and smarter" incredible change in our country. From teachers personalising lessons, to supporting small businesses with their recordkeeping, to speeding up planning applications, it has the potential to transform the lives of working people," said

But the AI industry needs a government that is on their side, one that won't sit back and let opportunities slip through its fingers; and in a world of fierce competition, we cannot stand by. We must move fast and take action to win the global race,"

"Our plan will make Britain the world leader. It will give the industry the foundation it needs and will turbocharge the Plan for Change. That means more jobs and investment in the UK, more money in people's pockets, and transformed public services," he added. Downing Street pointed out that AI is already being used in hospitals up and down the UK to deliv-

care - spotting pain levels for people who can't speak, diagnosing breast cancer quicker, and getting people discharged quicker. This is already helping deliver the government's mission to build an NHS fit for the

future, it noted. According to IMF estimates, AI can boost productivity by as much as 1.5 percentage points a year, which is estimated to be worth up to an average GBP 47 billion to the UK each year over a decade. "AI is a powerful tool that will

help grow our economy, make our public services more efficient and open up new opportunities to help improve living standards," said UK Chancellor Rachel Reeves.

This action plan is the government's modern industrial strategy in action... This means better living standards in every part of the United Kingdom and working people have more money in their pocket," she said. According to the British gov-

ernment, the aim is to "mainline AI into the veins of this enterprising nation", introducing a raft of new measures learning from the US and European Union (EU) approach to deliver "dynamism, flexibility and long-term stability" for businesses.
"This government is determined that the UK is not left

behind in the global race for AI that's why the actions we commit to will ensure that the benefits are spread throughout the UK so all citizens will reap the rewards of the bet we make today," said Peter Kyle, UK's Science, Innovation, and Technology Secretary. "This is a plan which puts us all-in backing the potential of AI to grow our economy, improve lives for citizens, and make us a global hub for AI investment and innovation," added Matt Clifford, a British entrepreneur who drafted the 'AI Opportunities Action Plan' being followed by the govern-

# EU ministers to consider easing sanctions on Syria

PTI 🔳 RIYADH

European Union foreign ministers will meet in late January to discuss easing sanctions imposed on Syria, the bloc's foreign policy chief said on Sunday. However, she said the move would depend on Syria's new rulers carrying out an inclusive political transition after last month's overthrow of president Bashar Assad.

Kaja Kallas' comments came at a gathering of top European and Middle Eastern diplomats in the Saudi capital of Riyadh to discuss Syria's

Saudi Arabia called for the lifting of sanctions, which threaten to undermine Syria's recovery from nearly 14 years of civil war that killed an estimated 5,00,000 people and displaced half the country's prewar population of 23 million. European countries and the US have been wary over the Islamist roots of the former insurgents who drove Assad out of power and who now lead an interim government. The former rebels have promised to hold a national dialogue summit that includes different groups across Syria to agree upon a new political road map leading to a new constitution and an election. Kallas said EU foreign ministers will look at how to ease sanctions during a January 27 meeting in Brussels. 'But this must follow tangible

tion that reflects Syria in all its diversity," she said in a post on the social media platform X. She also posted a photo of herself meeting the new Syrian foreign minister, Asaad al-Shibani at Sunday's gathering. The US, the EU and some Arab nations began imposing sanctions on Syria after Assad's brutal crackdown on the 2011

progress in a political transi-

tightened them as the conflict spiralled into war. Some of the measures are against individuals in Assad's government, including freezing of assets. But many target the government in general, including bans on many financial and banking dealings, on

oil purchases and on invest-

uprising against his rule and

ment or trade in some sectors, crippling the wider Syrian economy German Foreign Minister

Annalena Baerbock said sanctions against "Assad's henchmen who committed serious crimes" must remain in place. But she called for "a smart approach to sanctions, providing rapid relief for the Syrian population. Syrians now need a quick div-

idend from the transition of power". Baerbock did not elaborate but announced an additional USD 51.2 million in German aid for food, emergency shelters and medical

At the gathering, Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan said international and unilateral sanctions on Syria should be lifted. Continuing them "will hinder

the aspirations of the brotherly Syrian people to achieve development and reconstruction", he said. He praised steps taken so far by the interim Syrian govern-

ment, including promises to start a political process "that

national community and the realities faced by the new administration in Syria". He pledged Turkish support to the new government, especially in combating threats from

includes various components"

of the Syrian people. Turkish Foreign Minister

Hakan Fidan said his country,

which was a strong supporter

of the Syrian opposition to

Assad, would try to help Syria

in normalising ties with the

He said it was important to establish a "balance between

the expectations of the inter-

international community.

the Islamic State group.
"As Turkey, we are ready to do our part to ease the difficult path ahead for the Syrian people," he said in comments carried by Turkey's state-run

Anadolu Agency. Last week, Washington eased some of its restrictions on Syria, with the US Treasury issuing a general licence, lasting six months, that authorises certain transactions with the Syrian government, including some energy sales and incidental transactions.

### Nigerian military airstrike mistakenly kills civilians

airstrike targeting armed groups in the conflict-battered northwest mistakenly killed a number of civilians working in community security outfits, authorities and residents said

This is the third misfire by the military in a little over a year during aerial bombardments of extremists and rebel groups. The Nigeria Air Force was targeting rebels in the hard-hit Zurmi and Maradun areas of Zamfara state, Sulaiman Bala Idris, the state governor's spokesman, said on Sundav. 'Regrettably, some members of the Civilian Joint Task Force and local vigilantes were also affected during the operation in Tungar Kara, resulting in the loss of lives," Idris said in a statement, saying they were "mistakenly identified as bandits fleeing" from the area.
Officials did not say how many

civilians were killed and the air force has not issued a statement.

Abuja (PTI: A Nigerian military However Salicu Maradun local resident, said they counted up to 20 bodies while 10 others were being treated for

> Meanwhile, the Zamfara government called the weekend airstrike "successful" as it "decisively targeted bandits" in a "renewed onslaught" by the military. "We will continue to offer support to enhance intelligence sharing, provide logistics, and strengthen communi-ty engagement," the statement said. Nigeria's military often conducts air raids to battel extremist violence that has destabilised the country's north. These air raids have ended up killing some 400 civilians since 2017, according to the Lagos-based SBM Intelligence research

In December 2023, more than 80 civilians were mistakenly killed during a religious gathering in the northern Kaduna

## Trump team questions NSC staff loyalty, plans overhaul

**PTI W**ASHINGTON

Incoming senior Trump **⊥**administration officials have begun questioning career civil servants who work on the White House National Security Council about who they voted for in the 2024 election, their political contributions and whether they have made social media posts that could be considered incriminating by President-elect Donald Trump's team, according to a U official familiar with the mat-

At least some of these nonpolitical employees have begun packing up their belongings since being asked about their loyalty to Trump — after they had earlier been given indications that they would be asked to stay on at the NSC in the new administration, the official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive personnel matters.

Trump's pick for national secu-

signalled his intention to get rid of all nonpolitical appointees and career intelligence officials serving on the NSC by Inauguration Day to ensure the council is staffed

with those who support Trump's agenda. A wholesale removal of foreign policy and national security experts from the NSC on Day 1 of the new administration could deprive Trump's team of considerable expertise and institutional knowledge at a time when the US is grappling with difficult policy challenges

beyond. Such questioning could also make new policy experts brought in to the NSC less likely to speak up about policy differences and concerns.

in Ukraine, the Mideast and

White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan is making a robust case for the incoming Trump administra-

rity adviser, Florida Rep Mike tion to hold over career gov- the NSC and who had weeks everybody their clearances and the NSC at least through the early going of the new admin-

> "Given everything going on in the world, making sure you have in place a team that is up to speed, and, you know, ready to continue serving at 12:01, 12:02, 12:03 pm on the 20th is really important," Sullivan said on Friday. The NSC staff members being questioned about their loyalty are largely subject matter experts who have been loaned to the White House by federal agencies — the State Department, FBI and CIA, for example — for temporary duty that typically lasts one to two years. If removed from the NSC, they would be returned to their home agencies.

Vetting of the civil servants began in the last week, the official said. Some of them have been questioned about their politics by Trump appointees who will serve as directors on

around. There are dozens of civil servants at the directorate level at the NSC who had anticipated remaining at the White House in the new

administration. A second US official told the AP that he was informed weeks ago by incoming Trump administration officials that they planned on raising questions with career appointees that work at the White House, including those at the NSC, about their political leanings. The official, who was not authorized to comment publicly, however, had not yet been formally vetted.Waltz told Breitbart News last week that "everybody is going to resign at 12:01 on January 20." He added that he wanted the NSC to be staffed by personnel who are "100 percent aligned with the president's agenda." "We're working through our process to get

now," Waltz said. "Our folks know who we want out in the agencies, we're putting those requests in, and in terms of the detailees they're all going to go back." A Trump transition official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss personnel matters, said the incoming administration felt it was "entirely appropriate" to seek officials who share the incoming president's vision and would be focused on common goals. The NSC was launched as an arm of the White House during the Truman administration, tasked with advising and assisting the president on national security and foreign policy and coordinating among various government agencies. It is common for experts detailed to the NSC to carry over from one administration to the next, even when the White House changes par-

### Trudeau urges consumers to consider harm of tariff threats

Vancouver (PTI): Canada's out going Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Sunday suggested that US President-elect Donald Trump's remarks about Canada becoming America's "51st state" has distracted attention from the harm that steep tariffs would inflict on US consumers.

Trump has threatened to impose 25 per cent tariffs on all Canadian imports.

'The 51st state, that's not going to happen," Trudeau said in an interview with MSNBC. "But people are talking about that, as opposed to talking about what impact 25 per cent tariffs (has) on steel and aluminium coming

into the United States."
Trudeau told MSNBC, "No American wants to pay 25 per cent more for electricity or oil and gas coming in from Canada. That's something I think people need to pay a little more attention to.

Trump has also said that if Canada merged with the US, taxes would decrease and there would be no tariffs.

"I know that as a successful negotiator he likes to keep people off balance," Trudeau said of Trump's threats to use econom ic force to turn Canada into the 51st state. Trump has also erroneously cast the US trade deficit with Canada — a natural resource-rich nation that provides the US with commodities like oil — as a subsidy. Canadian officials say that if

Trump follows through with his threat of punishing tariffs, Canada would consider slapping retaliatory tariffs on American orange juice, toilets and some steel products. Already during Trump's first term in the White House, Canada responded to Trump's tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminium with its own on American products like bourbon, Harley Davidson motorcycles and playing cards. "He got elected to try and make life easier for all Americans, to support American workers," Trudeau said of Trump.

## Biden speaks with relatives of Americans held by Taliban but deal to bring them home still elusive

**PTI** WASHINGTON

 $P^{\text{resident Joe Biden spoke on}}_{\text{with relatives of three}}$  Americans the US government is looking to bring home from Afghanistan but no agreement has been reached on a deal to get them back, family members said.

Biden's call with family members of Ryan Corbett, George Glezmann and Mahmood Habibi took place in the waning days of his administration as officials try to negotiate a deal that could bring them home in exchange for Muhammad Rahim, one of the remaining detainees at Guantanamo Bay

Corbett, who had lived in Afghanistan with his family at the time of the 2021 collapse of the US-backed government, was abducted by the Taliban in

August 2022 while on a business trip and Glezmann, an airline mechanic from Atlanta, was taken by the Taliban's intelligence services in December 2022 while travelling through the country. Officials believe the Taliban is

still holding both men as well as Habibi, an Afghan American businessman who worked as a contractor for a Kabul-based telecommunications company and also went missing in 2022. The FBI has said that Habibi and his driver were taken along with 29 other employees of the company but that all except for Habibi and another person have since

been freed The Taliban has denied that it has Habibi, complicating talks with the US government and the prospect of finalising a

On the call, Biden told the families that his administration would not trade Rahim, who has been held at Guantanamo since 2008, unless the Taliban releases Habibi, according to a statement from Habibi's brother, Ahmad Habibi.

'President Biden was very clear in telling us that he would not trade Rahim if the Taliban do not let my brother go," the statement said. "He said he would not leave him behind. My family is very grateful that he is standing up for my brother."

Dennis Fitzpatrick, a lawyer acting on behalf of Glezmann's family, expressed dismay at the lack of progress, saying in a statement, "President Biden and his national security adviser are choosing to leave George Glezmann in Afghanistan. A

deal is available to bring him

home. The White House's inaction in this case is inhumane. Ryan Fayhee, a lawyer acting on behalf of Corbett's relatives, said the family was grateful to Biden for the call but also implored him to act on the "A deal is now on the table and

the decision to accept it — as imperfect as it may be resides exclusively with the president," Fayhee said in a statement. "Hard decisions make great presidents, and we hope and believe that President Biden will not let perfection be the enemy of the good when American lives are at stake." The White House confirmed the call with the families in a statement in which it said they "discussed the US government's continuing efforts to reunite these three Americans

with their families.



