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# FREEFALL OF FREEBIES

SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI

The BJP on Friday launched the first part of its 'Sankalp Patra' the upcoming Delhi assembly elections, surpassing all 'freebies' expectations with the announcement of six poll promises, including Rs 21,000 for pregnant women, Rs 2,500 under the 'Mahila Samriddhi Yojana, LPG cylinders at Rs 500, and Rs 3,000 pension for senior citizens aged over 70 years.

However, shortly after the announcement, AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal sharply reacted to the BJP's manifesto, calling it a 'Kejriwal Patra' instead of 'Sankalp Patra.' He accused the BJP of 'copying' his party for announcing several 'revris' (freebies) in its 'Sankalp Patra,' stating that Prime Minister Narendra Modi won't approve of the "freebies" promised by the BJP. "The BJP has repeatedly said that Kejriwal gives away free handouts, but today the BJP's national president announced that they too will provide free handouts to the people of Delhi," Kejriwal said. "I want to tell them that they should

acknowledge that Prime Minister Modi was wrong when he said the things he did about us. They should also accept that free handouts are not wrong-they are a gift from God and good for the country. He should come forward and assure that he consents to these (BJP) promises. He should tell us that I was right in providing free handouts," Kejriwal added.

Releasing the first part of the manifesto, BJP President Nadda said that women's empowerment has been a priority area for Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He added that BJPruled states, including Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, and Haryana, are already providing financial aid to women

The second promise of the BJP is to provide LPG cylinders for Rs 500 to women from poor families and one free cylinder each on the occasions of

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BJP National President JP Nadda along with Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva and others leaders during addresses the media during the launch of 'BJP Sankalp Patra Part-I' for Delhi Assembly elections, in New Delhi Photo: Ranjan Dimri/The Pioneer

### **AAP promises, BJP dismisses**

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

In another move to target youth voters, former Chief Minister and AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal, seeking re-election in the assembly polls, announced a major guarantee providing free bus travel to all school and college students in Delhi. Additionally, Kejriwal proposed a 50 percent concession on metro fares for students, urging the Central government to collaborate with the Delhi government in sharing the cost of this initiative.

Terming it an irresponsible move, Congress leader Sandeep Dikshit slammed Kejriwal's proposal, saying that the AAP promises what it cannot deliver financially and would eventually accuse the national authorities of obstruction.

In his letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the AAP convenor

said, "Delhi's students rely on the Delhi Metro for commuting to schools and colleges to a large extent. To reduce the financial burden on them, I propose a 50 percent concession to students in Delhi Metro. Delhi Metro is a joint venture between the Central and Delhi governments. The expenditure on this scheme will have to be borne by both.

Kejriwal's request to Prime Minister Modi came on the day ahead of the

release of the BJP's 'Sankalp Patra' manifesto for the Delhi elections 2025. Notably, Delhi Metro is operated in collaboration between the Delhi and Central governments. The announcement, however

implemented

Model Code of Conduct (MCC) currently in place Kejriwal Delhi. assured that the scheme would be a priority for his government if reelected.

immediately due to the

cannot be

'The metro fares are expensive for students. I have requested PM Modi to introduce this scheme, and we are ready to bear half the cost," Kejriwal said at the press conference, adding that the initiative could be rolled out after the elections.

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Holi and Diwali. Nadda added that the subsidy of Rs 300 on cylinders has already been implemented in Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan under the 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana' since 2016.

The manifesto also included a promise to provide six nutritional kits and an assistance of Rs 2,000 to every pregnant woman under the 'Chief Minister Matritiva Suraksha Yojana.' Calling the ruling party 'AAP-da,' the BJP President said that AAP has brought disaster to Delhi and slammed the party for not being able to provide women with Rs 1,000 despite promising it in Delhi and Punjab. He also called AAP a 'Jan Virodhi' (against people) and 'Delhi Virodhi' (against Delhi) government.

Hitting out at the BJP soon after the release of the party's manifesto, former Delhi Chief Minister and AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal said that the BIP's promises were mere copies of what AAP has already implemented.

Moreover, Nadda also announced that in its first cabinet meeting, soon after being voted to power, the BJP implement the central government's 'Ayushman Bharat Yojana' to provide free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh. The state government will provide an additional Rs 5 lakh cover for all poor families, while calling the Mohalla

ʻden Clinics corruption. "As a Health Minister, I am telling you that the Mohalla clinics of the AAP government are a den of corruption and

inefficiency. Fraudulent lab tests have been conducted in their clinics, and there has been a scam of about Rs 300 crore. When our government comes, all of this will be thoroughly investigated. 'Dudh ka dudh, pani ka pani ho jayega' (the truth will come out)," he claimed.

ATTENTION



### **Mystery deepens** li assault

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

More than 40 hours after a gruesome attack on Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan, the Mumbai police had achieved breakthrough sensational case as of late Friday evening. Meanwhile, the actor was making a rapid recovery from the grievous wounds he sustained in the knife attack by an intruder early Thursday. On Friday, Saif, 54, was moved

from the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) to a special room at Lilavati Hospital. The police detained one suspect in connection with the attack, but released him after questioning, finding that he had no connection to the case. "The person who was brought

to the Bandra police station is not related to the Saif Ali Khan case. We released him after questioning. No one has yet been arrested in connection with yesterday's incident," a senior police officer said.

Meanwhile, doctors attending to Saif at Lilavati Hospital **Continued on page 2** expressed satisfaction with his

progress. "Saif Ali Khan is doing excellently. We made him walk, and he can walk well. There is no problem and not much pain," said Dr. Nitin Dange of Lilavati Hospital. The actor had sustained six stab wounds, including one to his spine, while grappling with an intruder who had broken into his 12th-floor apartment in the posh "Satguru Sharan" building located at the junction of 29th and 24th Roads in Bandra (W), northwest Mumbai. The knife attack occurred between 2 a.m. and 2:30 a.m. Thursday, following a failed burglary attempt by the yet-to-beidentified intruder.

After his admission to Lilavati Hospital, Saif underwent surgery to remove a knife lodged in his spine and to seal a spinal fluid leakage.

The actor was brought to our hospital with six injuries, two of which were deep. We carried out a surgery near his spine and removed a 2.5-inch piece of knife from the spine, said Dr. Niraj Uttamani, Chief Operating Officer of Lilavati Hospital, on Thursday.

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## **Imran Khan convicted**



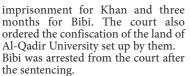
PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistani court on Friday Asentenced jailed former prime minister Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi to 14 and seven years in prison respectively after finding them guilty of corruption in the 190 million pounds al-Qadir Trust case.

Judge Nasir Javed Rana of the anticorruption court announced the verdict in a makeshift court set up in Adila jail where Khan is currently lodged. Khan is facing dozens of cases after he lost a trust vote in Parliament in 2022.

Khan has been convicted for "corrupt practices" and "misuse of authority" while his wife has been convicted for "involvement in illegal activities".

Khan, who has been jailed since August 2023, was also fined Rs 1 million and Bibi half a million rupees. Failure to pay the fine will entail an additional six months



Supporters and leaders of Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party staged a protest outside Parliament House, held placards, and chanted slogans, demanding his release. day's verdict as tarnishe

reputation of the judiciary In this case, neither I benefited nor the government lost. I don't want any relief and will face all cases," Khan was quoted as saying by his party. "A dictator is doing all this," he said.

PTI leaders strongly denounced the verdict, terming it "unjust", verdict, terming it "unjust", "shameful," and a case of "political victimisation? PTI chairman Gohar Khan said, "The

behaviour of the court has been unjust. Khan sahib has not benefitted from a single rupee from this matter." PTI lawyer Faisal Chaudhry termed the decision "political use of the National Accountability Bureau".

Another party leader, Shibli Faraz, argued that Khan and Bibi were not beneficiaries of the alleged transactions. He contended that they were being punished for founding the Al-Qadir University, which aimed to promote the teachings of the Prophet. Those who looted the country walk free, while sincere leaders face jail," said Faraz, while reaffirming to challenge the verdict.

Khan can appeal against the judgment in the High Court and if needed in the Supreme Court.

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### Israel-Hamas limp towards normalcy

**PTI** ■ JERUSALEM

after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

Mediators Qatar and the US announced the limbo for more than a day as Netanyahu insisted there were last-minute snags he

The militants maintained they were "committed" to the deal, while residents of Gaza and families of the hostages anxiously waited to see if it would materialise.

'OK' the ceasefire, which could start as soon as Sunday, even though it has drawn fierce resistance from Netanyahu's far-right coalition partners. Their objections could destabilise his government, however.

Hamas triggered the war with its October 7 2023, cross-border attack into Israel that killed some 1,200 people and left some 250 others

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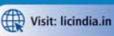
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# Bharat on Auto Mobility

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI** 

India has emerged as a major automobile hub in the world and number of cars sold in the country annually surpasses the population of many countries, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said here on Friday.

Underlining this, he also said future of mobility belongs to that India unprecedented sale of 2.5 crore vehicles a year, and attracted USD 36 billion foreign direct Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 at investment in just four years. Addressing a gathering after inaugurating the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, the prime

minister also emphasised that

India stands as an outstanding

destination for every investor

looking to shape one's future in

Bharat Mandapam, in New Delhi the mobility sector. The five-day expo which is new being held across three venues automobiles,

— Bharat Mandapam and products and Yashobhoomi in the national and India Expo Center scheduled from January 17-22,

expected to witness over 100 launches component products and technologies.

and Mart, Greater Noida — is will bring the entire value

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reassuring everyone that the government is fully supportive and encouraged everyone to continue advancing with the

industry was driven by innovation and technology and stressed that the future belongs to the East, Asia, and India.

destination for every investor looking to see their future in mobility," he said while

mantra of 'Make in India, Make for the World'.

ecosystem — from automobile manufacturers to components, electronics parts, tyre and energy storage makers, and automotive software firms and

Modi said the automotive "India is an excellent

material recyclers — under a

single umbrella.

Tsrael's security Cabinet on Friday Irecommended approval of a ceasefire deal confirmed an agreement had been reached that would pause the 15-month war with Hamas in Gaza and release dozens of hostages

held by militants there. ceasefire on Wednesday, but the deal hung in

blamed on Hamas.

The deal now goes to the full Cabinet of ministers for final sign-off. It is expected to

### Cable network rules changed: Online registration for LCOs

PNS NEW DELHI

The government on Friday I relaxed the rules governing cable television networks by making the registration process for Local Cable Operators (LCOs) fully online, with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting designated as the registering authority.

amended Television Network Rules of 1994 came into effect on Friday, and the government announced that the Local Cable Operators registration certificate would be issued in real-time after the successful verification of applicant details, including Aadhaar, PAN, CIN, and DIN, among other documents.

Previously,

registration process was conducted offline at the local head post office in the area where the LCO's office was situated, with the head postmaster serving as the registering authority. Under the new rules, LCOs will

apply for new registrations or renewals online via the Broadcast Seva Portal of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The registration certificate will also be issued

LCO registrations will be granted or renewed for a period of five years, with a processing fee of Rs 5,000. The registration will be valid for operations across India. Renewal applications must be made at least 90 days before the registration's expiry.

LCOs may appeal to the Appellate Authority, i.e., the Under Secretary (DAS), if their registration or renewal is denied by the registering authority (Designated Section Officer). The appeal must be filed within 30 days of the

denial.

Existing LCO registrations will remain valid until the period mentioned in the registration certificate. However, if the existing registration is valid for less than 90 days, LCOs must immediately apply for renewal via the portal.

Applications for registration or renewal made to post offices that are currently pending must be withdrawn, and new applications must be submitted via the portal.

to impose firecracker ban in NCR PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Terming the rising air pollution a "drastic" problem, the Supreme Court on Friday stated that the measures needed to tackle it should also be "drastic." The Court directed the Uttar Pradesh and Harvana governments to impose a complete ban on firecrackers in their areas falling under the National Capital Region

A bench of Justices A S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan noted that, like Delhi, the Rajasthan government has already imposed a perpetual and complete ban on the sale and bursting of firecrackers in the NCR areas of the state. The Court asked Uttar Pradesh and Haryana to adopt similar

these two states pass their own orders, its previous direction banning firecrackers would remain in effect until the next hearing scheduled for March 24.

environmental

problems are drastic, and so drastic measures are needed," bench remarked, emphasizing that the Court must take action and issue harsher orders, given that other arms of government have other effectively addressed the

would hear pleas challenging the ban on firecrackermanufacturing firms during the next hearing. When a lawyer requested the

The bench also mentioned it

Court to lift the complete ban due to its impact on the manufacturers' fundamental

The bench stated that until rights, the bench stated that environmental concerns take precedence over such issues. The lawyer then urged the Court to at least allow the sale of "green crackers."

We have to examine how green are green crackers," the bench responded. Additionally, the Court asked

the Centre to respond to the petitions filed by firecrackermanufacturing firms.

The Court had earlier directed the Uttar Pradesh and Haryana governments to enforce a complete ban on firecrackers until further orders. It also noted that the Delhi government had imposed a year-round ban on the manufacture, storage, sale, and delivery of firecrackers, including online marketing.
"We are of the view that this

ban will only be effective

#### **Supreme Court directs UP, Haryana** MEA, Army align on LAC standoff

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI** 

There is no contradiction of There is no community position on the situation along the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) asserted on Friday, days after Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi said a "degree" of standoff exists between Indian and Chinese militaries in the region.

do not see any contradiction between what the Army Chief has said and the position we have taken," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal

Following an understanding reached on October 21, the Indian and Chinese militaries completed sides disengagement of troops at the

two remaining friction points of Demchok and Depsang. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping held talks on the margins 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, NSA Ajit Doval travelled to Beijing and held Special Representatives talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on the boundary dispute.

At a press conference this week. Gen Dwivedi said there is still a "degree" of standoff between the Indian and Chinese

### Air quality improves, restrictions lifted

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

The Commission for Air **I** Quality Management (CAQM) on Friday revoked the actions under Stage III ('Severe' Air Quality) of the Graded Response Action Plan following (GRAP) improvement in the national Capital's Air Quality Index (AQI) after it reached 302 a day before. Sub-Committee,

accordingly, decided to revoke its order dated 15.01.2025, for invoking actions under Stage-

with immediate effect," the official order said.

The revocation of Stage III actions, which had been implemented on January 15 when the AQI exceeded 350, comes in response to the positive trend in air quality "Despite improvement, actions under Stage I and II of GRAP will continue to be enforced across the NCR," an order said. The Sub-Committee on

GRAP, which is responsible

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Saif Ali assault

III ('Severe' Air quality) of the extant Schedule of GRAP, met to review the current scenario. They noted that the AQI in Delhi is now in the 'Very Poor' category, and with favorable weather conditions predicted by the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) and the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), the air

stable. be closely monitored to ensure

quality is expected to remain However, as precaution, the situation will

AQI levels do not deteriorate

Kharge accuses BJP of misleading youth on job crisis

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge accused the BJP-led Centre on Friday of duping the country's youngsters on employment generation by making false claims and coming up with false data on jobs. He alleged that the government has only given paper leaks to youngsters and snatched their jobs with its bad policies. "False claims, falsification of data and

covering up the truth of declining jobs have become a habit of the Modi government, 82

per cent youth are looking for a job this year, 55 per cent said it became difficult to find a job last year. 37 per cent say they have given up hope of finding a new job in 2025,' Kharge claimed in a post on X. He further claimed that according to a

separate survey, 69 per cent of Indian human resources (HR) professionals feel that finding qualified talent for a role has become more challenging now.

"Without conducting a census, by estimating and extrapolating old surveys using government data, the Modi

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in the name of generating employment. By converting unpaid labour into jobs and counting even one-hour work per week as jobs, it is deceiving the country. "The government has duped he youth with lies like paper leaks by the Mafia Raj, stampede for a few jobs, snatching jobs by shutting down MSME through bad policies like demonetisation, usurping the right to reservation, keeping government job posts vacant for years and promising two crore jobs annually," Kharge said.

government is misleading crores of youth

when other states forming

part of the NCR also impose

similar measures. Even the

state of Rajasthan has

implemented a similar ban in

the NCR areas of Rajasthan.

For the time being, we direct

the states of Uttar Pradesh

and Harvana to impose a

similar ban," the bench had

Expressing serious concern

over high pollution levels in Delhi during Diwali, the Supreme Court had

previously criticized the poor

implementation of its orders,

stating that its directives on

the firecracker ban were

The bench was hearing a plea

filed by environmentalist

M.C. Mehta in 1985, which

seeks directions to curb air

pollution in the national

capital and surrounding

"hardly implemented."

said.

# **Imran Khan**

Contrary to earlier reports suggesting that Saif's elder son, Ibrahim (23), had rushed his bleeding father to the hospital, it has now emerged that Saif himself took an autorickshaw to Lilavati Hospital. His eight-year-old son, Taimur, accompanied him in the rickshaw.

Confirming how Saif reached the hospital, autorickshaw driver Bhajan Singh Rana (47) told a television channel: "I was passing by the building when I suddenly heard a cry for help from a lady (apparently Saif's housemaid) standing near the main gate asking me to stop the vehicle." "When I stopped the vehicle, did not recognize at first, walked up to my autorickshaw and sat down. There was a small child (Taimur) and one more person with him at that time. He (Saif) appeared calm and

collected throughout our journey to the hospital. The only thing he asked me during the ride was, 'Kitna time lagega?' (How long will it take to reach the hospital?)," Rana

Doctors at Lilavati Hospital have hailed Saif as a "real-life hero," noting that despite being in deep pain and covered in blood, he managed to reach the hospital on his own in an autorickshaw, barely an hour after the attack. The incident took place sometime after 2 a.m. on Thursday in the 12th-floor flat of Saif's "Satguru Sharan" building. A housemaid at Saif's residence, identified as Eliyama Phillipes alias Lima, was the first to see the an alarm prompting Saif to rush out of his bedroom to investigate. Seeing Saif, the knife-wielding

intruder, suspected to have

During the ensuing struggle, the actor was stabbed multiple times before the assailant fled the flat.

Following the attack, the Bandra Police and Crime Branch set up 10 investigative teams to track down the assailant.

Speaking to the media, Maharashtra's Minister of Maharashtras Minister of State for Home, Yogesh Kadam, said: "There is no involvement of any criminal gang in the attack on Saif Ali Khan. The preliminary probe suggests that robbery was the motive behind the incident."

'The police have identified one person from the CCTV footage. A suspect was detained for questioning We suspect the today. ement of others, and the police are searching for them, Kadam said.

The suspect detained by the Bandra police was later broken into the actor's home released, as he had no for a burglary, attacked him. connection to the incident.

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Israel responded with a devastating offensive that has 46,000 over Palestinians, according to local health officials, who do not distinguish between civilians and militants but say women and children make up more than half of those killed. Beyond the death and destruction in Gaza, the conflict has also destabilised the Middle East and sparked worldwide protests.

On Thursday, Israeli strikes killed at least 72 people in Gaza. In previous conflicts, both

sides stepped up military operations in the final hours before ceasefires as a way to project strength. A three-phase deal

Netanyahu instructed a special task to receive the hostages returning from Gaza, and said their families were informed a deal had been reached. The prime minister's office said if the deal passes,

the ceasefire could start Hamas' office responsible for Sunday when the first hostages could be freed. Under the deal, 33 of some

100 hostages who remain in Gaza are set to be released over six weeks in exchange for hundreds of Palestinians imprisoned by Israel. Israeli forces will pull back

from many areas, hundreds of thousands of Palestinians would be able to return to what's left of their homes, and there would be a surge of humanitarian assistance. The remainder of the hostages, including male soldiers are to hear?

soldiers, are to be released in a second -- and much more difficult -- phase that will be negotiated during the first. Hamas has said it will not release the remaining captives without a lasting ceasefire and a full Israeli withdrawal, until it fighting dismantles the group and to maintain open-ended security control over the

prisoners, said on Friday that the names of those expected to be released from Israeli jails will be published, but didn't say when.

Longer-term questions about post-war Gaza remain, including who will rule the territory or oversee the daunting task reconstruction.

An Egyptian official and a Hamas official confirmed that the last-minute issues were over the list of Palestinian prisoners to be released from Israeli jails during the first phase of the deal, but those have now been resolved.

Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the private negotiations.

The Hamas official said Israel's approval.

The Egyptian official added that an Israeli delegation from the military and Israel's Shin territory. Bet internal security agency Jaher Jabareen, head of arrived in Cairo on Friday to

discuss the reopening of the Rafah crossing, a key link between the Gaza Strip and An Israeli official, who also

anonymity to discuss the negotiations, confirmed a delegation was going to Cairo to discuss the crossing. Objections to the deal in Israel

On Thursday, Israel's hardnational line security minister, Itamar Ben-Gvir, threatened to quit the government if Israel approved the ceasefire.

He reiterated his stand on Friday, writing on X, "If the deal passes, we will leave the government with a heavy heart."

While Ben-Gvir's resignation would not bring down the government or derail the destabilise would government at a delicate moment and could eventually lead to its collapse if Ben-Gvir were joined by other key Netanyahu allies.

# convicted

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 (PRs 50 billion) to the national kitty. Only Khan and Bibi have been prosecuted in the case as all others, including a property tycoon, were out of

The case revolves around allegations that an amount of PRs 50 billion, returned to Pakistan by the UK's National Crime Agency as part of a settlement with the

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

Bibi, as a trustee of the Al-Qadir Trust, is accused of benefiting from

Ihelum. hearing in the case on December 18 but reserved the judgment until December 23. Later, he fixed

announcing the verdict, Geo News reported. He was on leave on January 6 so the verdict was postponed

until January 13.

again deferred as the accused and their lawyers were not present in the court on January 13.

the ongoing negotiation between the government and Khan's PTI to address the political instability in the country due to the imprisonment of Khan and several other leaders of his Pakistan has been in the grip

of political turmoil since the

government and the PTI and

## **Bharat on Auto Mobility**

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Modi said the 'Make in India' initiative has played an important role in unleashing the growth potential of India's auto industry.

The performance linked incentive (PLI) schemes, he said, have given new momentum to the 'Make in India' campaign, aiding sales of over Rs 2.25 lakh crore and creation of more than 1.5 lakh direct jobs in the sector. "Driven by the aspirations of

the people and energy of the youth, India's automobile sector is witnessing an unprecedented transformation," he said, and added that in the past year, transformation the Indian auto industry has expansion.

grown by nearly 12 per cent and exports rose. Modi remarked that the number of cars sold annually India surpasses the population of many countries. The sale of approximately 2.5

crore cars in a year

demonstrates continuously growing demand in India, he added. India is currently the world's fifth-largest economy and the third-largest passenger vehicle market.