SpaceX's mega rocket Starship is prepared for a test flight from Starbase in Boca Chica, Texas, Sunday.



### **40 farmers** killed by Boko **Haram militants**

Dakar (Senegal) (PTI): At least 40 farmers were killed in an attack by Islamic militants in northeast Nigeria's Borno state, a government official said Monday. The attack Sunday was suspected to have been carried out by extremists from the Boko Haram group and its breakaway faction that is loyal to the Islamic State group in Borno's Dumba community, said Borno state Gov Babagana Umara Zulum. He warned civilians to stay within designated "safe zones" that have been cleared by the army of both extremists and munitions. Zulum also called for an investigation into the attack by the armed forces.

"Let me assure the citizens of Borno that this matter will be thoroughly investigated for further necessary action.

Let me use this opportunity to call on the armed forces to track and deal decisively with the perpetrators of this heinous act of violence against our innocent citizens," he said. Boko Haram, Nigeria's

homegrown jihadis, took up arms in 2009 to fight Western education and impose their radical version of Islamic law. The conflict, now Africa's

longest struggle with militancy, has spilled into Nigeria's northern neighbors.

Some 35,000 civilians have been killed and more than 2 million have been displaced in the northeastern region, according to the UN.

The 2014 kidnapping of 276 schoolgirls by Boko Haram in the village of Chibok in Borno state — the epicentre of the conflict - captured the attention of the world.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

I Ram Das Gupta S/o Late Mr. Raghuvar Dayal Gupta aged 84 years, (Aadhar No 255870397282, PAN No. AFCP880340) Hindu by religion, presently

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keep any relations with my wife Ms. Meera Bhowmil or any of her daughters Ms. Suja Roy and Ms. Neels Bhowmik so I am disinheriting my wife Ms. Meera

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# **Verdict in Al-Qadir** case against Imran delayed again

Pakistani court on Monday Apostponed for the third time the announcement of the verdict in the 190 million pounds Al-Qadir Trust corruption case against former prime minister Imran Khan and his wife, Bushra Bibi. The Anti-Corruption Court in Islamabad has now set January 17 as the date for announcing the verdict.ATC Judge Nasir Javed Rana completed the hearing in the case on December 18 but reserved the judgment until December 23. Later, he fixed January 6 as the date for announcing the verdict, Geo News reported. Judge Rana was on leave on January 6 so the verdict was postponed until January 13. Today, the judge once again postponed the announcement of the verdict until January 17, citing the absence of the accused in the court. The development comes amidst the ongoing negotiation between the government and Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party to address the political instability in the country due to the imprisonment of the former premier and several other leaders of the party. So far two rounds of talks have

**PUBLIC NOTICE** PUBLIC NOTICE
Information is given to the general public at large by my client Mrs. Shakila Bano who is the owner of Bullt-up Property bearing No. B-11/74, Old No. B-736, built on Plot No. 78-A, measuring 100 sq. yds., Khasra No. 20 & 21, situated in Village-Babarpur, abadi of Gall No. 6, B-Block, Kabri Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110094, by virtue of Gift Deed dated 27,01,2020 executed by Mohd. Mansur (Doc. No. 431), they do not have Regd. title documents in the name of Kanhaiya Lal and regd. title documents in the name of Mohd. Mansur, and this is a BT case from Messer, Jana Small finance bank Limited any

कार्यकारी प्रबन्धक

Public Notice Lost & Found

This is to inform the general public that Sh. Lokesh Kumar S/o Sh. Sheo Singh and Smt. Manjiu Kumari W/o Sh. Lokesh Kumar, R/o A/7/151, RRiyever Colony, Charlos Stetenson, Mayu Yihar Phase III, Delhi - I 10936, has the Leasehold rights of vacant Residential Plot No. 539, Measuring area 300 Sq. Mts., 48 llock-54, Situated at Sector-18, Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA), Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, (U.P.)
They have lost the original Allotment Letter No. YEIDA/RRPS02-(2013). Allotment/2019/330 dated 65/03/2019, issued by Yamuna Expressway Industrial

TEIDA/RKY-SUZ-(ZU13)/ AIROTIME/ZU13/SSU dated 60/60/3/2013, issued by Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) in favour of Sh. Lokesh Kumar S/o Sh. Sheo Singh and Smt. Maniju Kumar IW/o Sh. Lokesh Kumar A Lost Article Information Report Registered by e-thiana dated 27/11/2024, vide L.A.R. No. 2024/00/093396 brid also been registered by Sh. Lokesh Kumar S/o Sh. Sheo Singh for the same. If anyone has any right / title / interest/claims over the under-mentioned growerty. Mew are advised to approach

anyone has any light ruley interestivations over under-mentioned property, they are advised to approach the undersigned within 10 days along with necessary proof to substantiate the claim. If no response is received within 10 days, it is presumed that the property is free from any charge / claim/encumbrance, and they shall proceed with the mortgage.

**Details / Contact:** Sh. Lokesh Kumar S/o Sh. Shed Singh, Contact: 8700670517.

IN THE COURT OF MS. RUCHIKA Singla, LD DJ-3, N/W ROOM No. 31

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DATE OF ORDER 25.09.2024

DATE OF ISSUE **04.12.2024** 

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Whereas you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if shall not defend the case on dt-20.01-2025 the

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Given under my hand & seal of the court or

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rom Messer Jana Small finance bank Limited ar person(s), institution(s) having any claim and/c objection/or litigation in respect of the said propert shall communicate the same to the undersigned a our address within 07 days from the publication this notice with documentary evidence in support thereof, failing which all the claim, of such person( nstitution(s) shall not be binding upon the sai roperty or purchaser. Viksha Legal property or purchaser. Viksha Legai, Ram Prakash Pandey, (Advocate), 2E/23, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Jhandewalan Extn., N. D. 110055, Mob. 9871308962

### Kamal Kant Gupta (Advocate) Unit No. FF-2, First floor, Mahaluxmi Metro Tower Sec-4, Vaishali, Gzb., U.P., Mob. 9810063351 ATHE PIONEER A

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I, Surgayan W/o- No.2896580H Hav/PTR Ram Lal Jat, R/o-Vill-Chitta Khera, Post- Kucheel, Teh- Kishangarh, Distt- Aimer Rajasthan- 305811, have changed my name from Surgayan to Surgyan, vide

affidavit dated 13/01/2025 before Notary Public Delhi. PD(1245)C

I, Brahma Shankar S/o Asharfi Lal R/o A-274, Gali No.-2G, Ambika Vihar, Shiv Vihar, Karawal Nagar, Delhi-110094 our daughter Jyoti from her movable-immovable properties due to her misconduct. I and my wife will not be responsible

I, Saha Devi Nougai W/o Basba Nand Nougai R/o W-84, Sector-12, Noida Gautam Budh Nagar, UP-201301 declare that Saha Devi & Saha Devi Nougai both name same & one Person. In future know as me Saha Devi Nougai for all Purpose.

Chief Construction Engineer Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubanes

clear if the judgment would impact the talks. The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in December 2023 filed the case against Khan (72), Bibi (50) and six others, accusing them of causing a loss to the tune of 190 million pounds (PRs50 billion) to the national kitty. However, Khan and Bibi have been prosecuted as all others, including a property tycoon, were out of the country.

been held and another is

expected this week. It was not

Both Khan and Bibi are accused in the case, which revolves around allegations that PRs50 billion, returned to Pakistan by the UK's National Crime Agency as part of a settlement with a property tycoon was misused. The funds were reportedly intended for the national treasury but were allegedly redirected for the personal benefit of the businessman who helped Bibi and Khan to set up a university. Bibi, as a trustee of the Al-Oadir Trust, is accused of benefiting from this settlement, including acquiring 458 kanals of land for

Al-Qadir University in Jhelum.

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easuring 6.2/3 marla out of Khasra no. 32/20/2(6. measuring 6-2/3 marla out of Khesra no. 32/20/2(6-2) situated in the area of village Uncha Gao, Tehsil Ballabgarh, District Farddabad Haryana (availing loan from PCHFL) from Shyam Singh, Shyam Lal and Sunder Lal, having acquired the said property by virtue WILL dated 23/11/1990 Doc no. 173 executed by their Father Natthi Singh, Later on he was expired on 5/5/1992 and Natthi Singh was acquired the said property by virtue Sale Deed dated 7/7/1982 Doc no. 4253 All persons having any claim against or in respect of the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable/registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance, bequest, partnership, possession, lease, sublease, tenancy, licenes, lien, (leanes, lien), cleanes, lien.

possession, lease, sublease, tenancy, license, lien charge, pledge, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Bidyut Kumar Dey alias Bipul Chandra Dey S/o- Manindra Chandra Dey, R/o-Plot No. 37, 2nd Floor, Pocket-3, Bindapur DDA Flats, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059, declare that Bidyut Kumar Dey & Bipul Chandra Dey are one & same person i.e.

PD(1244)C

and my wife Manju Devi have severed relations and debarred for her any acts.

PD(1246)C Mother's name of Vidushi Pandey in her School records is Shivani Pandey. Whereas Shivani's name in her official documents is Shivani Mishra. So we want to change Mother's name of Vidushi Pandey in her school records to Shivani Mishra.

PD(1247)C

colony on 29.794 acres at sector 60 Gurugram (treo City Plots, Sector 60 Gurugram) about the issuance of LOI dated 07.01.2025.

Now in compliance of Condition No.13 of the LOI, general public, Existing Allottees and Allottees of Ireo City Plots- limited to adverse effect on their

गपित्त स्वीकार नहीं की जायेगी। District Judge-03, (N/W) Rohini Courts, Delhi-85. महागुन इंडिया प्रा. लिमिटेड PD(1248)C **GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA** OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER CENTRAL RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR 65 /Date.10.01.2025 "e" Procurement Notice for Building Work Name of the Work Total No. of works Building work 01 Nos. of Building works for the year 2024-25 Rs.109.25 lakh Estimated Cost of the work Class of Contracto a)Estimated cost more than Rs. 20.00 lakhs B Class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other Period of completion As mentioned in Column-7 of Annexure Offered rates by bidde The offered rate by the contractor shall be excluding GST Other details Date & Time of opening of tende Technical Bid Chief Construction Engineer, Central Rural Works Circle Bhubaneswar To be intimated

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ly Clients Varinder Singh (having Aadhar no 48231981438) S/o Late Sh. Pyara Singh ( Aulwant Kaur W/o Varinder Singh both R/oSOA, s.t Floor, Front Side Khasra no. 33/6 Vikas Vihar was been side Khasra no. 33/6 Vikas Vihar levered/terminated all relations from his son SATPAL SINGH SABHARWAL & his wife Baljinder (SATPAL SINGH SABHARWAL SINGH SABHAR SINGH SABHAR S ILR No. 2485108/2025 dated 11.01.2025.
Any person(s) claiming any rights, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above Address/Phone No.9810307272 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to this property, can personally inform or write to Deputy Director LAB (SFS Housing) or Director (Housing), D Block, Vikas Sadan, New Delhi. to their misbehaviour, cruelty etc. In future an person deal with the aforesaid debarred persor that shall be his/her own risks and cost and my ients will not be responsible for the same ny manner
SANTOSH KUMAR (ADVOCATE)

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I, litendra Singh S/o Lt. Col. Surinder Singh R/o
DDA SFS Flat No. 557. Third Floor, Pocket-A,
Category-II, Sarita VIHAR, DELHI-110076, owner
of DDA SFS FLAT NO. 557. Third Floor, Pocket-A,
Category-II stuated at Sarita Vihar, Delhi, vide
DDA File no.F127(3260)83/SFS/SV/II. The
original document i.e. Possession Letter of the
above said property have been lost or misplaced
by us and not traceable inspite of his best efforts.
An F.I.R./NCR to this effect has been lodged in
the Police Station, Crime Branch, Delhi
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The General Public is hereby informed that my client Mr. Vinod Kumar S/o Roshan Lal and his Wife Savita Jindal both are R/o-159, 3rd floor, Vivekanand Puri, Sarai Rohilla, Malka Ganj, North Delhi, Delhi-110007, declares that their Son Rachit Jindal and his 110007, declares that their Son Rachit Jindal and his wife Charu Jindal are not co-operating well & showing selfish attitude towards my client. They are living separately and they both keep on fighting with my client and creating hurdles, mental tortures and agonies for my client and do not let him live peacefully. So my client hereby severe all his relations, ties and knots with their above named son and his wife. They are therefore debarred and disentitled to claim any right or concern in any of movable or immovable properties of my client. Any person dealing with them, will do so at his/her own risk and cost & my client will not be responsible for the same.

the same.

PARVEEN KUMAR (Advocate) J-1/105, Main Road
JJ Colony Wazirpur, Ashok Vihar, Delhi-110052
M. No- 9211830045, 8802035883.

Public Notice

Deepa Jain & Mrs. Rakhi Jain are the GPA
Holders of Flat bearing Pvt. No. 202, area
measuring 900 sq. ft., in back portion on Second
Floor "Said Flat" built on Property bearing no. 6A, out of Khasra no. 76 situated at Block-G
Extin., in the abadi of Laxmi Nagar Subhash
Chowk, in the village Shakarpur Khas, Illaqa
Shahdara, Delhi-110092. They are I in
possession through Regd. GPA date
O7.12.2005 as doc. No. 23703 executed by Mr.
Ashish Bansal in favour of Mrs. Deepa Jain &
Mrs. Rakhi Jain in respect of said flat and
Notarized ATS & Will dated 07.12.2005
executed by Mr. Ashish Bansal in favour of Mrs.
Deepa Jain & Mrs. Rakhi Jain in respect of Flat.

Deepa Jain & Mrs. Rakhi Jain in respect of Flat Mrs. Deepa Jain & Mrs. Rakhi Jain intends

Mrs. Deepa Jain & Mrs. Rakhi Jain intends to transfer the ownership of aforementioned flat by way of Sale Deed to Mr. Rajan Kumar Jha. Subsequently, Mr. Rajan Kumar Jha is in the process of mortgaging the said property with SMFG India Home Finance Co. Ltd. (Formerly Fullerton India Home Finance Co. Ltd.). Any objections or concerns regarding this transaction should be raised within a period of 07 days from the date of this public notice. Any objections submitted after the completion of this 07-day period will not be considered binding with respect to the said property or the interests of

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our client.

I amyone wishes to raise an objection, please do so within the stipulated 07-days period by contacting Law Veritas: North (Advocates & Legal Consultants) at Office No. 11, 1st Floor, Building No. A-44/A, Sector-16, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301; Landline(s): +910120-241652

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Plot No.145, Sec-38, IDC, Phase-I, Rai. I.E, Sonepat, measuring 312.50 sq mtr was allotted by the Corporation to Sh. Shree Chand Talreja (now deceased) S/o Lt. Shri NanuMal Talreja resident of House No.240, Kohat Enclave, PitamPura, Delhi-110034 also Proprietor of M/s Marton Polymers vide Allotment Letter No.19002 Dated 20/02/2001. The Corporation has been informed that Sh. Shree Chand Talreja has expired on 23/11/2024. The legal heirs of the deceased allottee namely (a) Smt. Indra Talreja (Wile) (b) Sh. Rishi Talreja (Son) (c) Sh. Kapil Talreja (Son) (d) Mrs. Ritk Keshwani (Daughter) have approached the Corportation for the transfer of the plot in question in favour of (1) Mr. Rishi Talreja and (2) Mr. Kapil Talreja both are the sons of the deceased. The Corporation is in the process of considering their request and transferring the said plot in favour of (1) Mr. Rishi Talreja and (2) Mr. Kapil Talreja has the process of considering their request and transferring the said plot in favour of (1) Mr. Rishi Talreja and (2) Mr. Kapil Talreja has the public Notice, it is hereby informed that any person having reservation/objection to the said family transfer may file his/her objection in writing before the undersigned along with an affidavit within a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice. In case no response within the aforesaid period, it will be presumed that no one has any objection to transfer of the captioned plot in favour of (1) Mr. Rishi Talreja and (2) Mr. Kapil Talreja and the Corporation shall go ahead with the transfer of plot in favour (1) Mr. Rishi Talreja and (2) Mr. Kapil Talreja both are the sons of deceased allottee Late Shree Chand Talreja.

Asst. General Manager (Estate)

Asst. General Manager ( Estate)

Infrastructure Dev. Corpn. Ltd

Email: hsiidcrai@gmail.com

District Sonepat, Haryana-131029

**Commander Realtors** 

Pvt. Ltd.

Business Address: IREO Campus,

Archview Drive, Ireo City, Golf Course

Extension Road,

Gurugram -122001, Haryana;

Ph: 0124 - 4795000

Email id: commander.realtors@gmail.com

CIN # U70101DL2005PTC139529

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, Commander Realtors Pvt. Ltd. & Oberoi Realty Limited (collectively "Commander & Ors.") have applied to the Office of Director,

Town & Country Planning, Haryana (in short "DTCP") for grant of license for setting up of Mix Land Use Colony (95% residential and 5% commercial) under TOD Policy dt. 9 February

2016 over an area measuring 14.81875 Acres after migration of part area measuring 0.3375 Acres from License No.63 of 2009, 14.25625

Acres from License No.107 of 2010 and 0.225

Acres from License No.60 of 2012 in the Revenu

Ages In License No.60 of 21 in the Revenue Estate of Village Ghata in Sector-58 Gurugram. MHEREAS, the Letter of Intent (LOI) for the same s granted by the DTCP vide memo no. LC-5281-II/JE/(RK)/2025/707 dated 07.01.2025.

AND WHEREAS, certain persons were earlie allotted units / flats by IREO Residences Co. Pv

Ltd. in the Group Housing Colony known as "Ired

Residences" that was proposed on the Land

hereinafter such persons referred as "Existing

Allottees"). AND WHEREAS, undersigned also wants to

nform the allottees of already developed plotted

objections/suggestion are hereby invited from the

rights (if any) in respect of the grant of license for

setting up of Mix Land Use Colony (95% residential and 5% commercial) under TOD Policy dt. 9 February 2016 over the Land after

migration, within 30 days of publication of this

notice, failing which, it shall be presumed that there are no objections and/or any such objections shall be deemed to have been waived

and/or abandoned. Any such objections must be

addressed to the undersigned at their office at IREO Campus, Archview Drive, Ireo City, Golf Course Extension Road, Gurugram -122001. For this purpose, a copy of LOI dated 07.01.2025

is available for perusal on: (a) website http://www.iplcompliances.com; (b) in the office of undersigned at IREO Campus, Archyiew Drive,

Ireo City, Golf Course Extension Road, Gurugran -122001, Haryana, ) (c) at the office of ORL at Commerz, 3rd Floor, International Business Park, Oberoi Garden City, Off W.E. Highway, Goregaon

(E). Mumbai - 400063 and (d) in the office of

Senior Town Planner Sector – 14, HUDA Complex, Gurugram.

Place: Gurugram, Date: 13.01.2025 For

Commander Realtors Pvt. Ltd.

Authorized Signatory

Rampal

cum-estate Manage

Branch office, I.E , Rai

estate.rai@hsiidc.org.in

For & behalf of

State Industrial &

Public Notice

My client, Mrs Sunita Sharma, w/o Sector 144, Noida, 201304, has disowned her son, Mr. Mayank Sharma, and his wife, Mrs Nancy conflicts

claims to my client's movable and immovable assets/properties. Any dealings with them will be at your own risk, as my client will not be liable for their actions.

Enrol. D/3078/2009

Sharma, due to misconduct & They are debarred from any rights or

Adv. Richa Chauhan

#### **NORTHERN RAILWAY Pre-Bid Meeting for**

**Procurement of Snow Blower/Cutter** 

Tender No. 15245170 for procurement of 02 Nos. of Snow Blower/Cutter has been published by this office. The pre-bid meeting is scheduled for dated 05.02.2025 in PCMM Conference Room, Stores Branch, Baroda House from 11:00 hrs. onwards & tender is due to open on dated 26.03.2025. Plase make it convenient to attend the same

No. 15245170/Snow Blower/Cutter Dt. 13.01.2025

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

**BSES** BSES Raidhani Power Limited, New Delhi **TENDER NOTICE** Date: 14.01.2025 Sealed tenders under two Bid System (Un-priced & Priced) is invited for following jobs from all bidders Date & Time of Opening Estimated Cost | Cost of EMD **Brief Item Description** CMC/BR/25-26/ RATE CONTRACT FOR 1PHASE & 3 PHASE BUS BAF 04.02.2025 FK/PR/MS/1233 IN BRPL 15:30 HRS 16:00 HRS CMC/BR/25-26/ RATE CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF 3 PHASE METER, 14.01.2025 04.02.2025 FK/PR/MS/1234 LTCT METER, HT METER, GRID METER, PRODIGY 16:15 HRS METER & ABT METER CMC/BR/25-26/ RATE CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF POLYCARBONATI 14.01.2025 05.02.2025 METER SEAL FK/PR/MS/1235 15:30 HRS 16:30 HRS CMC/BR/25-26/ RATE CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF METERING 14 01 2025 05 02 2025 15:30 HRS 16:45 HRS

For details in respect of Equipment/BOM/Services, Qualifying requirements, Terms & conditions, purchase/submissi of tender documents etc. please visit our website www.bsesdelhi.com Head (Contracts & Materials)

ation No.: U40109DL2001PLC111527 Telephone No.: +91 11 4910 7235 I Website: w



### राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, कुरूक्षेत्र

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (Under the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India) **KURUKSHETRA-136119 (HARYANA)** 

Advt. No.04/2025

#### Walk-In-Interview

National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra requires qualified and experienced persons for engagement as Counsellor on contract basis. Interested candidates may appear for Walk-in-Interview on 21-01-2025 in the Board Room, Golden Jubilee Administrative Building of the Institute along with application, all originals certificates and one set of self-attested copies of certificates, a recent Passport size photograph and an original identity proof for verification.

For more details, please visit our website: www.nitkkr.ac.in.

Registrar Incharge

#### THE KANGRA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

#### APPENDIX IV [See rule 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

gned being the Authorised officer of "The Kangra Co-operative Bank Ltd.", Head office at, C-29, Community Centre, Pankha Road, Janak Puri, New Delhi - 110058, having its egistered office at 1916, Chuna Mandi, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi-110055, under The curitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interes Act, 2002, (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule (3) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Bank had issued a demand notice or dated 06-08-2024, calling upon the Borrower & Mortgagor Sh. Rakesh Kumar Slo. Sh.Ra Kumar R/o, B-27, 1st.Floor, Gali No.12,Indira Marg, Gurdwara Road, Mandawali Fazalpur Delhi-110092 also at Sh. Rakesh Kumar S/o. Sh.Raj Kumar C/o. M/s. Anad Trading Co. Jawer Road Sikamdrabad, Uttar Pradesh., to repay the amount mentioned in the notice Rs.11,55,329/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Three Hundred & Twenty Nine Only) together with further interest, penal interest, and other charges as are applicable to this Loan account from time to time, from the date of the notice till the date of payment, with in 60 days from the date of receipt of the notice.

The above mentioned Borrower & mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is her given to the above named borrower, Mortgagor and the public in general that the Bank has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (4) of section 13 of. The Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with rule [8] of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on this 10thday of January 2025. The borrower & Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to dea

with the mortgaged property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of "The Kangra Co-operative Bank Ltd.", for an amount of Rs.11,55,329/- together with further sterest, penal interest and other charges as are applicable to this Loan account from time to me, from the date of notice till the date of realization together with all the costs incurred by the The borrower & Mortgagors attention is also been invited towards provisions of Sub-Section (8

of Section 13 of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, in respect of time available, to redeem the below mentione mortgaged property/Secured Asset.

### All that part and parcel of the BUILT-UP FIRST FLOOR PORTION WITHOUT

ROOF/TERRACE RIGHTS (i.e. upto the extent of ceiling level) AREA is a Entire Built up First Floor without roof rights

PLACE : DELHI

MEASURING 75 SQ. YDS. i.e. PLOT AND PLINTHAREA MEASURING 62.7 SQ. MTRS., ALONGWITH ITS WHOLE OF THE STRUCTURE OF THREE ROOM SET CONSTRUCTED THEREON, WITH COMMON PASSAGE ENTRANCE & STAIRCASE AND ALSO SHALL HAVE RIGHT TO USE THE ROOF OF TOP FLOOR FOR THE INSTALLATION/MAINTENANCE OF T.V.ANTENA & WATER TANK THEREON, FITTED WITH ELECETRICITY 8 WATER TAP CONNECTIONS WITH THIER METERS INSTALLED THEREON, A PART OF BUILTUP PROPERTY BEARING PROPERTY NO.B. 27, OUT OF KHASRA NO.848, SITUATED AT ABADI OF BLOCK-B, INDIRA GALI, MANDAWALI, IN THE AREA OF VILLAGE MANDAWALI FAZALPUR. ILLAQA SHAHDARA, DELHI-110092. Falling Under the Registration of Sub-Registrar-VIII, Delhi/New Delhi.

Bounded as : - EAST : GALI 15 FT. WIDE. (BELOW) WEST : PROPERTY OF OTHERS. NORTH: PROPERTY OF OTHERS, SOUTH: ROAD 80 FT WIDE (BELOW).