The prime minister further said as India ascends to become one of the top three economies globally, the country's auto market will witness unprecedented Several factors drive the future of mobility in India, including the country's large youth population, the expanding middle class, rapid urbanisation, modern infrastructure development, and affordable vehicles through the 'Make in India' initiative, he said.

He pointed out a major customer base is India's middle class and over the past decade, 25 crore Indians have risen out of poverty, forming a neo-middle class that is purchasing their first vehicles. Modi said India is building a mobility system that supports both the economy and ecology, reducing the import bill for fossil fuels. The country, he said, is focusing

on the development of green technology, EVs, hydrogen fuel and biofuels. Underlining

comprehensive support provided by the government to the auto sector at every level, Modi remarked that over the past decade, new avenues for FDI, technology transfer, and global partnerships were established in the industry.

He informed that in the last four years alone, the sector has attracted over USD 36 billion in Foreign Direct Investment. He noted that this figure was expected to multiply in the coming years. The Prime Minister reiterated government's commitment to developing a

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complete ecosystem for auto manufacturing within India. Modi also talked about the rapid growth of electric mobility in India over the past few years and remarked that the sale of electric vehicles has increased 640 times in the past decade. He said while only around

2,600 electric vehicles were sold annually ten years ago, over 16.8 lakh electric vehicles were sold in 2024. The prime minister projected that the number of electric vehicles in India could increase eight-fold by the end of this decade, showcasing the immense potential in this

segment. asked the also manufacturers

advantage of the vehicle scrapping policy suggested that companies could introduce their own schemes incentive encourage more people to scrap their old vehicles. The

The prime minister reminisced Ratan Tata and Osamu Suzuki. He said that the contributions of both the stalwarts were immense into the growth of the Indian auto sector as well as towards fulfilling the dreams of middle-class families of India. Modi expressed confidence that their legacy will continue to inspire the entire mobility sector of India.

Speaking on the occasion, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said

Bharat Mobility 2025 presents the India story to the world and that it will augment investments and boost trade for the country. Auto industry has emerged as

symbol for Atmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India and startups are also participating in the event, he said.

The minister informed that India has become the largest manufacturer of threewheelers and tractors in the world and also holds the top spot as a two-wheeler market in the world. ministers Union

Gadkari, Manohar Lal, H D Kumaraswamy, Jitan Ram Manjhi, and Hardeep Singh Puri too were present among other dignitaries at the event.

public by shifting blame to

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Nadda also added that the BIP will increase the senior citizen pension for people aged between 60 and 70 from Rs 2,000 to Rs 2,500 and for senior citizens, widows, divyang (differently-abled) individuals, and the destitute aged over 70 from Rs 2,500 to Rs 3.000. In a bid to woo slum dwellers, the party will launch 'Atal Canteens' in IJ clusters to provide nutritious meals at Rs schemes

Nadda also assured that all currently running in Delhi will continue Meanwhile, AAP chief Kejriwal asked, "Why should people vote for them?" adding that the BJP manifesto only

party is already offering. He criticized the BJP for failing to manifesto document a 'bundle of lies.'

promises what the ruling

include any promise in their regarding improvements in law and order, calling their poll On Nadda's claim that they will investigate the scam in Mohalla clinics, Kejriwal alleged that the BJP has only promised the same old schemes, which they have failed to deliver on. Kejriwal also claimed that the BJP manifesto mentions that Mohalla Clinics will be closed. "The AAP will go across Delhi to ask people if they want these clinics or not," the former Chief the former Chief

Minister said.

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"Delhi Metro is a 50:50 joint project between the Delhi Government and the Central Government. Therefore, the expenditure on this should be borne equally by both governments," the letter read. "To reduce the financial burden students, I propose to give a 50 percent concession to students in Delhi Metro," the letter continued. Kejriwal said that students in Delhi are dependent on the

them must be reduced.

college students of Delhi. The students of Delhi Metro for commuting to schools and colleges, and thus, the financial burden on the country." "I am writing this letter to draw your attention to an

important

depend largely on the Metro to commute to their school or college," the letter stated. He also took to X to share the announcement: "The expense of bus and metro fares will no longer be a hindrance to education. Once our government is formed, we will start free bus travel for school and college students and will also provide concessions in metro fares. Every penny spent on students is an investment in the future of Speaking at the press Kejriwal conference,

announced free bus rides for male students if his party is re-elected in the February 5 polls. The AAP government already provides free bus travel to women in the city. Kejriwal reasoned that these remove a signi burden significant financial students, ensuring that access to education remains uninterrupted by economic barriers. 'Women in Delhi are already

enjoying free bus rides. Now, we will extend the same benefit to male students to ease their financial burden promote education accessibility," Kejriwal said. Responding to a media attempting to mislead the in the capital.

query, Arvind Kejriwal said, We are saying that students' metro fares should be reduced by half. Does the BJP agree to this, and will they include it in their Explaining the rationale, manifesto? If the BJP does not include this in their measures are designed to manifesto, why should students vote for them?" Meanwhile, Congress leader Sandeep Dikshit publicly criticized Kejriwal's 50% metro fare concession proposal, labeling it as

'irresponsible.' questioned why the AAP not previously implemented similar pledges, suggesting duplicity in their promises. Dikshit further accused the AAP of

the central government. He claimed that AAP promises what it cannot deliver financially and would eventually accuse national authorities obstruction. upcoming The Assembly elections are set to

witness a triangular contest between the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and Congress. The Arvind Congress. The Arvind Kejriwal-led AAP will aim for its third consecutive term, riding on its previous electoral Meanwhile, the BJP and Congress are preparing to challenge AAP's dominance

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settlement, including acquiring 458 kanals of land for Al-Qadir University in Judge Rana concluded the

January 6 as the date for

But the verdict was once

The judgment comes amidst

elections were held on February 8 last year when the PTI refused to accept the result and held several protests over alleged rigging of polls, and Khan's detention. So far three rounds of talks have been held between the

the opposition party has presented its charter of demands in writing to the government. Khan claims all cases against him were "politically motivated". Last year, he was acquitted in the cipher case for disclosing official secrets and the Iddat case for violating marriage laws but was charged in the Toshakhana 2 corruption



# **Govt taking decisive steps** to wipe out Naxalism: CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Friday claimed that his government was taking concrete and decisive steps to eliminate the

red menace from the state. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah have promised to end Maoism from the state by March 31, 2026 and the state government is taking all possible steps to keep their words", Sai said in a statement.

Sai was reacting to the success of security forces in eliminating 12 hardcore ultras on Thursday's encounter.

The bravery of the Jawans is commendable and I congratulate the Jawans and officials involved in the operation", he further said. Security forces on



Thursday eliminated 12 ultras in an operation at forested patch in Bijapur district.

After the gunfight ended, bodies of 12 Maoists including five women and weapons were

NARAYANPUR

**STAFF REPORTER** 

Two troopers of Border Security Force (BSF) were injured on Friday morning in an IED explosion allegedly triggered by the Maoists in Narayanpur district in Chhattisgarh.

The blast took place around 9 am in the forest near Garpa village in Sonpur area during an area domination exercise, Narayanpur Additional Superintendent of Police Robinson Guriya said.

Two BSF men injured in IED blast in Narayanpur

The 133rd battalion of BSF was out on an operation.

Two jawans identified as Ravi and Rajendra, were injured in the

They were taken to the security camp in Garpa and provided preliminary treatment.

They were stated to be out of

## **BJP retains Kiran Singh** Deo as C'garh BJP chief



**STAFF REPORTER** 

Legislator from Jagdalpur Constituency in Chhattisgarh's Bastar, Kiran Singh Deo, was on Friday re-elected unopposed as the Chhattisgarh BJP President for a second consecutive term.

BJP General Secretary Vinod Tawde, the observer to pick the party's state unit chief, announced 63-year old Deo's election during a programme here at party's state headquarters Kushabhau Thakre Parisar.

The newly elected BJP chief

expressed gratitude to the party's national and state leadership, as well as its members, for entrusting him, a worker from the Bastar region, with this responsibility once again. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, his cabinet colleagues and senior party leaders

were present at the event.

Deo won the lone unreserved
Jagdalpur seat in the Bastar region in
the 2023 assembly polls.

He belongs to the erstwhile Sukma Jamindar" family under Bastar Maharaja and belongs to the Kshatriya community – a general category caste.

After the BJP registered a landslide victory in the last Chhattisgarh assembly elections, Deo, a first-time MLA, was earlier appointed the party's state unit president on December 21,

Deo started his political journey as the president of the students' union of the Government PG College in Jagdalpur in 1985-86. In 1998, he became the Bastar district unit vicepresident of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha, BJP's youth wing, and became the president of the same unit in

That year, he was elevated to the position of BJP's Bastar district unit president. Deo then served in various capacities in the BJP's state unit.

Besides, Deo served as BJYM Bastar District President in 1998, from 2002 to 2005, as BJP State Secretary from 2005 to 2009, as a party working committee member from 2009 to 2014, and as Secretary from 2015 to

In 2009, he was elected as the Mayor of the Jagdalpur Municipal Corporation. From 2018 to 2022, he served as the General Secretary of the BIP's state unit.

# Maoist with Rs 8L bounty arrested

recovered from the encounter

been killed in separate

encounters in Bastar division

in Chhattisgarh this year.

So far, 25 Maoists have

site on Friday.

STAFF REPORTER

A Maoist carrying a reward of 8 lakh was arrested and explosives were recovered from him on Friday after a gunfight in Kanker district in Chhattisgarh.

Rakesh alias Motiram Usendi (39) was apprehended from the forested hills of



Rakesh alias **Motiram Usendi (39)** was apprehended from the forested hills of Sitram village in **Chhotebethiya** area

village Chhotebethiya area, Kanker (Range) Deputy Inspector General of Police Amit Kamble said. Rakesh was active as the Platoon Number 2 Commander under the Military Company Number 5 of the outlawed Maoist outfit, he added.

He carried a bounty of Rs 8 lakh on his head, he said.

# MoU inked to produce biofuel from urban waste



**STAFF REPORTER** 

The Chhattisgarh
B i o f u e l Development Authority, GAIL India Ltd, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and six municipal corporations signed an MoU on Friday to produce compressed biogas from urban solid waste.

The MoU was signed in the presence of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao in Raipur.

Through this MoU, compressed biogas plants will be

set up in Ambikapur, Raigarh, Korba, Bilaspur, Rajnandgaon, and

Dhamtari. Each of the six plants will produce goal of a clean about 70 metric tonnes of compressed biogas every day. GAIL and BPCL will invest about Rs 600 crore in these projects.

On this occasion, Sai said that this will not only fulfil the big objective environmental

protection cleanliness but will also generate employment.

This is a huge step

towards achieving the environment and net zero emission, he said. An official communique said that Organic farming will be promoted from the co-product generated from the plants. Effective disposal of waste will reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

# CCCI seeks apex fare facility for Chhattisgarh

**STAFF REPORTER** 

The Chhattisgarh Chamber of Commerce and Industries on Friday urged the Union Minister of Civil Aviation Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu to provide the apex fare facility for the air passengers of the

They urged him to direct the aviation companies to provide the

Apex fare is a discounted airfare that's available to travellers who book their flights in advance.

In a letter to the minister, they said that even if a traveller of Chhattisgarh buys air tickets 90 days in advance or even earlier, the aviation companies do

not provide the benefit of apex fare. They said that aviation companies were charging up to 40 percent or more than standard rates for the tickets



bought for April, May, and June, which was unjustified.

Air travel is a major means of transportation in the present day. But common people are facing financial difficulties in air travel due to high fares, they said.

## Maoists kill civilian

of the Tatapani festival in Chhattisgarh's Balrampur-Ramanujganj district

Hapka to death and badly assaulted two other

area, a police team was

rushed to the spot on

pamphlet released by the

committee of Maoists at the

scene in which they

claimed the Hapka was a

been launched in the area

to identify the assailants, he

A search operation has

After Hapka's body was found abandoned in the

The ASP said that a

villagers, he added.

Friday morning.

Bhairamgarh

police informer.

Bhojpuri actress and singer Akshara Singh kept the audience spellbound on the concluding day



**STAFF REPORTER BIJAPUR** 

 $M_{
m old\ man\ on\ suspicion}$ of being a police informer in Bijapur district in Chhattisgarh, police said on

The victim Sukku Hapka and two other villagers of Hallur village in Mirtur area were abducted by the left-wing radicals on Thursday evening, Bijapur Additional Superintendent of Police Chandrakant Governa said.

Maoists strangled

#### OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, CIRCLE NO-1 RAIPUR (C.G.) **Tender Notice** (1 Call)

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218/163817	Proposed Boundary Wall Drain With Cover, NP-3 Pipe For Community Building Raipur (C.G.).	
217/163818	Renovation Of Community Building Ground Floor At Pt. Ravishanker Shukla University Raipur	

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**Superintending Engineer** P.W.D. Raipur Circle No-1 G-242505410/3 Raipur (CG)

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MINIMATA BANGO CANAL DIVISION NO.05 KHARSIA

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Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and
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below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9
of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account. The 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 the AXIS BANK LTD.

The borrowers	nd interest thereon. s attention is invited to provisions of Su	b-section	(8) of Se	ction 13	of the Act, in
Name of Borrower/ Guarantor/ Address	e available to redeem the secured asset Description of Immovable Property	Date of Demand Notice	NPA DATE	Date of Posse- ssion	Amount Outstanding
1. Mr. Shiv Murat Singh 2. Mrs.	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Situated At Khasara No. 412/14-20-21-22-27(part) Equitable Mortgage Property Situated At Apartment No. H-303, Build-up Area 702 Sq.ft, Super Built Up Area 802 Sq.ft 3rd Floor of Multistoried Building Popularly Know As Block H In *Bimal Enclave * Condominium, Rawabhata, P.H. No. 100 Ward No.01, Maulana Abdul Rauf Ward Birgaon Nagar Palika Parishad Raipur C.G. Bounded North: open & Boundary Wall South: Flat H-304 East: open & Block G West : Flat H-302.	31.08. 2024	09-07- 2024	14-01- 2025	Rs. 3,61,191/-
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181/164271	S.R., M.O.W. AND OTHER DEPOSIT WORKS FOR NURS-ING HOSTEL (NEWLY ALLOTED TO TAHSIL OFFICE) D.K.S. CAMPUS AND OTHER NON RESIDENCIAL BUILDING IN OLD MANTRALAY SECTION UNDER SUB DIVISION - 1, RAIPUR (C.G.) (2nd Call)	Rs. 25.00 Lakh	

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# Rajnath underlines need to strengthen India's offensive and defensive responses

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday here underlined the need to strengthen India's offensive and defensive responses in view of the turmoil being witnessed in the rules-based international order. Addressing an event, organised to commemorate 2024 as the Year of Naval Civilians, he highlighted the increasing complexities for the Armed Forces due to the tense geopolitical security scenario and pitched to increase the critical capability of the country at the earliest.

"If we assess the entire decade from a defence and security perspective, we can say that it has been a volatile decade. We are witnessing conflicts and wars in different regions across

the world. Keeping these things in mind, we need planning, resourcing and budgeting for our security.

There is a need to adopt a consultative approach. We need to take inputs from all the stakeholders on how to face future challenges. Our forces should be equipped and ready according to the changing times," Rajnath Singh said emphasis-ing that the civilian workforce, an integral part of the Armed Forces, will play a crucial role in the planning process. He stressed that the military is

surging forward with a big mandate and complex structure and the civilian workforce "soldiers without uniforms" play a pivotal role as they work behind-the-scenes to provide significant strength to the

In view of India's strategic



uation in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), defence minister reiterated the resolve of the Government to strengthen the Navy, terming it as a necessity in today's times. He termed the ships as a symbol of India's empowerment.

"India's economic prosperity is linked to maritime security. It is, therefore, necessary to protect our territorial waters, ensure freedom of navigation, and keep sea routes, which are our marîtime highways, safe. In recent years, major naval powers have reduced their presence in IOR, while the Indian Navy has increased it. There is a possibility of increase in threats in the Gulf of Aden, Red Sea and the sea areas adjacent to East African countries. In view of this, the Indian Navy is working towards increasing its presRajnath Singh described cyber security as an important aspect of maritime security in today's times, stating that ignoring cyber attacks can prove to be detrimental/fatal. He laid stress on the need to run a special awareness campaign on cyber security in the Armed Forces. In his welcome address, Navv chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi acknowledged the critical role that the Naval Civilians play in supporting various facets of the Indian Navy's operations including technical assistance, administrative management and logistics support. Their support is essential to the Navy's combat readiness and

operational success, he said. The event commenced with a special photo and painting exhibition that displayed the artistic talents and achieve-

artworks depicted scenes of life at workplace and various contributions of civilians in the operational support of the

A special moment of the ceremony was the introduction of the recipients of Prime Minister's Shram Awards to the defence minister. The Shram Awards are presented annually to the individuals who have shown extraordinary devotion and outstanding contributions in their respective roles.

In recognition of exemplary service and contributions, Rajnath Singh presented nine meritorious awards and 16 cash awards to Naval Civilians who have demonstrated outstanding dedication and professionalism in their line of

## Private bodies providing essential public services have to be under RTI Act, says CIC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Advising the Delhi government to stop ex post facto renewal of licences od private hospitals, the CIC has said private entities providing essential public services have to be brought under RTI Act in a state-specific amendment of the transparency law. Information Commissioner Vinod Kumar Tiwari made these observations while hearing the case of an RTI applicant who was allegedly given "exorbitant bills" by a private hospital for the treatment of his wife in 2023. RTI applicant Sanjeev Kumar

had approached Delhi gov-Directorate ernment's General of Health Services (DGHS) seeking details of licence issued to Artemis Hospital, where his wife underwent treatment, among other information in a 12pointer application. Not getting satisfactory

response, he approached the Central Information Commission with his case. ...Core contention of the appellant in the instant appeal was non-receipt of correct and accurate information from the PIO and also arbitrary practice adopted by the Artemis Hospital in raising unjustified demands/ bills during hospitalisation which gets facilitated by respondent's (DGHS) clandestine renewing licence with retrospective effect as a matter of routine," Tiwari noted.

Artemis being a private hospital is not covered under the provisions of the RTI Act.

"Entities providing Public Services being essential for the citizens have to be included in the definition of the "Public Authority" by bringing in a state-specific amendment of the RTI Act which is a concurrent list subject," Tiwari said.

During the hearing, Kumar had alleged that the recognition certificate dated August 01, 2023 of Artemis Hospital provided to him by DGHS, in response to his RTI application shows that the hospital had no valid license on dates of hospitalization of his wife on April 07-08, 2023.

...It is noted from the oral submission of the respondent (DGHS) that registration of hospitals is being renewed retrospectively, which essen-

# Information Act



tially means that private hospitals have an option to withdraw renewal requests should they get caught in malpractices," Tiwari pointed out. He said despite repeated directions from the Commission during penden-

cy of this case, DGHS has not uploaded the relevant legal/executive order authorizing such a back dated/ex post facto issuance.

. The fact remains that allegation of appellant regarding exorbitant prices/bills raised by the Artemis Hospital cannot be ruled out in entirety as the respondent as well as the third party i.E. Artemis Lite Hospital have failed to file any counter submission to buttress the arguments of the ance of convenience favours the appellant," Tiwari said. The DGHS claimed that the plea that Artemis Hospital did not possess valid registration certificate at the relevant time is not acceptable since as per their normal practice the registration certificate under process is "deemed to be considered as a fact that registration of Hospital is still

"The Commission considering the submission of the parties concluded that the reply furnished by the PIO in the first instance and the submission given during the course of hearing are contradictory. This casual conduct of the PIO causes unwarranted obstructions to the appellant's right to information and is a grave violation to the provisions of the RTI Act," the CIC noted while issuing a show cause notice to the

The CIC imposed a penalty of

Rs 15000 on the CPIO Sandeep Kumar Agarwal and awarded a compensation of Rs 45000 to Kumar for the hardships to be paid by

Tiwari said Kumar was made to suffer mental and financial harassment by making him to run from pillar to post at this very old age for the treatment of his wife by imposing exorbitant medical bills merely for the purpose of generation of

"In view of the above, an advisory under Section 25(5) of the RTI Act is issued to the Respondent Public Authority (DGHS) to amend the applicable regulations governing renewal of licenses of private hospitals so as to afford an citizens affected by the deeds of the hospitals besides stopping the practice of issuing ex ost facto renewal of license," Tiwari said in the order, a copy of which was also marked to Delhi Health Secretary.

He said many state governments are bringing the Right to (Public) Services Act to ensure delivery of public services to ensure entities providing services are held accountable for deficien-

'Such legislations are complementarity to the Right to Information Act because they rely on flow of information to determine deficiencies, Tiwari said.

He said, in contrast to it, DGHS by declaring hospital running under them as private entities and hence, being outside the purview of the RTI Act has defeated the very purpose of such social welfare arrangement and the Act.

## PM Modi to distribute more than 65 lakh SVAMITVA property cards today

PNS NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Saturday distribute more than 65 lakh property cards under the SVAMITVA Scheme, the Panchayati Raj Ministry said. According to senior officials of the ministry, beneficiaries from more than 50,000 villages in 10 states -- Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Maharashtra. Pradesh, Mizoram, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh - and two Union Territories --Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh -- will receive the cards. SVAMITVA, a scheme of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, provides a 'Record of Rights' to village household owners with the issuance of legal ownership cards to the property owners by mapping land parcels using drone technology, it said. The prime minister will preside

over the event through videoconferencing, where he will interact with selected beneficiaries and also deliver a nationwide address, the min-



istry said in a statement. This event will mark a major milestone of crossing more than 2.24 crore property cards preparation and distribution under the Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas (SVAMITVA) scheme and distribution of about 65 lakh property cards in a day.

Union Minister of Panchayati Raj Rajiv Ranjan Singh 'Lalan,' Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj S P Singh Baghel, and Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj Vivek

Bharadwaj will be present at the event. It will be attended virtually by several chief ministers, Union ministers, ministers in the concerned states, and Panchayat representatives, the ministry said.

Events are also being organised in more than 230 districts for the physical distribution of property cards. It is expected that around 13 Union ministers will physically join from designated locations to oversee the distribution ceremonies. Training-cum-orientation programmes and distribution pro-

ed in more than 25,000 Gram Panchayats across these 12 states and Union Territories, highlighting the scheme's impact and reinforcing its role in empowering rural communities. Ministry officials said under

grammes will also be conduct-

the scheme, over 90 per cent of the drone mapping has been done, covering around 3.17 lakh of the over 3.44 lakh villages that were the target. This includes full saturation in the Union Territories Lakshadweep, Ladakh, Delhi, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, as well as the states of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh. In addition, property cards

have been generated for all inhabited villages in Haryana, Uttarakhand, Puducherry, Tripura, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Goa, and Tripura, highlighting significant advancements in implementation. The scheme's targets are likely to be achieved by 2026.