(HARISH SHARMA) **AUTHORISED OFFICER** THE KANGRA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD

HEAD OFFICE AT, C-29, COMMUNITY CENTRE PANKHA ROAD, JANAKPURI, NEW DELHI-58, Phone No.9013568418.9013568419

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Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act

2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Bank had issued a

demand notice on dated: 03-09-2024, calling upon the borrower Sh. Narinder Sharma S/o. Sh.M.R.Sharma R/o. 284, Bhola Nath Nagar, Shahdara,

Delhi-110032, also at Sh.Narinder Sharma S/o, Sh. M.R.Sharma A-104

Oxy Home, Bhopra, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh and calling upon the

Mortgagor/Surety Smt. Nisha Sharma W/o. Sh. Narinder Sharma, R/o

284, Bhola Nath Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032 also at Smt.Nisht Sharma W/o. Sh. A-104, Oxy Home, Bhopra, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh

to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 30,84,150/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand One Hundred Fifty Only), together with

further interest, penal interest, and other charges as are applicable to this Loar

account from time to time, from the date of the notice till the date of payment, with in 60 days from the date of receipt of the notice.

The above mentioned borrower, mortgagor & surety having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, mortgagor, surety and the

public in general that the Bank has taken Symbolic Possession of the property

described here in below in exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (4 of section 13 of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets

& Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with rule [8] of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on this 07"day of January' 2025.

The borrower, mortgagor & surety in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the mortgaged property and any dealings

with the property will be subject to the charge of "The Kangra Co-operative Bank Ltd.", for an amount of Rs.30,84,150/- together with further interest, penal interest and other charges as are applicable to this Loan account from

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The borrower, mortgagor & surely attention is also been invited towards provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of The Securitisation and

Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act

2002, in respect of time available, to redeem the below mentioned mortgaged

**DISCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY** 

The property under All that part and parcel of the Built-UP flat bearing

consideration is part of property No.283 to 298 and 290/1 on the built-up flat on Ground Floor portion, only upto the ceiling level

ground floor, area without roof & upper storey rights, common rights o

sq. main entrance passage & stair, area measuring 75 sq yds. Only at Ground Floor, alongwith proportionate

share in land underneath out of khasra no.1068/511 fitted with elect & water tap connection, Situated at Village Chandrawali Alia Shahdara in the abadi of

Bhola Nath Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032. Falling Under the Registration of Sub-Registrar-VIII-Delhi.

(MEENAKSHI VATS

**AUTHORISED OFFICER** 

the costs incurred by the Bank in realizing the said amount.

property/Secured Asset.

measuring 75

PLACE : DELHI

DATED: 07.01.2025

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#### **DISCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY**

The property All that part and parcel of the ) One Built-UP Hall with u n d e r boundary walls, having area of 75 sq. yds. On the consideration is built-up Hall without boundary walls, having area of 75 sq. yds. On the Ground Floor upto ceiling level and without without boundary walls, on ground measuring 150 sq.yds. plots No.283 to 298 and 290/1, walls, on ground measuring 100 sq.yds.piots No.283 to 290 and 290/1, floor, upto ceiling level, area Chandrawali Alias Shahdara in the abadi of measuring 75 sq. residential colony known as Bhola Nath Nagar, yds. Registration of Sub-Registrar-VIII, Delhi

PLACE : DELHI DATED: 07.01.2025

(HARISH SHARMA) **AUTHORISED OFFICER** THE KANGRA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD. HEAD OFFICE AT, C-29, COMMUNITY CENTRE,

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**DISCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY** 

consideration is ventilation, having its plinth covered area measuring built-up Shop/ 41.14 Square Meters i.e.49.20 Square Yards, without

Under the Registration of Sub-Registrar-VIII, Delhi.

> (HARISH SHARMA) **AUTHORISED OFFICER** THE KANGRA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD. HEAD OFFICE AT, C-29, COMMUNITY CENTRE, PANKHA ROAD, JANAKPURI, NEW DELHI-58.

of section 13 of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with rule [8] of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on this 07°day of January' 2025.

The property All that part and parcel of the built-up shop/ground under floor portion extent up to ceiling level only, along with

East: Common Passage and Remaining Portion, West: Property of the Vendee, North: Property of Others, South: Property of Other.

round floor, upto further roof and terrace rights with commor

THE KANGRA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD HEAD OFFICE AT, C-29, COMMUNITY CENTRE PANKHA ROAD, JANAKPURI, NEW DELHI-58 PLACE : DELHI PHONE NO.9013568418, 9013568419 DATED: 07.01.2025

# **Growing complexity widening cyber** inequity: World Economic Forum report

rowing complexity in the Gcyber landscape is further exacerbating cyber inequity, deepening the divide between developed and emerging economies, and widening the gap between large and small organisations, the World Economic Forum said on Monday. In its Global Cybersecurity

Outlook 2025, the WEF said nearly 54 per cent of large organisations have identified chain interdependencies as the

greatest barrier to achieving cyber resilience. About 45 per cent of cyber

leaders were also found to be concerned about disruption of operations and business processes. It further found



that geopolitical turmoil has or intellectual property theft affected the perception of as their top concern. risks, with one in three CEOs The WEF report said that the citing cyber espionage and rising complexity in cyber loss of sensitive information space arises from the rapid

growth technologies, prevailing geopolitical uncertainty, the evolution threats, regulatory

to rapid technological advancements, growing cybercriminal sophistication and deeply interconnected supply chains," WEF Managing Director Jeremy lurgers, said, calling for Jurgens said, calling for collaborations between public private stakeholders to secure the benefits of digitalisation for The study found that 66 per cent of organisations expect AI to have a major impact on cybersecurity in 2025, but

only 37 per cent reported

having processes in place to

assess the security of AI tools

before deployment.

interdependencies and the growing cyber skills gap.

Cyberspace is more complex

and challenging than ever due

### Retail inflation eases to four month low of 5.22 per cent in December



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 $\begin{array}{ccccc} R \ \text{etail inflation slowed to a} \\ R \ \text{four-month low of 5.22} \\ per \ cent \ in \ December \end{array}$ compared to 5.48 pc in November, mainly due to easing of prices in food basket. according government data released on

The inflation based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 5.48 per cent in November and 5.69 per cent in December 2023.

According to CPI data released by the National Statistics Office (NSO), the inflation in the food basked reduced to 8.39 per cent in December. It was 9.04 per

cent in November and 9.53 per cent in December 2023. The CPI (General) and food inflation in December 2024 is the lowest in the last four months," the NSO said. Last month, the Reserve Bank of India raised the inflation

projection for the current

fiscal year to 4.8 per cent from

4.5 per cent.

Rupee sinks to record low,

settles 58 paise down at

86.62 against US Dollar

### Infra development imperative to achieve Viksit Bahrat goal: Gadkari



PTI ■ SONAMARG

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on Monday said infrastructure development is imperative to achieve the goal of Viksit Bahrat, as the economy depends on good transport

communication facilities. "The Prime Minister has given us a mission of developed and prosperous India. If we have to achieve a Viksit Bharat, we will have to improve the infrastructure.

transport,

communication do not develop, industry, business, Gadkari said, addressing a rally after Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Sonamarg

tunnel here. The Union Minister said Modi has taken a pledge to develop J-K along with the

"He has given us the task of developing infrastructure. Good roads make a country developed and prosperous. We are working on a mission to make J-K developed and prosperous so that industries are established here, tourism increases, employment opportunities are created for the youth and poverty is eradicated. With that view, nearby Zojila tunnel was we are developing the infrastructure in J-K," he added. Gadkari said the inauguration of the the Sonamarg tunnel, which was

previously known as the Z-Morh tunnel, was historic and tourism will not get a and would provide allweather connectivity to the tourist resort town.

> "Today is a historic day that the Sonamarg tunnel is being inaugurated by the Prime Minister. Due to the closure of this road (due to heavy snowfall), some areas remained closed for five to six months per year.

"It was started in 2012, but there were several difficulties. Today, I am happy that the work has been completed. By the opening of this tunnel -- Srinagar to Ladakh, Leh highway will especially be connected, which used to remain shut for 5-6 months," he noted. He said the work on the going on and once open, it will reduce the travel time from Srinagar to Leh by 3.5

hours and keep the road

open throughout the year.

## Gold maintains rising streak for fifth straight session, silver remains flat



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold prices rallied for a fifth straight session, rising Rs 110 to Rs 80,660 per 10 grams in the national capital on Monday, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

The precious metal had settled at Rs 80,550 per 10 grams in the previous session on Friday.

In the past five trading sessions,

appreciated Rs 1,660, or 2.1 per cent, to Rs 80,660 per 10

The price of gold of 99.5 per cent purity rose Rs 110 to Rs 80,260 per 10 grams against the previous close of Rs 80,150 per 10 grams on Friday.

"Gold prices advanced as the rupee weakened by touching 86.61, driven by elevated crude oil prices. The rise in crude prices came on the back of fresh sanctions imposed on

Russia by US President Joe Biden, escalating geopolitical tensions," Jateen Trivedi, VP Analyst Research Commodity and Currency at LKP Securities, said.

The rupee logged its steepest single-day fall in nearly two years and ended the session 58 paise down at its historic low of 86.62 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday, weighed down by a stronger American currency and surging crude oil prices. "This rupee depreciation supported gold prices in the domestic market, amplifying the impact of global cues, Trivedi added.

However, silver traded flat in the second straight session at Rs 93,000 per kg on Monday. Meanwhile, gold contracts for February delivery on the MCX increased Rs 227, or 0.29 per cent, to Rs 78,650 per 10 grams in futures trade on

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**PTI** ■ MUMBAI

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At the interbank foreign

exchange, the rupee opened at 86.12, and moved 1 paisa during intraday to 86.11 before closing the session with a loss of a staggering 58 paise at its lowest-ever level of 86.62 (provisional) against the greenback.

The fall of 58 paise, or 0.67 per cent, in one session was the steepest since February 6, 2023 when the unit had lost 68 paise.

witnessed the deepest plunge of more than Re 1 in the past two weeks from the closing level of 85.52 on December 30.

Rupee had breached the 85per-dollar mark for the first time on December 19, 2024. the local On Friday, currency had declined 18 paise to settle at 86.04 against the US dollar, a day after registering a marginal

preceding sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday, it had plunged 6 paise and respectively. The unprecedented fall was

attributed to the relentless chase of the US dollar by investors, which also led to a massive withdrawal of foreign capital from Indian equities. Institutional

Foreign Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 2,254.68 crore on Friday. So far this month foreign investors have withdrawn Rs 22,194 crore from Indian equities, according to exchange data. According to analysts, the Reserve Bank of India has allowed the fall in rupee's exchange rate versus US dollar amid dwindling forex reserves and declining

currencies "RBI will allow the weakness as demand keeps moving up and supplies dwindle," said Anil Kumar Bhansali, Head of Treasury and Executive Director, Finrex Treasury

Advisors LLP. The Reserve Bank of India on Friday said the country's forex reserves dropped by USD 5.693 billion to USD 634.585 billion in the week ended January 3.

## Mutual funds collect ₹1.18 Lakh Crore via NFO in 2024; thematic funds dominates space

Asset management companies launched 239 new fund offerings (NFOs) mobilising Rs 1.18 lakh crore in 2024, with sectoral or thematic equity of investors, according to a report by Germinate Investor Services Research.

This was higher than 212 NFOs collecting Rs 63,854 crore in 2023 and 228 NFOs garnering Rs 62,187 crore in 2022.

NFO expanded from 81 offerings in 2020 to 239 in 2024, besides, the funds raised through the space more



landscape than doubled from Rs confidence. 53,703 crore in 2020. The Usually, NFOs come during trend suggests a strong growth theightened

a surging market when trajectory and investor sentiments are high investor and optimistic. The NFOs the mood of investors and attract their investment as

stock market performance resonated with investors for recent years. along with the positive their focused approach and "While led to higher fund mobilisation through NFOs in 2024. In the entire 2024, Sensex

jumped 5,898.75 points or 8.16 per cent, and the Nifty surged 1,913.4 points or 8.80 per cent. Overall, thematic/sectoral

funds, index funds and exchange traded funds (ETFs) captured significant investor interest.

"With 53 NFOs raising Rs 79,109 crore, these funds emerged as the top choice marking a strong year-end for investors," the report momentum. Going ahead,

include funds targeting sectors like manufacturing, technology, and ESG (Environmental, Social, and

Governance) themes. Individually, Manufacturing Fund NFO led the pack, with inflow of Rs 12,500 crore in April 2024. In terms of align with changing market month, the highest number dynamics and ensure a of NFO launches was steady performance even in

billion, marking a 42 per cent reduction

compared to the USD

1.9 billion raised in

The late-stage funding was USD 3.1 billion in

rounds recorded a 16

per cent Y-o-Y drop to USD 562 million in 2024 from USD 667 million raised in 2023

and a 70 per cent

decline compared to USD 1.9 billion in 2022.

Seed-stage funding declined 19 per cent Y-o-Y to USD 178 million

million in 2023 and 66

per cent from USD 529

million in 2022.

funding

2023, the report said.

Early-stage

the report said the mutual they were willing to invest at Tailored to specific sectors fund industry is likely to or themes, sectoral or face a recalibration in 2025 Industry experts said the thematic equity funds after the strong gains of extraordinary

trends. Notable examples focus will shift to ensuring stability, maintaining liquidity, and achieving reasonable returns in line with market trends. Investors must adapt to a more balanced approach, safeguarding capital while managing expectations. This calls for strategies that recorded in December, uncertain times," it added.

### gain of 5 paise. In the INBRIEF

### SURJIT PATAR MEMORIAL FUNCTION-2025 ON 14TH JANUARY

AMRITSAR: "Surjit Patar Memorial Function-2025" will be organised by Guru Nanak Dev University in collaboration with Punjab Kala Parishad, Chandigarh, and the Department of Languages, Punjab, Patiala on January 14th, Tuesday, at the Golden Jubilee Convention Centre of the University, at 10 am.



**PVUNL HOSTS FIRST ASH USER MEET 2025 AT** 



Patratu Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (PVUNL) successfully organized its inaugural Ash User
Meet 2025 at Chanakya BNR
Hotel, Ranchi, emphasizing innovative and sustainable applications of fly and bottom

#### PONGAL FESTIVAL OBSERVED AT NARUVI HOSPITALS

The annual Pongal celebrations at Naruvi Hospitals, Vellore, was celebrated with fervour, with enthusiastic participation from people cutting across age, gender, community.



### REC LIMITED COMMITS ₹8.44 CRORE UNDER CSR TO SUPPORT 1MW SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER PLANT



REC Limited, a Maharatna CPSE under the Ministry of Power and a leading NBFC, has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Gandhigram Rural Institute under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative.

# India ranks third globally in fintech funding despite 33 per cent lower infusion in 2024

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India ranked third globally in terms of funding received in the fintech segment despite a decline of 33 per cent on a year-over-year basis to USD 1.9 billion in 2024, market intelligence firm Tracxn said in a report on Monday. The sector witnessed a

decline in funding, driven by a broader slowdown in demand and geopolitical headwinds, Tracxn's Annual India fintech report 2024 said. "The fintech sector

experienced a notable decline in funding in 2024, with a total of USD 1.9 billion raised. This represents a 33 per cent decrease from the USD 2.8 billion secured in 2023.

The Indian fintech ecosystem has solidified its position as one of the top three globally funded fintech ecosystems in 2024, trailing only the US and the UK," the report

said. The sector had raised USD 5.6 billion in 2022. The highest funding of USD 805 during 2024

was received by the sector in the third quarter which was 61 per cent higher on a year-over-year (Y-o-Y) Additionally, 59 per

cent of the total funding in 2024 was secured during the second half of the year, indicating a late-year recovery while August emerged as the most robust month for funding, contributing USD 434 million to the annual total.

Co-Founder, Singh said. "As we look to the future, the sector is rounds poised to build on these "Despite the global successes,

funding

underscore the sector's

ability to thrive amidst

Tracxn,

Neha

challenges,"

slowdown, financial inclusion and fintech innovation solidifying its position as a global leader in the ecosystem continues to demonstrate remarkable resilience fintech space," Singh and adaptability. The said. emergence of two new The unicorns and a record eight IPOs in 2024

witnessed emergence of two unicorns, Money View and Perfios, compared to a single unicorn in 2023 though there were only three USD 100 million-plus funding recorded,

The digital lending solutions dominated the funding received by accounting for 64 per cent of the total funding raised during the year.
The notable deals in 2024 included DMI

Finance raising USD 334 million funding led are the most affected. on these marking a 50 per cent Late-stage funding driving decline from the six amounted to USD 1.1

by MUFG and Credit Saison raising USD 144 million during the year. The late-stage rounds

'Mergers such rounds in 2023. acquisition activity saw a slight dip, with 26 acquisitions recorded in 2024, down 16 per cent from 31 in 2023. Notable transactions included the USD 94.5

million acquisition of PureSoftware Happiest Minds, and the USD 44 million acquisition of ET Money by 360 One," the report said.

The sector recorded eight IPOs in 2024 which was a 300 per cent increase compared in 2022.

"Bengaluru maintained its leadership as the top hub for fintech funding in 2024, followed by Mumbai and Delhi. Among investors, Peak Partners, LetsVenture, and Y

Combinator emerged as

to the two IPOs in 2023

the top contributors overall. Venture Catalysts, Combinator, and Antler led in seed investments, while Elevation Capital, GMO Venture Partners, and Peak XV Partners dominated early-stage funding," the report

in 2024 from USD 219 Late-stage investments were spearheaded by Creaegis, The Rise Fund, and Amara Partners.

> The Investment Tech segment garnered USD 320 million in funding in 2024, reflecting an 11 per cent decline from the USD 358 million raised in 2023.

The Payments segment, however, experienced a sharper decline, attracting USD 194 million, a 77 per cent drop from USD 836 million in 2023 and an 81 per cent decrease from USD 1.01 billion

# Jannik Sinner starts his Australian Open title defence with a straight set win

fter wasting a set point in the second tiebreaker with **∠ L**an ill-conceived drop shot, Jannik Sinner quickly reverted to what's been working for him and finished off a straight-set win over Nicolas Jarry to begin his

Australian Open title defense. The 7-6 (2), 7-6 (5), 6-1 victory on Rod Laver Arena extended Sinner's winning streaks to 15 on both the tour and on hard courts in Grand Slams.

After all the pre-tournament attention on the 2024 doping cases of Sinner and long-time women's No. 1 Iga Swiatek, both started the year's first Grand Slam tournament about the same time on nearby courts on Day 2. "Yeah, I was curious to see how it was," Sinner said of the reception at Rod Laver, where he became a fan favorite last year. "You never

happy about the crowd. It was a nice atmosphere. Top-ranked Sinner had to grind

know what's happening. I was

for two long, tiebreak sets against No. 35-ranked Jarry, a 29-year-old from Chile, before finding his touch.

'It was a very close one because the first sets, they can go both ways," Sinner said. "In the third set when I broke it the first time, that gave me a little bit of room to

"I'm happy how I handled the very tough situation."

Sinner has got a good record at Melbourne Park in that department. He rallied from two sets down in last year's final to beat Daniil Medvedev for his first Grand Slam title, coming off a semifinal upset of 10-time champion Novak Djokovic.

While Sinner was deep into his match against Jarry, Swiatek, a five-time major winner from Poland, fended off top-ranked doubles player Katerina doubles player Katerina Siniakova 6-3, 6-4 on John Cain Arena

Coco Gauff had a little difficulty adjusting to the sun at one end of Rod Laver Arena in Monday's



PTI PARIS

Saint-Etienne.

video review spotted a handball from Léo Pétrot on Achraf Hakimi's cross.

The decision seemed harsh as the ball

grazed Pétrot's hand without him

knowing. Dembélé moved to 10 league goals,

level with teammate Bradley Barcola and one behind co-top scorers Jonathan David (Lille) and Mason Greenwood (Marseille)

Barcola thought he had his 11th goal of

the season close to halftime but, on a

day of video reviews, the goal was ruled

PSG has been linked with a move for

Georgia winger Khvicha Kvaratskhelia

from Napoli, but it was another Georgian who scored for 16th-place

Saint-Etienne as Zuriko Davitashvili

neatly curled in a free kick midway

through the second half.

out for a foul by the player himself.

first marquee match and dropped a 6-3, 6-3 win over 2020 an early service game before quickly settling into a rhythm in Third-seeded Gauff beat Swiatek season by helping the U.S. To

to win the title at the WTA Finals

victory at the United Cup last week, against beating No. 2 Swiatek in the final.

Gauff, the 2023 U.S. Open champion is wearing a Marvel-inspired bodysuit and skirt at Melbourne Park and she's radiating confidence and calm.

"I knew going in it was going to be difficult, but you know I'm happy with how I played," she said of the 1-hour, 20-minute win over Kenin, who at No. 81 is a much tougher opponent than her ranking suggests.

"I mean (I) could serve better, but like on that side I was struggling to see the ball," Guaff said, pointing to one baseline on the main show court that was bathed in sun. "So I'm just happy that I was able to manage through that." Another 20-year-old American, Alex Michelsen, produced the biggest win of his young career with a 7-5, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 first-round upset of 2023 Australian runner-up Stefanos Tsitsipas. booming Michelsen's three service returns in the ninth game

victory over a player ranked in the top 20 at a Grand Slam. No. 17 Frances Tiafoe advanced in sets over Rinderknech of France. Gauff went into her opening round on a streak of winning 33 matches against players ranked outside the Top 50, dating to a loss to Kenin at Wimbledon

a vital break against the 11th-seeded Tsitsipas and, after

shaking off jitters on his own serve, he closed out for his first

The draw presented another tough trip to Australia for Kenin. It was the third straight year Kenin faced a Grand Slam champion in the first round in Australia, and her fourth consecutive first-round exit here. Gauff will next play Jodie Burrage of Britain. No. 7 Jessica Pegula also advanced along with No. 12 Diana Shnaider, No. 28 Elina Svitolina, and Belinda Bencic, who ousted No. 16 Jelena



# Nick Taylor wins another playoff with clutch play

PTI ■ HONOLULU

 $N^{ick}$  Taylor in a playoff is tough to beat. Getting there was hardest part for the Canadian, who delivered another highlight reel of clutch moments in the Sony

Down to his last shot, Taylor chipped in from 60 feet for eagle on the par-5 closing hole at Waialae for a 5-under 65 to get into a playoff with Nico Echavarria

He holed a 10-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole. And then he hit a wedge from 46 vards that was close to perfect to set up a 3-foot birdie putt might have been the easiest shot he had in the final hour. "I'm a bit stunned this worked

out this way," Taylor said. That was true for so many others, starting with Echavarria, the 30-year-old Chilean who delivered some big moments of his own with a 15-foot par save, a 12-foot birdie, and twice getting upand-down from the bunker at the end for a 65 to join Taylor

at 16-under 264. Behind them were Stephan Jaeger and J.J. Spaun, and the Sony Open looked to come down to them along the back nine until Jaeger piped a drive out-of-bounds on the 16th and Spaun bogeyed from a bunker on the 17th. Both failed to birdie the par-5 18th

to join the playoff. Echavarria was surprised it was only a two-man playoff. "If Nick doesn't chip in, I win the tournament," he said.

Echavarria didn't miss a beat in his bid for a third straight year with a PGA Tour title. The bunker shot on the 18th was creative and bold for a tap-in birdie. On the 18th in the first playoff hole, his second shot looked to be about 20 feet away on the fringe for an eagle putt when the wind nudged it down the hill into the rough, forcing him to get up-and-down. He had 40 feet on the collar

for eagle on the second playoff hole at No. 18, and the first putt came out soft and was 7 feet short. He missed the birdie putt to extend the

"I misjudged the lag putt on the last hole. I didn't think it was going to be that slow. Didn't consider the wind," Echavarria said. "The wind kind of held it and my lag putting today was a little off, which is a strength of mine. But, I mean, just one bad putt can't define a great week.

Taylor never looked like a winner — especially after missing a pair of 4-foot birdie putts on the 15th and 16th holes — until he had a lei around his neck and the trophy in his hand. It was his fifth PGA Tour title, the last

three in a playoff. He beat Charley Hoffman in Phoenix last year with clutch putting in a playoff. And it was the Canadian Open in 2023 when Taylor famously holed that 70-foot eagle putt to win his national open before a delirious, rain- that shot," Jaeger said.

soaked crowd.

The victory sends Taylor to the Masters again, a big perk after a dismal end to last season. He moved back to No. 29 in the world and will be in all the signature events this year. None of this seemed possible when he was two behind with two to play coming off two short misses. "It was just one of those where you try to go until they don't let you play anymore," Taylor said. "I was 1 over through seven, get on a birdie streak there. It's always so bunched here, but I did a really good job every day really of just hanging in there.

things happened at the end." Jaeger and Spaun both left Waialae with plenty of regrets. From the time they made the turn, it looked like a duel between them to decide the winner, and they put on a great show until the final three holes.

Jaeger holed a 30-foot birdie putt on the 14th to catch Spaun, who then followed by making a par putt from just inside 30 feet to stay tied for the lead.

Jaeger didn't hit a fairway on the back nine except for an iron off the 15th tee, and it finally caught up with him at the end. He hit driver to cut off the dogleg on the 16th but it went so far left that it was never found, presumed to be out-of-bounds.