A survey of rural land in India

for Settlement and record of rights had last been completed many decades back. Moreover, abadi' (inhabited) areas of villages were not surveyed in many states. Hence, no 'Record of Rights' could be created for the village 'abadi' areas.

The scheme aims to provide an integrated property validation solution for rural India. The demarcation of inhabited land in rural areas would be done by the use of drone technology with the collaborative efforts of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, State Revenue Department, State Panchayati Raj Department, and Survey of

The outcome would include creating and updating the 'Record of Rights' in the revenue registers and issuance of property cards to the owners. So far, 31 states and Union Territories have joined the scheme. Of these, Sikkim, Telangana and Tamil Nadu had participated only in the pilot phase. West Bengal, Bihar, Nagaland, and Meghalaya have

### Wildlife Department to serve notices to illegal constructions surrounding Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary

PARVESH SHARMA **GURUGRAM** 

The Wildlife Department I will soon serve notices to over 100 illegal construction owners who built illegal struc-Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary in

For this, the department has written a letter to the Tehsildar and sought information about all the people doing illegal construction.

After getting the information, notices will be issued to everyone to remove the illegal construction within 15 days. After this, a demolition drive will be conducted. Notable, any kind of construction work is banned within a 5 km radius of Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary located on Jhajjar-Farrukhnagar Road. Despite this, builders and dealers have illegally built over 100 illegal constructions farmhouses and societies.

Last year, a survey was conducted by the Department. It was revealed that over 100 constructions have been done without the permission of the Ministry of Environment within the 5 km restricted area of Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary. These include nine societies



mos, most of the farmhouses and a school.

The central government has declared Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary as an Eco-Sensitive Zone-1 (environmentally sensitive area). In such a situation, construction within a radius of 5 km has been completely banned.

The Town and Country Planning (TCP) Department has issued licenses to nine builders to build group housing societies. The license has a condition that they have to obtain a no objection certificate (NOC) from the Ministry of Environment.

But without taking prior permission few builders made construction in the restricted The survey has also revealed

the collusion of the officials of the concerned department.

Nine societies have been built within this area. It is being said that the TCP Department approved the

maps of these societies without checking the NOC. Occupancy certificates were even issued to most of the societies. Now about 7,000 families have started living in the flats built in these societies. However, After the survey con-

ducted by the Wildlife Department, the construction work of the two societies has been stopped.

These societies are being built under the Affordable Housing Policy, which has about 1500 flats. These societies have been built in villages Dhorka, Wazirpur and Gopalpur.

### Law officer censures ED for 'half-baked' reply, says miscommunication later in SC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

n an unusual turn of events **L**in the Supreme Court, a law officer criticised the ED for filmatter and later termed it a miscommunication while urging the court to proceed with the hearing. A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan was hearing an appeal of Arun Pati Tripathi, an Indian Telecom Services officer, challenging the October 25, 2024 order of the Chhattisgarh High Court denying him bail in connection with the high-profile Chhattisgarh liquor scam. Additional solicitor general SV Raju, appearing for the Enforcement Directorate (ED), said, "There is something hanky-panky as far as my department is concerned. Without consultation, a halfbaked affidavit has been filed even before we made an appearance." Taking note of the shocking submission, the bench expressed dissatisfaction on the situation, calling it a "serious matter" questioning the accountability of ED and the agency's advocate-onrecord (AoR).



The counter must have been filed by your AoR," Justice Oka said to which Raju said the AoR could not be blamed for the oversight. Subsequently when the matter was taken up for hearing, the bench asked Raju, "You (ED) have filed a counter affidavit. Can you disown it now? What is going on?" He responded, "I am not disowning. I am only saying it was filed without proper vetting so will have to verify.

The bench termed it a "sad thing" and said it was like casting an aspersion on the AoR. "I am not casting any aspersion. Some miscommunication has happened," said the law officer, insisting the AoR was not to be blamed. Raju then requested the bench to proceed with the matter, but the court posted the hearing on

## Political parties give multitude of reasons for selecting candidates with criminal records: ADR data

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI**  $P^{olitical\ parties\ have\ given}_{reasons,\ such\ as\ "strong}$  administrative capacity", "commitment to public service" and claims of cases being "politically motivated", for selecting candidates with criminal records in the 2024 Maharashtra and Jharkhand Assembly elections, poll rights body Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) said on Friday.

In many cases, the parties dismissed alternative candidates as lacking experience or the ability to connect with voters, using these explanations to side-step questions about their

choices, ADR said. It has analysed the Form C7 of 1,286 candidates, who contested the Maharashtra and Jharkhand Assembly polls. Form C7 requires candidates to declare their criminal

antecedents, if any An ADR report revealed that such reasoning often failed to meet the Supreme Court's directive requiring detailed, merit-based justifications for selecting candidates with criminal backgrounds. Instead, statements like "the candidate is young and energetic" or "cases were filed due to public agitation" were repeatedly used. Despite these assertions, 29 cent candidates in Maharashtra and 20 per cent in Jharkhand had no justification published for their selection, a direct violation of the Supreme Court's orders.

For instance, in Maharashtra, Digamber Rohidas Aagwane of the Rashtriya Samaj Paksha, facing 35 criminal cases, was described as an "influential



leader" dedicated to the poor, with no viable explanation for bypassing candidates without

criminal records. Similarly, the selection of Congress's Sanjay Chandukaka Jagtap and Bunty Baba Shelke, facing 27 and 26 cases respectively, as candidates was justified on grounds of administrative experience and alleged political victimisation.

The report also highlighted non-compliance with mandadisclosures. Maharashtra, the NCP-Sharadchandra Pawar faction and the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) failed to provide justifications for any of their candidates with

Similar lapses were noted in Jharkhand, where the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) did not disclose reasons

criminal cases.

for selecting any of its candidates with criminal records. The ADR has called for urgent reforms, including deregistration of the non-compliant par-

ties, disqualification of candidates with serious criminal charges and stricter monitoring by the Election Commission (ÉC). In Maharashtra, 48 per cent of

the analysed candidates (503 out of 1,052) declared criminal cases, with 32 per cent facing serious charges. In Jharkhand, 45 per cent can-

didates (105 out of 234) declared criminal cases, with 35 per cent facing serious charges. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate Babulal Marandi, facing 15 cases, was praised for his social service credentials and allegations against him were dismissed as politically The report criticised political parties for prioritising winnability" over integrity and accused the EC of failing to enforce compliance effectively.

The ADR report also revealed significant non-compliance with disclosure requirements. It pointed out that in Maharashtra, 83 per cent of such candidates were crorepatis, including the BJP's Prashant Ramsheth Thakur, who declared assets worth Rs 475 crore. In Jharkhand, Congress candi-

dates dominated the list of the wealthiest, led by Krishna Nand Tripathi, who declared assets of Rs 70 crore. The ADR emphasised that sys-

temic reforms are essential to address the deep-rooted nexus between money, muscle power and politics.

# Hounded by media, IIT **Baba leaves Maha Kumbh**

Hounded by the media, Abhay Singh, famously known as IIT Baba, has abruptly left the Maha Kumbh and the Shri Panchdashnam Juna Akhara in Prayagraj. His departure on Thursday night has left both the ashram sadhus and his family in a state of concern, as his current whereabouts remain unknown.

Abhay's parents, including his father Karan Singh—an advocate and former head of the Jhajjar Bar Association—arrived at the Ashram the same night searching for him, only to discover he had already departed.

According to ashram sadhus, Abhay was struggling with increasing mental stress caused by continuous media interactions and controversies over some of his statements. Unable to cope, he decided to leave the ashram, switching off his phone and cutting contact with devotees and media personnel.

Abhay Singh, a resident of Jhajjar, Haryana, is an aerospace engineering graduate from IIT



Bombay. After a stint working at an airplane manufacturing company in Canada, he returned to India and subsequently disappeared from his family's sight. His family first learned of his spiritual journey through viral videos from the Maha Kumbh, where he was seen explaining spiritual concepts with the help of pictures and diagrams. Despite gaining popularity as Engineer Baba, the media spotlight and associated pressures ultimately led to his departure.

Abhay Singh, nicknamed Engineer Baba, gained attention at the Maha Kumbh for his unique approach to spirituality. An alumnus of IIT Bombay, he earned a degree in aerospace engineering and later became a sanyasin asso-

ciated with the Juna Akhara. Known for simplifying complex spiritual concepts for devotees, he used visual aids to communicate his insights. However, his journey highlights the challenges of adapting to a spiritual life while under intense public scrutiny. Abhay Singh's sudden exit from the Maha Kumbh has added to ongoing discussions about the mental and emotional challenges faced by individuals transitioning into spiritual roles. His story underscores the impact of media attention on the sanctity and personal struggles of modern-day ascetics, raising questions about the pressures associated with public expectations in deeply traditional spiritual set-

## The making of Naga Sadhus begins at Maha Kumbh

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The process of initiating new Naga Sadhus has commenced at the Akharas along the banks of the Sangam as part of the preparations for Mauni Amavasya during the Maha Kumbh. Both Udasi Akharas and the seven Shaivite Akharas, including Juna, Mahanirvani, Niranjani, Atal, Agni, and Awahan, are set to welcome more than 1,800 new Naga Sanyasis into their fold. The intricate rituals began today at Juna Akhara and will culminate in the Tang Tod (breaking of ties) ceremony within 48 hours. For the Akharas, the Kumbh Mela is not only an occasion for the holy Amrit Snan but also a crucial opportunity for expansion and spiritual renewal. The initiation of new Naga Sanyasis is a significant event, especially during the Maha Kumbh, which holds immense importance for trainee ascetics. Mahant Ramesh Giri of Juna Akhara shared that the rituals began on January 17 with a 24hour period of penance under the Dharma Dhwaja (religious flag), during which the aspirants abstain from food and water. Following this, the candidates are led to the Ganga banks by the Akhara Kotwal to commence the initiation



aspirants taking 108 dips in the sacred Ganga, symbolizing purification. This is followed by a head-shaving ceremony and the Vijay Havan (victory offer-The Acharya Mahamandleshwar of the Akhara leads the Sanyas Diksha (renunciation initiation), wherein five senior gurus bestow essential items upon the aspirants. The final rituals will take place on the morning of

The initiation begins with the

January 19, when the aspirants will shed their loincloths and fully embrace their new

While some may choose to remain Digambar (clothed only by the sky), others are given the option to retain clothing but participate in the Amrit Snan as Nagas.

Two key rituals define the transformation into a Naga Sadhu. First is the cutting of the braid, which symbolizes the severing of all social ties. Once

this ritual is performed, the individual cannot return to worldly life. The second is Tang Tod, the final ritual signifying the breaking of all earthly attachments. Unlike other ceremonies, this is performed by a fellow Naga Sadhu under the Guru's guidance, cementing the initiate's commitment to asceticism.

Akhara Hierarchy Responsibilities

Becoming a Naga Sadhu is essential for assuming leader-

reinforce their spiritual legacy and expand their cadre of ascetics who bear critical administrative and financial responsibilities. As the Sangam witnesses this sacred event, the Maha Kumbh continues to uphold its reputation as a confluence of faith, tradition, and

Positions such as General

Thanapati, Kotwal, and Pujari

are reserved exclusively for

Nagas. The Akhara's internal committee thoroughly evalu-

ates each candidate before bestowing this responsibility.

Mahant Yamuna Puri of Mahanirvani Akhara revealed that while their exact dates for initiation are undecided, the rituals will be completed before Mauni Amavasya. Similarly,

Udasi Akharas are preparing for their initiation ceremonies.

The initiation of over 1,800 new Naga Sadhus during Maha Kumbh 2025 highlights

the enduring significance of

this ancient spiritual tradition.

The newly initiated Nagas

will participate in their first

Amrit Snan alongside their

respective Akharas on Mauni

Amavasya, marking the cul-

mination of their transfor-

For the Akharas, these rituals

mative journey.

## BJP felicitates sanitation workers at Maha Kumbh

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE MAHAKIIMRH NAGAR

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders in Uttar Pradesh distributed copies of the Constitution to sanitation workers at the ongoing Maha Kumbh Mela, calling the religious congregation a "great celebration of unity" that reflects the principles enshrined in the Indian Constitution.

The initiative is part of the BJP's nationwide "Samvidhan Gaurav Abhiyan" campaign to celebrate 75 years of the Indian Constitution. As part of this outreach, the party is felicitating Dalits and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) across the state. After garlanding sanitation workers and handing them copies of the Constitution, Uttar Pradesh BJP secretary Abhijat Mishra remarked, "We came here to honor those who were reduced to a mere vote bank by non-BJP parties and

governments. Now, with a strong and sensitive leader at the nation's helm, we are witnessing transformative change. Talking to reporters, Mishra further claimed, "Other political parties have always treated Dalits and OBCs as vote banks. In contrast, our party reveres and empowers them. The Maha Kumbh is a grand celebration of unity, a principle the Constitution guarantees. By distributing copies of the Constitution, we aim to reinforce the vision of unity that our founding fathers had, which our opponents often seek to under-

The BJP's initiative comes in the backdrop of political sparring with the opposition. During the last Lok Sabha elections, the opposition accused the BJP of pursuing a massive mandate to alter the Constitution—an allegation the ruling party has vehemently denied. Despite falling short of its "400 paar" tar-



get, the BJP managed to form the government with support from regional allies. Meanwhile, the opposition INDIA bloc made surprising gains, bolstering its presence in the Lok

Adding to the political dynamics, the Samajwadi Party (SP) recently announced plans to install a bust of its founder and prominent OBC leader, late Mulayam Singh Yadav, at the Maha Kumbh. The Congress, on the other hand, is set to launch its "Jai Bapu, Jai Bhim, Jai Samvidhan" rally on January 27, aiming to corner the BJP over its alleged stance on the Constitution.

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati, who has been striving to regain her political foothold, is also engaging in outreach efforts, criticizing the BJP over alleged denigration of Constitution framer and Dalit icon BR Ambedkar.

In 2019, during the previous

Kumbh Mela, Prime Minister Narendra Modi famously washed the feet of sanitation workers as a gesture of respect. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also initiated educational programs for the workers that year.

This year, Modi described the Maha Kumbh as "Ekta ka Mahakumbh" (a Maha Kumbh of unity) during a recent visit to Prayagraj. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath echoed this sentiment, referring to the congregation as "Samajik Samta Ka Mahaparv" (a mega festival of social equality). The government has also

unveiled a giant statue of Lord Ram embracing Nishad Raj, a king revered by the politically significant Nishad community, at Shringverpur's Nishad Raj Park. The gesture is seen as an attempt to woo the OBC riverine community, which has been pushing for Scheduled Caste (SC) status. A senior RSS leader

your own political narratives, but we stand for unity. The Maha Kumbh is a classic example of caste harmony, where all differences are bridged. That is the unity the prime minister must have been referring to." Political analyst Sudhir Panwar, who once contested elections on an SP ticket, noted, "The BJP faces a dilemma over the issue of caste census, which has united opposition parties and many of its OBC allies. While it has performed well in recent bypolls, the shock loss of the Faizabad Lok Sabha seat still lingers. Measures like the community outreach at Maha

downplayed the political undertones, stating, "You can draw

As the Maha Kumbh unfolds, the event not only remains a spiritual hub but also a platform for political narratives, reflect-ing the interplay of faith and electoral strategies.

Kumbh are part of its strategy

to regain lost ground."

### VHP to push for 'liberation of temple' at Maha Kumbh congregation



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The ongoing Maha Kumbh Mela has become a focal point for diverse discussions ranging from spirituality to socio-political issues. Adding to its significance, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) has announced a high-profile meeting of its Margdarshak Mandal, where saints and spiritual leaders will deliberate on key issues including the "liberation of temples" from government control and Hindu claims over historical sites.

This four-day congregation, scheduled from January 24 to 27, is expected to see robust participation from saints across the nation. According to VHP spokesperson Vinod Bansal, "Freeing temples from government control will be the primary agenda, as it directly impacts the sanctity and autonomy of our religious institutions.

The VHP is currently running a nationwide campaign advocating for temple autonomy. Bansal elaborated, "The Margdarshak Mandal baithak will not only address templerelated concerns but also deliberate on contemporary

community, such as 'love jihad, 'ghar wapsi,' and religious conversions. These discussions aim to foster unity among Hindus, transcending caste and regional barriers. In addition, the VHP's Pranyas

Mandal, its Board of Trustees, will meet after the Margdarshak Mandal session to further refine and implement decisions made during the gathering.
"The Maha Kumbh is a per-

fect backdrop for fostering unity and social harmony," Bansal noted. Highlighting the symbolism of the Kumbh, he added, "It is here that people from all walks of life gather, setting aside social and economic differences. This unity is what our community and nation need to overcome the challenges posed by our colonial past, including the entrenched

caste system.' A key focus of the discussions will be countering what the VHP calls the "divisive politics" of caste-based narratives. "Our goal is to build a united

Hindu society that stands strong against such political agendas," Bansal said. The meeting coincides with

claims to certain historical sites. In recent months, petitions have been filed regarding the Shahi Jama Masjid in Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh, and the Ajmer Sharif Dargah in Rajasthan. These claims have sparked legal and social debates, with some incidents escalating into violence.

A senior RSS leader, speaking on the condition of anonymity, remarked, "The Maha Kumbh represents the essence of unity, bridging divides of all kinds. While narratives can be drawn politically, the event's true purpose lies in fostering harmony and reinforcing our cultural ethos.'

The VHP's initiatives also come against the backdrop of heightened political activity. The opposition has been vocal about caste-based census demands, which have garnered support from several of the BJP's allies.

Political analyst Sudhir Panwar observed, "The BJP faces challenges in maintaining its support base among OBCs, especially after recent setbacks like the Faizabad Lok Sabha loss. Initiatives like this are part of its strategy to consolidate its

# Fake bank accounts: Gurugram police arrest two criminals

STAFF REPORTER ■

The Gurugram police have **1** arrested two criminals for allegedly opening fake bank accounts in the name of 'Jan Dhan Yojana' and making them available to cyber thugs, police

The suspects have been identified as Shaun, a resident of village Kiranki, Gurugram and Azharuddin alias Azru, a resident of Punhana, Nuh.

The police have also recovered five bank pass book, fake rent aggriment and electricity bills from them.

The complainant told the police on Monday that he had met two persons who told him that they opened bank accounts



which Rs 7,000 is given by the

government every month. After this, the accused opened a bank account for the victim. After opening the bank account, he took the victim's

under 'Jan Dhan Yojana', of ATM cards and mobile numbers registered in the bank account and said that after going to the government office and registering under 'Jan Dhan Yojana', they would get

their ATM cards and mobile

the victim's ATM card and mobile number for several days, he went to the bank and enquired, and then he came to know that a lot of money had been transacted from his bank account," Priyanshu Diwan, ACP, cyber crime said.

Based on the victim's complaint, a case was registered under the relevant sections of the IT Act at the cyber police station (west), Gurugram.

During the investigation, the police team led by Inspector Sandeep, SHO of the said police station nabbed the accused from Sector-10 on Wednesday. During police interrogation, it was found that both the accused used to open bank

accounts under 'Jan Dhan the government would deposit

money in these accounts.

To open a bank account, the accused used to get fake agreements and electricity bills prepared. After opening the bank account, they used to take the bank ATM card and registered mobile number from the bank account holder in the name of registering the bank account in the government office. After that, they used to sell those bank accounts to another accused for Rs 10,000," he said. Accused Sahun has been taken on one day of police custody and remanded from the Court for further interrogation and recovery,

### 12 Naxalites neutralised in fierce encounter with security forces in Bijapur

**PTI** ■ BIJAPUR

The 12 Naxalities neutralised in a fierce encounter with forces security Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district on Thursday were from the Maoist organisation's strongest unit in the Bastar region, police said on Friday.

The identity of the killed Naxalites is yet to be ascertained but preliminary information suggests they belonged to Maoists' People's Liberation Guerilla Army (PLGA) battalion no. 1 and Central Regional Committee company, a police official said.

PLGA is the armed wing of the outlawed Communist Party of India (Maoist).

According to police, the PLGA battalion no. 1 is considered the strongest formation of the Maoists in the tribal-dominated Bastar region and is headed by Deva. It has orchestrated several deadly attacks on security personnel in south Bastar in the past.

Previously the formation was headed by Hidma, believed to



be the man behind many big strikes against security forces in the Bastar region, which comprises seven districts.

Twelve Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security forces in the dense forest of the Pamed-Basaguda-Usoor axis of Bijapur district on Thursday. Besides the bodies, weapons were also recovered from the site, he said.

A search operation is still underway in the area and the security forces are likely to return to their bases on Friday evening, the official said. Personnel belonging to the

District Reserve Guard (DRG) from three districts, five battalions of CRPF's elite jungle warfare unit (Commando Battalion for Resolute Action) and the 229th battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) are involved in the operation, he

During the same operation, two CoBRA commandos were injured when a pressure improvised explosive device planted by Naxalites went off near the Putkel CRPF camp under Basaguda police station limits on Thursday, police said.

### 18-year-old NEET aspirant hangs himself in hostel room

**PTI** ■ KOTA

n 18-year-old NEET aspi-An 18-year-old 1922 ly hanged himself in his hostel room here, police said on

Officails said that no suicide note was recovered from the room. The incident occurred in Ambedkar Colony, Vigyan Nagar area on Thursday night. According to police, Abhijeet Giri, hailing from Mayurbhani district in Odisha, had been preparing for the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) at a coaching institute

since April, 2024. The incident came to light when around 8 pm when a mess worker went to deliver food to Abhijeet's room, a

police officer said. Upon receiving no response, the mess worker along with a few hostellers forcibly opened the door and found him hanging from the ceiling fan, Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI)

Lal Singh Tanwar said. A police team reached the spot

and sent the body for postmortem, which will be conducted after his family arrives. They have been informed about the incident, the ASI

He said that no suicide note was recovered from the room and the reason behind the suicide is yet to be ascertained.

The ceiling fan in the hostel room was not equipped with suicide prevention device, mandated by the district administration to prevent suicides in student accommoda-

tions, the officer said. Preliminary investigations suggest that Abhijeet was good in studies and attended his coaching classes regularly, he

This is the third suicide by a coaching student in Kota this year. The city, a prominent hub for coaching institutes, saw 17

such cases in 2024.

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## **Bonanza before budget**

The Cabinet has greenlit the 8th Pay Commission, setting the stage for a revision of salaries of central govt employees

The Union Cabinet's approval of the 8th Pay Commission ahead of the budget marks a significant step toward revising the salary and pension structure for over 49 lakh central government employees and nearly 65 lakh pensioners. Chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the decision emphasises improving quality of life and stimulating economic activity through enhanced consumption. The 8th Pay Commission will be tasked with revising salaries, allowances and pensions for central government employees and pensioners. Consultations will be held with central and state governments and other stakeholders before finalising its recommendations. The Commission's chairman and two members are to be appointed shortly, and its findings will replace the existing 7th Pay Commission framework, whose term ends in 2026. Historically, pay commissions are constituted every decade to address inflation, economic growth and employees' changing financial needs.