"The one on 16 I would like to have back. Wrong hole to hit

## Paris Saint-Germain remains unbeaten in French league Paris Saint-Germain remained unbeaten and seven points clear at the top of the French league — halfway through the season — after Ousmane Dembélé scored twice in a 2-1 win over Marseille is in second place after 17 rounds, with third-place Monaco 12 points adrift of defending champion PSG, which has beaten both sides. Dembélé scored in the 13th minute and the France winger netted from the penalty spot 10 minutes later after a

close to conceding an equalizer. Earlier, Deiver Machado scored late as seventh-place Lens won 2-1 at struggling Le Havre to move one point behind Lyon in sixth

The Colombia defender headed powerfully home from Poland winger Przemyslaw Frankowski's cross in the 77th minute.

defender Abdukodir Central Khusanov was left out of the Lens squad amid reports of an imminent big-money transfer to Premier League defending champion Manchester City reportedly worth 50 million euros (\$51

Despite its unbeaten league record, The 20-year-old joined Lens on a four-PSG again looked nervous and came year contract last season, becoming the

first Uzbek to play in Ligue 1. Lens paid just 100,000 euros (\$110,000) to sign him from Belarus club Energetik-BGU Minsk. Veteran winger Andre Ayew put Le Havre ahead in the eighth minute,

scoring for the second straight game following his goal against Marseille last weekend Striker Goduine Koyalipou equalized in the 28th with a header on debut after

joining on Thursday. Le Havre has lost five straight league games and is in 17th spot.

Elsewhere, improving Strasbourg

climbed into ninth place with a 2-1 win at Toulouse in a match where video reviews affected both sides, and rockbottom Montpellier had two players sent off near the end of a 3-1 home loss to Angers

Ostapenko.

Dutch striker Emanuel Emegha scored two first-half goals for Strasbourg and

then had a third ruled out for offside in the 38th minute.

Toulouse scored from Ismaël Doukourës own-goal in the 35th and, in the 75th, striker Zakaria Aboukhlal prepared to take a penalty to make it 2-2 after being fouled. However, the referee changed his mind following a video review and instead awarded Toulouse a free kick right on the edge of the area. More frustration followed for the home

side moments later.

Toulouse thought it had equalized when Frank Magri side-footed in Aboukhlal's pinpoint cross from the left. But VAR intervened again to rule the goal out because United States defender Mark McKenzie was narrowly offside.

Forward Esteban Lepaul netted twice as Angers moved up to 13th place. He scored in each half, either side of a penalty from Montpellier midfielder Téji Savanier.

Montpellier lost its composure in the closing closing stages when defender Boubakar Kouyaté and captain Jordan Ferri were sent off within one minute of each other.

Midfielder Zinedine Ferhat added the third goal for Angers in the ninth minute of stoppage time.

**Denmark captain** 

## Alex Michelsen upsets Tsitsipas at the Australian Open

**PTI** ■ MELBOURNE

lex Michelsen produced his fledgling career to upset 2023 runner-up Stefanos Tsitsipas in the first round of the Australian Open, and he knew instinctively where credit was due. The 20-year-old American

overcame nerves on his serve in the fourth set before clinching a 7-5, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 win Monday over Tsitsipas, a 26-year-old from Greece who has a career-high No. 3 ranking and has contested two Grand Slam finals.

Michelsen started playing tennis around age 3 and hit most days as a kid with his mother, Sondra, a school teacher who played college tennis.

"Yeah, I'm sure she's watching right now," Michelsen told the crowd on John Cain Arena, one of the three main show courts at Melbourne Park. "Yeah, we hit a million



balls from the baseline every day. We'd go like 30 minutes up the middle, then we go across each way for like an hour and a half.

"I mean we would just go out there and she would never miss a ball — she's incredible. But no chance I'd be here without without her, so thanks Mom. Love you." The No. 42-ranked Michelsen reached the third round last year on his Australia debut before losing in the first

rounds at Roland Garros and Wimbledon and in the second round at the U.S. Open.

His win over Tsitsipas was Michelsen's first against a player ranked in the top 20 at a Grand Slam.

He played with freedom against Tsitsipas, taking big swipes with his service returns — including three in the ninth game of the fourth set that helped earn him a

He got a bit tense on serve, surrendering two hard-earned breaks in the fourth the last game.

'Yeah, I didn't take the most direct path, that's for sure. Shouldn't have got broken twice in the fourth. My serve let me down. Served double faulting way too much," he said. "But I was also returning really, really well. I felt like I was winning most of the baseline rallies when I was inside the baseline and controlling the point.

'So I was thinking at 4-all, after I got broken twice, saying, You're still in this, just play every point for what it is. played a great 4-all game and got it done at 5-4."

He finished the match with eight aces and eight doublefaults, but hit 46 winners to only 40 unforced errors.

"First of all, I was just trying to stay super composed out there. I knew it was going to be a battle in the end," he said.

retires from football

Simon Kjaer

**PTI** ■ COPENHAGEN

Former Denmark captain Simon Kjaer formally retired from soccer Monday despite offers to continue playing since he left AC Milan as a free agent last year.

Kjaer will perhaps be best remembered as the captain who rushed to Christian Eriksen's aid and then led teammates in shielding him from view on the field after the star playmaker collapsed because of cardiac arrest during a European Championship game in June 2021.

Kjaer also consoled Eriksen's partner on the field. Kjaer, along with the Denmark team and medical staff, later won the FIFA Fair Play Award for their actions in Copenhagen.

## Regularly peeping into past glory keeps Sindhu hungry for more success

When the going gets tough for P V Sindhu, the star badminton player dives into her highly successful past to seek inspiration to keep going in her quest for more glory. The 29-year-old has in her

cabinet every trophy and medal that is there to be won. She is one of the only three Indians to win two Olympic medals, and is also a world champion besides claiming medals at Asian Games and Commonwealth Games.

But Sindhu struggled to repeat her international success last season, the medal-less show at the Paris Olympics raising doubts about her future in the sport she dominated for so

Sindhu however, speculations don't not matter. She still steps on the court with the same passion that has catapulted her to the zenith of world badminton.

"Of course yes," Sindhu told were days where I was injured PTI in an interview when asked if she still has the hunger to keep going. "I am saying this because when

you see those wins, how happy it makes you and how much confidence it gives you, that itself will take you to another level. Seeing wins again and again keeps that hunger going, so definitely yes. 'There are some clips when

you are really young when you look at it, it feels like wow, you know, you have done so much and you know why can't I do it more? You question yourself, and that's when it all starts, so yes," Sindhu said during an interaction facilitated by sports brand PUMA, which has signed her as an ambassador. Sindhu understands that she will have to endure plenty of struggles but she can't afford to

lose hope. "I have seen a lot through sport, it was important for me to believe in myself when there and I didn't know if I can come back and I can be my 100 per cent, which happened in 2015, when I had an injury, but then I bounced back, and I got a

silver at Rio. \*My life has changed a lot since the time I started and till now I have had a lot of awards, rewards which has given me a lot of confidence. I am very grateful for whatever I have achieved and when I look back, I can tell that yes I have done whatever I could

Wins and losses are part of the learning curves. So what has been the biggest learning for Sindhu?

"Being patient. That has taught me a lot in life, being patient and wait for the right time because sometimes game teaches you to be patient no matter what. You have to keep waiting till

you get whether it is success or

whether it is the right time or

whether it is the right shot...

time to do the right thing." Sindhu said self-belief something an athlete can't do without, indicating that she is trying to overcome the ongoing tough phase with the same virtue. "It hits you when you are

You have to wait for the right

actually not able to win or not

able to get that success or when

you are actually at your lows.

That is when it is important for an athlete to stay there and keep believing in yourself. There were days when I lost matches which were very very

There were days where I was like why am I losing, what is happening, can I bounce back, can I come back stronger and especially lowest is when it hits

were very very supportive in terms of they were like it's okay, believe in yourself, you can do

myself but people around me

"I am very lucky to say that I have parents who are sports persons and they know what it is and what it takes because they have experienced so much that they tell me that this is what happens and you need to be stronger and you need to come back stronger."

Sindhu was candid in admitting that digesting defeats is still difficult for her despite so much success in her

"It does hurt, it does hurt at any point of time even though let's say if you don't have to prove anything, or if you have achieved everything and what is left you might ask me what else is left?

"For me I feel that there is a lot of time left and I can win a lot of tournaments and I can play you really hard. I was doubting for so many more years

because if you are fit and if you are injury free I think passion towards the sport itself will take you much more longer." She also emphasised that the

relationship between a coach and an athlete needs to be very clear in terms of what is going in your head on and off court. "A coach needs to understand even if I am not able to say what is happening in the court. As a coach you know he understands what you feel. So it is very important to also have that trust between a coach and an athlete."

Sindhu has a clear plan for the 2025 season when she will compete in select tournaments to avoid injuries

"There are a lot of tournaments every month. We are out for like 15 days, 20 days. Definitely I will pick and choose a tournament because as you said I need to stay injury free. That is very important. If you stay injury free that's when you go and give your 100 per cent.

"There are some tournaments where BWF says that you have to play, but apart from that, the players are also smart enough to pick and tournaments."

Sindhu said she is still evolving as a player, working on her skills because "the game has been changing so much."

'People have become really strong in their defense so to break that, you have to work on that. You have to also work on defense. Not everyone gives you chance to attack. Because I'm a tall player and I have a

good reach, so not everyone

will give you a chance to attack, so accordingly you have to make changes Sindhu also hoped that the gulf between her and the next generation will be bridged

sooner than later. "I am hoping that the gap closes soon. There are a lot of youngsters I have seen in the Sved Modi (recent tournament she won) doing really well.



# **Barcelona thrashes Real Madrid 5-2 to win Spanish Super Cup final**

eal Madrid came out Rlooking for some payback in the latest "clasico" against Barcelona but ended up being embarrassed again.

Madrid lost 5-2 to Barcelona in the Spanish Super Cup final at Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on Sunday. That followed a 4-0 loss at home to Barcelona in the Spanish league in October.

Kylian Mbappé put Madrid ahead early in his second clasico, but Barcelona then ran away with goals by Lamine Yamal, Robert Lewandowski, Raphinha who scored twice - and Alejandro Balde.

Rodrygo scored for Madrid on the hour mark after goalkeeper Barcelona Wojciech Szczesny was sent off early in the second half. It was the third straight win for Barcelona in 2025 after it lost two games in a row to

'The Christmas break helped us reflect on what we had done wrong," Lewandowski said. "Now we can look forward to the run of games that we have until the end of the season."

Madrid lost for the first time after a run of five consecutive victories.

"It was a bad night," Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said. "It's a disappointment, we won't hide it, but it's soccer ... You have to try to learn from the losses. We have to look forward to what's ahead."

Mbappé had been contained when the rivals met in October but scored a superb goal five minutes into the match at King Abdullah Sports City stadium after picking up the ball just inside Madrid's half, running at the defense and then finding the net with a clever finish. But Yamal evened the match with a nice run in the 22nd and Lewandowski, who scored



twice in the earlier clasico. put the Catalans ahead in the

Raphinha added goals in the 39th and 48th minutes, while Balde scored in first-half stoppage time. Rodrygo scored from a free

kick in the 60th after Szczesny was sent off for a foul outside the area to stop a breakaway. Lewandowski has 26 goals in

19 times and Yamal eight. Barcelona was able to count on Spain midfielder Dani Olmo after the Spanish government stepped in to provisionally allow the club to register him with the

competitions for Barcelona,

while Raphinha has scored

The final came after Mallorca fans said they were harassed by local men who support Madrid after Thursday's

semifinal. Two wives of Mallorca players said they were groped.

The Spanish Super Cup has become a moneymaker for the federation competing clubs since the federation struck a deal in 2019 to hold it in Saudi Arabia.

ATLETICO'S RECORD Atletico Madrid set a club all-time record of 14 straight victories with a 1-0 win over

top of the Spanish league at the halfway stage.

Julián Álvarez scored in the minute at the matches over second-place Madrid.

Osasuna on Sunday and went Diego Simeone's team has a six-point gap to third-place Barcelona.

Atletico has won all of its across Metropolitano stadium to competitions since October. give Atletico the milestone Its last setback was a 1-0 loss victory and a one-point lead at Real Betis in the Spanish league on Oct. 27. Eight of

the league. "It's an important streak to show the growth of this club," Simeone said. "We have been working really hard." It was the seventh consecutive league game without a win for Osasuna, which is in 11th place

**Demand Notice Amount / Date** 

thereon. Date: 30.10.2024

subsequent interest and expenses

thereon, Date : 30.10.2024

08.01.2025

शेंद्रल बेंक ऑफ इंडिया क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, रायपुर (छ.ग.) Central Bank of India Regional Office, Raipur (C.G.)

APPENDIX-IV [RULE - 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Central Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54, of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Issued a Demand Notice as below mentioned date calling upon the borrower/s to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, guarantor/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (4) of the said act, read with rule 8 of the said rules on the date mentioned below.

The borrower and the guarantor/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Central Bank of India, for an amount as mentioned below with subsequent Interest and expenses thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

M/s A. C. Associates through its Partners and Guarantors Mr. Arun Kumar Bhadra S/o Late Mr. Sudhir Bhadra and Mrs. Reshma Bhadra W/o Mr. Arun

Kumar Bhadra all are resident of House No. 827 & 828, Ruprela Gali, Ramar Mandir Ward No. 21, Fafadih, Dist. Raipur (CG), **Branch : Fafadih** 

M/s Fortune Tiles through its Partners 1.Mr. Ashish Soni S/o Mr. Purnanand Soni, 2. Mrs. Priya Soni W/o Mr. Ashish Soni and 3. Mr. Abhishek Soni S/o Mr. Purnanand Soni, Address of all are Near Railway Crossing, Vill Belsonda, Tehsil & Dist. Mahasamund (CG) and Guarantors

**Description of the Property** 

Property Details: All the Part & Parcel of Land and Residential Building situated at Kh. No. 55/13, House No. 827/829, Plot No 34/2, Street No. 02, Mouza Fafadih, Raman Mandir Ward, Ward No. 14, Ph. No. 108/48, Area-2040 sq. ft. (60' x 34'), R.I.C

Raipur-1, Tehsii & Dist. Raipur (CG) in the name of M/s A. C. Associates. **Boundaries**: North: House of Anti/Vegadh, South Seller's House, East: Road, West: Godown of Sachdev Traders.

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1. Mr. Ashish Soni S/o Mr. Purnanand Soni, 2. Mrs. Priya Soni W/o Mr. Ashish Soni and 3. Mr. Abhishek Soni S/o Mi Purnanand Soni all are resident of Lilly Chowk, Purani Basti, Raipur, Dist. Raipur (CG), Branch: Fafadih

Property Details: 1. Equitable Mortgage of Factory Land and Building with embedded Plant & Machinery at Kh. No. 356/2, Pl

I. Equitable Mortgage of Factory Land and Building with embedded Plant & Machinery at Kh. No. 356/2, PH No.140(old), PH No.87/36(new), Area-21750 sq. ft. Gram- Belsonda, Tehsil & Dist.- Mahasamund to Raipur Road, East: Seller Land, West: Land of Ishwar Singh. 2. Equitable Mortgage of Factory land and Building with embedded Plant & Machinery at Kh. No. 356/3, PH No.140(old), PH No.87/36(new), Area-47344 sq. ft. Gram- Belsonda, Tehsil & Dist.- Mahasamund (CG) in the name of Shri Abhishek Soni S/o Shri Purnanand Soni. Boundaries: North: Land of Railway, South: Govt. Mahasamund to Raipur Road, East: Land of Satish Soni, West: Land of Priya Soni. 3. Equitable Mortgage of Factory Land and Building with embedded Plant & Machinery at Kh. No. 356/4, PH No.140(old), PH No.87/36(new), Area-43560 sq. ft. Gram- Belsonda, Tehsil & Dist.-Mahasamund (CG) in the name of Mrs. Priya Soni W/o Ashish Soni. Boundaries: North: Land of Railway, South: Govt. Mahasamund to Raipur Road, East: Land of Abhishek Soni, West: Land of Ashish Soni.

### 27 appearance across all You cannot compare one generation of cricketers with another, says Kapil Dev

t is needless to compare two It is needless to compare and pass a generations of players and pass a judgement on who was better, legendary cricketer Kapil Dev said on Monday and refused to get into a debate if BCCI selectors were right in excluding Yashasvi Jaiswal and Rishabh Pant from the T20I squad for the five-match series against England. Kapil bowled nearly 300 overs during the 1991-92 Test series against Australia and in the same rubber he became the first Indian to take 400 wickets in the traditional format apart from contributing with the bat in the team's cause.

India pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah could not bowl in the second innings of the fifth Border-Gavaskar Test recently because of back spasms. India lost the five-match series 1-3. The 31-year-old Bumrah bowled more than 150 overs and emerged the highest wicket-taker on both sides with 32 scalps.

days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

1. Ritu Diwakar (Borrower), Om Prakash Patel

2. Ritu Diwakar (Borrower), Om Prakash Patel

(Co-Borrower), LHBSR00001534618.

(Co-Borrower), LHBSR00001534620.

Divya Sardhara (Borrower), Santosh Khandelwal

(Co-Borrower), LHRPR00001504612

Divya Sardhara (Borrower), Santosh

(Co-Borrower), LHRPR00001504614

Khandelwal

Divya Sardhara

(Co-Borrower), LHRPR00001543852

Khandelwal



"Please don't compare. You cannot compare one generation with another. That is not required. Today, players are scoring 300 runs in a day. It didn't happen during our time. So don't compare the two (generations)," said Kapil during an event hosted by the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) of which he is the president. The 1983 World Cup-winning skipper also added that one should not question the judgement of the

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

Corporate Office: ICICI Horne Finance

Registered office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051

Branch Office: 1st floor, Indira Tower, A-26, Zone II, Main Road Vyapar Vihar Bilaspur (C.G.) 495001

Branch Office: Sky Park, Ground floor, Unit No.1, Near Canal Road Raipur - 492001

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 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 notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date of Possession

All That Piece And Parcel of Diverted Land Situated At Plot No. 8, Surevy No. 78/24, Ph No. 18/27 , Staar Kramank 16, Area Admeausring 930 Sq Ft, Situated At Mouja Lagara, Rnm- Mopka , Block - Bilha Tehsil And District ,bilaspur

(Chattisgarh) - Pin 495115. Bounded By- North: Plot No. 65 of Seller, South: Land of Seller, East: 25ft Wide Road, West: Remaining Land of Seller./Date of Possession- 08-Jan-2025

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All That Piece And Parcel of Plot Situated At Plot No. 20

All That Piece And Parcel of Plot Situated At Plot No. 20 Area Adm -1235sqft, Plot No 21 - 1240sqft, Plot No. 22-Area Adm -1255sqft, Plot No. 23 Area Adm 1770 Sqft, Total Area Admeasuring 5500 Sqft, Situated Jointly Merged Survey No. 360/1, 360/2, 360/3, 361/1, 361/2, & 361/3 of Project Named & Styled As "Natural City" At Ward No. 63, Ph No 00060 Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Ward At Village- Bhatagaon At Rnm , Tehsil & District Raipur (Chattisgarh). Bounded By- North: Plot No.19,south: Colony Boundary Wall, East: Road, West: Colony Boundary Wall./ Date Of Possession-08-Jan-2025

All That Piece And Parcel of Plot Situated At Plot No 20

Area Adm -1235 sqft, Plot No 21- 1240 sqft, Plot No. 22-Area Adm-1255 sqft, Plot No-23 Area Adm 1770 Sqft, Total Area Admeasuring 5500 Sqft, Situated Jointly Merged Survey No. 360/1, 360/2, 360/3, 361/1, 361/2, & 361/3 of Project Named & Styled As "Natural City" At Ward No. 63, Ph No. 00060 Shyama Prasad Mukherjee

Ward At Village- Bhatagaon At Rnm, Tehsil & District Raipur (Chattisgarh), Bounded By- North: Plot No.19, South: Colony Boundary Wall, East: Road, West: Colony Boundary Wall./ Date of Possession- 08-Jan-2025

All That Piece And Parcel of Plot Situated At Plot No 20

selectors as they would have arrived at the decision to not play Jaiswal and Pant after giving it a thought.

The two cricketers played all five Tests during the gruelling Australia series, with Jaiswal (391) emerging the second-highest run-getter, second only to Travis Head (448).

Asked if it was the right decision to drop two for the home series, Kapil said, "How can I comment on the judgement of others? I think the

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selectors would have though about it." "So, if I say something it would be criticising them. I don't want to criticise them. They (selectors) are a

With batting stalwarts Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli dishing out below-par performances in Australia, and talks of whether it's time for them to retire swirling, Kapil said the decision should be left to them.

They are very big players. Let's hope when they think it's the right time to play, when they think it's not, they will call it off," said Kapil, in response to a question whether they should be there for the Test series in England later this year. With Bumrah taking over the captaincy from Rohit in the fifth BGT Test at Sydney and talks on whether he should be given a long stint to prove himself going forward, Kapil said, "If he has been given the opportunity (to lead the side), then give him some time also.'

group of people who must have planned and thought about that."

#### 1. M/s Awadhesh Stones Prop. Mr. Awadhesh Singh Thakur & 2. Mr. Awadhesh Singh Thakur S/o Mr. Karan Singh Thakur address of both are H.No. 91, Kshatriypara, Vill. Mudhena, PO. Belsondha, Dist. Mahasamund 08.01.2025 thereon. Date : 22.02.2024 CG) and **Guarantor Mrs. Saroj Singh Thakur** W/o Mr. Karan Singh Thakur, thereon, Date: **22.02**. I.No. 91, Kshatriypara, Vill. Mudhena, PO. Belsondha, Dist. Mahasamund (CG), **Branch: Mahasamund** Property Details: All the Parts and Parcel of Commercial Open Land situated at Kh No. 30, PH No- 91, Mudhena, Post Office Belsonda, RNM- Mahasamund, Tahsil +Dist Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh, Admeasuring Area 10760 Sq.ft. in the name of Mr Awadhesh Singh Thakur S/o S/o- Shri Karan Singh Thakur. **Boundaries**: North – Ram Narayan's Land, East – Ram Narayan's Land, South – Karan Singh's Land/Road, West – Chamaru Singh's Land

(1) Mr. Bisahu Ram Mukerji (Deceased) S/o Mr. Sirdheram Mukerji, Add:
Makan No. 92, Tiwari Gali Ward No.01, Shankar Nagar, Mahasamund, Dist.
Mahasamund (CG) Through his Legal heirs 1/1. Smt. Ratni Bai Chouhan
(Daughter) W/o Mr. Shantilal Chouhan, Narayanpur, Jailbadi, Dist.
Narayanpur (Go, 1/2. Smt. Nira Tandi (Daughter) W/o Mr. Anand Tandi, Grih Mandal Imman, Near Pani Tanki, Raman Tola Housing Board, At & Dist. Mahasamund (CG), 1/3. Smt. Heera Chouhan (Daughter) W/o Jagat Chouhan, Pithora, PO-Bayagaon Metkula, At & Dist. Mahasamund (CG), 1/4. Smt. Anita Sao (daughter) W/o Mr. Vijay Sao, Ward No. 17, Mauri Bhata, At & Dist. Mahasamund (CG) (2) Smt. Anita Sao W/o Mr. Vijay Sao, Ward No. 17, Mauri Bhata, At & Dist. Mahasamund (CG) and Guarantor - Mr. Vijay Sao S/o Mr. Chandan Sao, Ward No. 17, Mauri Bhata, At & Dist. Mahasamund (CG), Branch: Property Details: All the Part and Parcel of Residential Land and Building situated at Shankar Nagar, PC No.-42, Khasra No. 455/78, Total Area-2640 Sq.ft., PH. No.-142/86, R.N.M., Tahsil & Dist.- Mahasamund (CG) in the name of Shri Bisahu Ram

Mukerji S/o- Shri Sirdheram Mukerji. **Boundaries:** North : Plot of UdayRam Dewangan, South: Land of Sachidanandan, East

1. M/s Gourish Farshi Udyog Prop. Mr. Lilesh Sahu, Vill. & PO Garhseoni, Dist. Mahasamund (CG) & 2. Mr. Lilesh Sahu S/o Mr. Hirday Lal Sahu, At. Nayapara, Ward No. 03, Tehsil & Dist. Mahasamund (CG) and Guarantorsubsequent interest and expenses thereon, Date : 27.08.2024 08.01.2025 Mr. Hirday Lai Sahu S/o Late Chain Singh Sahu, At. Nayapara, Ward No. 03, Tehsil & Dist. Mahasamund (CG), Branch: Mahasamund

Property Details: All the Part and parcel of diverted residential land situated at Kh. No. 752, Ph.No. 142(a), R.N.M, Tah. 8 Dist. - Mahasamund (C.G), area 0.028 Hect. in the name of Mr. Hriday Lal Sahu S/o Chain Singh Sahu. Boundaries are as under: North: House of Gulzari, South: Govt. Land, East: C C Road, West: Govt. Land. 1. M/s Gourish Stones Prop. Mrs. Alka Sahu, and Mrs. Alka Sahu W/o Mr

Girish Kumar Sahu address of both are Naya Para, Ward No. 03, Mahasamund, Dist. Mahasamund (CG) and **Guarantor- Mr. Lilesh Sahu** S/o Mr. Hirday Lal Sahu, At. Naya Para, Ward No. 03, Tehsil & Dist. Mahasamund (CG), **Branch: Mahasamund** subsequent interest and expenses 08.01.2025 Property Details: All the Part & Parcel of Diverted Land & Building situated at Khasra No-1718, PH No. 4/2, Village-Garhsiwani

RNM- Patewa, Tahsil & District- Mahasamund, (CG) Admeasuring area – 0.19 Hect. or 20444 sq. ft., in the name of Mr. Lilesh Sahu S/o Mr. Hriday lal Sahu. **Bounded by** – North – Grass Land, South *–* Land of Kamlesh, East *–* Land of Umesh, West –

Mr. Mahendra Kumar Rathore S/o Mr. Radhe Lal Rathore and Mrs. Gomti Rathore W/o Mr. Mahendra Kumar Rathore Both are resident of Chitar Rs. 61.05.869.94 + subsequent interest and expenses Para, Mukhya Gali janjgir, Dist. Janjgir-Champa (CG), Branch: Champa thereon, Date : 25.02.2022 Property Details: 1. All the Part and Parcel of Diverted landed property

situated at Kh. No. 4081/6, PH. No. 41/47, RMM Janjgir-Champa, Ward No. 17, Tehsil Janjgir, Dist. Janjgir-Champa (C.G), Area 2180 sq.ft. in the name of Mr. Mahendra Kumar Rathore S/o Mr. Radhe Lal Rathore. **Boundaries are as under:** North: Road, South: Govt. High School Maidan, East: Land of Rama Rathore, West: House of Kalicharan. 2. All the Part and Parcel of Diverted landed property situated at Kh. No. 422/7 (from 422/4), PH. No.27, Village Junadih, RNM Balouda, Tehsil Balouda, Dist. Janjgir-Champa (C.G), Area 0.25 Acre. in the name of Mr. Mahendra Kumar Rathore S/o Mr. Radhe Lal Rathore. **Boundaries are a:** under: North: Land of Pitar, South: Land of Dhan Singh, East: Land of Pitar, West: Road.