Prime Minister Modi underscored that the revised pay structure will boost consumption by increasing disposable incomes. Higher salaries and pensions are expected to lead to increased spending on goods and services, driving demand in sectors such as retail, real estate, and automobiles.

This consumption surge could further stimulate production and employment, creating a positive feedback loop in the economy. The Commission's recommendations are expected to address the rising cost of living and improve the financial wellbeing of central government employees and pensioners. While the revisions will inject liquidity into the econ-

omy, they will also impose a significant financial burden on the exchequer. Increased salary outlays may necessitate budgetary adjustments, potentially impacting allocations for other sectors like infrastructure and welfare. Although PSU and state government employees are outside the direct purview of central pay commissions, the 8th Pay Commission's recommendations often set a benchmark. Many state governments and PSUs align their pay scales with central government standards, amplifying the financial impact across the broader public sector. This could also have adverse effect on the economy. Higher disposable incomes could lead to demandpull inflation, particularly in essential goods and services. Managing inflation will require a balanced monetary policy. Besides, the exclusion of PSU employees and 'gramin dak sevaks' from central pay commission benefits may intensify demands for similar revisions, potentially leading to unrest and political pressure. Increased spending on salaries and pensions may constrain the government's ability to invest in capital-intensive projects, potentially slowing long-term economic growth. Despite challenges, it can serve as a catalyst for the economy by generating demand and boosting production.



A spectacle of faith, unity and cosmic significance

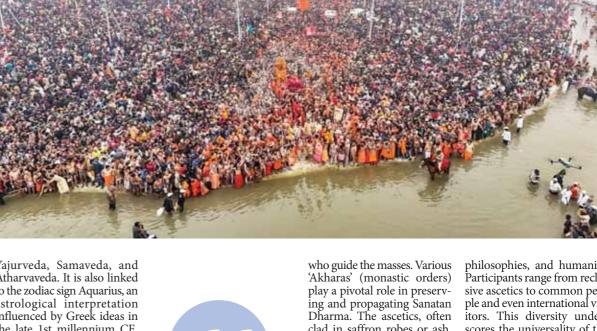


The Kumbh Mela highlights the blend of tradition and modernity. It links cosmic phenomena with earthly rituals while fostering community feeling

he grand Maha Kumbh Mela, one of the most magnificent spiritual gatherings in the world, is here. The Uttar Pradesh government has meticulously prepared to host this sacred festival – happening once every 12 years – with Prime Minister Narendra Modi personally monitoring the developments. Began on January 13, 2025, the Maha Kumbh is anticipated to draw an awe-inspiring congregation of over 45 crores a footfall of around 450 million pilgrims, saints, ascetics and tourists - devotees.

At the heart of this divine celebration, is the (coming together) 'Sangam' - the sacred confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and the mystical Saraswati rivers. Millions of devotees will come together to take a holy dip, seeking spiritual cleansing and blessings. The Maha Kumbh is a timeless testament to faith, unity, and the eternal connection between humanity and the divine, that owes its origins to mythology and history. Devotees believe that a dip during the auspicious planetary alignments cleanses sins and paves the way for Moksha (liberation). Swami Sivananda, the Yoga Guru, and a proponent of Vedanta, rightly pointed out that "The holy dip at the Kumbh Mela is not just a ritual; it is a profound surrender to the divine." Mythologically connected, the legend of 'Samudra Manthan', or the Churning of the Ocean, is the cornerstone of its mythological significance. According to ancient scriptures, gods and demons churned the ocean to obtain the nectar of immortality (Amrit). As the Gods carried away the nectar, a few drops fell at four locations – Haridwar, Prayagraj, Nashik and Ujjain – and these places became sacred. Thus began the tradition of the Kumbh Mela. Scholar Diana Eck, professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies at Harvard University notes that "The Kumbh Mela reflects the Indian ethos of integrating mythology with geography, turning the mundane into the sacred."

Vedic texts like the Rigveda, seers, and spiritual leaders



Yajurveda, Samaveda, and Atharvaveda. It is also linked to the zodiac sign Aquarius, an astrological interpretation influenced by Greek ideas in the late 1st millennium CE. 'Mela' means "assembly" or "gathering" and signifies fairs or communal celebrations, as found in ancient Hindu texts. Together, Kumbha Mela refers to a "gathering centered around water or the nectar of immortality." Historically, the first recorded mention of the Kumbh Mela can be traced back to the writings of the Chinese traveller Hiuen Tsang in the 7th century CE. Hiuen Tsang documented several key events during Harsha's (Harshavardhana ruled over much of northern India from 606 to 647 AD and his reign is regarded as one of relative peace and prosperity) reign. Tsang also documented the Kumbh Mela festival in Prayag which Harsha attended.

Over centuries, the festival evolved from a modest gathering of ascetics to a colossal event that attracts millions. The historical transformation of the Kumbh Mela underscores its resilience and adaptability, blending spiritual fer-vour with societal changes. A defining feature of the Kumbh References to Kumbha appear in Mela is the presence of saints,



REFERENCES TO KUMBH APPEAR IN VEDIC TEXTS LIKE THE RIGVEDA, YAJURVEDA, SAMAVEDA, AND ATHARVAVEDA. IT IS ALSO LINKED TO THE **ZODIAC SIGN** AQUARIUS, AN **ASTROLOGICAL INTERPRETATION** INFLUENCED BY GREEK IDEAS IN THE MILLENNIUM CE

clad in saffron robes or ash, symbolise the renunciation of worldly desires. The ritual bath in the rivers further holds deep symbolic meaning. It signifies the washing away of one's ego and sins, allowing a fresh spiritual beginning. Historian William Dalrymple observes, "The saints at the Kumbh Mela are the custodians of India's timeless spiritual heritage." The Kumbh Mela beautifully embodies the fusion of religion and science. Its timing, rooted in precise astronomical calculations, reflects the profound significance of Hindu cosmology. When Jupiter enters Aquarius and the Sun moves into Aries, planetary alignments create an auspicious period for spiritual connection.

This sacred festival links cosmic phenomena with earthly rituals, highlighting the deep interconnection between the universe and human spirituality. Aryabhata's pioneering work in celestial phenomena, and eclipses, continues to influence the Kumbh's timing.

Including planetary motion modernity.

(The writer is Programme Executive, Gandhi Smriti and The Kumbh Mela is also a Darshan Samiti; views are permelting pot of cultures, sonal)

philosophies, and humanity. Participants range from reclusive ascetics to common people and even international visitors. This diversity underscores the universality of the quest for spiritual enlightenment. Sociologist Sudhir Kakar once wrote that the "Kumbh Mela is not merely a religious event but a grand celebration of human interconnectedness." The exchange of ideas, rituals, and philosophies at the Mela fosters a unique sense of global unity.

Hosting millions of pilgrims at the Kumbh Mela demands meticulous planning, leveraging cutting-edge technologies like AI-powered crowd management systems, drone surveillance for security, and mobile health clinics to handle medical emergencies. Mobile apps and live-streaming services ensured smooth communication and global accessibility for devotees. The 2025 Kumbh will span an expanded area of 800 hectares, featuring 1.8 lakh tents and 101 smart parking facilities for five lakh vehicles daily. Despite the challenges, the event seamlessly blends tradition and

## The silent struggles of a daughter-in-law: A call to change



#### Allowing a daughter-in-law to flourish in her own right doesn't diminish the family's unity—it strengthens it

iving in a joint family is rarely simple, but for a **⊿**daughter-in-law, it may be a delicate balancing act filled with judgement and criticism. In many households, the role of a daughterin-law is laden with unspoken expectations, leaving little room for her individuality. It's time we acknowledge these silent struggles and push for a more inclusive and empathetic family dynamic. A daughter-in-law often steps

into a household as an outsider, expected to adapt seamlessly to a new way of life. From changing her surname to understanding the intricacies of family traditions, she embarks on a journey of transformation.

Yet, the term "in-law" itself can feel like a trap-a constant reminder of her peripheral status in the family. For many, this word symbolises the invisible cage of societal expectations and sacrifices that are seldom reciprocated. "It feels as though I'm constantly being watched," shares Anonymous, 37, who recently relocated to live with her inlaws following her marriage. "It can be exhausting to sense scrutiny at every corner, fy her need for a breather? it. Moreover, it sets an exam-

whether it's about your outfit or your manner of speaking." These tales are not one of a kind. Across the nation, countless women grapple with the challenge of fulfilling the expectations of others while striving to maintain their sense of self.

Some of my friends and cousins have admitted to bending the truth just to carve out a little time for themselves—a brief coffee catch-up or a quick getaway to relax with friends. Some even refer to it as a means of 'escaping' the steadfast pressures of family life. But why should it come to this? Why must a daughter-in-law justi-

The narrative that has been perpetuated for generationsthat she must be the glue holding the family together needs an overhaul. Living in a joint family should not mean sacrificing one's freedom or sense of self. It's high time families rethink the dynamics and extend the same courtesy of individuality and space to their daugh-

ters-in-law that they offer their sons. Empathy and equality within a household aren't luxuries; they are necessities for harmony. Allowing a daughterin-law to flourish in her own right doesn't diminish the family's unity—it strengthens

ple for future generations, teaching them to prioritise respect over rigid roles. Transformation begins with

dialogue. It is essential for families to recognise the contributions a daughter-in-law makes and to foster open communication regarding shared responsibilities. Partners also hold a crucial position in connecting their spouses with their families, making certain that everyone feels appreciated and heard. At its core, a family is about mutual love, respect, and support. Let's replace the stifling word "in-law" with something more inclusive—perhaps "in-love," symbolising acceptance and belonging. After all, isn't that what a family should truly be about? For daughters-in-law across the world, the message is clear: You are not alone in your struggle. For families, the challenge is to listen, adapt, and foster a space where everyone, regardless of their title, feels at home.

It's not just about rewriting roles—it's about rewriting the narrative for a more equitable tomorrow.

(The writer is a freelance writer; views are personal)

Madam — ISRO docking two fast-moving spacecraft in space is a highly complex operation with numerous benefits. Docking enables the assembly of modular space stations, telescopes, or other large structures in orbit that cannot be launched in one piece. Example: Docking was essential in constructing the International Space Station (ISS). Docking allows for the transfer of astronauts and cargo between spacecraft or from a spacecraft to a space station. This supports long-term missions, resupply and the exchange of crew. This extends the operational life of expensive assets like communication or scientific satellites. Docking technology allows spacecraft to refuel in space, enabling longer missions or supporting reusable spacecraft. This is crucial for deep space exploration missions.

ISRO'S DOCKING MISSION SUCCESSFUL

Docking is a critical step for assembling spacecraft or transferring crew for missions to the Moon, Mars, or beyond. Modular spacecraft for such missions often require multiple launches and dockings to combine their components. Docking facilitates international cooperation, as different countries can launch modules or experiments that dock with a shared platform, like a space station. Docking provides a means for evacuation or rescue in case of emergencies aboard a spacecraft or space station. Spacecraft like crew capsules (e.g., SpaceX Dragon, ISRO's Gaganyaan) rely on docking to connect with orbital stations, making them reusable and cost-effective. Successfully executing docking operations demonstrates technological prowess, boosts national pride, and establishes the country as a leader in space exploration. Docking operations are a cornerstone of space exploration and mission sustainability, enabling long-term presence and work in space. This achievement has placed India in the exclusive and elite league of the US, Russia, and China! This docking was successful on January 16,

Gopalaswamy J | Chennai

### **India strengthens its naval fleet**



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

fter two days of the inauguration of the strategically important Z-Morh or Sonamarg Tunnel in Jammu and Kashmir, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation three frontline naval combatants-the destroyer INS Surat, the frigate INS Nilgiri and the Scorpene-class submarine INS Vaghsheer on their commissioning at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai on the occasion of Army Day on

#### **ACTOR SAIF ALI KHAN ATTACKED**

Madam— Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan was stabbed six times after confronting an intruder, who had a confrontation with Khan's maid before the actor intervened, resulting in a physical struggle, in his Bandra residence early Thursday morning. The intruder fled after a violent altercation, and Khan was rushed to Lilavati Hospital by his son, Ibrahim and a caretaker, where he has successfully emerged from surgery and is now out of danger. The actor is currently recovering, with doctors close-

ly monitoring his condition. People wonder how an intruder can enter the building and reach the 11th floor in a high-profile building that is well guarded and then escape also. Moreover, all in Bandra. An area that has the highest concentration of celebrities, which is supposed to have adequate security. No doubt 54year-old Saif is a fit person, so he could face the intruder. Wishing Saif Ali Khan a speedy recovery, trusting that the law will take its course and those responsible will

be held accountable. Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee | Faridabad

Wednesday. It is for the first time that all three

frontline platforms have been indigenously developed in the country. The simultaneous commissioning of these ves-

sels is a shot in the arm for the Indian Navy, which is preparing itself to challenge China's hegemony in the Indo-Pacific region. Equipped with the advanced technology, all three vessels have boosted the Indian Navy's capabilities to respond to various maritime challenges more effectively. In fact, public sector shipyards such as GRSE Kolkata, MDL Mazgaon, CSL Kochi, GSL Goa and HSL Vizag Besides immense contributions to defence preparation, the Indian Navy has contributed immensely to boosting operational preparedness of the Indian Navy by completing various shipbuilding projects in a very efficient and time-bound

Manoj Parashar | Ghaziabad

#### **HAMAS-ISRAEL TRUCE DECLARED**

Madam — The ceasefire accord emerged after mediation by Qatar, Egypt and the US to stop the war that began with deadly Hamas attacks on Israel and saw Israeli forces kill tens of thousands of Palestinians and devastate Gaza. It is a welcome move. As per the deal, Israel and Hamas have agreed to halt the war in Gaza and see the release of Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners. It is the most significant breakthrough in 15 months of war that began in October 2023.

Firstly, hostages in Gaza and Palestinian prisoners in Israel would be freed, and Gazans who have been displaced would be allowed to start returning home. During this period, Israeli troops would pull out of all populated areas in Gaza while the Palestinians would also return to their neighbourhoods in all the areas of Gaza. The second stage would be a permanent end to the war, according to Biden.

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### **FIRST COLUMN**

### **OUR ACTIONS SHAPE OUR LIVES**

Karmaphalas—the results of our actions are an undeniable force shaping our lives



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

e all should know about karmaphalas. These are the results  $^{\prime}$  of both good and bad karma (acts) done by us in the past with our minds, words and bodies. I have mentioned minds separately from bodies because karmas done by the mind are subtle. And they can be quite lethal. What is a mental disease? You have guessed right; it is caused by our minds.

Similarly, words are no less dangerous. Yes, words can be very deadly, as experienced by all of us, when we choose to speak foolishly. And these bad karmaphalas can manifest at any age but they hurt the most in old age when we are weak and not left with many

This is when a person laments about his bad luck and there are not many sympathisers. Aren't we written off as we age? This article describes what we can do about it. We are not so helpless after all. The first step is to stop doing all bad acts right from this moment. And we know what these are. Goodness has to increase in us by doing all acts of goodness.

We must speak pleasantly; we should see goodness programmes; we should stick to foods in goodness; and so on. What this will do is protect us from the ill effects of our present acts, to begin with. Controller mental must be curbed; one must become realistic because there is only one controller and that is God. If it wasn't so we will obtain whatever we desire, which hardly even hap-



pens. The ego must be curbed because there is only one superior entity, which is God. All our lives we try to prove our superiority and what happens? We become very unpopular with others, especially with our family members, whom we desperately need in our old age. Spiritual practices must be started in the right earnest. They will make a lot of sense if we realise that we are souls, parts

Shouldn't parts be dependent on the whole? Should we not be respectful towards God, just like a son is supposed to be towards his father? Don't we thank others when they do us some favour? God is forever doing us many favours. To begin with, He has provided all essentials free like the light of the sun, water, air containing oxygen, etc. God has to help ultimately because fate cannot be changed by anyone else. He also doesn't, but helps to deal with bad karmaphalas; we won't end up badly. (9.31) This is a very big 'kripa' but more important is His mercy in protecting us from our good karmaphalas, when we are most likely to hurt ourselves badly. Because it is hard to tolerate good times. And God and only God can help in improving our nature, which is also part of our fate. Doesn't our nature let us down time and again? We see people destroying themselves by angry acts, lusty behaviour, envious attitudes, etc. God protects us from foolish acts, if we remain in His shelter.I am very scared about the prospect of ill fate in my old age when I am already weak. God has to protect me.

I am not taking any chances; I have taken God's shelter. Only God is the one who can help, being the owner and controller. God can intervene and God does for His devotees. (The Bhagavad-Geeta 18.58) Wouldn't this make us peaceful? It has made me gradually as my connection with God is getting strengthened by my spiritual practices. Please don't take chances.

(The writer is a spiritual teacher; views are personal)

# Reverse brain drain: A game-changer for growth



By harnessing the knowledge, networks and expertise of these returnees, India is laying the foundation for a resilient and competitive economy

ndia has witnessed a mass exodus of talent for decades, as highly skilled professionals and students left the country in search of better opportunities abroad. This phenomenon, known as 'brain drain', has historically deprived the country of its brightest minds. However, the tide is reversing, with individuals returning to their home country, as seen in the recent past. With acquired skills and rich experience, the 'reverse brain drain' is increasingly becoming a powerful force in India's economic growth and development. This comes against the backdrop of India's fast-paced economic growth, combined with government initiatives and an evolving entrepreneurial ecosystem that has made the country an attractive destination for global talent, including those who once left its shores. This shift is not about just people coming back; it's about knowledge transfer, innovation, and global networks essential to building a competitive and resilient economy.

### Economic and Entrepreneurial Opportunities Driving Return

In most cases, what has caused this reverse brain drain is the prospect of available opportunities in India. The growth pattern of India as a country with an upward economic trajectory brings with it demand for science, technology, and innovation skills from professionals in their fields.

Returnees easily get absorbed in suitable roles since their international experience puts them on top of the sought-after candidates at startups, large multinational companies, and research centres. Government initiatives like Make in India, Startup India, and Atmanirbhar Bharat have further made India more attractive. These initiatives encourage entrepreneurship, self-reliance, and innovation by offering financial incentives, regulatory support, and access to infrastructure. Thus, many Indian professionals who had earlier worked in global hubs such as Silicon Valley are returning to start their startups or take up leadership roles in Indian enterprises.

For example, several Indian entrepreneurs who have returned from the United States or the United Kingdom are at the helm of billion-dollar startups in India today.

They cut across fintech, e-commerce, lealth tech, and renewable energy among other sectors that create jobs and spur economic growth. Their global networks and access to venture capital give them a competitive edge that will allow them to scale their businesses quickly and effectively.

#### The Role of Overseas Education in **Shaping Talent**

Education in foreign lands serves as the core of the reverse brain drain. In 2024, more than 13.35 lakh students from India pursued education abroad, of which the USA, Canada, the UK, Australia, and Germany were among the top destinations. In general, courses in engineering, business management, medicine, and technology attract Indian students with promising career avenues. This international education equips students with advanced knowledge, technical skills, and a global perspective. Many also gain valuable work experience abroad before deciding to return to India.

A key facilitator in this journey has been the rise of AI-powered consultancy plat-



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SUPPORT AND ACCESS TO INFRASTRUCTURE forms that streamline the process of studying abroad. These platforms help students identify the best courses, universities, and countries based on their aspira-

es, and education loans, and even offer post-admission help, so everything goes off smoothly. These consultancies not only empower students in terms of succeeding abroad but also lay the

groundwork for their potential contributions upon returning to India while bridging the gap between students and global education systems.

#### Benefits of Reverse Brain Drain for India

AND The reverse brain drain is an economy-changing force for India, bringing skilled professionals back to drive progress across sectors. In the case of technology, returnees provide cuttingedge expertise in areas like artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and clean energy, which ensure that India is not left behind glob-

> The knowledge that these returnees provide creates technological advances that benefit both industries and society. Entrepreneurship and innovation also pick up pace as returnees start new ventures, create jobs, and develop innovative products and services that address local and global challenges. This not only increases employment but also makes India a creative solutions hub.

> $Furthermore, these \ professionals$ enhance scientific collaboration by connecting Indian institutions with international research networks, thereby facilitating the exchange of ideas and resources in areas such as healthcare and renewable energy. The economic impact is equally strong as the

reverse brain drain strengthens productivity, draws in foreign investment, and propels GDP growth.

#### Key Challenges and the Way Forward

Although reverse brain drain promises to boost Indian growth immensely, bureaucratic red tape, infrastructural inadequacies, and differing work environments in India versus the developed world will still prevent most professionals from coming back. This will only come true when registration procedures, tax regimes, and the regime for intellectual property pecome more simplified, paving the way for returnees to establish enterprises or meaningfully contribute to organizations.

To tap into returning talent effectively, India must improve its infrastructure: world-class research facilities, modern educational institutions, and strong health care. More competitive incentives to attract international talent include tax breaks, grants for research, and easier access to funding. Only then will the reverse brain drain convert into practical input toward the nation's economic growth and innovation. Government Initiatives and **Policy Support** 

The Indian government has been proactively capitalising on reverse brain drain. By setting up innovation hubs, funding startup companies, and collaborating with world-class research institutes, the country is attracting much-needed talent as well as fostering innovation. Many countries have implemented policies and incentives to encourage skilled professionals to return to their home countries. For example, Taiwan created the Hsinchu Science Park and offered tax cuts to encourage the development of high-tech industries. Such policies not only encourage the return of skilled professionals but also provide them with a platform to flourish

#### The Global Context and Its **Implications**

Interestingly, reverse brain drain is not an Indian phenomenon alone. Developed countries like the United States and the United Kingdom are losing talent due to restrictive immigration policies and limited opportunities for career advancement. For example, America's flawed immigration policies have inadvertently driven away skilled professionals who are now contributing to India's

growth. This shift points to a wider par-adigm wherein developing countries are transformational centres of innovation and economic activity. It could also help India emerge as a global leader in sectors ranging from technology to

#### A Bright Future for Reverse Brain Drain

healthcare.

The reverse brain drain represents a new paradigm in India's journey to become a global economic superpower. In this new scenario, talent can be an asset to the country by nurturing innovation and fostering collaboration. With government support, private sector participation, and an emphasis on developing worldclass infrastructure, the country is poised to turn reverse brain drain into a sustained growth dri-

In doing so, this movement is not only for India but reshapes the global talent landscape with a new reality of importance- inclusive and dynamic economies in a more integrated and interconnected world.

> (The writer is the founder and CEO of EduVib; views

### Andhra Pradesh's journey towards zero hunger and inclusive education

The Dokka Seethamma Mid-Day Meal scheme is a testament to the State's commitment to inclusivity and reforming the education system

ince Independence, food security has been a signif-Oicant concern in India. Despite notable progress toward achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2: Zero Hunger, India still grapples with the challenge of undernutrition

According to a United Nations report, the country accounts for nearly 195 million undernourished individuals, with children constituting 43 per cent of this population. Various initiatives, such as the Public Distribution System (PDS) and the PM Poshan Mid-Day Meal scheme, have been implemented to address this pressing issue.

#### Historical Roots of Mid-Day Meal Schemes

The origins of the Mid-Day Meal scheme in India can be

traced back to the colonial era. In 1925, the Madras Presidency proposed the first-ever Mid-Day Meal initiative for underprivileged children. Tamil Nadu became the first state to implement this idea, with Sourashtra Boys Higher Secondary School in Madurai serving meals to children in By the 1980s, this programme

gained widespread acceptance, particularly with the introduction of the "Nutritious Noon-Meal Scheme" by Tamil Nadu's then Chief Minister, M G Ramachandran. This initiative aimed to provide food to 6.8 million malnourished children in the state. Over the years, the programme has demonstrated the strong correlation between nutritious

meals and improved educa



tion. For children in tribal and socio-economically disadvantaged communities, the scheme has proven to be a lifeline. Many of these children, previously engaged in household activities or income generation due to food insecurity, could now attend school and pursue their right to education. The programme also had a transformative impact on children from SocioEconomic Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs), including Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, De-notified Tribes, Nomadic Tribes, and girl chil-Dokka Seethamma Mid-Day

### **Meal Scheme**

In a significant step forward, the Andhra Pradesh government recently launched the "Dokka Seethamma Mid-Day Meal Scheme." This initiative, after named Dokka Seethamma—revered as Apara Annapurna—provides free meals to students in junior colleges across the state. Seethamma, born in 1841 in Mandapet village, was renowned for her compassion and dedication to serving the needy. Despite limited formal education, she imbibed strong moral values through



stories and songs from her childhood. Along with her husband, Dokka Joganna, she provided food and shelter to travelers and disaster-stricken communities near the Godavari River. Her legacy of humanitarian service remains a beacon of inclusivity and maternal love.

The Dokka Seethamma scheme is the first of its kind in India, targeting intermediate students. Benefiting 148,419 students across 475 government junior colleges in Andhra Pradesh, the pro-

gramme aims to reduce dropout rates, enhance academic focus, and improve overall student health. By lessening the financial burden on lowincome families, the initiative also promotes greater equity in education. It sets a model for other states to emulate, addressing hunger while fostering a nurturing environment for academic and personal growth.

#### Complementary Initiatives for Inclusivity

In addition to the Dokka Seethamma scheme, Andhra Pradesh has revived the "Anna Canteens" initiative. This program offers wholesome meals at just Rs 5 to economically disadvantaged individuals, significantly alleviating hunger and improving living standards. By ensuring affordable access to food, the state aims to bridge socioeconomic disparities and support marginalised communities. For tribal students, particular-

ly girls, the Dokka Seethamma scheme has been a gamechanger. Tribal communities often face acute food insecurity due to geographical remoteness and limited resources. Free nutritious meals enable tribal children to focus on their education instead of household chores or income generation. The scheme also addresses educational inequity by encouraging families to prioritise their children's schooling. For tribal girls, the program has a transformative impact. Social and financial pressures often force girls to leave school prematurely, but free meals reduce fam-

ily burdens and promote their continued education.

A Vision for a Better Future The Mid-Day Meal scheme and similar initiatives signify more than just food distribution-they represent a commitment to empowering the marginalised and uplifting the underprivileged. These programs not only ensure access to nutritious meals but also encourage higher education, better living standards, and healthier lifestyles. By fostering cooperation among teachers, students, and staff, the scheme revives the ancient "Gurukula" system of holistic education, emphasising both mental and physical wellbeing. (The writer is Vice Chancellor

of Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh; views are

# How long will it take and how much will it cost to rebuild Gaza?

PTI GAZA CITY

Palestinians in the Gaza Strip are eager to leave miserable tent camps and return to their homes if a long-awaited ceasefire agreement halts the Israel-Hamas war, but many will find there is nothing left and no way to rebuild. Israeli bombardment and ground operations have transformed entire neighbourhoods in several cities into rubble-strewn wastelands, with blackened shells of buildings and mounds of debris stretching away in all directions.

Major roads have been plowed up. Critical water and electricity infrastructure is in ruins. Most hospitals no longer function.

The agreement for a phased ceasefire and the release of hostages held by Hamas-led militants does not say who will govern Gaza after the war, or whether Israel and Egypt will lift a blockade limiting

the movement of people and goods that they imposed when Hamas seized power in

ne pioneer

The United Nations says it could take more than 350 years to rebuild if the blockade remains.

The full extent of the damage will only be known when the fighting ends and inspectors have full access to the territory. The most heavily destroyed part of Gaza, in the north, has been sealed off and largely depopulated by Israeli forces in an operation that began early October.

Using satellite data, the United Nations estimated last month that 69 per cent of the structures in Gaza have been damaged or destroyed, including over 245,000

The World Bank estimated USD 18.5 billion in damage nearly the combined economic output of the West Bank and Gaza in 2022 from just the first four

months of the war. Israel blames the destruction

fighters.

on Hamas, which ignited the war with its October 7, 2023. attack into Israel, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting another 250. Israel's retaliatory offensive has killed over 46,000 Palestinians, more than half of them women and children, according to Gaza's health ministry, which does not say how many of the dead were

Israel claims it has killed over 17,000 militants, without providing evidence. The military has released photos and video footage showing that Hamas built tunnels and rocket launchers in residential areas. and often operated in and around homes, schools and mosques. Before anything can be rebuilt, the rubble must be removed — a staggering task in itself. The UN estimates that the war has littered Gaza with over 50 million tonnes of rubble — roughly 12 times



the size of the Great Pyramid

With over 100 trucks working full time, it would take over 15 years to clear the rubble away, and there is little open space in the narrow coastal territory that is home to some 2.3 million Palestinians. Carting the debris away will

also be complicated by the fact that it contains huge amounts of unexploded ordnance and other harmful materials, as well as human

Gaza's health ministry says thousands of people killed in airstrikes are still buried

under the rubble. The rubble clearance and eventual rebuilding of homes will require billions of dollars

and the ability to bring construction materials and heavy equipment into the territory neither of which is assured The ceasefire agreement calls for a three to five-year reconstruction project to begin in its final phase, after all the remaining 100 hostages have been released, and Israeli troops have withdrawn from

the territory. But getting to that point will require agreement on the sec-ond and most difficult phase of the deal, which still must be negotiated. Even then, the ability to rebuild will depend on the blockade, which critics have long decried as a form of cell-ation main form of collective punishment. Israel says it is needed to prevent Hamas from

rebuilding its military capabilities, noting that cement and metal pipes can also be used for tunnels and rockets.

Israel might be more inclined to lift the blockade if Hamas were no longer in power, but there are no plans for an

alternative government. The US and much of the international community want a revitalised Palestinian Authority to govern the West Bank and Gaza with the support of Arab countries ahead of eventual statehood.

But that's a nonstarter for Israel's government, which is opposed to a Palestinian state and has ruled out any role in Gaza for the Western-backed authority

International donors are unlikely to invest in an ungoverned territory that has seen five wars in less than two decades, which means the sprawling tent camps along the coast could become a permanent feature of life in

Pence calls on

Trump to renew

Taipei (PTI): Former US vice

president Mike Pence called on President-elect Donald Trump to

renew his pledge to support Taiwan in the event of a Chinese

Speaking during a visit to Taipei

on Friday, Pence said China's annexation of the island would

impact global trade, technology

'The fall of Taiwan would like-

ly spark a new nuclear arms

"Smaller Asian nations con-

cerned about Chinese aggression

would no longer be confident of

American deterrence. American

security commitments would

be viewed as empty promises, destabilising not only this region,

He added that nations would feel

"they had no choice but to

but the wider world."

and nuclear proliferation.

race," he said.

**US** support

for Taiwan

## 'Elon Musk's support for European far-right completely unacceptable'

Islam extremist Tommy Robinson and called British

Prime Minister Keir Starmer's

government "tyrannical".

claiming Starmer should be in

Scholz has said it's important to "stay cool" over personal

attacks, but that Germany's

way forward "will not be

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said Friday that Elon Musk's support for the far-right in Europe is "completely unacceptable", adding to his previous criticism of Musk's interventions in the German election campaign. Musk has said over the past month that only the far-right party Alternative for Germany, or AfD, can "save Germany'

Last week, the tech billionaire livestreamed on his social media platform X a chat with Alice Weidel, the party's candidate for chancellor in Germany's February 23 election, amplifying its message ahead of the vote.

His interest in Germany and politics elsewhere in Europe, after he poured money and energy into helping Donald Trump win the US election, has set off alarm bells among politicians across the conti

The Tesla and SpaceX chief executive has also demanded the release of jailed UK anti-

right thing"."What we must criticise is not that a billionaire, or a billionaire from other countries in a global world, expresses his opinion — but what he says," Scholz said at a news conference.

"He supports the extreme right throughout Europe, in Britain, in Germany, in many, many other countries, and that is something that is completely unacceptable."

"This endangers the democratic development of Europe, it endangers our community, and that must be criticised," Scholz said.

Polls show AfD in second place ahead of the election, with support of about 20 per cent, but Weidel has no realistic chance of becoming chancellor because other par-ties refuse to work with the

Centre-right opposition leader Friedrich Merz has also criticised Musk's endorsement of

Lloyd Austin ends his term marred by Afghanistan but

buoyed by Ukraine

decided by the owners of social media channels" but by Merz's Union bloc leads polls Asked on Friday about Musk's and he is the favourite to interventions, he said it's important to "criticise the become Germany's next

**PTI** WASHINGTON

Defence Secretary Lloyd

Friday to the forces and person-

nel he has led through a tumul-

tuous term that had three major

military crises, a global pandem-

ic and a personal brush with

cancer that became a flashpoint

for the way it was mishandled.

Austin, 71, spent 41 years of his

life in a military uniform. He

retired as a highly decorated

four-star general who earned a

Silver Star — an award given for

gallantry in action — for lead-

ing troops from the front in the

He is one of the many Pentagon

leaders who have served in

combat and has "dust on his

boots" — something President-

elect Donald Trump's choice

for defence secretary, Pete

Hegseth, has falsely claimed is

his distinction and why he is

needed to restore a military

initial 2003 invasion of Iraq.

Austin will bid farewell

# 3 lawyers for late Russian opp leader Navalny jailed by court

Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny were convicted by a court Friday as part of the Kremlin's crackdown on dissent that has reached levels unseen since

Vadim Kobzev, Igor Sergunin and Alexei Liptser were already in custody and were given sentences from 3 1/2 to five years by a court in the town of Petushki, about 100 km east of Moscow. They were arrested in October 2023 on charges of involvement with extremist groups, as Navalny's networks were

At the time, Navalny was serving a 19-year prison term on several criminal convictions, including extremism.

hollowed out by "woke" diver-

"There have been a lot of narra-

tives out there about how capa-

ble, how weak our military is."

Austin said in an interview with

The Associated Press. "You've

just got to look at the things we

have done, that we continue to

Austin retired from the Army in

2016 only to be asked to return

to the Pentagon by President Joe

Biden in 2021, making history

as the nation's first Black defence

He took the helm of the

Pentagon at the height of

COVID-19 and just weeks after

the January 6, 2021, attack on the

Capitol by a mob of Trump's

His early months saw the

department working through a

divisive COVID-19 vaccine

mandate for the force and a deep

dive to determine whether there

was a wider extremism problem

do, at a moment's notice."

sity initiatives.

secretary

supporters.

He died in a Russian prison lawyers of using their posi-tion to pass information from independent Russian newspaper Novaya Gazeta reported that Kobzev said in his final statement in court on Jan 10 that "we are being tried for transmitting Navalny's transmitting Navalny's thoughts to other people".
The independent Russian news outlet Mediazona

reported three journalists attending the sentencing were detained and taken to a police

Navalny's networks were deemed extremist following a 2021 ruling that outlawed his organisations — the Foundation for Fighting Corruption and a network of regional offices — as extremregional offices - as extremist groups.

That ruling, which exposed anyone involved with the organisations to prosecution, was condemned by Kremlin critics as politically motivated and designed to stifle Navalny's activities.

According to Navalny's allies, authorities accused the

him to his team. Navalny, an anti-corruption campaigner and outspoken opponent of President Vladimir Putin, was arrested in 2021 upon his return from Germany, where he was recuperating from a nerve agent poisoning he blamed on the Kremlin. He was ordered to serve 2 1/2 years in prison.

After two more trials, his sentence was extended to 19 years. He and his allies said the charges were politically motivated and accused the Kremlin of seeking to jail him

In December 2023, Navalny was moved from a penal colony in the Vladimir region east of Moscow to one above the Arctic Circle, where he died in February at the age of 47 under still-unexplained circumstances. His widow, Yulia Navalnaya, and members of his team alleged he was killed on orders from the Kremlin. Officials have rejected the accusation. Two other Navalny lawyers Mikhailova and Olga Alexander Fedulov, are on a wanted list but no longer live in Russia. Mikhailova, who defended Navalny for a decade, said she was charged in absentia with extremism. Kobzev, Liptser and Sergunin have been deemed to be political prisoners, according to human rights advocates from Memorial, Russia's most prominent rights group that won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2022. The group demands

Independent Russian media reported Friday that Konstantin Kotov, an activist accused of donating to Navalny's organisation, left Russia before he was due to appear in a Moscow court

their immediate release.

develop their own nuclear arse-He told Mediazona he decidnal", which would increase the ed to leave after a heart surgeon, Ivan Tishchenko, was jailed for four years for donating around \$34 to Navalny's organisation.

risk of global nuclear confronta-Pence, who served as vice president during Trump's first term but had a falling out with his former boss over Trump's refusal to concede the 2020 election,

sought to reassure Taiwanese people of Washington's continued support. The US is Taiwan's main arms provider and favours maintaining the status quo between Taipei

and Beijing, which has threatisland, by force if necessary. On his campaign trail last year, Trump cast doubt over the US' continued backing of Taiwan, accusing the island of stealing the chip industry from the US and saying Taiwan should pay the US for protection against China.

Pence, speaking at an educational forum in Taiwan's capital, said he was convinced the US would never "abandon" its allies across the Pacific Ocean.

'I call on the new administration in Washington, and freedom loving nations around the world to urgently renew our commitment for providing Taiwan with the support it needs to defend itself and its freedom," he said. Pence also called on Trump's incoming administration to start negotiations for a free trade agreement with Taiwan, a development that's long been floated

sure to anger China

# Three lawyers who once represented the late

Soviet times.

deemed by authorities.

The case was widely seen as a way to increase pressure on the opposition to discourage defence lawyers from taking political cases.

# Graffiti on Assad's prison walls express Syrians' fears and loves

Damascus (PTI): Languishing in a dungeon cell of Syria's then-ruler Bashar Assad, an unknown prisoner scrawled a verse of Arabic poetry on his cell wall - an expression of pain and love amid his torment. "My country, even if it oppresses me, is dear. My people, even if uncharitable to me, are generous," he wrote. It's a well-known verse, comdefying a tyrannical caliph. the graffiti on the walls cry out. They plead to God and

posed 800 years ago by a poet As you walk through the cold, dark cells of Assad's prisons, yearn for loved ones. Often mysterious, they preserve fragments of what anonymous men were thinking as they faced torture and death. Trust no one, not even your brother," someone darkly warns on a cell wall in Damascus' notorious Palestine

Branch detention facility.

Since 2011, tens of thousands of Syrians vanished inside the network of prisons and detention facilities run by Assad's security forces as they tried to crush his opposition. Inmates went for years without contact with the outside world, living in overcrowded, windowless cells where their cellmates died around them. Torture and beatings were inflicted daily. Mass executions were frequent.

Most inmates would have fully expected to die. They had no reason to believe anyone would ever see the messages they scratched into the walls except future prisoners. One wrote a single word in Arabic, "ashtaqtilak" - "I miss

vou" - a love letter that could never be sent to a beloved whose name only the writer need know. More than a month after the

prisons were opened by insur-

gents who ousted Assad in December, The Associated Press toured several facilities to view the graffiti left behind. Nothing can be known about the men who drew and wrote them. Only a few bear names and few are dated. It's impossible to know who of them lived or died.

Some walls have layers of graffiti on top of each other, marking generations of suffer-

"Don't be sad, mother. This is my fate," reads one, dated Jan 1, 2024. Underneath it are traces of an older text, so faded that only a few words are legible: "... except for you" - a hint of longing for a loved

Many of the writings and drawings are cries to parents or loved ones. Someone drew a heart broken in two, with "mother" written in one side. "father" in the other.

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by various US and Taiwanese politicians and that would be

### UK orders 'rapid audit' of ethnicity in child sexual abuse that it was a 'far-right band-

**PTI** ■ LONDON

The UK government has ■ ordered a "rapid audit" of the scale and nature of grooming gangs based child sexual exploitation, including an examination of ethnicity data to determine "cultural and societal drivers" behind the crimes.UK Home Secretary Yvette Cooper laid out the plans in a statement in the House of Commons on Thursday, also noting that many major investigations into the issue have involved 'Pakistani heritage gangs". Amid growing demands for a national inquiry into the scan-

publishes. "Many major inves-

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dal since Tesla CEO Elon Musk attacked the UK's handling of the historic scandal on his X platform, the minister told Parliament that the Child Sexual Exploitation Taskforce will immediately expand the ethnicity data it collects and Conservative MP Chris

Pakistani heritage gangs and the police taskforce evidence also shows exploitation and abuse taking place across many different communities and ethnicities. But the data on ethnicity of both perpetrators and victims is still inadequate," Yvette Cooper told MPs. "In order to go much fur-

ther, I have asked Baroness Louise Casey to oversee a rapid audit of the current scale and nature of gangbased exploitation across the country and to make recommendations on the further work that is needed... It will properly examine ethnicity data and the demographics of the gangs involved and their victims and it will look at the cultural and societal drivers for this type of offending including amongst different ethnic groups," she said. The shadow home secretary

Philp, responded to stress

that the authorities had his-

Firefighters watch a helicopter drop water on the Palisades Fire in Mandeville

Canyon in Los Angeles, on Saturday.

torically ignored or covered up ethnicity related data surrounding child sexual exploitation.

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cases, even covered up these Thousands of young girls, horrendous crimes because often in their early teens, of absurd concerns about were systematically raped by so-called cultural sensitivity," gangs of men, predominantsaid Philp. of Pakistani heritage. Those in positions of author-

cils and the Crown Prosecution Service ignored them and, in some

"Ten days ago, the Prime Minister [Keir Starmer] expert advisory board and draw on the views of victims compounded this by saying

and call for a proper inquiry. Let me say this: it is not far right to stand up for rape victims, and smearing those who raised this issue is exactly what led to the victims being ignored and the crimes covered up in the first place," he told the Commons. Cooper reiterated that the actions the government has announced this week covers the duty to report child abuse, proper penalties for any cover-ups, stronger sentences for grooming gangs, new rights for victims to get

an independent review on reopening their case and new action to reopen historical police investigations.

The Home Office said the rapid national audit will begin soon and last three months. It will be supported by an

and survivors. This work, including the new Victims and Survivors Panel, will be backed by GBP 2.5 million in funding.

According to official estimates, of the 115,000 child

sexual exploitation and abuse offences recorded in 2023 by police, over 4,000 of them were group-based offending. Of those, around 1,100 involved abuse within the

family, and over 300 involved abuse in institutions, whilst over 700 of them were group-based grooming gang offences. We are also urging police

forces to look again at closed and unsolved cases on their files, to ensure they pursue criminals and put them behind bars so they cannot hurt anyone else," added Jess Phillips, Minister for Safeguarding and Violence Against Women and Girls in the Home Office.

German voters.

नीलामी की विज्ञप्ति

मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी, नवीन ओखला औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण की ओर से भण्डार क्रय विभाग सैक्टर-39 के भण्डार में जमा निष्प्रयोज्य सामग्री जैसा है जहाँ है के आधार पर दिनांक 04.02.2025 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे समिति के समक्ष नीलामी की जानी हैं। नीलामी में भाग लेने के इच्छुक व्यक्ति/संस्था, निष्प्रयोज्य सामान का निरीक्षण किसी भी कार्यदिवस में दिनांक 20.01.2025 से दिनांक 03.02.2025 तक कर सकते हैं। नीलामी में भाग लेने वाले प्रत्येक व्यक्ति को बोली बोलने से पूर्व रु. 90,791/- (रुपये नब्बे हजार सात सौ इकयानवे मात्र) धरोहर राशि एफ.डी.आर /डी.डी. के रूप में नवीन ओखला औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के पक्ष में बोली बोलने की तिथि से पूर्व पैन नम्बर सहित भण्डार क्रय विभाग के कार्यालय में जमा करानी होगी धरोहर राशि Refundable होगी। सबसे अधिक बोली लगाने वाले को नीलामी के तुरन्त बाद नीलामी राशि का 25% भूगतान तुरन्त जमा करना अनिवार्य है सामग्री 20 दिन के अन्दर बाकी भुगतान करके उठाना होगा, अन्यथा घरोहर राशि एवं 25% भुगतान राशि जब्त कर लिये जायेंगे। नीलाम होने वाली सामग्री की सूची भण्डार क्रय विभाग के नोटिस बोर्ड व सैक्टर-39 स्थित कार्यालय में कार्य दिवसों में देखी या प्राप्त की जा सकती है। किसी भी प्रकार का अतिरिक्त कर देय होगा। सक्षम अधिकारी को किसी भी बोली को निरस्त करने का पूर्ण अधिकार होगा। कार्यालय: सैक्टर-39, नौएडा

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### **China launches Pakistani** satellite into space

Beijing/Islamabad (PTI): and improve urban planning and China successfully launched a Pakistani satellite into space Launch Center on Friday. The satellite, Pakistan's first indigenous Electro-Optical (EO-1), (Beijing Time) by a Long March-2D carrier rocket and entered its planned orbit successfully, state-run Xinhua news

agency reported. Named PRSC-EO1, the satellite uses electro-optical sensors to collect data and images of the Earth's surface by detecting and measuring reflected sunlight or emitted radiation, according to Pakistan's Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO).

"This remarkable milestone marks a giant leap forward in Pakistan's journey toward selfreliance and technological excellence in space exploration," SUPARCO said in a statement. It added that the satellite will boost Pakistan's ability to monitor and manage natural resources, respond to disasters

agricultural development. SUPARCO Chai

Chairman from the Jiuquan Satellite Muhammad Yousaf Khan acknowledged the hard work and dedication of the agency's engineers, emphasising that the was launched at 12.07 pm launch reflected "Pakistan's commitment to leveraging space technology for national progress and sustainable development". Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif termed it a proud moment for the nation In a post on social media platform X, he said from predicting crop yields to tracking urban growth, the satellite is a leap forward in the country's journey towards

> PUBLIC NOTICE THE ABADI OF ANARKALI GARDEN, JAGAT PIRI, IN THE AREA OF VILLAGE KHURELI KHAS, ILLAQA SHAHDARA, DELHI-51, by virtue of GPA dated 28.03 2.000, as Doc. No. 16.752. ATS & Will, executed by Mrs. Madhu Bala, same to be finance by SMFG India Credit Company Limited), General public hereby informed that if anybody has may charge interestifule in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within Of days of the present.
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CHANGE OF NAME , Madhumita Mishra W/o Mr. Ranjan Asthana R/o Flat No. 10115, on 11th Floor, ATS Happy Trails Plot No. GH-02A, Greater Noida, West Rajesh Pilot Chowk Sectot-10, BisrakhJalalapur, GautamBudh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, have Changed my name from Madhumita Mishra W/o Mr. Ranjan Asthana to Madhumita Asthana W/o Mr. Ranjan Asthana., Henceforth I Would be Known by the name of Madhumita Asthana W/o Mr. Ranjan Asthana.

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This is to inform the general public that Mr. Om Gulati is the owner of Residential Plot no. 241 area measuring 350 sq. Mtrs. situated at block C, sector-44, Noida, Dist. Gautam Budh Nagar U.P. through Gift deed dated 06.10.2023 regd. as doc. No. 8950 executed by Mrs. Roma Gulati in favour of Mr. Om Gulati in respect of Said plot.

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Notice is hereby given that to the general public that the company had lost its original NBFC Certificate having Certificate No. B-

14.02767 at its registered office during enovation of registered office.

anyone found it, Kindly return of the same

company Office No. 510, GD ITL Northey owers A-9, Netaji Subhash Place otampura, New Delhi-110034.

ublic, not to misuse, civil and criminal case

R/o Ran Singh Wala, Near Sarkari School

Email: sngfincap.2014@rediffmail.com Contact No. 011-27358189

P.O. Behbal Khurd Distt Faridkot-151203, Punja

DIN: 0265758

hall be registered against that person.

hold talks over phone

Xi, Trump

Beijing (PTI): Chinese President Xi Jinping held a telephone conversation with US President-elect Donald Trump on Friday, official media here report-

The phone conversation between the two leaders comes just three days before Trump's inauguration ceremony on Jan 20.

Xi has deputed Vice-President Han Zheng to attend Trump's swearing-in ceremony, marking the first time a senior Chinese official will be present at a US presidential inauguration, the Hong Kongbased South China Morning Post reported.

PUBLIC NOTICE

of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 7 days of

PUBLIC NOTICE

said service station. I hereby declare that I do not desire to make any claim to the ownership of MASS-Globe Service Station. I renounce all my existing and future rights in respect of the aforementioned ownership. Furthermore, I have no objection whatsoever to the transfer of ownership of the MASS-Globe Service Station in the names of Mr. Dinesh Pandey and Mrs. Manju Pandey in the records of Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL). This public notice is being issued to inform all concerned parties

is being issued to inform all concerned parties

and the public at large. Should anyone have any objections, they are requested to submit the same in writing to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given to the General Public that of M's Charles River Investments Pvt. Ltd (through its Director Mr. Arun Jain) is the owner of BASEMENT AND GROUND FLOOR BUILT ON PLOT OF LAND AREA MEASURING 432 SQ, YARDS, OUT OF KHASRA NO. 193 SITUATED IN THE AREA OF VILLAGE LADO SARAI, REVENUE ESTATE MEHRAULI, NEW DELHI, by virtue of GPA dated 26.08, 1999, as Doc. No. 32652, ATS & Will, executed by Mr. Arun Jain, same to be finance by SMFG India Credit Company Limited, General public hereby informed that if anybody has any charge/interest/title in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address withing or days of the present.

Rahul Raj Pathak, Advocate SG Associates (Law First. Fits, Lots Pood Plaza, Viabhak Khand, Indiraparan, Gazizhoud UP. Email: sgassociatesplegmail.com, Ph. 7011754, 81204448360

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform to all concern that Mr. Sudhir Kuma Buti S/o Sh. Ishwar Dass R/o B-23, New Multar Nagar, New Delhi who is the original allottee o Buti S/o Sh. Ishwar Dass R/o B-23, New Multan Nagar, New Delhi who is the original allottee of property Residential Plot No. B-63, Sector-55, Nolda, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, (U.P.) had sold the said property on Special Power of Attorney basis to the following person(s). Special Power of Attorney was executed on Q4/09/1993 in favour of SHRI PREM PAL SINGH S/O SH. SHANKAR PAL SINGH R/O B-63, SECTOR-55, NOIDA, DISTT. GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR, (U.P.) which is registered and the Agreement to Sell was not registered or not executed. Because the Agreement to Sell is not registered or no Agreement to sell executed, so it is informed to all concern that the said Residential Plot No. B-63, Sector-55, Nolda, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, (U.P.) is going to be transferred in favour of Mr. Vivek Kumar Singh & Paras Singh both S/o Sh. Prem Pai Singh R/o B-63, Sector-55, Nolda, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, (U.P.) if no no has/have any objection he/she may file his/her objection alongwith the sufficient proof in the Residential Department of the Nolda Authority within 30 days from the date of Noida Authority within 30 days from the date of

Shri Prem Pal Singh S/o Sh. Shankar Pal Singl R/o B-63, Sector-55, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, (U.P.)

#### SPACE INCUBATRICS TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED REGD. OFF.: PAWAN PURI. MURADNAGAR, DISTT. GHAZIABAD (U.P.)

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CIN: L17100UP2016PLC084473, Phone: 01232-261288 Web: www.spaceincubatrics.com, Email: spaceincubatrics@gmail.com STANDALONE UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 31.12.2024

S.		3 months ended	Year ended	3 months ended	
No.	Particulars	31.12.2024	31.03.2024	30.09.2024 Unaudited	
		Unaudited	Audited		
1.	Total income from operations	1.13	45.07	3.37	
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Exceptional items and tax)	-7.78	3.11	-3.11	
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	-7.78	3.11	-3.11	
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax and Exceptional items)	-7.78	2.30	-3.11	
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive income (after tax)]	-7.78	2.30	-3.11	
6.	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value of ₹ 10/-)	3460.92	3460.92	3460.92	
7.	Other Equity	-	-2560.73		
8.	Earning Per Share (of ₹ 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)				
	(a) Basic	-0.02	0.01	-0.01	
	(b) Diluted	-0.02	0.01	-0.01	

The above Audited Quarterly financial results as reviewed by the Audit Committee were approved by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on 16.01.2025. The above results have been audited by the Statutory Auditors of the Company and they have expressed an unqualified.

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly financial results are available on the Stock Exchange website: www.bseindia.com & Company's website: www.spaceincubatrics.com. SPACE INCUBATRICS TECHNOLOGIES LTD.

(Nishant Mittal) DIN: 02766556

#### not be responsible for any of their acts, deeds, etc. S.K. Jain, (Advocate), Ch. No. F-328, KKD Court

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

Public in General is informed that my

clients Sh. Pradeep Jain, S/o Late Ja

Kumar Jain and Krishana Jain W/o Pradeer

Jain both R/o CP 233, Pritampura, Delhi

34 has debarred/ disowned/ Dis-inherited

their son Gaurav Jain and his wife Tanu

Aggarwal W/o Gaurav Jain from all their

movable and immovable properties and

severed all relations from them as they are not obeying them. In future my clients shal

Complex, Delhi-110032. Mob. No.9811717798.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** Notice is hereby given to the Public on behalf o my client HDFC Bank Ltd. who had disbursed a Loan to Mr. Neeraj Jain and Megha Jain (unde Loan Account No. 702605837) against the nortgage of property being No. 1362 at the registered office address of the measuring 160 Sq.Yards, situated at Urban Estate, Sector-4, Gurgaon, Haryana. It has come to the notice of my client HDFC Bank Ltd. that Information is provided in this Regard that said certificate is untraceable and a statutory warning is hereby given to the general the original Allotment Letter dared 23.12.1968 ued by Estate Officer, Faridabad, in favour o Smt. Shanti Devi have been misplaced. It is hereby appealed to the general public tha hosoever finds the same may kindly return the me to the Branch Manager, HDFC Bank Ltd. The Capital Court, Munirka, Outer Ring Road, Olof Palme Marg, New Delhi-67 or the undersigned. If anybody found misusing the

ocuments mentioned herein, the same shall be Karnail Singh, (Advocate), K-8, LGF Jangpura Extr New Delhi-110014 9953683363/9811163363

#### 🟡 Indian Overseas Bank GLA ENGINEERING COLLEGE-AJHAI BRANCH (Address. GLA Engineering College Village & P. O Ajhai, NH-2 Ahhai 281406 Uttar Pradesh

Phone No. 8925951999 & E-mail Id : lob1999@iob.in) SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property) [Rule 8(1)]

GLA Engineering College- Ajhai Branch Ajhai Khurd, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 15.05.2024 calling upon the

borrowers/mortgagors/guarantors, 1. Chirag Agrawal R/O New Adarsh Nagar, Gurukul Road, Vrindavan Bangar, Mathura 281121 (Borrower) 2. Suresh Chand Agrawal R/O Adarsh Colony Gall No.2, Police QTR Ke

sechhe, Vrindaban, Mathura-281121 (Borrower) Neeraj Agarwal R/O House no325 Rameshwar Dham Radha Indaban Mathura 281121 (Guarantor) For SNG FINCAP LIMITED nereinafter referred as "borrowers")to repay the amount mentioned in the Virdevinder Singh

notice being Rs.22,75,038.78 (Rupee twenty two lakh, seventy five thousand thirty eight and palse seventy eight only) as on 06.05.2024 with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc till date of realization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

(1)The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers onferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the

said Rules on this 15 day of January of the year 2025.

(2) The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Indian Overseas Bank for an amount of Rs. 23,35,352.09 (Rupee twenty three lash thirty five thousand, three hundred and fifty two and paise nine only) as on 15.01.2025 with interest thereon at contractual rates δ rests as agreed, charges etc., from the aforesaid date mentioned in the demand notice till date of payment less repayments, if any, hade after issuance of Demand Notice. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is Rs. 23,35,352.09 (Rupee twenty three lakh thirty five thousand, three hundred and fifty two and paise nine only) as on 15.01.2025 payable with further interest at contractual rates & rests, charges

tc. till date of payment. ers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section(8) of the n 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them, to rede

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Plot no-17, Mauza Vrindaban Bangar within Mohalla Radha Niwas Vrindaban Tehsil and District

Mathura measuring 153.43 Sq Mtr.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** PROPERTY NO.05, ROAD NO.V-08, DLF QUITAR ENCLAVE COMPLEX PHASE-III GURGAON, HARYANA

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Mr. Vijay Kumar Sio Mr. Govind Ram is Rio House No.333, Upper Ground Front, Gali No.2, B-Block, Opp. Swraj Mandir, Baba Colony, Buran, North Delhi-110084, was lost a paper (A) Original Notarized ATS, GPA & Will along with an Affidavit dated 12.02.1990, executed by Mr. Shyam Sunder Sio Mr. Narotam Gupta in respect of the premises being a plot of land, admeasuring around 400 Sq. Yds., out of Khasra No. 93/13. (B) Original Notarized ATS, GPA & Will along with an Affidavit dated 20.05.1992, executed by Mr. Sota Ram Gupta Sio Mr. Narotam Gupta in favour of Mr., Madan Lal Gupta Sio Mr. Sita Ram Gupta in respect of the premises being a plot i land, admeasuring around 400 Sq. Yds., out of Khasra No. 93/13. of RESIDENTIAL PLOT admeasuring around 400 Sq. Yds., out of Khasra No. 93/13, situated in a colony known as Baba Colony, Village Buran, Delhi, known as orchid apartment, thesil dadri, distt. Gautam budh nagar up, and done FIR No. 2499592/2025DATE:-16/01/2025 and same mortgaging the said property with SHUBHAM HOUSING FINANCE LTD., if anybody has any charge/interest/title in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing of size and property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing of supersidents. That our client M/s Infolink Consultancy Pvt. Ltd, proposes to purchases the above said property from **Anita Thapar**, who has assured our client that she is absolute owner in possession of the said property vide Sale deed dated 09.12.91 having purchased the same jointly with Louise Thanar from M/s DLF leaving behind her as only class-I legal heir. Consequently the share of said Louise Thapar devolve upon her being only legal heir and absolute owner of

Under the circumstances, notice is hereby given to the present. DEEPIKA MISHRA (ADVOCATE) ADD-272 C BLOCK SOUTH CITY LUCKNOW UP- 226025 the General Public, Bank/Financial institutions or other person/s, organization/s, company/ies, This is to inform the general public that I, Sanjeev Malik, residing at B-56 Inder Puri New Delhi-110012, have been operating the MASS-Globe Service Station located at A-17, B1, Extension MCIE, Mathura Road, Badarpur, Delhi-110044, as a partner along with Mr. Dinesh Pandey and Mrs. Manju Pandey since 06/02/2023.Due to personal reasons, I have decided to retire from the partnership of the said service station. I hereby declare that I do not desire to make any claim to the ownership government authority/ies, having any claim, rights, title, or any interest of any nature whatsoever into or upon the said property, is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing with documentary evidence by registered AD Post to the undersigned at the address mentioned hereinbelow within 10 days of the publication of this notice and in the event no response having been received to the notice, the title of Anita Thapar to the said property shall be deemed to be clear of any claim, charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever and any subsequent claim shall not bind our client in any nanner whatsoever. Kumar Abhishek

Advocate Legal Access 132A, Anarkali Complex, Jhandewalan Ext. New Delhi

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

Entire First Floor without roof rights einafter referred to as "the said floor" uilt up on Property Bearing No. 36, are leasuring 25.90 sq. mtrs., in B Block, Pock b, Sector 7, situated in the Layout plan Rohini Residential Scheme, Rohini, Delh Hereinafter referred to as "the said property" lotice is hereby given to the general pub including Banks, Financial Institutions, et that, as informed by our clientess, Mrs. An, she is the sole and absolute owner of th said floor vide Sale Deed registered a Document No. 2024/13/I/4232, in Book No. 1 Volume No. 11601, pages 73-98, 27.04.2024 in her favour. In this connecti ur clientess has further informed us that the ollowing original documents namely (1) Saleed registered as Document No. 22 dated 31/08/2005 in favour of Mrs. Mar ; (2) Sale deed registered ent No. 13333 dated 22/07/2008 your of Mrs. Rina and Mr Amrender Kum and (3) Sale Deed registered as Documer No. 16941 dated 04/09/2010 in favour of Ms /arsha Khetaral, have been lost, misplac and not traceable. These documents fo and not traceable. These documents forn part of the chain documents of the said floo and hereinafter called the "said documents" An FIR regarding loss of these said documents has been lodged with Delhi Police Crime Branch vide LR No.2495743/2016 dated 15.01.2025. Now our clientess intend to mortgage the said floor with Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Ltd. for availing loan facility.

If the aforesaid original said documents any of them are/is found or have/has be found by any person, the same may ir returned and delivered to the undersigned the address mentioned herein below. Furth the address mentioned nerein below. Further if any person, body, institution is having an claim and/or objection in respect of the sai floor, he/she/they may raise his/her/the objection/s, in writing, with documentar evidence, by Registered AD Post, to the undersigned at the address mentione erein below within 07 days of publication his notice. Otherwise, after expiry of 07 da from the date of publication of this notice, biection shall be acceptable and the sa lavour of Cholamandalam Investment ar Finance Company Ltd., and no objectis shall be acceptable against such mortgage. General Public may also take note that at deal or transaction done by anybody on the basis of the said documents or any of the shall be illegal and not binding on o clientess. The person doing so shall be liab to be prosecuted under the law.



#### **CHANGE OF NAME**

I, Yati Sirohiwal D/o Satya Prakash, R/o BH-67 East Shalimar Bagh New Delhi - Kumar, R/o- Vill & PO-110088 State that my name Belkunda, PS- Mahua, Tehgot inadvertently recorded in my passport as Yati Serohiwal, whereas in my other document my name reflects as Yati Sirohiwal. Yati Serohiwal and Yati Sirohiwal are names of the same

PD(1268)A

I, Anshuman Sirohiwal S/o Satya Prakash, R/o BH-67 East Shalimar Bagh New Delhi -110088 state that my name has inadvertently got recorded in my passport as Anshuman Serohiwal, whereas in my other document my name reflects as Anshuman Sirohiwal. Anshuman Serohiwal and Anshuman Sirohiwal are names of the same person.

PD(1269)A I, No.14840931K Hav Vitkar Satish Shivaji, R/o- Chitali, Teh-Rahata, Dist-Ahmednagar, Maharashtra-413723, have changed my minor daughter's name from Anjal to Angel Satish Vitkar, vide affidavit dated 17/01/2025 before Notary Public Delhi PD(1270)C

I, No.14840931K Hav Vitkar Satish Shivaji, R/o- Chitali, Teh-Rahata, Dist-Ahmednagar, Maharashtra-413723, have changed my minor daughter's name from Siddhi to Siddhi Satish Vitkar, affidavit dated 17/01/2025 before Notary Public Delhi PD(1271)C

I, Chanchal Devi W/o-No.4290248L Sep Vikas Kumar, R/o-Vill-Panhas, PO-Suhird Nagar, PS/Teh/Dist-Begusarai, Bihar- 851218, have changed my name from Chanchal Devi to Chanchal Kumari, vide affidavit dated 17/01/2025 before Notary Public Delhi

PD(1272)C

No.4285494M NK Santosh Vaishali, Dist- Hajipur, Bihar-844125, have changed my name from Seema Devi to Seema Thakur, vide affidavit dated 17/01/2025 before

PD(1273)C I, Sunita Kumari, W/o-No.4283386K Hav Kanchan Kumar, R/o-Vill -Yadhuvanshi Nagar, PO-Digha Ghat, PS- Digha, Teh-Danapur, Dist- Patna, Bihar-800011, have changed my name from Sunita Kumari to Sunita Devi, vide affidavit dated 17/01/2025 before Notary Public Delhi

Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1274)C No.14671039K Hav Khushal N Tayade, R/o-VTC-Ner, PO- Ner Parsopant, Sub Dist- Ner, Dist- Yavatmal, Maharashtra- 445102, have changed my minor son's name from Kirtesh Tayade to Kirtesh Khushal Tayade, vide affidavit dated 17/01/2025 before Notary Public Delhi. PD(1275)C

I, No.4285494M NK Santosh Kumar, R/o- Vill & PO-Belkunda, PS- Mahua, Teh-Vaishali, Dist-Hajipur, Bihar-844125, have changed my son's name from Sameer to Sameer Kumar Thakur, vide affidavit dated 17/01/2025 before Notary Public Delhi. PD(1276)C I, Sanjay Kumar Dass S/o

Edwin Dass Resident of H.No- B-221 A, Nandgram, Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh 201003 India wants to amend my wife's name as my Bimlesh S Dass instead of Bimlesh Dass in my Indian Passport no. X9906445 PD(1277)C

I, Bimlesh S Dass W/o Sanjay Kumar Dass Resident of H.No- B-221 A, Nandgram, Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh 201003 India wants to amend my husband's name as my Sanjay Kumar Dass instead of Sanjay Dass in my Indian Passport no. N4801354.

PD(1278)C

### **EEESAF**

REGD. OFFICE: ESAF Bhavan, Mannuthy, Thrissur- 680 651, Kerala.

### **GOLD AUCTION NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold ornaments pledged with ESAF Small Finance Bank and not redeemed by borrowers, despite repeated reminders and notices, of our branches, are listed below. This will be auctioned as per the details given below:

**DATE OF AUCTION: 10-02-2025** TIME: 2 PM TO 5 PM AUCTION VENUE: THROUGH E-AUCTION AUCTION ADDRESS: https://egold.auctiontiger.net Contact Number: 9099013705/6351896640

To register as bidder for the e-Auction with terms and conditions, and full details of e-Auction please visit the above site.

**BRANCHES & LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBERS** FARIDABAD: 75240001838196, 1929335

Customers who are interested to release the ornaments by paying the total due amount may do so, at the respective branches, on or two days before the date of the auction.

Bidders who wish to participate in the auction shall produce their KYC documents. GST No. is mandatory for registered firms/companies. Bidders shall deposit a sum of Rs.50,000 as EMD before participating in Thrissur

Date: 18-01-2025

Authorized Signatory

#### Indian Overseas Bank (ADDRESS: BARARI VIA REFINERY P.O., BARARI MATHURA UTTAR PRADESH - 281005.

Phone No. 8925950472 & E-mail Id : iob0472@iob.in)

#### SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property) [Rule 8(1)]

BANK, BARARI-MATHURA, BARARI VIA REFINERY P.O., BARARI MATHURA, UTTAR PRADESH-281005, under the nstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Ac 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice ated 09/05/2024 calling upon the borrowers / mortgagors / guarantors M/s Vipti Flour Mill, Village-Dhanateja, Post-Barari, Mathura, Utta

Sangeeta W/O Rakesh, Village Dhanateja Post Barari Dist Mathura, Utta Sheela Devi W/O Karan Singh, Village Dhana Teja Post Barar

Mathura, Uttar Pradesh 281005, (hereinafter referred as 'borrowers')to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.9,10,124.71 (Rupees nine lakh ten thousand one hundred twenty four and paise seventy one only) with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc. till date of realization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

(1) The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers 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 this 15 day of January of the year 2025.

(2) The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Indian Overseas Bank for an amount of Rs. 9,10,124.71 (Rupee nine lakh ten thousand one hundred twenty four rupees and seventy one paisa only) as on 08.05.2024 with interest thereon at contractual rates & rests as agreed, charges etc., from the aforesaid date mentioned in the demand otice till date of payment less repayments, if any, made after issuance o Demand Notice. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is Rs.9,64,877.71 (Rupees nine lakh, sixty-four thousand, eight hundred and seventy-seven and paise seven one) as on 14/01/2025 payable with furthe interest at contractual rates & rests, charges etc., till date of payment. (3) The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section(8) of he Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them, to redeem the

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY** 

MEASURING AREA 445.13 SQM, KHASRA 183/2 MAUZA DHANATEJA TEHSIL AND DISTRICT MATHURA All that part and parcel of the property consisting of MEASURING AREA 445.13

SQM , KHASRA 183/2 MAUZA DHANATEJA TEHSIL AND DISTRIC MATHURA Bounded On the North by: 11 ft road

On the East by: Land of Sheela Devi

Dated: 15.01.2025

On the South by: Devi Singh plot On the West by: House Pooran Dev Sd/- Authorised Officer Indian Overseas Bank

#### East-Kathiya Baba West-Road 15 feet Wide and plot no 16 A & 18 South-Land of others

Dated: 15.01.2025 Sd/- Authorised Office

🟡 Indian Overseas Bank BARARI- MATHURA BRANCH (ADDRESS: BARARI VIA REFINERY P.O., BARARI MATHURA UTTAR PRADESH - 281005.

#### Phone No. 8925950472 & E-mail Id : iob0472@iob.in) SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

(For Immovable Property) [Rule 8(1)]

aned being the Authorised Officer of the INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK, BARARI-MATHURA, BARARI VIA REFINERY P.O., BARARI MATHURA, UTTAR PRADESH-281005, under the Securilisation and

teconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 002 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 ated 30/09/2024 calling upon the borrowers / mortgagors / guarantors .M/s SAUDAN SINGH STEEL FEBRICATION, GATE NO. 9, NH2, BARARI MATHURA, UTTAR PRADESH, 281001

2.SAUDAN SINGH S/O ABBAL SINGH , C 54 ARTO OFFICE ROAD, TOWNSHIP RONCHI BANGAR MATHURA UTTAR PRADESH 281006

3.RAVIKANT YADAV S/O JAGANNATH YADAV 10 CIVIL LINE, NEAR SSP AVAS, POLICE LINE, MATHURA, 281001 (Guarantor

4.ARVIND KUMAR YADAV S/O JAGANNATH SINGH YADAV 1/344 32 HEAD POST OFFICE 32 CIVIL LINE MATHURA 281001 (Guarantor) reinafter referred as 'borrowers')to repay the amount mentioned in the lice being Rs. 18,18,013.33 (Rupees eighteen lakh eighteen thousand

thirteen rupees and thirty three paisa only) as on 29.09.2024 with further nterest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc. till date of realization within 50 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. 1)The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to

the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers onferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the id Rules on this 15 day of January of the year 2025.

(2) The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Indian Overseas Bank for an amount of Rs. 18,18,013.33 (Rupees eighteen lakh eighteen thousand thirteen rupees and thirty three paisa only) as on 29.09.2024 with interest thereon at contractual rates & rests as agreed, charges etc., from the aforesaid date mentioned in the demand otice till date of payment less repayments, if any, made after issuance of Demand Notice. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is Rs. 18,75,327.66 (Rupees eighteen lakh, seventy-five thousand, three hundred and twenty-seven paise sixty six only) as on 14/01/2025 payable with further interest at contractual rates & rests, charges etc., till date of

(3) The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section(8) of the ction 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them, to redeem the

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

143 ABADI POT AND FRAM HOUSE SITUATED KHASRA NO. 126 A 126 B

MAUZA JOGIPUR BANGER TEHSIL MAHAVAN DISTRICT MATHURA All that part and parcel of the property consisting of 143 Abadi Plot & Farm House Situated Khasra No 126A and 126B Mauza Jogipur Bangar, Tehsi

Bounded: On the North by: Other Land On the South by: Chak road On the East by: Other Land On the West by: Other Land Dated: 15.01.2025

Mahavan District Mathura

Sd/- Authorised Officer

operty shall be mortgaged by our clier favour of IDFC FIRST Bank Limit id no objection shall be acceptable again M/s Intellective Law Offices A-74, LGF, Defence Colony, New Delhi -110024

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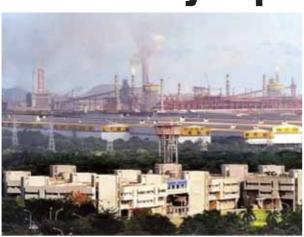
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# **Union Cabinet approves ₹11,440 Crore** revival plan for Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd

The Union Cabinet has approved a Rs 11,440 crore revival plan for debtladen Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd (RINL), according to a statement released on Friday. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA). chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the revival plan for RINL for Rs 11,440 crore, it added.

The infusion includes Rs 10,300 crore as equity capital into RINL and conversion of Rs 1,140 crore working capital loan as 7 per cent noncumulative preference share capital redeemable after 10 years to keep RINL as a going concern, statement said.

With this revival package, many of the legacy problems that RINL used to face will be resolved. Information and



Ashwini Vaishnaw said. The equity infusion of Rs 10,300 crore into RINL will help it overcome the operational problems related to raising working capital and start blast furnace operations in the most productive way, the statement said

The revival package would allow the company to gradually reach its full sanctioned borrowing limits production capacity, which is

of employees (regular and

critical and is in the national interest to have stability in from banks. the Indian steel market by augmenting steel production capex loan repayments and and also save the livelihoods

dependent on the operations

The revival plan envisages that RINI will start full production with two blast furnaces in January 2025 and with three blast furnaces by August 2025.

of the steel plant.

Under the Ministry of Steel, RINL operates the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP), the only offshore steel plant in Andhra Pradesh. It has an installed capacity of 7.3 Mtpa of liquid steel.

As per the statement, the financial condition of RINL is critical. RINL has exhausted the

from banks for working capital and was not in a position to get further loans RINL also defaulted on the

officials proposed to settle the proceedings initiated against them through a show cause notice issued on May 17 interest payments in June

### Eight former, current Paytm officials pay ₹3.32 Crore to settle case with Sebi

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s many as eight current As many as eight and former officials of Communications. which owns and operates Paytm, have collectively paid Rs 3.32 crore to markets regulator Sebi to settle allegations of flouting securities market norms.

Those who have settled the case are the company's former compliance officer company secretary Khera; Ashit Ranjit Lilani, Neeraj Arora, Mark Schwartz and Pallavi Shardul Shroff, who were holding the positions of independent directors; and then nonexecutive nominee directors -- Douglas Feagin, Munish Varma and Ravi Chandra

Adusumalli, according to a Sebi order. The order came after these

ʻwithout denying of the findings". "In view of the receipt of settlement amount by Sebi, the instant adjudication proceedings initiated against the noticees vide show cause notice...Dated May 17, 2024, are hereby disposed of," Sebi

said in its settlement order. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) initiated adjudication proceedings in the matter of One97 Communications for the violations

provisions of LODR (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) norms and ICDR (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations.

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alleged independent directors being part of NRC (Nomination and Remuneration Committee) failed duties with discharge unbiased and independent approach while decisionmaking with respect to

matters involving benefits to

incomplete disclosures, in violation of ICDR rules. Besides, other directors signed offer documents containing incorrect statements and incomplete disclosures with respect to the company, being professionally managed firm having no identifiable whereas the promoter company having promoter

the company's MD and CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma and his

relatives, in violation of

These directors allegedly

approved and signed offer

incorrect statements and

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LODR Regulations, 2015.

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Sharma, in violation of ICDR Regulations rules. These individuals settled the allegations by paying a settlement amount to Sebi. Individually, Lilani and Arora paid Rs 53.62 lakh each Adusumalli, Schwartz, Shroff Feagin and Varma remitted Rs 42.9 lakh each and Khera shelled out Rs 11.05 lakh.

### India's economic growth poised to rebound, says RBI Bulletin

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m ndia's}$  economic growth is poised to rebound as domestic demand regains though stickiness in food inflation warrants careful monitoring, the latest RBI Bulletin released on Friday said. An article on the State of the

Economy' published in the January Bulletin also noted that the economic outlook for 2025 is divergent across countries with some loss of speed in the US; weak-tomodest recoveries in Europe and Japan; more moderate growth profiles in emerging and developing countries alongside a more gradual disinflation relative advanced economies.

"In India, there is a conducive quickening of high-frequency indicators of economic activity in the second half of 2024-25, bearing out the implicit pick-up in real GDP growth for this period in the annual first advance estimates of the NSO," it said. It further said, the headline



month although warrants careful monitoring of second order effects.

The article has been authored by a team lead by Michael Patra, who demitted the RBI Deputy of Governor earlier this month. "India's economic growth is to rebound as poised domestic demand regains strength. Rural demand continues gain momentum, reflecting a resilience in consumption, brighter

inflation eased for the second agricultural prospects," the article said.

A revival in public capex on stickiness in food inflation infrastructure is likely to stimulate growth in key sectors.

It also noted that rising input cost pressures in the manufacturing sector coupled with weather-related exigencies and global headwinds could, however, pose risks to this outlook. The central bank, however,

said the views expressed in the Bulletin are of the authors and do not represent the views of the Reserve Bank of

### India's forex reserves drop by USD 8.714 Billion to USD 625.871 Billion

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**T**ndia's forex reserves dropped by USD 8.714 billion to USD 625.871 billion in the week ended January 10, the RBI said on Friday.

Earlier, the overall kitty dropped by USD 5.693 billion to USD 634.585 billion in the week ended January 3, the Reserve Bank of India said. The reserves have been on a

declining trend for the last few weeks, and the drop has attributed revaluation along with forex market interventions by RBI to help reduce volatilities in the rupee. The forex reserves had increased to an all-time high of USD 704.885 billion

For the week ended January 10, foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, decreased by USD 9.469 billion to USD 536.011 billion, the data released on Friday showed

in end-September.



Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. Gold reserves increased by USD 792 million to USD 67.883 billion during the week, the RBI said.

The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were down by USD 33 million to USD 17.781 billion, the apex bank said. India's reserve position with the IMF was down by USD 4 million at USD 4.195 billion in the reporting week, the apex bank data showed.

dented investors' sentiment.

at 86.60, stayed range-bound

between the high of 86.55

and low of 86.62 throughout

the day and ended at 86.62

(provisional) against the

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unit, forex traders said.

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## Gold jumps ₹700 to ₹82K per 10 gms

Rising for the third day, gold exconsecutive day, gold prices on Friday surged Rs 700 to trade page to trade near a record high at Rs 82,000 per 10 grams in the national capital due to persistent buying in the local markets, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

The precious metal had settled at Rs 81,300 per 10 grams on Thursday.

The price of gold of 99.5 per cent purity continued to shine for the third straight day by jumping Rs 700 to Rs 81,600 per 10 grams against Rs 80,900 per 10 grams in the previous close. silver

However, silver prices declined Rs 500 to Rs 93,500 per kg on Friday. The metal had ended at Rs 94,000 per kg in the previous trading session. On October 31 last year, gold

of 99.9 per cent purity and 99.5 per cent purity hit a record high of Rs 82,400 and Rs 82,000 per 10 grams, respectively, in the local markets.

Despite a weak trend in the international markets, the precious metal gained in the



domestic market, mainly due to higher demand from jewellers, traders said.

Meanwhile, in futures trade on the Multi Commodity (MCX), gold for February Exchange contracts for February delivery declined Rs 424 or 0.54 per cent to Rs 78,802 per 10 grams.

"Gold witnessed minor profit booking from higher zones on MCX, retreating towards Rs 78,800," Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst Commodity and Currency at LKP Securities, said. The decline comes as white

flags emerge in the Middle East, signalling easing tensions, and the recent positive data from the US, including CPI, retail sales, and the Federal Reserve's dovish outlook, appear to have been largely priced in, Trivedi

Silver contracts for March

delivery plummeted Rs 1,093 or 1.18 per cent to Rs 91,710 per kg on the MCX on Friday. Globally, Comex gold futures fell USD 21.10 per ounce or 0.77 per cent to USD 2,729.80 per ounce.

Gold dipped slightly below USD 2,750 per ounce ahead of upcoming US housing and industrial production data," Kaynat Chainwala, AVP of Commodity Research at Kotak Securities, said.

Fed Governor Christopher Waller on Thursday said if economic data continues to weaken, the central bank might implement three or four rate cuts this year further stoking the optimism for rate cut expectations which lent support to the metal.

Additionally, Comex silver futures quoted 1.47 per cent lower in the Asian market hours at USD 31.26 per ounce

Further, uncertainties US Presidentsurrounding elect Donald Trump's trade policies and tariff plans should contribute to limiting losses for the safe-haven asset according to commodities

### Cabinet approves refarming of 687 Mhz Rupee ends one paisa down at 86.62 against US dollar of spectrum, more to come: Scindia

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The Union Cabinet has approved the refarming of 687 Mhz spectrum for mobile services and more will be done based on the study by a committee of secretaries put in place by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Telecom Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said on Friday.

Speaking at an event of industry body COAI, the minister said mobile services need 2,000 Mhz of spectrum by 2030 and the Cabinet decision takes the total quantum of radiowaves to 1,587 Mhz.

"Yesterday's Cabinet approved the refarming of 687 Mhz. This means this takes us from 900 Mhz to 1,587 Mhz. (of



which) 320 (MHz) will be released immediately, some by the end of next year and some by the end of 2028-29, which makes us ready for 2030," Scindia said at Digicom Summit 2025.

The government, through refarming, earmarks or arranges spectrum of services based on the demand and where the radiowaves can be

The telecom industry has been demanding to make available 2000 megahertz of radiowaves available for mobile services in mid-bands, which are frequencies in the range of 1000 Mhz to 6000 Mhz.

Scindia said the government will ensure that the requirement of the industry is met and there are no hurdles in the digital telecom landscape of the country.

"That still leaves a gap of roughly 300 (Mhz). So, the ask is not over. The second round of this, the Committee of Secretaries, is working on it. The report will come by mid of this year. We will take that step to ensure that there are no bottlenecks for our digital telecom landscape to grow in India," Scindia said.

He said that telecom services are empowering people, and farmers, supporting several economic engines like digital payments and a backbone for the digital economy

Scindia said that it is his dream that India by 2030, transponds herself into a telecom product nation.

"I am in conversation, as we speak, with our telecom majors and OEMs (original equipment makers) to see if there are possibilities to set up telecom manufacturing zones (TMZ). I think that time for TMZs has come," he said. The minister said that

moderation in the global

The ratings agency noted that

National Logistics Policy and

the PM Gati Shakti National

Master Plan aim to enhance

multimodal connectivity and

such as the

interdisciplinary

freight rates," he added.

initiatives

transformations in the sector from its previous closing are based on five key pillars, level. On Thursday, the rupee including policy level, depreciated 21 paise to close at 86.61 against the US dollar. technology, and ease of doing



In two back-to-back sessions, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the local unit had gained 30 paise from its lowest-ever closing level of 86.70 against the dollar.

Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst at Mirae Asset Sharekhan, said the rupee weakened on a negative tone

in the domestic markets and a surge in crude oil prices. "Importer demand may also pressurise the However, any selling of dollars by the Reserve bank of India (RBI) may support the rupee at lower levels.

Traders may take cues from industrial production and

strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.09 per cent higher at 108.91.

housing market data from the US," he said and projected the USD-INR spot

price to trade in the range of

Meanwhile, the dollar index,

which gauges the greenback's

86.55 to 86.95.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.36 per cent to USD 81.58 per barrel in futures trade.

In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex fell 423.49 points, or 0.55 per cent, to settle at 76,619.33 points, while the Nifty declined 108.60 points, or 0.47 per cent, to 23,203.20 points.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 4,341.95 crore on Thursday.

## Rail operators likely to post double-digit growth in FY25: India Ratings

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m ail}$  operators' revenue is expected to grow into double-digit, while sector warehousing projected to log a 3-5 per cent year-on-year growth in organic rentals this fiscal even as the demand for Grade-A space may remain intact, ratings agency India Ratings

said on Friday. For sea transport, the ratings agency said, it is expecting port volumes will be supported by the coastal movement of goods and global container freight, with the easing of geopolitical tensions, including the Red Sea crisis and the normalisation of US-bound

EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization) for container freight stations is expected to remain rangecompetition intensity at large ports, according to Ind-Ra (India Ratings).

Ind-Ra has also assigned an improving outlook for the logistics industry for FY26 and said that macro-tailwinds arising from the government's multipolar investments across ports, rail, road, and air transport are expected to bode well for the industry. Sustained investments and

the resultant increased scale of operations are expected to improve cost efficiency and operational flexibility which lead to higher profitability for Ind-Ra-rated logistics said Pratik integrated companies, Associate Mundhada, Director, Corporates, Ind-Ra. "In Ind-Ra's base case, we see double-digit revenue growth

for rail operators in FY26,

supported by huge private



terminals in 2024. For warehousing entities, we project organic rental growth of 3 -5 per cent year-on-year while demand for Grade-A spaces is expected to remain intact in FY26," he stated. Container freight stations'

profitability, according to Mundhada, is likely to remain subdued in this fiscal due to intense competition. "Lastly, for freight forwarders,

coordination. Further, it stated that publicprivate partnerships are bound due to the increase in investments in rakes and dry revenue growth and EBITDA expected to expected to scale-

Also, increased private capital expenditure towards the network expansion of trains, terminals, and warehousing will support the growth of the logistics market in India, it said and added that India's Logistics Performance Index ranking improved to 38 in 2023 from 44 in 2018, with an aspiration to break into the top 25 by 2030 as part of Maritime Vision 2030. This will necessitate a

up the ports portfolio.

reasonable budgetary allocation towards logistics infrastructure in upcoming budget, it said. Ind-Ra said it believes the full commissioning of Western Dedicated Freight Corridor will improve the utilisation of rakes and

terminals, thereby enhancing the operating profitability of container train operators. On the flip side, increased competition and revisions of rating Outlook," it said.

haulage charges will remain key monitorable. The Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor is likely to improve supply chain efficiency for thermal plants, led by increased speed and scheduled train operations, it

Ratings on logistics and supply chain companies are mostly on a "Stable Outlook", given the sustenance of operational performance, maintaining while comfortable leverage profile, Ind-Ra said.

"While we see investments by capital infrastructure logistics companies including warehousing, rail and dry terminals, their ability to raise long-term debt at competitive pricing and Ind-Ra's expectation that these companies will be able to optimise the asset utilisation are supporting their credit profile and thereby the Stable

#### **INBRIEF**

NRDC SIGNS MOA WITH IISC TO DRIVE TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALISATION

**BENGALURU:** The National Research Development Corporation (NRDC), a Government of India enterprise under the Ministry of Science and Technology, and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), India's premier institution for advanced scientific research and education, have signed a landmark Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) to accelerate the commercialisation of IISc-developed technologies. The MoA was signed and exchanged today at IISc by Cmde Amit Rastogi (Retd.), CMD, NRDC and Prof. Govindan Rangarajan, Director, IISc in the august presence of key officials from NRDC and IISc.

### GREAT PLACE TO WORK HONOURS BSES: A CULTURE OF TRUST AND INCLUSIVITY

BSES Raidhani Power Limited (BRPL) and BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL) have been awarded the highly coveted "Great Place to Work" Certification, a globally recognised benchmark for workplace excellence. This certification underscores BSES' commitment to fostering a workplace culture rooted in trust, respect, and inclusivity. The recognition reflects the organisation's focus on creating an environment where employees feel valued, empowered, and inspired to excel.



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# CLAY SHAPED EMOTIONS



rt has the power to transform the ordinary into the extraordinary, offering a language beyond words. Rainer Maria Rilke's observation, "The purpose of art is to lay bare the questions that have been hidden for a long time," resonates deeply when considering the process of sculpting with clay. This medium, both humble and evocative, captures human emotions in their rawest form, narrating stories that connect with the core of our shared experiences.

The Touchable Emotions exhibition at Art Magnum Gallery features the terracotta sculptures of renowned sculptor G. Reghu. Curated by Jyotirmoy Bhattacharya, the exhibition rummages into themes of life, heritage and emotion. Reghu's relationship with clay is deeply personal, as he shapes it to express stories that reflect universal human experiences. Each sculpture explores facets of existence, joy, introspection and



connection. The earthy textures and An exploration of life intricate details of the terracotta forms draw viewers into an intimate and emotion through engagement with the art. Reghu's ability to blend Dravidian and African G. Reghu's evocative features results in works that feel terracotta sculptures rooted in tradition while addressing contemporary sensibilities. The energy at Art Magnum Gallery, within the sculptures invites viewers to pause and reflect, creating a quiet says **SAKSHI PRIYA** dialogue between art and audience. Reghu draws inspiration from ancient traditions, including the art of the Indus Valley and Harappan civilisations. His sculptures are not replicas of the past; they reinterpret these influences to explore identity and human emotion in a modern context. His figures, with their expressive stances thoughtful

gestures, evoke narratives that are both universal and deeply personal.

The exhibition showcases Reghu's

mastery of terracotta as a medium, bringing his forms to life with an emotional resonance that remains long after one leaves the gallery. The contours and expressions of his sculptures suggest movement and thought, compelling the audience to engage with the works on a deeper level. Whether through the tension in a figure's posture or the serenity of a tilted head, each piece carries an emotional weight that connects with the viewer.

Touchable Emotions celebrates clay as a material with both historical significance and contemporary relevance. Reghu's work honours ancient traditions while pushing their boundaries, demonstrating the enduring power of this medium to express complex themes. Through his art, he creates a bridge between the past and the present, showing how heritage and innovation can coexist.

This exhibition is an invitation to reflect on universal themes of life and emotion. Reghu's terracotta sculptures serve as

a poignant reminder of art's ability to connect us to shared experiences. The world of G. Reghu's evocative terracotta sculptures, on display until February 15, 2025, at Art Magnum Gallery, New Delhi. Don't miss the chance to with connect transformative journey from traditional pottery to emotionally powerful human forms



# Classical Singing at its Best

By SAKSHI PRIYA

What is it about music and dance that can stir our hearts and minds in wavs words never could

The Power of Classical Music: The 26th Swami Haridas-Tansen Sangeet Nritya Mahotsav curated by Padma Bhushan Dr. Uma Sharma. The Festival opened with a captivating Dhrupad performance by *Ustad F.* Wasifuddin Dagar, whose renditions of Raag Kambhoji and Raag Adana drew listeners into a peaceful space. The stillness in the room was striking, as Dagar's music seemed to speak directly to the heart, offering a rare moment of calm in an otherwise busy world. His mastery of the Dhrupad tradition set a perfect tone for the evening, allowing the audience to experience the beauty of classical music in its purest form.

The night took on new energy when Ustad Šhujaat Khan stepped on stage. His sitar playing was truly magical. The audience, enraptured by the fluidity of his performance, responded with a standing ovation. The smooth flow of notes and the intricate patterns he created with his strings left a lasting performance was an experience that



pulled the listener into the depths of his artistry.

Following this, the legendary Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia brought a sense of serenity to the evening with his flute recital. His ability to draw emotion from the bansuri (flute) was clear as he moved through ragas with ease. The sound of his flute seemed to fill the room, evoking a wide array of emotions, from joy to contemplation, as he effortlessly navigated complex melodies. Each note he played invited the audience to listen closely and impression on everyone present. His reflect on the feelings embedded in his



The Fusion of Traditions: Day two of the festival continued to impress, with Pt. Vishwamohan Bhatt and his son, Pt. Salil Bhatt, bringing a unique touch to the proceedings. Their performance on the Mohan Veena and Satvik Veena captivated with its fusion of classical and folk traditions. The melodies were rich and moving, connecting deeply with the audience. Along with the *Manganiyars* from Rajasthan, their performance was a journey through the cultural heart of India, showcasing the diversity and vibrancy of its musical heritage.

A standout moment on day two was collaboration between Pt. Shubhendra Rao on the sitar and Smt. Saskia Rao on the cello. Their

performance merged Eastern and Western classical music with remarkable ease. The fusion of sitar and cello was both unexpected and beautiful, offering a fresh perspective on the possibilities of musical collaboration.

Shubha Mudgal's vocal Smt. performance rounded off the evening, showcasing her remarkable ability to convey emotion through song. Her renditions in Raag Kedar and Raag Megh captured the essence of Indian classical music, leaving the audience in wonders of her vocal range and

Kathak and the Divine Connection: The final evening was a celebration of Kathak, with Padma Bhushan Dr. Uma Sharma presenting a moving performance, despite health challenges. Her seated portrayal of Kathak Bhav in 'Maiyaa Mori Mein Nahi Maakhan Khayo' showcased the grace and power of the dance form. Accompanied by her disciples, Sharma's performance took the audience through a spiritual journey, demonstrating the depth and beauty of Kathak.

The festival closed with a powerful performance by Begum Parween Sultana, whose voice filled the space with an intensity that left the audience in standing ovation. Her final rendition was the perfect conclusion to a festival that had showcased the very best of India's classical music and dance. It was a celebration of tradition, passion and artistry, an event that will remain etched in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to witness it.



# ALP: Experience Life in Art

By TEAM VIVA

ALP (Phases), is an exhibition of exquisite artworks by artist Poornima Dayal from Mumbai. This exhibition is taking place at The Lalit kala Academi, 35, Rabindra Bhavan, Ferozshah Road, New Delhi from 15th January 2025 to 21 January 2025. It was inaugurated on 15th January by Padam Shri Dr. Shovana Narayan, Amita Sarabhai, Joint secretary, Ministry of Culture, Nidhi Kulpati, M.D Ndtv. Poornima Dayal is an internationally acclimated, award winning artist who has exhibited extensively across the

She is the recipient of the Winner prize Award by The Golden Duck Gallery, Hungary, Budapest in early 2024. She also has received the Honorable Awards and Talent Prize awards from Teravarna Art Gallery, Los Angeles. Poornima had the privilege of representing India at The Venice International Art Fair in

Her artworks have also been displayed several times at the prestigeous Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai, Telangana Art Gallery, Hyderabad, The Bombay Art Society, Mumbai, The Nehru Centre Art Gallery, Mumbai, Amethyst and Jadoka Art Galleries, Chennai. The 'Vishwarang' program by the Government of India, The Rabindranath Tagore University of Art, Kolkata, The Peak Galleria, Hong Kong, The Holy Art Gallery, Athens and Paris respectively and The Line Contemporary, London. Having had the opportunity to exhibit at *The Vienna Bianneal*, she has been 15 to 21 January 2025.



painting since 33 years.

'Abstract conceptual' is how she describes her style of art. 'I use alot of textures and colors in my style of painting', continues Poornima. KALP, her latest Solo Exhibition at The Lalit Kala Academi is a depiction of life's journey through the various phases of life. In this exhibition,true to its name are exhibited

different series of her Acrylics on Canvas, each representing a different phase. 'KALP' signifies the importance of living a life in reverence loving and accepting life. Of being grateful for everything has a Divine

For me Art is very precious. It's something I respect. It is a way of self expression for me and I am grateful for it", quotes Poornima. A treat for Art Lovers the exhibition is on from 11 am to 7pm at The Lalit Kala Academi from

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# Australian Open: Naomi Osaka stops playing because of injury against Belinda Bencic

Australian **¬**wo-time Open champion Naomi Osaka stopped playing because of a strained abdominal muscle after dropping the opening set of her third-round match against Belinda Bencic on

"I kind of have a history of it, since I was a teenager. At least once a year, I'd get an ab strain. For me, I want to say it's more the way my serve is
— it's quite explosive," Osaka said, explaining that she got hurt at a tournament in Beijing, where she retired from a match against Coco Oct. Gauff on "Unfortunately, it carried on over to the beginning of this

This was Osaka's first run to the third round at a major tournament since 2022. Śhe missed time in recent

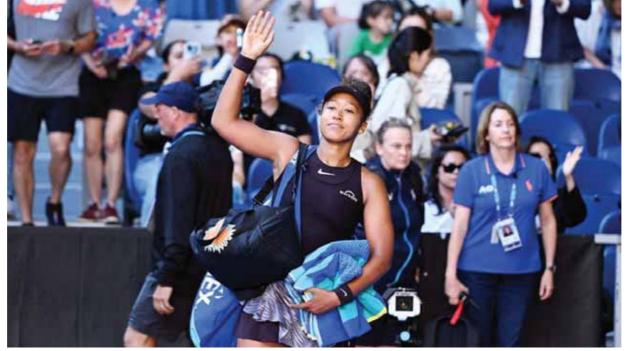
season.

seasons because of mental-health breaks, then was off the tour while pregnant. Her daughter, Shai, was born in July 2023.

Osaka began 2025 by making it to the final of a tournament at Auckland, New Zealand, on Jan. 5, but she stopped playing in the title match there because of the abdominal injury.

Then, she said, the problem got "way worse" after her second-round win in Melbourne on Wednesday against 2023 French Open finalist Karolina Muchova.

"It was, I guess, a little inevitable, but I think the competitor in me just wanted to see it through to the end," Osaka said. "I just hope that I can figure it out and figure out how to get healthy in time" before the tour heads to events at Indian Wells and Miami in March, she added



former No. 1-ranked player who owns a total of four Grand Slam titles — was visited by a trainer during the changeover while she led 6-5. The trainer examined Osaka's abdominal area and gave her a pill to take, and play resumed.

Just before the tiebreaker began, Osaka went over to her courtside coaches' box and chatted briefly with Patrick Mouratoglou.

After Bencic claimed that set in a tiebreaker by a 7-6 (3) score, taking four of the last five points via unforced errors by Osaka, the chair umpire announced that the match was over after 57 minutes, "due to injury."

The two players hugged on the sideline, and Osaka left the court. She won the Australian Open in 2019 and 2021, and the U.S. Open in

leadership," a member of the DDCA apex council told PTI

"When he was offered captaincy, he said that he is

PUBLIC NOTICE **GOLD AUCTION CUM INVITATION NOTICE** The Below mentioned borrower has been issued notices to pay the outstanding amount towards the credit facility against Gold

ornament savailed by him from IDFC FIRST Bank Limited. Since the borrower has failed to repay the dues under the facility. We are constrained to conduct an auction of the pledged Gold ornaments on 28/01/2025. In the event any surplus amount is realized

from this auction, the same will be returned to the concerned borrower and if there is any deficit post the auction, the balance

amount shall be recovered from the borrower through appropriate legal proceedings. IDFC FIRST Bank has the authority to remove

the following account from the auction without prior intimation. Further IDFC FIRST Bank reserves the right to change the Auction

Auction will be conducted online through https://egold.auctiontiger.net on 28/01/2025 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

By way of this publication the concerned borrower are hereby given final notice and last opportunity to pay the facility

recalled amount, with all interest and charges before the schedule auction date failing which the jewellery will be

auctioned. Please note that, if the auction does not get completed on the same day due to time limit the bank will re

auction the pledged gold ornaments within next 7 days on the same terms and conditions. If the customer is deceased

**Customer Name** 

**DURBASA MAJHI** 

on conditions of anonymity.

with very happy to play under

"Hopefully she'll be fine soon and be able to play the rest of the season," said Bencic, who won a singles gold medal for Switzerland at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021. Bencic, who is also a mother. drew a heart on the lens of a courtside TV camera and wrote: "Get well soon wrote: Mama."

Next for Bencic will be a fourth-round matchup against 2023 U.S. Open champion Coco Gauff or 2021 U.S. Open runner-up Leylah Fernandez, who were scheduled to face each other

on Friday night.
"I'll watch a bit, if I can,"
Bencic said, "but I think I'll do my cooldown and try to focus on my recovery."

Bencic, who returned to action last October after having her first baby, has never been past the fourth round in 11 past appearances at Melbourne Park.

Badoni. We have picked 22 players including five U-23,

who would fly to Bhilai for

their CK Navudu U-23 match

against Chattisgarh, starting

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January 25," he added.



### Dream is still alive to play for India: Karun Nair

**PTI** ■ BENGALURU

After a prolonged wait on the sidelines and a melancholic social media post nearly three years back, Karun Nair has made a sensational reunion with scoring hundreds in the ongoing Vijay Hazare Trophy and he is now cautiously optimistic about wearing the Indian jersey after eight years.

Karun, who has scored 752 runs at a mind-blowing average of 752 for Vidarbha, now looks hungry for runs, and is a far cry from the forlorn player who scribbled: "Dear Cricket, please give me another chance."

Will that opportunity come his way when the selectors announce India's ODI squads for the home onevers against England the ICC Champions Trophy? Only time will tell, but he has good reasons to "dream."

The dream is always to play for the country. So, yes, the dream is still alive. That's the reason we play this game, to play for your country. So, the one and only goal was to play for the country," Karun told PTI.

But as someone who has endured massive setbacks and near-misses in his career, Karun does not want to think too far ahead.

"I think this is my third comeback (laughs). And I need to keep doing what I am doing at the moment. Keep scoring runs whenever I can in every single game that I play. That's the most that I can do. Everything else is not in my control.
"But till it (selection)

happens, it's just a dream. It's still not there yet. But again, like I said, I would like to focus on one innings at a time," the 33-year-old said. So, what has he done differently from the past to get back to his run-making

ways?
"I've not done anything differently. There is no secret. I think it's just years hard work

persistence, you know, the coming together of all of it.
And probably you can say, many years. taking each day as a new one and making sure that I respect every single innings that I play."

But there were days when the 33-year-old apprehensive about his cricketing future, when runs totally dried up in domestic matches and in the IPL.

"I will be lying if I say I was not afraid. I think anyone would have those feelings. But I never had the thought that my career would end. I just had the thought of where it is going? What am I doing? How has this happened?

"It takes a while for you to come out of that phase and to understand what is touch with them," he added. happening and then what Since then the runs began to mosed to do told myself that I need to

start from zero again. "And give myself a few years and see where it goes. And then I can decide what to do. So, that was my thought process," he explained.

But the tough passage made him more aware about himself and his game.

'It was a tough situation to be in. Emotionally, mentally. But yeah, it really taught me a lot of things about myself as a person and about my cricket. So, I am really grateful for those learnings. Without that, I don't think I would be in this situation at the moment."

Shifting to Vidarbha was a good move

The first hint of change in his fortunes came along with a shift to Vidarbha from time it gets tougher, you Karnataka ahead of the 2023-24 season.

"I am really grateful that I got this opportunity from thankful for all the Vidarbha Cricket experiences. But I would like Association to play First-Class cricket. First of all, without which, you know, I wouldn't be here. And for the platform they have provided and the environment they have created to, you know, welcome me.

"And Í never got the feeling that I am a professional or an outsider. So, it was really comfortable. And very humble people. So, they all helped me get through each and every game with a smile and a positive environment, he said

The right-handed batter also thanked former India pacer Kuruvilla Abev facilitating his entry into Vidarbha squad.

"Abey Kuruvila was the person I spoke to first. I just spoke to him saying that I just need a team to play. And he is the one who spoke to Vidarbha Cricket Vidarbha Association and put me in

He made runs for Burbage &

ER Cricket Club in the minor county before smashing a double hundred for Northamptonshire in the County circuit.

In that year's Ranji Trophy season Karun fared well, amassing 690 runs from 10 matches at an average of 40.58 with two hundreds, something that later prompted VCA officials to hand over the captaincy to

But the second Indian batter to make a triple hundred in Test cricket, has not forgotten his days of struggle, which keeps a memory point to stay rooted.

"I have not forgotten those days. I have learnt a lot. You know, each come out as a stronger person from that.

"So, I am really to use them to, you know, to my advantage and make sure that I learn from every single day and every single innings. "I want to keep

getting better as a cricketer and as a person. So, that's how I look at life at the "They treat me as a family moment," he signed off. D Gukesh to take on Anish Giri in Tata Steel opener

## Ranji Trophy: Kohli named in 22-member provisional squad for Delhi's next game

continue to lead the side. He

feels that since he is not

Date without any prior notice.

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**PTI** ■ NEW DELHI

Ctar batter Virat Kohli has Sheen named in Delhi's 22-member provisional squad for their next Ranji Trophy game against Saurashtra in Rajkot but doubts remain

"Rishabh felt the existing captain (Badoni) should match starting January 23. Whether he will play or just fly down to Rajkot for a couple of days' training will be clear only after he details available consistently, one his position to DDCA president Rohan Jaitley. Kohli had last played a red-

about his participation after it came to light that he is nursing a niggle. It is learnt that Kohli has intimated the Delhi and

Districts Cricket Association (DDCA) top brass that he has a neck niggle that he sustained in Sydney during the final Border-Gavaskar Trophy Test against Australia. He was treated by the physio there and as of now, there is no clarity on availability for the Ranji

ball game for Delhi back in 2012 against Uttar Pradesh in Ghaziabad. A year after that, the legendary Sachin Tendulkar played his last Ranji Trophy match against Haryana at Lahli.

Talismanic wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant will feature in a Ranji Trophy game after nearly seven years although it has been learnt that he has declined captaincy. which means Ayush Badoni will continue in the role

### **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited**

Date:18.01.2025 Place: CHHATTISGARH



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all the conditions pertaining to auction will be applicable to his legal heirs

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 Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited) The loans mentioned borrowers and co-borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As the 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 guidelines. Amounts due by them to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited) are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr	Loan	Type of	Name of borrowers	Section 13 (2)	Outstanding amount as
No.	Account No.	Loan	and co-borrowers	Notice Date	per Section 13 (2) Notice
1	93731908	LOAN AGAINST PROPERTY	1. BHARAT SONI 2. PUSHPA SONI 3.DEEPAK KUMAR SONI	28.12.2024	12,15,228.57/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS: ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF CONSTRUCTED PROPERTY 1979 SQ FT. KH. NO. 778/118/5. P.H. NO. 22, VILLAGE SAKTE 186, NARAYAN SAGAR, WARD NO. 11, RNM SAKTE, TEHSIL SAKTE, NARAYAN SAGAR WARD 11, JANJGIR, CHAMPA, CHHATISGARH-495689, AND, BOUNDED AS: EAST: NAHO TAESWAL, WEST: ROAD NORTH: ASHOTOSH TAESWAL, SOUTH: LAXMI SONE

You 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 ith 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 mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently own as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited). Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transf said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Date: 18.01.2025 Place: CHHATTISGARH

**Authorized Officer** IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)

### **GOLD AUCTION NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold ornaments pledged with ESAF Small Finance Bank and not redeemed by borrowers, despite repeated reminders and notices, of our branches

are listed below. This will be auctioned as per the details given below:

NOTICE FOR CLOSURE OF BRANCH

**GRIHUM HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED** 

Registered Office: 6th Floor, B Building, Ganga Trueno, Lohegaon, Pune Maharashtra - 411 014, Website: www.grihumhousing.com

(FORMERLY POONAWALLA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED)

that our following branches in Bhilai (Chhattisgarh) will be closed after 90

Bhilai

First Floor, Chauhan Estate Plaza, Shastri Nagar, Bhilai

Chhattisgarh - 490023

After the above mentioned period, any person(s) having any queries

unresolved business with any of these branches can contact us on +91-1800

266-3204 (Toll Free) or e-mail at customercare@grihumhousing.com

CIN: U65922PN2004PLC208751

Tel: 020 67808091. Toll free: 1800 266 3204

**DATE OF AUCTION: 10-02-2025** AUCTION VENUE: THROUGH E-AUCTION

days of this notice

TIME: 2 PM TO 5 PM AUCTION ADDRESS: https://egold.auctiontiger.net Contact Number: 9099013705/6351896640

REGD. OFFICE: ESAF Bhava

Mannuthy, Thrissur- 680 651, Kerala.

To register as bidder for the e-Auction with terms and conditions, and full details of e-Auction please visit the above site

#### **BRANCHES & LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBERS**

AKALTARA: 75230002635260 2667019 2677030 BAGRAHARA: 75230002641428, 75240001966854, **BALOD**: 75230002725411, **BHILA**: 63230000573387, 575363, 591183, 63240000475073, 75230002602023, 2602043, 2620728, 75240001795225, 1796504, 1798010, 1852969, 1859766, 1881644, 1882242, 1882392, 1882962, 1919764, 1921900, 1958940, 1970196, BILASPUR: 75230002667089, 2707515, 75240001838736, 1917078 CHAMPA: 75230002595693, 2667959, 2679776, 2679826, 752400017889 1929445, 1955495, **Chandigarh**: 75240001710867, 1809952, **Dhamtari** 3230000571601, 576192, 578618, 75240001797832, 1891574 **DONAGARGARH:** 63230000586293, 63240000315255, 320125, 75230002576170, 2643494, 2657338, 2657378, 2699888, **DURG:** 75240001770733, 1843286, 1861942, **KATGHORA:** 63230000560802, 63240000298415, 455141, 476661, 480763, 486312, 75230002580632, 2642806, 2715360, 75240002016316, KAWARDHA: 63230000578818 63240000433543,75240001749154,1757798, 1799208, 1831729, 1915382 1968611, **KHARSIA**:63240000456259, 75240001828495, **MAHASAMUND**: 63230000573167, 63240000482559, 75230002651389, 2673867, 2694307, 75240001748025, 1822886, **MUNGELI**: 75230002562876, 2606385, 2616676, 2618623, 2629252, 2667589, 75240001735960, 1739043, 1912937, PAKHANJORE: 63230000562038, 574435, 75240001883100, 1960965, 1968821, PITHORA: 63230000576932, 63240000315845, 323710, 75230002667939, 75240001816508, 1867091, 1891924, 1921530, **RAIGARH**: 63230000566531, 575383, 590874, 63240000453084, 455871, 457007, 479435, 75230002644523, 2709402, 75240001827277, 1848767, 1850573, 1882512, 1890146, 1928887, 1944166, 1945634, 1946063, 1949667, 1965546, 1974109, **RAIPUR**: 63230000563776, 564394, 75230002635060, 2656450 2657368, 2662848, 2716018, 2800700, 75240001743654, 1760932, 1773777 1952561, 1962442, 1968931, **RAJNANDGAON**: 63240000463185, 75240001756830, 1757978, 1820370, 1895787, 1912927, 1920342, 1926291, **SARANGARH**: 63240000307071, 479025, 75230002586751, 2653755, **SHIVRINARAYAN**: 75240001850833, 1903044, 1909094, 1949867.

Customers who are interested to release the ornaments by paying the total due amount may do so, at the respective branches, on or two days before the date of the auction.

Bidders who wish to participate in the auction shall produce their KYC documents. GST No. is mandatory for registered firms/companies. Bidders shall deposit a sum of Rs.50,000 as EMD before participating in

Thrissur Date: 18-01-2025

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**DEMAND NOTICE** 

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorized Officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. (KMBL) under Securitization And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorized Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to KMBL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to KMBL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount			
The Loan Account No. LAP18161620 & 0114424969. (CRN 325218062)  1. Mr. Sanjay Kumar Manjar Properietor of M/s Shree Maruti Fashions (Borrower) S/o Mr. Rajkumar Manjar H. No. MIG B4, Rajendra Park, Mahaveer Nagar, Ward No. 45, Amlidih Raipur CG 492001  2. Mr. Rajkumar Manjar (Co-Borrower/Mortgagor) S/o Mr. Tekchand Manjar H. No. MIG B4, Rajendra Park, Mahaveer Nagar, Ward No. 45, Amlidih Raipur CG 492001  3. Mrs. Sapna Manjar (Co-Borrower) W/o Rajkumar Manjar H. No. MIG B4, Rajendra Park, Mahaveer Nagar, Ward No. 45, Amlidih Raipur CG 492001  4. M/s Shree Maruti Fashions Through it's Proprietor Mr. Sanjay Kumar Manjar 139. Ground floor. Shvam Square, Pandhri, Raipur CG, 492004.	Demand Notice Dated on 9TH January 2025 & NPA date -28TH May 2024 Total aggregating to all loan accounts Rs.32,28,207/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lacs Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Seven Only) as on 7TH January 2025	ALL THE PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNED BY MR. RAJKUMAR MANJAR THE PROPERTY IS BLOCK NO. MIG B – 4, AT "RAJENDRA PARK MA HAVEER NAGAR MAUJA PURENA KHASRA NO. 254/2, PHN 113, RIC RAIPUR – 1 ADMEASURING AREA 1500 SQ. FT. AT RNM RAIPUR – 1 WITHIN LIMITS OF RAIPUR CHHATTISGARH. AND BOUNDED AS: NORTH: LAND OF VIKAS JAIN, EAST: OTHER'S LAND, WEST: ROAD. (AS PER THE SALE DEED DATED 24TH FEBRUARY 2001)		

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to KMBL as aforesaid, KMBL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior writter consent of KMBL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act. Previously issued/published demand notice under section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 stands withdrawn

Sd/- (Authorized Officer) Date: 18/01/2025 For Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

World champion D Gukesh will take on local star Anish Giri in the opening round of the 87th Tata Steel Chess tournament here on Saturday, marking his first competitive outing since claiming the coveted crown last month. Giri, the 2023 winner, holds the reputation of being a tough cookie thanks to his impeccable theoretical knowledge and research that has been the Dutchman's forte

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for many years now. However, 18-year-old Gukesh. who likes to go with a no-draw approach in every game he

plays, is in great form and can look forward to a solid campaign after the World Championship triumph over Chinese Ding Liren in Singapore.

Gukesh received India's highest sporting honour, the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna, in Delhi this morning from President Droupadi Murmu and left for the Dutch city immediately after the ceremony

five-player Indian contingent will see an all-Indian duel as early as round one as Arjun Erigaisi will face last-minute-replacement make amends by starting the Pentala Harikrishna in the year on a positive note.

opener. Arjun, known for his ability to complicate any position, will have an arduous task against Harikrishna who is supersolid with white pieces. Interestingly, Harikrishna came in the mix of things as another Indian Vidit Guirathi withdrew due to personal reasons.

between R Praggnanandhaa who takes on Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan. Praggnanandhaa did not have a great 2024 and would like to

The most interesting battle of the first round is likely to be

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