Mr. Tikeshwar Prasad Jangde S/o- Bhrat Ram Jangde at Sasaha Road, Village-Pamgarh, Dist-Janjgir-Champa, (CG), Branch: Akaltara Rs. 3.99.671/- + Property Details: All the Part & Parcel of Residential diverted Land and thereon, Date : 30.10.2023 Building situated at Khasra No165/2 (Old) 165/10 (New), Sasaha Road, Village- Pamgarh, P.H.No- 16, Admeasuring 3488 Sq.ft, Tehsil Pamgarh Distt. Janjgir – Champa (C.G.) in the name of Mr. Tikeshwar Prasad Jangde. **Boundaries**: North: Canal and Road, South: Land of Maniram, East: Sellers Plot, West: Sellers Plot.

Date: 09.01.2025, Place: Rainur

Road, West : Plot of Bahuran Sahu.

**AUTHORISED OFFICER/CHIEF MANAGER CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA** 

PTI SYDNEY

Pat Cummins was on Monday named captain of Australia for next month's Champions Trophy while fellow pacer Hazlewood too was included in the squad despite lingering injury concerns surrounding both

Cummins, Hazlewood

in Australia CT squad

despite injury concerns

Cummins was managing an ankle injury throughout the recent Border-Gavaskar Trophy against India, which played a part in him missing the upcoming tour to Sri Lanka along with the pacer wanting to stay back at home to welcome his second baby.

"I don't really have any more information than what I shared when we announced the Test squad (for Sri Lanka series) a few days ago," said Chair of Selectors George Bailey

"I believe he's had the scan, I have no idea what the scan said. But we want to give him a little bit of space at the back end of the Border-Gavaskar; obviously baby pending.

We'll work through that with Pat and obviously the selection panel and the medical team ... But I know he's very keen," he added. Hazlewood, side lined from the Melbourne and Sydney Tests due to a calf niggle, was similarly not picked for the Sri Lanka series but has been named in the 15-player preliminary Champions Trophy squad. Under ICC guidelines, Australia needed to name a squad by Monday, but can change it for

injuries at any time before the

tournament starts.



E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.

Central Bank of India

Votice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Central Bank of India Secured Creditor on the date mentioned below, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on date mentioned below, for recovery of outstanding due to the Central Bank of India-Secured Creditor on the date mentioned below from the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit of the respective property is mentioned hereinbelow: E-AUCTION DATE - 31.01.2025 (FRIDAY)

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrowers	Outstanding Amount (Secured debt) Demand Notice Date	Reserve Price Eearnest Money Deposit Bid Increase Amount
1.	Borrower:- (1) M/s Tulsi Honda Agency, Prop. Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sahu, Vill-Paharia, Tah. Baloda, DistJanjgirChampa (CG) 2. Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sahu S/o Mr. Gaukaran Lal Sahu, Vill-Khaija, PO Khaija, Tah. Baloda, Dist. Janjgir-Champa (CG) and Guarantor - Mr. Gaukaran Lal Sahu S/o Basuram Sahu, Add-1: Vill-	Rs. 18,62,846/- (+) interest & expenses thereon	Rs. 25,00,000/- Rs. 2.50.000/-
	Khajia PO Khajia Tah Raloda Dist. Janinir-Chamna (CG) Add-2: At Sarakhon Road Ward No 2 Najla-	Demand Notice Date <b>03.10.2019</b> Possession Notice Dated <b>18.01.2020</b>	Rs. 50,000/-
1	Description of the Immovable Property: All that Part and Parcel of Residential Property situated at Khas	sra No 86/9,87/10,92/9,93/9,96/9 P	H No 42 (New 48),

Ward No 2, Sarkho Road, Tahshil Janjgir, admeasuring -0.05 Acre (0.05 Dec. Or 2120 sqft) at Janjgir, Dist Janjgir-Champa (CG) in the name of Mr Goukaran Sahu S/O and Salva (CG) in the name of Mr Goukaran Sahu S/O and Salva (CG) in the name of Mr Goukaran Sahu S/O and Salva (CG) in the name of Mr Goukaran Sahu S/O and Salva (CG) in the name of Mr Goukaran Sahu S/O and Salva (CG) in the name of Mr Goukaran Sahu S/O and Salva (CG) in the name of Mr Goukaran Sahu S/O and Salva (CG) in the name of Mr Goukaran Sahu S/O and Salva (CG) in the name of Mr Goukaran Sahu S/O and Salva (CG) in the name of Mr Goukaran Sahu S/O and Salva (CG) in the name of Mr Goukaran Sahu S/O and Salva (CG) in the name of Mr Goukaran Sahu S/O and Salva (CG) in the name of Mr Goukaran Sahu S/O and Salva (CG) in the name of Mr Goukaran Sahu S/O and Salva (CG) in the name of Mr Goukaran Sahu S/O and Salva (CG) in the name of Mr Goukaran Sahu S/O and Salva (CG) in the name of Mr Goukaran Sahu S/O and Salva (CG) in the name of Mr Goukaran Sahu S/O and Salva (CG) and Salva

Shri Basuram Sahu. Boundaries: North: Gali, South: Railway Road, East: Remaining land of Seller, West: Plot of Chhedila A/c No-1. M/s Maliram Nathulal, Through its Partners (i) Mr. Nathulal Agarwal S/o- ShriMaliram Agarwal,

(ii) Mr.AshishGarg S/o ShriNathulalAgarwal, (iii) Mr. Amit Garg S/o ShriNathulalAgarwal, all residents of Add:- Korba Road Champa, Near Railway Station, Dist-Janjgir-Champa (C.G.) Pin-Ashish Garg S/o ShriNathulal Agarwal, (iii) Mr.Ashish Garg S/o ShriNathulal Agarwal, all residents of Add:- Korba Road Champa, Near Railway Station, Dist-Janjgir-Champa (C.G.) A/c No-2. (i) M/s Ashish Traders, Prop. Mr.Ashish Garg, (ii). Mr. Ashish Garg, S/o ShriNathulal Garg, all residents of Add:- Korba Road Champa, Near Railway Station, Dist-Janjgir-Champa (C.G.) A/c No-2. (i) M/s Ashish Traders, Prop. Mr.Ashish Garg, (ii). Mr. Ashish Garg, S/o ShriNathulal Garg, all residents of Add:- Korba Road Champa, Near Railway Station, Dist-Janjgir-Champa (C.G.) Add:- Korba Road Champa, Near Railway Station, Dist-Janjgir-Champa (C.G.), Branch: Champa

Description of the Immovable Property: 1.) All the parts and parcel of Residential cum Commercial Land and Building situated at Khasra No. 1933/2 and 1934/2 PHNo.02, Korba Road Champa, Near Agrasen Chowk, Ward No. 23, Near Railway Station Champa Dist-Janjgir-Champa, CG, admeasuring 21 Dismil (9146.76 sq. ft) in the name of Shri Nathulal Agarwal S/o Shri Maliram Agarwal, **Boundaries**: North: House of Jamuna Dhar and Jagdish Prasad, South: House of Mahaveer Prasad East : Korba Road, West : Bharat Rice mill, 2.) All the parts and parcel of Residential cum Commercial Land and Building situated at Khasra No. 1933/2 and 1934/2 PHNo.02, Korba Road Champa, Near Agrasen Chowk, Ward No.23, Near Railway Station Champa Dist-Janjgir-Champa, CG, admeasuring 20 Dismil (8711.20 sq. ft) in the name of Shri Ashish Garg S/o Shri Nathulal Agarwal, Boundaries: North: House of Jamuna Dhar and Jagdish Prasad, South: House of Mahaveer Prasad, East Korba Road, West : Bharat Rice mill

Ferms & Conditions: 1. Date & Time of e-auction: 31.01.2025 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM (with auto extension clause in case of bid in last Ten minutes before closing), The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider "<a href="https://www.ebkray.in"">https://www.ebkray.in</a> For further details, terms and conditions, the interested bidders can visit our Bank's website at <a href="https://www.centralbankofindia.co.in">https://www.ebkray.in</a> 2. For more details please Contact for Sr. No. 1. Avinash Kumar, BM, Branch-Janjgir, Mob. No. 9080906241, for Sr. No. 2. Abhishek Dutta, BM, Branch-Champa, Mob. No. 7003758405, at any working day during office hours. 3. The Auction Sale is conducted on "As is where is, As is What is and Whatever there is" Basis. Bank is not aware of any pending charges, taxes, etc. Purchasers are bound to verify the same and, if any have to bear the same. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's website i.e. <a href="www.centralbankofindia.co.in">www.centralbankofindia.co.in</a> and service provider's website <a href="https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp">www.centralbankofindia.co.in</a> and service provider's website <a href="https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp">www.centralbankofindia.co.in</a> and service

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagor are hereby Notified for sale of immovalbe/movable secured asset toward realization of outstanding dues of Secured Date: 09.01.2025, Place - Raipur

Authorised Officer, Central Bank of India

All That Piece and Parcel of Plot Situated At Plot No 20 Area Adm -1235 sqft, Plot No 21 -1240 sqft, Plot No. 22-Area Adm-1255 sqft, Plot No-23 Area Adm 1770 Sqft, Total Area Admeasuring 5500 Sqft, Situated Jointly Merged Survey No. 360/1, 360/2, 360/3, 361/1, 361/2, & 361/3 of Project Named & Styled As "Notural City" At Ward No. 63, Ph No 00060 Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Ward At Village- Bhatagaon At Rnm , Tehsil & District Raipur (Chattisgarh). Bounded By- North: Plot No. 19, South: Colony Boundary Wall, East: Road, West: Colony Boundary Wall, Date of Possession-08-Jan-2025 11-10-2024 6. Divya Sardhara (Borrower), Santosh Khandelwal All That Piece And Parcel of Plot Situated At Plot No 20 All That Piece And Parcel of Plot Situated At Plot No 20 Area Adm -1235sqft, Plot No 21- 1240sqft, Plot No. 22- Area Adm -1255sqft, Plot No-23 Area Adm 1770 Sqft, Total Area Admeasuring 5500 Sqft, Situated Jointly Merged Survey No. 360/1, 360/2, 360/3, 361/1, 361/2, & 361/3 of Project Named & Styled As "Natural City" At Ward No. 63, Ph No 00060 Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Ward At Village- Bhatagaon At Rnm , Tehsil & District Raipur (Chattisgarh). Bounded By- North: Plot No.19, South: Colony Boundary Wall. Past: Road, West: Colony Boundary Wall. Date Of Possession- 08-Jan-2025 Rs. 85,345.69/-(Co-Borrower), LHRPR00001543980 17-10-2024 Aman Soni All That Piece And Parcel Of Diverted Na Land Situated At Plot No 50, Sheet No 19, Survey No 936/2 Area Admeausring 2000 Sq Ft Having Ph No.46/16 At Vikaskhand Bilaha, Rnm, Tehsil And District Bilaspur (Chattisgarh). Bounded By-North: Remaining Land of Seller, South: Remaining Land of Seller, West: Road./ (Borrower) Ashok Kumai 12,50,615.84/ (Co-Borrower) Basanti Soni (Co-Borrower), LHBSR00001586908 Date of Possession- 08-Jan-2025 17-10-2024 All That Piece And Parcel of Diverted Na Land Situated At Aman Soni All That Piece And Parcie of Diverter Na Land Studied At Plot No 50, Sheet No 19, Survey No 936/2 Area Admeausring 2000 Sq Ft Having Ph No.46/16 At Vikaskhand Bilaha, Rnm, Tehsil And District Bilaspur (Chattisgarh). Bounded By-North: Remaining Land of Seller, South: Remaining Land of Seller, East: Remaining Land of Seller, West: Road./ Date of Possession- 08-Jan-2025 Rs. 73,412.48/-(Co-Borrower) Basanti Soni

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : January 14, 2025, Place: Raipur, Bilaspur Authorized Officer, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited