

# **Balochis take on Pak army**

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ecurity forces rescued 190 passengers from a hijacked train, killing 30 Baloch militants in Pakistan's restive Balochistan, as they continued to battle heavily-armed insurgents for a second day on Wednesday.

The Jaffar Express, carrying some 400 passengers in nine coaches, was going from Quetta to Peshawar when militants derailed it using explosives and hijacked it.

The Baloch Liberation Army claimed responsibility for the attack on Tuesday when they said they killed six soldiers. However, there has been no confirmation from the Pakistani authorities on casualties.

The security forces, including the military and frontier corps, are battling the militants who took control of the train near the mountainous terrain of Gudalar and Piru Kunri in a tunnel 160 kilometres from Quetta.

The Balochistan government spokesman, Shahid Rind, said the operation would continue until all passengers were rescued. Rind said extra care was being taken by the security forces because of the hostage situation.

Officials said that some of the militants wearing vests loaded with explosives had formed groups of women and children and forced them to sit near them. Due to the presence of women and children with the suicide bombers, the operation was being conducted with utmost caution, they added.

A security source said that 30 militants had been killed so far in the clean-up and rescue operation, while 190 passengers have been rescued. Around 30 people who sustained injuries had been sent to hospitals. He said two drivers in the main engine and eight security personnel were killed during the operation.

This is the first time the BLA or any insurgent group in the Balochistan province have resorted to hijacking a passenger train, although in the last year, they have stepped up their attacks on securi-



A paramilitary soldier takes position at a railway station near the attack site of a passenger train by insurgents in Mushkaf in Bolan district of Pakistan's southwestern Balochistan province

ty forces, installations and foreigners in different parts of the province.

The security source said it was not yet clear how many militants were involved in the attack, but some of them were using satellite phones to remain in touch with their handlers.

The Pakistan Railways have set up an emergency desk at the Peshawar and Quetta Railway stations as frantic relatives and friends try to get some information about their loved ones on the train. Pakistan Railways had resumed train services to Peshawar from Quetta after a suspension of more than a month and a half.

The Pakistan media earlier reported intense firing and explosion near the tunnel, where the militants hijacked the train. The insurgents claimed that they freed women and children. However, their claim was contested by officials, with Minister of State for Interior Talal Chaudhry saying the hostages were rescued by the security forces.

Rana Muhammad Dilawar, a district police officer in the area where the train was stopped, said the security forces had surrounded the area, but there were reports that the militants had taken some women and children as hostages.

There were around four to five government officials on the train, he added.

Tariq Mahmood, a senior official of Peshawar Railway Station, said that people should not pay heed to rumours on social media.

Balochistan has witnessed an uptick in terrorist attacks over the past year. In the past, the railway tracks in this area have been attacked by Baloch militants using rockets or remote-controlled bombs, and the BLA claimed responsibility for most of the attacks

In October last year, Pakistan Railways announced the restoration of train services between Quetta and Peshawar after a suspension of more than a month and a half. A month later, at least 26 people were killed and 62 injured after a suicide blast ripped through a Quetta Railway Station.

Balochistan, bordering Iran and Afghanistan, is home to a long-running violent insurgency. Baloch insurgent groups frequently carry out attacks targeting security personnel, government projects and the USD 60 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects in the oil and mineral-rich province.

## **BJP** sweeps Haryana local polls

#### **PIONEER NEWS SERVICE** Chandigarh

ess than six months after scoring a hattrick of wins in Haryana Assembly delections, the ruling BJP swept the civic polls in the state on Wednesday, bag-ging nine of the 10 mayoral seats. In the outgoing municipal corporations, BJP had its mayors in seven civic bodies. Congress, which was looking to turn around its electoral fortunes after suffering a defeat in the 2024 Assembly polls, failed to open its account. The party lost in Sonepat, where it had its mayor, and Rohtak, considered a stronghold of its stalwart and former chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda.

Independent candidate Inderjeet Yadav was the only non-BJP nominee to win a mayoral seat. She was elected from Manesar, where municipal elections were held for the first time. Celebrations erupted in the BJP camp after the results, with party leaders in Chandigarh and many districts distributing sweets. There were early Holi festivities as jubilant BJP members applied 'gulal' (colour) to each other.

After the results, Chief Minister Navab Singh Saini said people have put their stamp of approval on the works and policies of the BJP government and formed a "triple-

TRIPLE ENGINED SARKAR						
MUNICIPALITY	MAYOR					
<ul> <li>Sonepat</li> </ul>	Rajiv Jain (BJP)					
<ul> <li>Gurugram</li> </ul>	Raj Rani (BJP)					
Faridabad	Praveen Joshi (BJP)					
<ul> <li>Hisar</li> </ul>	Praveen Popli (BJP)					
Rohtak	Ram Avtar (BJP)					
<ul> <li>Karnal</li> </ul>	Renu Bala (BJP)					
• Yamunanagar	Suman (BJP)					
Ambala	Shailja Sachdeva (BJP)					
<ul> <li>Panipat</li> </ul>	Komal Saini (BJP)					
Manesar	Inderjeet Yaday (Independ)					

engine government" which will work at a fast pace to realise the resolve of "developed Haryana-developed India".

Polls to elect mayors and ward members in seven municipal corporations -Gurugram, Manesar, Faridabad, Hisar, Rohtak, Karnal and Yamunanagar - were held on March 2. The bypolls for the mayoral posts in Ambala and Sonipat and the elections for presidents and ward members in 21 municipal committees were also held that day.

The results have dealt another blow to the

### **Delhi under reporting pollution: Study**

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

Fine particulate matter could be absorbing moisture from Delhi's humid air during wint humid air during winters, which could result in an underestimation of the city's PM1 pollution by up to 20 per cent, according to a new study.

Researchers, including those from the University of Birmingham, UK, explained that the swelling of fine particulate matter by absorbing water from the humid air — hygroscopic growth — reduces the efficiency of sampling devices, possibly leading to underestimation.

The study, published in the journal NPJ Clean Air, "fills in the gap in the understanding of PM1 pollution in the most polluted megacity in the world."

New Delhi remained the world's most polluted capital city, according to the 2024 World Air Quality report by IQAir,

Swiss organisation. PM1 particles, sized under a micron in diameter, are especially dangerous as they can penetrate lung tissue and enter the bloodstream, IQAir explains.

Study author Ying Chen, from the University of Birmingham, said, "When carrying out air quality assessments, it is crucial to consider hygroscopic growth and the potential for significant underestimation of pollution levels in humid conditions."

The greatest underestimates in pollution levels occur during the rush hours of winter mornings in December-January, when humidity is at its peak and pollution is most severe, the researchers said. The underestimate can be up to 20

Congress which saw workers and leaders in

districts switching over to the BJP ahead of

the elections. The party state unit has been,

in the past, plagued with infighting and fac-

tionalism unlike the BJP, which has a well-

organised and strong organisational struc-

Saini said people have put their stamp of

approval on the works and policies of the

BJP government. The "triple engine govern-

ment", a reference to the saffron party being

in power at the Centre, in the state as well

as in the civic bodies, will undertake

development at three times fast pace to

realise the resolve of a "Viksit Haryana-

Viksit Bharat", he told reporters on the side-

lines of the ongoing State Assembly session.

"The results prove that people of Haryana

want development and they have given their

Inderjeet Yadav defeated her nearest BJP

rival Sunder Lal by a margin of 2,293 votes

to become the corporation's first-ever

mayor. Nikhil Madaan was the outgoing

Sonipat mayor and a Congress leader.

Ahead of the 2024 Assembly polls, he joined

vote for good governance," Saini said. In Manesar, Independent candidate

ture at the grassroots level.

percent (or 50 micrograms per cubic meter) of PM1 concentration on average during humid winter morning rush hours," they wrote.

In contrast, pollution estimates during the monsoon season show negligible bias, as the swollen pollutant particles are washed out by heavy rainfall, the team added.

Controlling emissions from biomass burning and residential sources which contain highly hygroscopic chlorine particles — could effectively improve air quality and reduce this bias, thereby helping improve how air quality is understood, the study suggested.

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### Nitish Kumar gets a taste of Rabri from Tejashwi Yadav

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ihar legislative Assembly on Wednesday witnessed an unprece-B dented spat between Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and his predecessor Rabri Devi as the two septuagenarians engaged

ly began to reiterate his point. Rabri Devi reacted with the taunt, "According to you, women did not even wear clothes before 2005, when you became the chief minister." The allusion was to a faux pas made by the JD(U) president more than once in recent past, while trying to underscore

### **Ukraine says it** is open to 30 day ceasefire

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he Trump administration lifted its suspension of military aid and intelligence sharing for Ukraine, and Kyiv signaled that it was open to a Your SMART move can Secure your Joyous future

the BJP and won the Sonipat Assembly seat. Senior BJP leader Rajiv Jain won from Sonipat this time.

in a no-holds-barred attack against each other to be joined by an aggressive Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Yadav. While Rabri accused the chief minister of having come to the House after consuming "bhang" (cannabis), Tejashwi, a former deputy CM under Nitish, demanded the resignation of the JDU leader whom he charged with "gesticulating at female legislators". Trouble began when Shashi

#### Nitish Kumar comes to the Assembly under the influence of bhang and misbehaves with women. Today, he has insulted me for the second time.

- RABRI DEVI, FORMER CM OF BIHAR

Yaday, an MLC of the CPI(ML), an RJD ally, rose in her chair to submit before the House that she was not satisfied with the government's reply to her question. Nitish Kumar, who is also a MLC, reacted remarked the NDA government led by him is doing so much as compared to earlier governments which did nothing.

Rabri, the leader of the opposition in legislative council, intervened saying "You claim no work was done before you took over. Please summon the records of that period. You will understand better."

Nitish, who had demonstrated his quick temper before the House earlier this week, sprang to his feet and vehementhis push for empowering women.

Bihar CM, however, dug in his heels, dismissed the charge by the opposition that he was disrespectful towards women.

"Never before have women got so much of respect as they are getting now and pointed towards Rabri Devi with the remark, "What did they do for women? Her husband made her the chief minister when he ran into trouble."

Notably, Rabri Devi first became the chief minister in 1997 when her husband Lalu Prasad, the RJD president, had to resign, following a CBI charge-sheet in the fodder scam. The heated exchange caused Chairman Awadhesh Narain Singh to rise and appeal to the opposition to let the House run.

However, the opposition led by Rabri Devi staged a walkout, even as Nitish continued with a brief monologue, accusing the RJD of having been soft on perpetrators of Hindu-Muslim riots because of caste affinity.

He also regretted having tied up with RJD twice and said, "I am back with my old partners (BJP). Now we shall remain together and continue with our good work." Speaking to reporters outside the House, Rabri Devi alleged, "Nitish Kumar comes to the assembly under the influence of 'bhang'. He misbehaves with women. Today, he has insulted me for the second time."



The administration imposed the measures a week ago to push Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to enter talks to end the war with invading Russian forces.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the US would present the ceasefire offer to the Kremlin.

"We're going to tell them this is what's on the table. Ukraine is ready to stop shooting and start talking. And now it'll be up to them to say yes or no," Rubio said. "If they say no, then we'll unfortunately know what the impediment is to peace here."

ational security adviser Mike Waltz added: "The Ukrainian delegation today made something very clear, that they share President Trump's vision for peace?

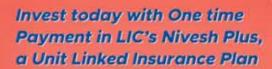
Waltz said negotiators "got into substantive details on how this war is going to permanently end," including long-term security guarantees.

The announcements emerged as senior officials from Ukraine and the United States opened talks in Saudi Arabia focused on ending Moscow's three-year war against Kyiv. The discussions started only hours after Russia shot down over 300 Ukrainian drones. It was Ukraine's biggest attack since the Kremlin ordered the full-scale invasion of its neighbour.

President Donald Trump's special envoy, Steve Witkoff, is expected to travel later this week to Moscow, where he could meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin, according to a person familiar with the matter but not authorized to comment publicly. The person cautioned that scheduling could change.

Earlier in the day, journalists were briefly allowed in a room where a senior Ukrainian delegation met with Rubio, who smiled at the cameras and when asked about his expectations for the meeting, gave a thumbs-up and replied, "Good

Across the table, Ukrainian officials, including the country's top diplomat and defence chief, showed no facial expressions as the meeting got underway at a luxury hotel. However, Ukrainian presidential aide Andriy Yermak told reporters that the most important thing was "how to achieve a just and lasting peace in Ukraine."



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### **Uttarakhand Governor, CM Dhami greet people on Holi**

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Dehradun

**≺**he Governor lieutenant general ( retd) Gurmit Singh has said that the festival of Holi gives a message of strengthening mutual brotherhood and harmony by eradicating all discrimination. Participating in a Holi Milan programme at Raj Bhawan on Wednesday the governor said Holi is not only a festival of colours, but is also a symbol of social harmony, love and unity.

Greeting people on the eve of the festival, the governor wished for happiness, peace and prosperity and urged people to celebrate a safe, environmentally friendly and harmonious Holi. In his message, chief minister Pushkar Singh

Dhami said that Holi is a

festival of colours and gaiety as well as a symbol of our rich cultural heritage. This festival, celebrated in an atmosphere of joy, also strengthens the feeling of social harmony and unity, he said.

The CM also prayed to Lord Badrivishal and Baba Kedar that this festival brings the colours of prosperity and progress in the State and brings more hap-piness, peace and good health in the lives of the people.

### **Doctors advise safe** Holi with organic colours and safety tips

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Dehradun

D octors based in the city have recommended that people take appropriate precautions while celebrating Holi to prevent eye and skin allergies. They said that they have noted a rise in cases of eye and skin allergies following the Holi celebrations. To be on the safe side, the people should use organic colours while adhering to some safety measures to mitigate the risk of allergies and other health issues.

A senior eye specialist at the Government Doon Medical College (GDMC) Dr Sushil Ojha stated that



the steady rise in the number of eye infection and allergy cases following the Holi every year is a

worrisome trend. "This can be attributed to rampant use of chemical colours and lack of precautions. The use of chemical colours leads to reddish and watery eyes, blurriness and itching. To stay safe, the Holi revellers should wear sunglasses or protective eyewear. Besides, they must keep their eyes closed when colours are being applied on them. They must immediately wash their eyes with water instead of rubbing them. Rubbing may exacerbate problems and potentially lead to ulcers. The safest thing, however, is to use natural colours," he said.

Another eye specialist Dr Amit Singh said he comes across cases of eye infection and allergy, particularly among children, during Holi each year. "I always warn people against using chemical colours as this may lead to blurred vision. This aside, the people must exercise caution to avoid vision complications. And in case an issue arises one must consult a doctor

immediately. Lubricating eye drops are often useful," he observed.

In addition to eye infections, people may also experience skin discoloration due to the chemical pigments present in the Holi colours. A skin specialist at Gandhi Shatabdi Eye Hospital Dr Anil Arya noted that chemical colours could result in various skin allergies. "This exposure may lead to conditions such as acne, itching, redness, skin irritation and burning sensations. I would advise them to avoid direct contact with such synthetic colours. Besides, they should apply moisturiser or oil on the skin before going out to play with colours. Using natural colours is, however,

### **Online registration for MUKUY** & Khiladi Protsahan Yojana to start on Mar 15

Additionally, applica-

Protsahan Yojana for

14 will also start on

based on their test re-

sults," she said, adding

would be done from

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She further informed that the selected children would receive financial assistance of Rs 1,500 per month to support their sports training.

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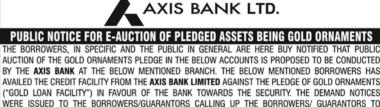
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### **Consumers Rights Day: BIS conducts** special campaign in Uttarakhand

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Dehradun

A special campaign is being conducted in Uttarakhand to mark the World Consumer Rights Day slated on March 15, announced the director of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Saurabh Tiwari here on Wednesday. "This campaign aims to initiate a quality

products verified by the BIS should be prioritised in the State's purchasing policy," he added.

Tiwari urged all consumers to download the BIS Care application which provides information about certified officials and guides users to

with oration officials, awareness campaigns are being organised in government offices across the State, Tiwari said.

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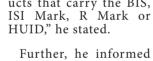
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revolution in Uttarakhand. This year's World Consumer Rights Day theme is the Quality Connect Campaign. We have taken upon ourselves the task of educat- HUID," he stated. ing the people about



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product purchases. Through the app, consumers can verify products that carry the BIS,

dard clubs and conduct district and state-level awareness of quality standards through ini-tiatives like Manak Man-

Further, he informed than and the Capsule the best means to ensure a that market surveys and Course programmes. 4 Holi," he added. raids are being con-5 ducted enforce UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LTD. 8  $\langle \mathfrak{P} \rangle$ quality Executive Engineer Electricity Distribution Division (South) control 9 18 E.C Road, Dehradun Email:eddsouth.upcl@gmail.com 10 11 **TENDER NOTICE** 1: Executive Engineer, EDD(South), Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd. Dehradun invites e-tender for following work, as detailed below: Tender Earnest Cost of Last Date Last Date Date of Name of the work Money Specificati tender of Sale of of opening of 14 (in Rs.) Part-I of on No. document Submission tender 1 including documen of tender tender 1 GST (in Rs.) 5 6 7 8 10 2 3 - 4 18 30/EDD(S) 44500.00 1180.00 02.04.2025 03.04.2025 03.04.2025 Shifting and Underground of 33 KV Line At SGRR Medical /2024-25 (including upto upto at 19 14:00 hrs 14:00 hrs 15:00 hrs GST) 20 Collage Patel Nagar under EDD(South) 2 Realignment of HT cable on 31/EDD(S) 19000.00 590.00 02.04.2025 03.04.2025 03.04.2025 Request of Regional Office of /2024-25 (including upto upto GST) 14:00 hrs 14:00 hrs 15:00 hrs 2 CBSE Near Mothrowala Under 2 EDD South THE PRE-QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS ARE AS UNDER:-24 The Bidder must be registered with Electrical Inspector in 'A' class category, for Electrical Works/Suppliers GST, EPF, ESI Department. 2 The Bidder must have successfully executed the similar work of laying of undergrounding of HT Cable as an 2 agreement with UPCL 2 3-Income tax return (latest filed) of the bidder must be attached An undertaking on Rs 100/- non-judicial stamp paper duly notarized by that the bidder has not beer 2 blacklisted/ debarred by any Govt. undertaking/Govt. Departments/SEB's/ Power Sector Utilities in last three years. In case same is found then their tender/order shall be treated as cancelled at any stage and 2 EMD/Performance security shall be forfeited. Bidder must have validity of offer for 180 days from the date of opening of tender on 100/-stamp paper along 3 with Rs 1/- revenue stamp (as per sheet enclosed) 6- Completion Period: - Completion period shall be as per terms & conditions of LOA/Agreement 3 Earnest money/All Documents should be submitted to the office of undersigned before dt 03-04-2025 before 14:00 Hrs The part A must be consisted of essential documents, like terms & conditions, Income tax return, Earnes 34 money in the form of FDR/CDR, GST, EPF, ESI registration & last deposit challan, Experience/ performance certificate etc. 3 The bids shall be opened next day in case of holiday on the day of opening of the tender. The undersigned shall have the right to cancel one or all tenders. The other terms & conditions shall be as per boq 3 10- The Bidder must have turnover of 300% of the tender value. The Earnest Money of the tender should be in form of FDR/CDR of any nationalized bank pledged in 3 favour of Executive Engineer Electricity Distribution Division (South) Dehradun. Tenders will be received and opened on the dates as mentioned above. The undersigned reserve the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason there of and no claim on this account shall be acceptable. All other 3 details and terms & conditions are available in tender document. 3 Executive Engineer AX EDD (South) Dehradun No.: 4458/Lekha Dated: 12/03/2025 PF SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION. Use LED Bulb to Save Electricity (Toll Free No. 1912) "Pay Electricity bill Online 24x7 from <u>www.upcl.org</u> (For Information on FO Electricity theft, informer may report to Toll free No. 18001804185/ Fax No. 0135-2760911) D/

shared that this year, BIS in Uttarakhand is hosting awareproness grammes in collaboration with gram panchayats and educational institutions. "These programmes aim to inform consumers about

ISI-marked at fairs exhibitions, engage students through over 300 stanprogrammes to raise

lined in the BIS Act," he said.

He further said that two meetings of the State level committee have been held this financial year chaired by the chief or ders secretary. "These meet- issued by ings emphasised that the the Cen-

### Shahar Qazi advices **Muslims to stay** home during peak Holi hours

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Dehradun **T**o ensure communal harmony **L** on the day of Holi which coincides with the Friday Namaz during the Ramzan month, the Shahar Qazi, Maulana Mohammad Ahmed Qasmi appealed to the Muslim community people to refrain from going out for three to four hours on the day when the festivities peak.

"If you have to venture out you must be on your guard. You must remember that if a child inadvertently throws colour on you, you must not get offended. What you should do instead is wash the colours after you return home. This is a month on which we all must exercise patience and goodwill for all," he added.

Hailing the beauty of the inclusive Indian culture, he said that the essence of India lies in its ability to celebrate festivals together. "This tradition is precious and it must be maintained under all circumstances. One should respect another's religion and we should celebrate all festivals peacefully and harmoniously," he added.

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### **UCC** writing new chapter of women empowerment in Uttarakhand: CM

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hief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has said that Uniform Civil code (UCC) is writing a new chapter for women empowerment and is proving to be a security shield for women in the State. He said that Uttarakhand has become the first State in the country to implement the UCC. The CM said this while participating in a Holi Milan programme organised in Nagar Nigam on Wednesday. He said that the State government is making every possible effort for the every possible effort for the development of the State as per the aspirations of the people. The Vidhan Sabha has passed a stringent land law as per the wishes of the people of the State.Greeting people on the occasion of Holi, the CM said that the fortigel strengthene cul that the festival strengthens cul-tural unity and equality in the society.

The CM said that the triple engine government is committed to make the living standard of every citizen better. He said that the Municipal Corporation of Dehradun (MCD) is constructing a Yoga park on a 3.5 hectare land in Kedarpuram with a sum of Rs five crore and a new park is coming up at Yamuna colony. Mechanised transfer stations are being set up at two places interest of investors in



for high quality waste management systems in Dehradun.

in this year. Dhami said that the

The MCD is also giving an award of Rs 10,000 to three system.

sanitation workers every month. He said that the MCD has started a website named ekosh for online payment of house tax. The CM said that Dehradun got 68th position in the country and first place in Uttarakhand in the Swachchh Survekshan in the year 2023. He expressed confidence that Dehradun's rank will improve

peacefully observe the Namaz

of the second Friday in the

month of Ramzan. Dhasmana

said that the BJP has realized

that the people of mountain-

ous areas of the State are so

iour and abusive language of

cabinet minister Premchand

Agarwal that it is now difficult

for it to control the damage.

He said that the decision to

of ministers (GoM) by the

union government has added

salt on the injury. Dhasmana

said that cornered BJP is now

taking recourse to disturb

include Aggarwal in the group

much offended by the behav-

Uttarakhand is increasing and their proposals are being approved by the single window He said that after taking

oath on July 04, 2021 as CM, he had promised to fill all the vacant posts in the government departments. In the last three and half years more than 20,000 youngsters were provided government jobs in the

The Mayor of Dehradun Saurabh Thapliyal said that

Uttarakhand is scaling new heights in every field under the leadership of CM Dhami. He said that the MCD is committed to provide better facilities to the people of Dehradun. He claimed that the legacy waste of the former trenching ground located at Sahastradhara road will be removed this year.

Cabinet minister Ganesh Joshi, MLAs Khajan Das, Savita Kapoor, Durgeshwar Lal, former Mayor Sunil Unival Gama and others attended the programme.

### Dhami focuses on Eat **Right campaign for a** healthy Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand secretariat com-

plex, Sudhowala Jail premises

and the Petroleum University

have been certified as Eat Right

campuses. Apart from this,

other universities, colleges,

hospitals, medical colleges and

jail campuses have also applied

for the certification after com-pleting the norms. The health

secretary R Rajesh Kumar has

issued guidelines to all educa-

tional institutions and depart-

ments in this regard. CM

Dhami said that the Eat Right

India campaign will inspire

people to adopt a healthy, safe

and balanced diet to prevent

diabetes, heart disease, obesi-

ty and other non-communica-

ble diseases. He said that the

youth, teachers, parents and the general public will be made

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n sync with Swastha Bharat, changing lifestyle. So far the Shashakt Bharat vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the State government has launched the 'Fit Uttarakhand campaign. Under this cam-paign, citizens will be encour-aged to adopt a balanced diet, regular exercise and a healthy lifestyle. Taking a step forward towards the dream of a healthy Uttarakhand, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has directed for the effective implementation of the Eat Right India campaign run by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). He said that this campaign should be implemented speedily. The health department has appointed nodal officers for the effective implementation of the Eat Right campaign.

aware of the importance of bal-anced and nutritious food The public representatives, Secretaries of different depart-ments, district magistrates, under the campaign.

heads of the departments and other officers concerned have been asked to coordinate for the success of the campaign. Under the programme, the general public is also being encouraged to

consume less oil, less sugar and less salt in view of the

### Timmersain Yatra to be promoted as major winter tourism programme

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE 
JYOTIRMATH

The Chamoli district mag-

istrate Sandeep Tiwari held a review meeting with the members of the religious fraternity regarding the prepara-tions for the



Timmersain Mahadev Yatra. He said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi had mentioned the importance of Timmersain Mahadev Yatra in the winter tourism programme while he was in Harshil, Uttarkashi. "Besides, the chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami instructed all the district magistrates to develop and promote the winter tourism destinations in their respective districts. A team of district level officers will visit Timmersain in the last week of March or the first week of April depending on the weather and road conditions. During the visit,

the team members will ge acuminated with the mythological and spiritual importance of the Timmersain temple along with the cultural activities of the Niti Valley," the DM said The temple committee chairman Devendra Singh Rana said that like Amarnath, a Shivlinga is formed naturally in Timmersain which remains intact till April. "Significantly, before 1962, the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra would start from here," he said. He also appealed to the State government to start the pilgrimage from Niti Vallev

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### **BJP trying to disturb** communal harmony in State: Dhasmana

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The vice-president of will celebrate Holi with fun Uttarakhand Congress, and frolic on Friday, March 14 Suryakant Dhasmana has said and the Muslim brethren will that perturbed by the widespread anger in the public over the uncivilised behaviour of a senior minister inside Vidhan Sabha during the budget session the ruling BJP is now trying divert the public attention by disturbing com-munal harmony in the State.

He said that the BJP government has started a one sided campaign against Madarsas and mosques in the State deliberately during the sacred month of Ramzan. He said the people of Uttarakhand and Deĥradun have understood the real motive of the communal atmosphere in the BJP. He said that the people State.

### Bhatt bats for local hiring in Postal department in Uttarakhand

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The State president of the hilly areas. During the L Bharatiya Janata Party and Rajya Sabha MP Mahendra Bhatt raised concerns in Rajya Sabha about the recruitment process in the Postal department, advocating for preference to local youth in job appointments in tarakhand.

He urged the central government to conduct recruitment at the divisional level to improve postal services in

tant role. He stated that ongoing session of Rajya local youth possess the nec-Sabha, Bhatt questioned the process of recent postal essary educational and technical qualifications required department appointments in Uttarakhand. He stated for these positions. Through the Rajya Sabha, he urged that many selected candithe government to impledates did not join their posts ment a divisional-level in remote areas due to geo-graphical challenges, lanrecruitment process, as was done in the past. According guage barriers, harsh weathto him, this approach will er and cultural differences. not only improve postal ser-He pointed out that vices in the hilly regions but Uttarakhand still has sever- also provide employment al remote regions where opportunities to local youth. post offices play an impor-

### **Transport department gears** up for the Char Dham Yatra

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Dehradun

### Half of live-in relationship applicants in Doon belong to other states

#### PURMINA BISHT Dehradun

relationship registrations under the newly imple-mented Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in Uttarakhand, with most applicants falling between the ages of 21 and 25. The officials informed that 11 people have applied for live-in relationship registrations in the Municipal Corporation of Dehradun are currently under scruti-(MCD) and claimed that nearly half of these appli-cants are from outside the State. This indicates a grow-The officials said that t ing trend among young couples to formalise their relationships under the new legal framework. Besides this, some married individuals have also reportedly attempted to register their live-in relationships with different partners, leading different partners, leading to rejections. A senior offi-cial from MCD revealed that a 62-year-old man that a complete this live-the register his live-the applications for the in relationship with a 40year-old woman in the city, only for officials to discover that he was already married. "His passport, which he submitted as proof of identity, listed his wife's name, making him ineligible under the UCC.

His application was sub-sequently rejected, as the law does not permit married individuals to enter into a live-in relationship," he said. Since the UCC came into effect on January 27 in Uttarakhand, the MCD has received 1,651 applications for various services, out of which 1,453 have been approved and 80 rejected, with the remaining under review. The officials said that among these, 11 time.

Dehradun is witnessing a spplications were for live-in relationship registrations of which have been approved, while four are pending for clarifications and one has been rejected. Officials have also flagged marriage registration applications in which the applicants appear to be minors based on the birthdates they have provided. These cases ny, with officials seeking further clarifications before

> The officials said that the rejection of applications is primarily due to applicants submitting incorrect documents or providing personal details that do not match their official records. If applicants fail to respond to clarification requests withtiple applications for the same service are also being rejected to streamline the process.

The officials informed that currently, 10 sub-registrars are working at the MCD to handle the influx of applications under the UCC. As of now, a total of 13 live-in relationships and

16,771 marriages have been registered under the new legal provisions in Uttarakhand.

The officials stated that the implementation of the UCC has provided a formalised framework for livein relationships and its registrations are expected to increase in Dehradun with

The Transport depart-ment has directed adhere strictly to the State Transport Authority's preagencies concerned to scribed rates, with widespread publicity through establish a Joint Rotation Committee by March 15 to newspapers, stickers, inforregulate the smooth oper-ation of buses from mation boards and travel agency offices. During the Rishikesh throughout the discussion, union repre-Char Dham season. The sentatives also raised sevdepartment also directed eral concerns and demands. These included the assistant regional transport officers of Haridwar the verification of travel and Rishikesh to conduct agents, strict action against an extensive verification unauthorised vehicles, drive of tour and travel offline issuance of trip agencies in their regions. In cards and an online system preparation for the smooth for temporary permits durexecution of the ensuing ing the Yatra. They also requested that green cards be issued for 15 days to Char Dham Yatra, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of nodal offivehicles coming from other cer of Char Dham Yatra states. and regional transport offi-

The unions also urged that all vehicle-related regcer (Administration) of Dehradun division Sunil Sharma. During the meet-ing, several important aspects related to the transulatory actions during the pilgrimage be coordinated exclusively by the Transport and Police departments. Sharma said portation arrangements for the pilgrimage were disthat the recurring issue cussed. Sharma said that where private vehicle ownthe key topics included ensuring an adequate numers park their vehicles ber of buses for the Yatra, improperly along the Yatra streamlining the green card system, establishing and staffing transport checkroutes was also discussed as it often leads to traffic congestion. He said that the department will take necessary steps to address this problem. Sharma also points and enforcing measures to curb overspeeding and overloading of vehidirected the assistant regional transport officers The RTO also emphaof Haridwar and Rishikesh The RIO also empha-sised the importance of checking drivers using breathalysers to prevent intoxicated driving and enforcing a mandatory dress code for them. to conduct an extensive verification drive of tour and travel agencies in their regions. He instructed strict enforcement actions against illegally operating travel agents and unau-thorised vehicles, warning Sharma said that the department also clarified the unions and agencies concerned that only vehiof penalties under relevant

> The transport unions were given strict instructions to ensure that passengers are not overcharged under any circumstances. Overloading of vehicles and violations of permit conditions will result in stringent action,

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उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान द्वारा दिनांक 31 मार्च 2025 तक सीवर देयको में लगाये गये विलम्ब शुल्क में 100 प्रतिशत छूट

आवश्यक सूचना

समस्त सम्मानित सीवर उपभोक्ताओं को सूचित किया जाता है, कि उत्तराखण्ड सरकार द्वारा सीवर देयको का शुल्क एक मुश्त जमा किये जाने पर सीवर देयको पर लगाये गये विलम्ब शुल्क की धनराशि में शत–प्रतिशत छूट प्रदान की जायेगी।

अतः समस्त सीवर उपभोक्ताओं से अनुरोध है, कि दिनांक 31 मार्च 2025 से पूर्व विलम्ब शुल्क में दी जाने वाली छूट का अधिक से अधिक लाभ उठायें व अपने निकटतम राजस्व संग्रह केन्द्र के कार्यालय में देयकों का भुगतान कर रसीद प्राप्त करके अवसर का लाभ उठाये। इसके अतिरिक्त यदि जिन भवनों के सीवर संयोजन अवैध रूप से संचालित है, अर्थात् ऐसे भवन स्वामी जिन्हें सीवर सम्बन्धित किसी प्रकार के देयक प्राप्त नहीं हो रहे है, वे भी अपने निकटतम कार्यालय से सीवर संयोजन यथा समय नियमित करवालें। आज्ञा सें. अधिशासी अभियन्ता

अनुरक्षण शाखा (गंगा)

उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान, जगजीतपुर, हरिद्वार।



## **Jal Sansthan gears** up for smooth water supply on Holi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Dehradun

claimed to have taken all steps to ensure a smooth and regular water supply for the Holi celebrations. "Let me assure the people that there will be no disruption in water supply on the festive day," averred the secretary (appraisal) of UJS Maneesh Semwal.

"A day before the Holi celebrations that is on Thursday, we may need to limit water

Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan officials to supply water in the throughout the day," he said. afternoon as well," he said, adding that there would be an additional water supply from 1 PM to 2 PM.

> Further, directives have been issued to the officials concerned to see to it that all tube wells, pumping stations and pipelines are operational on the festive day. "We have directed officials to thor-

oughly check all tube wells and mini tube wells. If any supply temporarily to ensure defects are found, branch additional storage. This extra officers must immediately storage will help us meet the inform the superintending increased water demand dur- engineer. Continuous and ing Holi. Normally, water is smooth chlorination of water supplied in the morning and will be ensured and those refrain from wasting water in evening; however, due to the working at reservoirs and any form on the pretext of festivities, we have directed tube wells need to be present celebrating Holi.

He said they have also instructed Home Guards, PRD or other security per-

sonnel deployed to ensure that the gates of all reservoirs are locked. "It is vital that no manholes of the sewer lines remain open and if any of them is damaged, it should be replaced immediately," he said.

> "Further, to take on any emergency, departmental and private tankers have been asked to be ready with fuel and drivers," Semwal said. He also urged the people to

# purpose camp in **Tyuni on March 20**

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Dehradun

Dehradun District Hanol temple premises Magistrate Savin and engage with locals Bansal will hold a multipurpose camp in Tyuni master plan and expanon March 20 to ensure sion proposals for the that government welfare schemes reach rural and remote areas of the district. This initiative will conclave of 200 newly allow local residents to benefit from various ser- chayats in Koti Kanasar.



temple.

As part of the efforts to address local concerns, Bansal will also participate in a conclave of newly formed forest pan-chayats at Chirmiri Top in Chakrata on March 19. The DM said that this conclave will focus on strengthening forest panchayats, with discussions on providing disaster relief funds at the district administration level for the first time. The funds are expected to help prevent forest fires and enhance the capacity of this, the DM will visit most inaccessible areas.

will streamline applications and processes for various welfare schemes, including Ayushman cards, pension schemes, income certificates, farmer credit cards, and employment-oriented training, all under one roof. Bansal has directed all departmental officials to attend the camp fully prepared to provide onthe-spot services to residents. He stated that any negligence in this effort will not be tolerated. He stated that the administration aims to bridge the gap between the government and remote villages, ensuring that essential fire watchers. Besides services reach even the

### **UGB hosts Customer** Holi Milan Programme

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Dehradun

Uttarakhand Gramin Bank organised Customer Holi Milan bank's commitment to Programme 2025 here providing superior on Wednesday which banking services and featured a special pre- strengthening customer sentation

present were the

chairman, UGB,

Harihar Patnaik;

chief general man-

ager, NABARD, Pankaj Yadav and

deputy general manager, NABARD,

Nirmal Kumar. A

large number of the

bank's customers

On this occasion, Patnaik reaffirmed the of relationships in the

### Bansal to hold multi- Various organisations unite to address Uttarakhand's issues

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Dehradun

Uttarakhand Berozgar that after Holi, they will with various activists and tricts for 11 days to raise organisations, has announced the formation

Uttarakhand of Swabhiman Manch. Panwar described it as an alternative to political parties that have not been able to address the State's issues. In a Press conference in Uttarakhand Press Club on Wednesday, Panwar stated that activists across the State will now work together under this platform and make efforts to

president of Uttarakhand. He announced awareness. The first gathering will be held in Uttarkashi Sangh Bobby Panwar along hold discussions in 11 dis- on March 16, he said.

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HIL (INDIA) LIMITED, UDYOGAMANDAL & BATHINDA (Formerly Hindustan Insecticides Limited) (A Govt. Of India Enterprise) ATTENTION TO ALL STAKE HOLDERS We would like to inform all Stake Holders that the Udyogamandal Unit in Kerala and Bathinda Unit in Punjab of M/s. HIL (INDIA) LIMITED, New Delhi (formerly known as Hindustan Insecticides Limited) is currently undergoing closure. As of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023, all operation at this Unit has been ceased. Any claim which is due and payable by HIL to claimant should be made within 15 days from the date of this advertisement, otherwise the claim will be deemed void and invalid. May please contact for Udyogamandal Unit May please contact for Name : Sa

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#### PAUL MERCHANTS FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED

Date: 13.03.2025

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned, that Gold ornaments pledged with the under mentioned branches of the company under respective loan numbers, which were overdue for redemption and which have not been redeemed by the concern

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE customers so far in spite of repeated notices by the company, will be auctioned at the concerned branch offices of the company on Tuesday 25th March, 2025 as per the following details:

1. Bazpur Branch - Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd, Ground Floor, Daljeet Complex, Ward No.2, Rampur-Nainita lighway,Bazpur,Udham Singh Nagar,Uttarakhand . Pin code - 262401. Phone - 9779355545 Loan Number 172210000001437, 172210000002285 (Time 11:00 AM).

2. Dehradun Rajpura Road Branch - Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd, #56, Rajpur Road, Opp. Hotel Madhuban Dehradun,Uttarkand . Pin code - 248001. Phone - 9056344414 Loan Number - 166210000001488 166210000001492,166210000001525,166210000001564,167210000001511(Time 1):00 AM).

3. Haldwani Branch - Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd, Near Gurugobind Singh Tower, Bareilly - Nainita Road, Tikonia Churaha, Haldwani, Uttarakhand . Pin code - 263139. Phone - 8427566676 Loan Number 207210000000310, 207210000000241, 207210000000253, 207210000000266, 207210000000265 207210000000279, 207210000000280 (Time 11:00 AM).

4. Haridwar Branch - Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd, Jora Market, Opp. New Market, Lodha Mandi, Gurudwara Road, Jwalapur, Haridwar, Uttarkhand. Pin code - 249407. Phone - 9875942899 Loan Number 159210000004047, 159210000004051, 159210000004072, 159210000004122, 159210000004158, 159210000004184 159210000004206, 159210000004208, 159210000004214, 159210000004223, 159210000004234, 15921000000537 159210000005844 (Time 11:00 AM).

5. Kashipur Branch - Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd, Ground Floor, Radheshyam Building, Station Road, Opp. Shiv Mandir, Maheshpura, Kashipur, Udhamsingh Nagar (Dist), Uttarakhand . Pin code - 244713. Phone 9779155545 Loan Number - 182210000002228 (Time 11:00 AM).

6. Kichha Branch - Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd, Ground Floor, Near Govt. Girls Intercollage Gate, Barailly Road,Kichcha,Udhamsingh Nagar(Dist.),Uttarakhand . Pin code - 263148. Phone - 9875906394 Loan Number 183210000002366 (Time 11:00 AM).

7. Rishikesh Branch - Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd, #219,Ground Floor, Dehradun Road, Rishikes Dehradun-Uttarkand. Pin code - 249201. Phone - 8699644414 Loan Number - 170210000001738 (Time 11:00 AM). 8. Roorkee Branch - Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd, #1535/2A, Ground Floor, Paschim Amber Talab, Main Dehradun Highway, Near Hotel Sidharth, Roorkee, Distt. Haridwar, Uttarakhand. Pin code - 247667. Phone 9875942898 Loan Number - 160210000004909, 160210000004706, 160210000004711, 160210000004718 160210000004754, 160210000004760, 160210000004764, 160210000004805, 160210000004806, 160210000004851, 160210000004865, 160210000004873, 160210000004874, 160210000004895, 160210000004900 160210000004930, 160210000004949 (Time 11:00 AM).

9. Rudrapur Branch - Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd, Ground Floor, P-14, Nainital Road, Opp.P.A.C. 2Nd Gate, Awas Vikas, Rudrapur, Udham Singh Nagar (Dist.), Uttarakhand . Pin code - 263153. Phone - 9875906392 Loan Number - 185210000002542, 185210000002558, 185210000002575, 185210000002606, 185210000002612 18521000002638 (Time 11:00 AM).

It may please be noted that if the auction does not get completed on the above stated day due to any reason, th same will be conducted on 04th April 2025 at the same place and time without any further notice. Note: Concerned customers can get the ornaments released before the auction date.

Note: Paul Merchants Finance Private Limited, on its sole discretion has the authority to remove any of the ornaments under any loan account from the auction list without prior information

Note: Bidders are requested to produce Identity Card, PAN Card & TIN Number in case of registered dealers Successful bidder shall be requested to transfer the full auction amount to the company by RTGS/any othe ermitted mode immediately.

Authorized Signatory Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd For any clarification regarding the above notice, please contact at 0172-5041717 or the concerned branch Place: Chandigarh

### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Haridwar The 62nd All India Shastra University and head of the is to promote the classical Competition will be department of Humanities study and discussion of study and discussion of organised from March18 to 21 and Oriental Studies, Sadhvi Sanskrit. This event will not under the joint aegis of Central Devpriya. only provide an intellectual

62nd Shastra Competition

to start on March 18



Sanskrit University, New Delhi and Patanjali Üniversity, Haridwar. A meeting was held to review preparations chaired

She, in her address, said that the Shastra competition is meant to preserve and promote the Indian knowledge by the dean of Patanjali tradition. "Our main objective

larassment in Holi

#### vices, including pension distribution, health check-ups and the issuance of essential certificates.

The multi-purpose camp

and priests to discuss the

He will also attend a

established forest pan-

the State. He recalled that Uttarakhand was achieved after long struggles and the sacrifice of 42 lives, yet in 25 years, unemployment and corruption have only deepened. He alleged that officials, ministers and representatives have contributed to this situation. He said that their new platform aims to provide an alternative for the State and that people want change. He criticised the existing political parties, saying that while buildings have been constructed in the name of schools and hospitals, there is still a shortage of teachers, doctors and nurses. He accused past governments of failing to

connect with other individuals and groups raising independent issues. He said that different organisations and individuals have been fighting

separate battles within

# guise: many girls prefer to stay indoors

#### MANSI BHAMBRI Dehradun

Some women and young girls The Pioneer spoke to say they fear to venture out of homes during the Holi period lest they be harassed by the unruly elements who to celebrate the Holi with behave inappropriately in others. the guise of festivities. They say that their experiences in the past are not good.

"Though we enjoy playing

A college student Khushi ence last year. "Just ahead of Kumari voiced the same despair and apprehension when asked whether she would venture out of home "Being a college student, I routinely go to campus for my classes. However, with barely a couple of days left until Holi, my parents are advising me to be

the festival, when I was riding my two-wheeler to a market two young boys sped past me and threw an egg at me while shouting 'bura na mano Holi hai'. This upset me greatly and since then, I make it a point to remain indoors for two days till Holi," she added. A parent, Vinay, expressed his con-

platform for scholars and

researchers, but strengthen

our cultural heritage," she

added.

Holi outside our homes with our neighbours and friends we feel insecure. This is no longer a peaceful festival," said a 30-year-old Monica Bindra. "Some youngsters, perhaps inebriated, are inclined to throw water balloons and even engage in inappropriate behaviour. It is sad that the festival is increasingly becoming a male festival, leaving us out of it," Bindra added.

cautious when heading to college. Their concern is quite justified, given our experiences of some people being out to use this opportunity to tease and harass women and young girls. To avoid such unpleasant experiences, I will limit my outings from home on the day of Holi. My mother will also do the same," she said.

cerns about the increase in inappropriate behaviours incidents during the Holi festival each year. In light of this, he advises his daughter to avoid leaving the house unnecessarily in the week leading up to and during the Holi celebrations. He said that during this time, cases of inappropriate behaviours tend to rise among certain individuals under the guise of Holi festivities.

Another woman, Garima, recounted her Holi experiwas also present. Additionally, the Customer Holi Milan Programmes were organised at other regional offices of UGB where local customers and bank officials participated.



Uttarakhand's Kumaoni future. Holi. Among those

> যাত্রা বীহ্বালনে রীয়ে 💟 punjab national bank ....चरते स प्रविश Branch Office Raja Road , Dehradun

We would like to inform the General Public that Original Sale deed dated 21/10/2010 and 31/05/2010 of IP situated Municipal no 67/49/1 at Mauza Dehrakhas, Distt Dehradun bearing khata no 3098 Khasra no 897 new khasra no 386 area measuring 125.42 sq mt bounded as under:East: Property of JJ Malhotra SM 30ftWest: 15 ft wide road SM 30 ftNorth: Property of Other SM 45 ftSouth: Property 01/10/2010 and Usha Mittal W/o Rakesh Mittal and Registered Agreement to sale dated 04/01/1990 duly registered in sub registrar 1 in book no 01 vol 3527 pages 43, ADF book no 01 vol 3610 pages 15 to 22 as doc no 136 on 12/01/1990 in favour of Meena Bakshi have been lost and untraceable Further, **Punjab National Bank**, Branch Office Raja Road, Dehradun, intends to mortgage the above property. If any person finds it or claims any interest or title in the property is requested to contact Punjab National Bank, Branch Office Raja Road within 7 days from the date of this publication. days from the date of this publication.

### NORTHERN RAILWAY

#### **TENDER NOTICE**

SR.DEN/I/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders Closing date & time are mentioned against each tender. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

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dition. He stated that despite contesting elections without the support of major parties, independent candidates had received significant public support. He said that people had sent a message through local elections, where several independent candidates won. Panwar claimed that those thinking about the State's issues had decided to come together on a single platform. He also warned that there could be attempts to break the organisation but the commitment remains to provide an alternative for

improve the State's con

#### THE JUSTICE (RETD.) R.M.LODHA COMMITTEE (IN THE MATTER OF PACL Ltd.)

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### E-AUCTION OF PROPERTIES OF PACL LTD. IN 6 DISTRICT(S), 2 STATE(S), 1 UNION TERRITORY

1. The Justice(Retd.) R.M.Lodha Committee (In the matter of PACL LTD.), constituted by and under the order dated February 02, 2016, passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 13301/2015 titled Subrata Bhattacharya Vs. SEBI and Ors. with connected matters, for disposing of the land purchased by PACL LTD. so that the sale proceeds can be paid to its investors, has in compliance with order dated August 08,2024, passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India In the above mentioned matter, decided to initiate e-auction of 11 properties located in 6 District(s) of 2 State(s) and 1 Union Territory and consequently issued Request for Proposals (RFP) which can be accessed at: https://www.sebi.gov.in/notice-for-eoi-proposals.html

2. The property documents can be accessed at: https://sebipaclproperties.com

3. Details for participation in e-auction are available in RFP. Key dates of RFP are as follows:-

- Date of Publication of RFP— March 13, 2025
- Start Date of Submission of Bids March 13, 2025
- Bid Due Date and Time-04:00 PM of April 07, 2025
- Start Date of e-Auction—11:00 AM of April 21, 2025 **APPLICABLE CONDITIONS:**

 All properties will be sold on an "as is, where is, whatever is" basis and the purchaser will be responsible for all claims, liabilities and/ or encumbrances relating thereto.

5. The details of the Properties as stated in this Notice and the RFP under this Tender Document are as per the details made available to the Seller and neither the Seller nor the Agency shall, in any way, be responsible for any variation in the extent of the Properties due to any reason.

The Committee will in no manner be responsible for any discrepancy in the properties /their title deeds and bidders are requested to submit their bids only after conducting their own independent due diligence exercise with respect to the title to the Properties. CBC 15204/11/0232/2425



# NATION 05

# Widows of Vrindavan unveil a kaleidoscope of hope

#### BISWAJEET BANERJEE Mathura

n a heartwarming display of resilience and change, widows in Vrindavan once again broke societal norms by celebrating Holi at the historic Gopinath Temple on Wednesday.

Defying centuries-old traditions that once kept them in isolation, hundreds of widows drenched themselves in colours, danced to Krishna bhajans, and embraced the festival with flower petals and gulal.

Just a decade ago, such a celebration was unthinkable. Widows in Vrindavan, often abandoned by their families, were considered inauspicious and barred from participating in social and religious festivities. However, change has been sweeping through these sacred lanes, and this Holi, clad in their signature white sarees, these women reclaimed their space in society.

The celebration, organised by Sulabh International, stood as a testament to their journey towards dignity and inclusion. The tradition of Holi for widows began in 2013, initiated by Dr Bindeshwar Pathak, the late social reformer and founder of Sulabh International. His mission was to challenge deeply rooted prejudices and restore joy to the lives of these marginalised women.

Carrying forward his vision, Sulabh International President Kumar Dilip reaffirmed his organisation's commitment to widow welfare. "This celebration reflects the progress we've made in reshaping societal perceptions. Widows actively participating in Holi signals growing social acceptance. At Sulabh, we will continue working towards ensuring they live with dignity, joy, and hope," he said.

The transformation of Vrindavan's widows began in 2012, when the Supreme



Widows in Vrindavan celebrate Hol



Court of India intervened and tasked Sulabh International with their welfare. Over the years, these women have gained access to improved living conditions, financial aid, and social support, breaking free from a cycle of neglect.

India has a long history of advocating for widow rights. In the 19th century, Raja Ram Mohan Roy led the fight to abolish sati, while Pt Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar campaigned for widows' right to remarry. Inspired by this legacy, Dr Pathak dedicated his life to eradicating the stigma attached to widowhood.

Today, Vrindavan's Holi is more than just a festival-it is a symbol of empowerment, a beacon of hope for thousands of widows seeking a life of dignity.

As the colors of Holi brighten their world year after year, the dream of a more PIONEER PHOTO inclusive society moves closer to reality.

### How UP youths were lured to Myanmar with fake IT jobs

#### BISWAJEET BANERJEE Lucknow

hen Ankit Sharma (name changed) received a job offer for an AI analyst role in Myanmar, he thought his luck had finally turned. The 26-year-old engineering graduate from Lucknow had been job hunting for months when he stumbled upon a lucrative opportunity through a recruiter on LinkedIn. The salary package—₹70,000 per monthseemed too good to ignore. Within weeks, he and several others were flown to Bangkok, only to realise they had walked into a trap.

As many as 266 Indians, who have been victims of fake job offers in Myanmar and Thailand, were repatriated on Tuesday, the External Affairs Ministry said in a statement. This was in addition to 283 Indian nationals who were repatriated on Monday.

"The moment we crossed into Myanmar, everything changed," Ankit recalled, his voice still shaking. "They took our passports and phones, locked us in a building, and told us we worked for them now. There was no way out."

Instead of coding or working on AI projects, the recruits were forced into cyber fraud. They were made to create fake Instagram and Facebook profiles, using stolen photos of young women to lure unsuspecting Americans.

Once a victim showed interest, they had to extract their WhatsApp numbers and pass them on to their handlers. The information was then sold to Chinese cybercriminals, who ran large-scale online scams

For those who resisted, punishment was swift and brutal. Some were starved for days; others were beaten. When Rahul Verma, a 28-year-old MBA graduate from Kanpur, refused to comply, he was electrocuted. "They tied wires to my fingers and ceal identity of victims)

shocked me until I begged them to stop," he said, holding up his trembling hands. "They told me-work, or die."

Escape seemed impossible. Their captors controlled every aspect of their livesfood, sleep, even bathroom breaks. When they asked about returning to India, they were laughed at. "You belong to us now," one of the guards sneered at them.

But hope came in the form of a smuggled message. One of the captives managed to send out an SOS to Indian security agencies. Soon, a covert operation was set in motion. In a daring rescue mission, 21 young Indians were extracted and brought back home-just in time for Holi.

As they landed in Lucknow, some fell to their knees, kissing the ground. Others simply broke down in tears. "I thought I'd never see my mother again," whispered 24year-old Rohan Das, who had been promised a cybersecurity job.

Back home, their families had spent sleepless nights, unaware of their children's ordeal. Ankit's mother, Sunita Sharma, sobbed as she embraced him. "I prayed every day for his return," she said. "Never again will I let him go abroad without checking everything a hundred times."

Officials warn that these cybercrime syndicates are expanding, targeting job seekers through professional networking sites and social media. Many victims were promised salaries between ₹30,000 and ₹70,000 but were paid only ₹24,000if they were paid at all.

The rescued youths, once hopeful professionals, are now grappling with the trauma of their captivity. But for now, they are home. And as they celebrate Holi with their families, they have only one message for others: "If an overseas job sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

(All the names have been changed to con-

# **BJP** importing fake Hinduism in Bengal: Mamata

#### SAUGAR SENGUPTA Kolkata

pparently betraying nerves over a reported trend of alienation of Hindu votes from her electoral basket, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday said that it was not the BJP but she and her Trinamool Congress (TMC), which was destined to protect the Hindu religion.

Banerjee known for her "propagandist sympathy" for the minorities on Wednesday slammed state Opposition leader Suvendu Adhikari for "practicing fake Hinduism." Delivering a speech in the Assembly she said how the BJP had imported a "fake Hinduism" in Bengal and disturbed its communal harmony.

"Your imported Hindu dharma is not supported by the Vedas or the sages. How can you deny the rights of Muslims as citizens? This is nothing but a fraud. You are importing fake Hinduism," Banerjee said adding it was she who would protect Hinduism and not the BJP leaders like Adhikari. "I have the right to protect Hindu dharma. We will protect Hindu religion, but not the one that you preach.

Hindu religion is inclusive, liberal and lenient. Please don't play the Hindu card," Banerjee said.

"Do not engage in deceit in the name of religion. I condemn those who divide people based on religion. They speak of Hindus and Muslims but ignore the true message of humanity," the Chief Minister said. Earlier she had asked the TMC cadres in a party organisational meeting to remain vigilant "against efforts being made by some mischievous elements to stoke communal problem and riots in the State for narrow political gains."

She said that the BJP had been trying to play the Hindu card for years to come to power but the people of Bengal had repeatedly rejected them and they would reject them once again as Bengal being was a politically matured State and traditionally secular.

On Wednesday, Banerjee was referring to a statement made by Adhikari who on Tuesday said that the "Hindus will oust Mamata Banerjee from power," and that when BJP would come to power in 2026 it would ensure that the Muslim MLAs were thrown out of the House.

### Amit Shah to visit Mizoram on March 15 PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Aizawl

ferent parts of the state capital and shift those to Zokhawsang, officials said.

As per the agreement, Assam Rifles will retain its 23 Sector Headquarters, Mizoram Range in Aizawl's Khatla neigh-bourhood (95.88 acres) and DIG residence near Raj Bhavan at Tuikhuahtlang area (0.85 acre), they said.

The lands and buildings vacated by the AR will be reserved for public use as per the Restriction of Use of Transferred Land Act, 2022, they said. The demand for relocation of AR bases from the heart of Aizawl to Zokhawsang was first raised by the erstwhile Mizo National Front (MNF) government headed by former chief minister Laldenga in 1988 after the paramilitary force allegedly killed 11 civilians in a violent clash.

In February 2019, the Union Home Ministry had directed the paramilitary force to shift its bases to Zokhawsang by May 31 of that year. However, the relocation was delayed after Assam Rifles alleged that certain infrastructure issues were yet to be resolved.

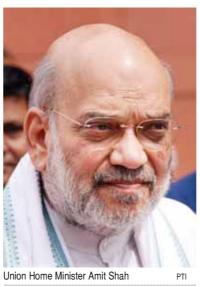
The Zokhawsang complex was inaugurated by Shah in April, 2023.

### **Bengal LoP** threatens violence against **Muslim MLAs**

#### SAUGAR SENGUPTA Kolkata

Rank communal and inflammato-ry invectives hitherto unknown to the Bengali society were hurled and traded with impunity even as senior Trinamool Congress (TMC) ministers and legislators threatened Opposition leader Suvendu Adhikari with "physical consequences" hours after the latter vowed to throw the Muslim MLAs out of the state Assembly if the BJP came to power in 2026 state elections.

While the police administration maintained a patent indifference a Congress leader and former MLA Ali Imran Ramz on Wednesday registered a police complaint against Ádhikari for trying to fan communal disturbance in the State.TMC MLA from Murshidabad Humayun Kabir gave Adhikari a "72 hours ultimatum to withdraw his statements and apologise to the Muslim legislators for his communal and insulting remarks towards the Muslim community or else all the 42 MLAs of my community will assemble outside his chamber inside the Assembly and make him see consequences." When asked whether he was taking responsibility of his statements Kabir said, "Suvendu Adhikari has crossed his limits. He has lowered the status of the Leader of Opposition by saying that he will throw out the Muslim MLAs from the State Assembly if the BJP comes to power in Bengal. If he comes to beat us are we expected to throw sweetmeat at him. We will see how many central forces can protect him." Another veteran leader and senior Minister Siddiqulla Chowdhury too threatened to break Adhikari's legs if he engaged in any misadventure. "Suvendu Adhikari has spoken in most undignified way against the Muslims. He has defied the Constitution as well as the penal laws and has threatened to throw out the Muslim MLAs from the Assembly. But before he does so his legs will be broken."



April this year and the country's oldest paramilitary force will vacate its main barrack complex, AR Ground or Lammual, unit hospital, Loch House, quarters guard and other establishments and lands in dif-

CM Yogi defends Sambhal's rich history Allahabad HC directs painting,

#### nion Home Minister Amit Shah will visit Mizoram on March 15 to attend a function for shifting of

Assam Rifles establishments from Aizawl to Zokhawsang, around 15 km from the state capital, an official said on Wednesday. Shah, who will embark on a three-day

tour of Assam from March 14 to March 16, will pay a day-long visit to Mizoram on March 15 to attend the function.

He will return to Guwahati on the same day after attending the function, the official said.

During his visit to Assam, Shah is scheduled to attend multiple programmes, including the annual conference of the All Bodo Students' Union (ABSU), he said.

The Mizoram government and Assam Rifles had signed a formal agreement on October 23 last year in New Delhi for relocating the paramilitary force's establishments from the heart of Aizawl to the designated battalion complex at Zokhawsang.

The agreement will come into effect in

#### BISWAJEET BANERJEE Lucknow

mid the ongoing controversy surrounding a mosque in Sambhal, A Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday asserted that forcibly altering history and suppressing faith is unacceptable. Referring to Sambhal's ancient significance, he claimed that the site predates Islam and once housed a Vishnu temple, which was destroyed in 1526.

"Sambhal has been mentioned in scriptures that are over 5,000 years old, with references to Lord Vishnu's future incarnation. Islam emerged only 1,400 years ago, meaning this history predates it by at least 2,000 years," Yogi stated. He further claimed that archaeological findings have uncovered 18 pilgrimage sites in the area.

Speaking at Manthan: Kumbh and Beyond, an event organised by the RSSlinked weekly Organiser in Lucknow, Adityanath compared the destruction of the Vishnu temple in 1526 to the demolition of the Ram temple in Ayodhya in 1528, emphasising that both incidents were carried out by the same forces.

Tensions in Sambhal have been high since last November following a courtordered survey of a mosque believed by some to have been built over a demolished temple. The Chief Minister strongly criticised those who admire Aurangzeb, calling it a "mental distortion." Citing historical accounts, he noted that Aurangzeb imprisoned his own father, denied him water, and killed his brother. Taking a jibe at Aurangzeb's supporters, he remarked, "If you admire him so much, name your children after him and be ready to suffer his cruelty." CM Yogi also launched a scathing attack on the opposition, accusing past governments of mishandling the Kumbh



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath

Mela. He recalled several tragedies, including the 1954 Kumbh stampede that claimed over 1,000 lives and the 2013 mishaps under Congress and Samajwadi Party rule, which he described as chaotic and mismanaged.

He pointed out that in 2013, the then Prime Minister of Mauritius was moved to tears by the unsanitary conditions at Sangam. "Past governments turned Kumbh into a hub of filth and disorder, and today, these same people question our 'Swachh Mahakumbh," he remarked.

Highlighting the transformation of Kumbh under the BJP government, Adityanath stated that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership in 2019, the event was rebranded to focus on cleanliness, security, and technology. He praised initiatives like the Digital Mahakumbh, which helped reunite 54,000 lost individuals through a digital lost-andfound centre.

Additionally, he highlighted the construction of 1.5 Lakh toilets linked with QR codes and the introduction of a multilingual mobile app to assist pilgrims. Adityanath stated that while the initial estimate for attendees was 40 Crore, the final count exceeded 66 Crore 30 Lakh.

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Discussing the 2025 Maha Kumbh, he acknowledged an unfortunate incident during Mauni Amavasya (January 28-30), when a massive crowd of over 10 Crore devotees led to injuries and fatalities. He praised the administration's swift response, which involved coordinating with saints and Akhadas to postpone the Amrit Snan until noon for public safety.

"The saints cooperated without disrupting tradition, allowing bathing to resume smoothly after 2 pm.

This showcases the devotion and unity within Sanatan Dharma," Adityanath stated, lauding the religious leaders for ensuring the event's success.

### lighting of Sambhal Jama Masjid

#### BISWAJEET BANERJEE

n a significant ruling, the Allahabad High Court has directed the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to undertake the painting and illumination of the historic Jama Masjid in Sambhal during the holy month of Ramadan.

The court has given ASI a strict deadline of one week to complete the restoration work.

The decision came during a hearing on Wednesday, following a petition that sought renovation and upkeep of the mosque premises.

Earlier, on March 11, the court had deferred the matter to March 12 after ASI submitted an inspection report.

The report stated that while the mosque did not require repainting, the premises had accumulated dirt and overgrown bushes. ASI also provided photographic evidence supporting its assessment.

In response, the court had earlier ordered ASI to carry out a thorough cleaning of the mosque, including the removal of wild vegetation. Both the Muslim and Hindu sides were given time to file their objections and affidavits regarding the ASI report. After hearing arguments from both sides, the court had initially reserved its judgment until March 12.

However, in the proceedings on Wednesday, the court ruled in favour of the petitioners, allowing the mosque to be repainted and illuminated for Ramadan.

The issue of the Jama Masjid's maintenance has been a contentious one, particularly since November 24, 2024, when a survey of the mosque triggered communal tensions and unrest in the area. Since then, additional police forces have been deployed around the site, with security personnel maintaining a close watch to prevent any disturbances. The court's decision is expected to alleviate local concerns and ensure that the religious site is well-maintained ahead of the sacred month of Ramadan.

Meanwhile, the district administration in Sambhal has taken significant security measures for the upcoming Holi celebrations.

Given past incidents of communal ten-

sion, authorities have decided to cover mosques located along the route of the Chaupai (religious procession) with tarpaulin sheets to avoid any controversy.

According to Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Shachandra, a total of 10 mosques, including the Jama Masjid, will be temporarily covered with plastic sheets or tarpaulin in consultation with both Hindu and Muslim community leaders.

The decision has been taken with mutual consent to maintain communal harmony during the festivities.

Sambhal District Magistrate Rajendra Pensia stated that extensive security arrangements have been put in place to ensure peace during the celebrations.

He highlighted that multiple rounds of peace committee meetings have been held, and 27 Quick Response Teams (QRTs) have been deployed in sensitive areas.

#### The situation remains completely peaceful. We have made elaborate security arrangements, and agencies are fully prepared

- RAJENDRA PENSIA, DM SAMBHAL

The district administration has divided the city into six zones and 29 sectors, with magistrates and senior police officers assigned to each section.

Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) battalions have been stationed in key areas as part of a three-tier security plan. To enhance surveillance, 250 CCTV cameras have already been installed, with an additional 100-150 cameras set up for real-time monitoring. Drone surveillance will also be conducted to maintain law and order during the festival. Authorities have instructed sector magistrates to patrol their designated areas actively and report any suspicious activities. "At present, the situation remains completely peaceful. We have made elaborate security arrangements, and law enforcement agencies are fully prepared to handle any situation," said DM Pensia.

With these measures in place, the administration hopes to ensure a smooth and peaceful celebration of Holi while maintaining communal harmony in Sambhal.

Adhikari immediately retorted at the alleged "audacity" of the TMC's minority MLAs saying that he would take them on alone inside the Assembly premises. "I will ask for no additional security, keep coming to the House alone and go to my office with my PA and secretary. Let us see what they can do. But let me remind if anything happens to me Speaker Biman Banerjee will be held responsible for that.

Things took an ugly turn on Tuesday evening when Adhikari leading a bevy of BJP MLAs - that had walked out of the State Assembly after being denied opportunity by the Speaker to speak on alleged attacks on Hindu temples and establishments in some areas of the State - said that the "BJP will come to power in 2026 defeating Mamata Banerjee, and after we come to power in the State we will toss the Muslim MLAs out of this Assembly." He said, "how in the last four to five days, there have been incidents of attacks on Hindu temples and idols vandalised and set on fire in a few areas in Tamluk constituency without a single arrest being made," and how "in as Naoda area in Murshidabad district houses and shop belonging to the Hindus were set on fire and looted."

He also complained that Birbhum Police had asked people to finish playing Basanta Utsav in Santiniketan by 11 am as it would be Friday.

## Soldier injured in cross-LOC firing

#### MOHIT KANDHARI 🗖 Jammu

soldier of the Indian Army deployed along the line of control In the Nowshera sector of Rajouri was hit by a stray bullet fired from across the border after a loud mysterious blast rocked the forward area near Kalsiyan early Wednesday morning.

This is the first incident of cross-border

firing in the region after the Brigade commander's level Flag meeting, which took place near Chakan-da-bagh in Poonch, on February 21.

According to official sources, the injured soldier was airlifted to the Udhampur based Command hospital for advanced medical treatment.

Till late evening, no official statement was issued about the circumstances under

which the soldier received a bullet injury on the forward post.

Local reports also claimed that an explosion was also reported along the zero line in the area around 6 am, followed by three rounds of gunfire.

However, there was no immediate report of any casualty in the blast, the cause of which is not known immediately, the official sources said.



# **OPINION** 06

### Editor's

### Mark Carney to take on Voldemort

A known Trump critic, Mark Carney replaces Justin Trudeau as Canada's Prime Minister

n a historic political shift, Mark Carney has been announced as the next leader of the Liberal Party and the 24th Prime Minister of

Canada, succeeding Justin Trudeau. Carney won the leadership race decisively, securing 131,674 votes, approximately 85.9 per cent of the ballots. His transition into office marks a significant turning point for the Liberal Party and Canada's future, particularly in its economic policies and international relations. Carney brings a wealth of economic expertise to the position, having previously served as the Governor of both the Bank of Canada (2008-2013) and the Bank of England (2013-2020). He is widely credited with steering Canada through the 2008 financial crisis, earning him a reputation as a pragmatic and reliable leader. His experience on the global financial stage, positions him as a leader with strong economic acumen. A former Goldman Sachs executive, Carney has long been seen as a steady hand in times of crisis, making him an ideal choice to ensure stability and economic resilience in the face of global uncertainties.

One of Carney's most immediate and critical challenges will be navigating Canada's relationship with the United States, particularly with former President Donald Trump returning to power. Trump's previous tenure was marked by a disdainful approach toward Canada, imposing tariffs on steel and aluminum, challenging trade agreements, and openly criticising the country's economic policies. In his second term, Trump has become even more vitriolic towards Canada. Carney's economic background makes him suited to address Trump's aggressive trade tactics. Having managed financial stability through turbulent times, he is likely to adopt a measured yet firm approach in negotiations. His experience in global financial leadership suggests he will prioritise economic diplomacy, leveraging Canada's trade alliances, including the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) and the Canada-European Union trade deal, to counterbalance US pressure.

However, Carney's personal history with Trump presents an interesting dynamic. In the past, he has been openly critical of Trump's economic policies and even likened him to Voldemort, the infamous antagonist from Harry Potter. While this past remark may resurface in political discourse, Carney is expected to adopt a professional stance, emphasising economic pragmatism over political rhetoric a stark departure from his predecessor.

Carney's leadership is expected to focus on economic stability, climate change initiatives, and maintaining Canada's social programs. Given his strong advocacy for sustainable finance, his administration may prioritise green investments, aligning Canada's economic policies with global climate commitments. Trade diversification will be another key aspect of his strategy. To mitigate the risk of overreliance on the US market, Carney may seek to strengthen economic ties with Europe, Asia, and emerging markets, reducing Canada's vulnerability to American protectionism.

Mark Carney's rise to Canada's highest office brings a shift from Trudeau's leadership style to one deeply rooted in financial expertise and economic strategy. Under Mark Carney's leadership, Indo-Canada relations are expected to take a pragmatic and economically driven turn. He is likely to prioritise trade, investment, and economic collaboration with India. Canada may seek to expand its role in sectors such as technology, clean energy, and natural resources, aligning with India's rapid economic growth. However, political tensions, particularly surrounding issues like Khalistani separatism, could remain a challenge. Carney's diplomatic approach will likely focus on de-escalation and fostering stronger ties through economic partnerships rather than ideological confrontations. His leadership presents an opportunity for renewed negotiations on a long-pending free trade agreement, which could significantly enhance bilateral trade.

# **Delhi's bold step towards sustainability**

The newly elected Delhi government is setting ambitious goals for environmental sustainability and disaster resilience, with a strong focus on cleaning the Yamuna River, pollution control, and waste management

leaning the Yamuna river, pollution control, garbage management, and addressing climate and disaster resilience to ensure sustainable development are among the top priorities of the newly elected Delhi government. However, these ambitious goals can only be achieved with active community participation. Raising awareness and fostering public engagement are crucial to creating a more sustainable and disaster-resilient future. In this context, a Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Environmental Sustainability, known as "Yamuna- Apda evam Jalvayu Parivartan Nyunikaran Adhisthan (YAJNA)" meaning- Yamuna -Institute for Disaster and Climate Change Mitigation, is proposed. This centre will serve as a hub for education, collaboration, and action, setting an example for other states to follow

Delhi, the national capital of India, faces a complex web of hazards. From earthquakes and floods to human-induced crises such as severe air and water pollution, road accidents, and inefficient waste management, the city's vulnerabilities are escalating. Rapid urbanisation and a dense population further compound these risks, leading to widespread environmental degradation and public health crises. Despite existing efforts by multiple agencies, a significant gap remains in public engagement, coordination, and proactive action. A dedicated awareness centre like Yajna will bridge this gap by equipping citizens with the knowledge and tools to become active participants in resiliencebuilding.

Disaster management museums cum knowledge centres worldwide have demonstrated their potential to drive awareness and preparedness. The Kobe Earthquake Memorial Museum in Japan and the Tsunami Memorial Museum in Thailand have played pivotal roles in educating the public on natural and human-induced hazards and mitigating the risk with better response strategies. In India, the Earthquake Museum in Bhuj, Gujarat, serves as a model for enhancing public understanding of seismic risks. Inspired by these global and national examples, the proposed centre in Delhi will not only focus on disaster risk reduction but also integrate environmental conservation, climate change mitigation, and pollution control efforts, with a special emphasis on cleaning the Yamuna River.

Yamuna, the lifeline of Delhi, has been battling severe pollution for decades. Industrial waste, untreated sewage, and rampant encroachments have turned this once-pris-



tine river into a toxic water body. The newly elected government has placed Yamuna's rejuvenation at the forefront of its agenda, recognising that a clean river is fundamental to public health, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable urban development. However, government initiatives alone cannot restore the Yamuna. Without widespread ommunity participation, even the most well-intentioned policies will fall short. The proposed centre will be crucial in mobilising citizens, educating them about the importance of river conservation, and providing actionable solutions for sustainable water management.

Environmental sustainability and disaster resilience are deeply interconnected. Poor vaste management contributes to urban flooding, air pollution exacerbates respiratory diseases, and deforestation heightens vulnerability to climate-induced disasters. The centre will function as a convergence point where experts, policymakers, students, and local communities come together to find innovative and practical solutions. Through interactive exhibitions, hands-on training, and community-driven campaigns, the centre will empower people to adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives. It will promote vaste segregation, composting, and recycling, significantly reducing Delhi's landfill burden. Additionally, it will advocate for green energy solutions, urban afforestation, and pollution control measures, aligning with India's commitments under the Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Public engagement will be at the heart of this initiative. Schools, colleges, resident welfare associations, and corporate sectors will be actively involved in awareness campaigns, training sessions, and workshops. The younger generation, in particular, will be encouraged to take ownership of environ-



hub, providing scientific insights and data-driven recommendations to strengthen urban resilience. It will facilitate collaboration between various government agencies, research institutions, and civil society organisations to develop integrated strategies for disaster preparedness and environmental sustainability. With real-time monitoring of air and water quality, the centre will enable authorities to take proactive measures in pollution control and disaster risk reduction.

Beyond its educa-

This initiative is not just about creating another institution-it is about transforming

Delhi into a model city for resilience and sustainability. By integrating disaster risk reduction with environmental conservation, the centre will facilitate enhancing public safety, improve air and water quality, and promote sustainable urban planning. The direct economic benefits in the form of revenue will be significant as well. Similar to the Bhuj Earthquake Museum, which has become a successful revenue-generating centre, YAJNA is expected to attract students, researchers, policymakers, and industry professionals from across the country and beyond. Educational programs, training courses, and consultancy services will generate revenue, ensuring the centre's long-term viabil-

As Delhi embarks on a new chapter under the leadership of the newly elected government, the time to act is now. The commitment to cleaning the Yamuna, controlling pollution, managing waste effectively, and building climate resilience must be translated into concrete actions. This initiative offers a comprehensive and practical roadmap to achieve these goals. By bringing together the government, experts, and citizens, the centre will ensure that resilience and sustainability become embedded in Delhi's development journey. A resilient Delhi is not just a necessity-it is a responsibility we owe to future generations.

(The writer is former executive director, National Institute of Disaster Management. Views expressed ar personal)

## The delicate strength of relationships





brooding, over a long drawn flowery speech. decades later. I compared the professional journey of everyone from the time of joining till retirement to the life of a rose and the fragrance that it spreads till the end. I also compared the new life that the staff would embark upon from the next day to the blooming of a new flower. The staff had tears of gratitude in his eyes. The supervisors applauded me for words well said. It was Bengal

to speak a few words. Eloquence is not my engineer has made me too rational and logical. I often find strong suit. I prefer brevity, or even silent myself at the receiving end when I abruptly interrupt my wife as she starts talking about something bothering her, I remember my impromptu words even four a situation that I may feel is beyond her control. I conveniently forget my learnings over a lifetime, till she reminds me that she is aware of the impossibility of the situation. She wants me to let her vent her frustrations. I realise there is a lot I need to work on.

<u>, eaderspeak</u>

Today, Prime Minister Navin Chandra Ramgoolam and I decided to give the India-Mauritius partnership the status of 'Enhanced Strategic Partnership'. We decided that India will cooperate in building the new Parliament building in Mauritius. This will be a gift to Mauritius from the Mother of Democracy. India and Maurities are connected not just by the Indian Ocean but by shared culture and values. We are

each other's partners on the path of economic and social progress.

NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

elationships are beautiful. However, I often view them through the lenses of the boundaries deeply ingrained during childhood and over the decades. I fail to grasp that human relationships are pure and unadulterated emotions. They cannot follow any scientific formulae. I also need to curb my tendency to judge the raw emotions and reactions of others solely based on my experiences.

I am the oldest child of my generation in the entire family. A lesson deeply ingrained into my psyche by my elders was that I needed to be mindful of the youngsters and guests came first. I discharged my responsibilities with the utmost care till I had my first setback in my early teens. A much younger cousin was playing with my sister. Like all children, they also started fighting for the same toy. It fell upon me to mediate. My sister did not say anything but burst into tears when I tried to explain that it was our responsibility to take care of the younger guest. Her tears taught me an important lesson. We have tried hard not to burden our daughters with unnecessary baggage.

A few days into my first posting in the railways, I was asked to chair the farewell meeting of a retiring staff. I was the seniormost official in the gathering at the relatively young age of 25. I was taken aback when I was asked



where words spoken from the heart are also received with utmost sincerity. I had developed an instant connection and lasting relationships with them. They recognised me as a sensitive soul they could uninhibitedly approach for help. I may not always have been of much assistance, but it was enough for the person to unburden.

A young neighbour told me that she finds me unduly sensitive to certain situations. She said that she, and probably many more, look up to me for guidance. She went on to mention that I need to curb my impulsive reactions. My response was that I am an extremely sensitive and emotional person, and I have spent a lifetime worrying about others. It is now time for me to be myself. I rather flippantly concluded, "This is what I am."

This is a lesson I sometimes forget when imparting my words of wisdom to those dear to me. A long time as an

In author Mignon G Eberhart's words, "The complexity of human relationships is never simple to follow; it is like intricate lacework, but lacework made of steel."

To conclude, relationships are intricate, shaped by personal experiences, emotions, and deep-seated values. My journey has been one of constant learning—understanding that relationships cannot be governed by rigid logic but by sensitivity and empathy. From childhood lessons of responsibility to professional experiences that connected me with people on a deeper level, I have realised that emotions must be acknowledged, not judged.

Over the years, I have also recognised my own need to evolve. While my rationality has served me well, it sometimes overshadows the simple act of listening. As my wife often reminds me that not every problem requires a solution-sometimes, people just need to be heard. As I continue to navigate relationships, I strive to embrace emotions without overanalysing them.

(The author is an electrical engineer with the Indian Railways and conducts classes in creative writing. Views expressed are personal)

# Letters to the Editor

#### From Goddesses to Subjugation

Madam — The editorial 'Beyond the rhetoric' should sensitise all the concerned. History presents the picture of women placed in high esteem and treated with dignity and honour. Even where men were ruling women were guiding them in the fields of diplomacy, finance and social issues. We have many women rulers who have been envied by others for their value, popularity they enjoyed, ability to rule to the satisfaction of all their subjects. It is even said that before the male God's came in the scene it was Goddesses who were actually worshiped.

However, in due course of time they have yielded to the dominance of men. Even today the society worships goddesses but keeps women in a tamed status. In spite of their fine and valuable contributions they should not learn and recite Vedas

But women are springing up today proving themselves to be the best in every field. There are scenes of rape and denial their due rights also, which are the fallouts of the impulsive rulers' who still view the women gender as a subjugated section. Some sections justify this by calling them the dictum of the Gods.

If the government is really serious it can implement the deterrent provisions to stop the spate of rapes. Women are paraded nude in public, raped and murder in Manipur. AG RAJMOHAN | ANANTAPUR

#### **India Fights Cancer**

Madam—It is with reference to the news "BJP to open 200 day care cancer centres this year: Nadda". Central government's proposal of opening 200 day cancer centres in the country in 2025- 26 to provide basic facilities to cancer patients is a welcome move. It has also been planned to establish such centres in all districts in the next three years to treat cancer patients. In India, the number of cancer patients is rising and the country needs to improve access to cancer care. It is estimated that one in nine persons in India are likely to develop cancer in their lifetime.

Among the new cases breast, cervix and lung cancer are the most frequently reported. Though India has some of the most advanced cancer treatment methods and technology, there are still gaps in access and affordability. There are also shortage of cancer care facilities, manpower and training. Early detection, screening, education, health promotion and tobacco control are important to prevent and control cancer. It is estimated that by 2050, there will be an 85 per cent increase in the number of new cancer cases and deaths in the WHO'S South East Asia region. It is unfortunate.

Therefore, there is an urgent need for continued efforts from clinicians, researchers and policy makers to collaborate and find the most effective strategies to serve cancer patients in the best way possible

#### Self-Defence or Self-Reliance?

Madam -- The recent report from the Stockholm Peace Research Institute which highlight the Arm Import by the countries has revealed some of the really interesting facts. The report designate India as the second largest arms importing country after Ukraine, followed by Qatar. Although, the fact is not shocking that India is the major arm importing country, because we had a long history of it. There is no such big problem in such imports, but the shocking part of the story is that India fails to implement its so called state of the art plan of Aatmnirbhar Bharat idea of domestic arm manufacturing.

Whereas, China make a drastic shift of altering its import status. It successfully managed to keep itself out of the top ten importer ranking, paving the way for domestic manufacturing of such critical arms and ammunition in their own country

Arms are the basic need for self defence for any nation, which no country could ever think to avoid for. It is welcoming that despite India stand at the second position in the arm importing list, the import goes 9.3 per cent down in 2020-2024, compared to the arm trade figures of 2015-19.

In a bid to incline for self defence on our own, it is required that India must start satisfying its arm need on its own. We need to be self reliant for our self defence.

### SUPREME COURT MOOTS FOR DISABLED FRIENDLY PRISONS

Tupreme Court had expressed concerns over the plight of disabled prisoners which is against the Disability Act 2016 passed by the Parliament and it is worth mentionable that during that Parliament session there was pandemonium and Disability bill was passed and all parties supported the bill and the Supreme Court said a petition highlighting the trauma and inhumane conditions suffered by Professor G Saibaba and the elderly Stan Swamy raised a "serious" issue about the lack of disabled-friendly accommodation and facilities in prisons across the country

While Stan Swamy had passed away while lodged in jail as an undertrial prisoner, Saibaba had passed away last year a few months after he was acquitted and released from jail. The Supreme Court sought the response of the Central government to a PIL seeking adequate facilities for disabled prisoners in jails

The PIL cited the instances of treatment meted out to Professor GN Saibaba and Father Stan Swamy to highlight the severe

neglect of disabled prisoners and lack of disabled-friendly accommodation, washrooms and other facilities in jails.

While Stan Swamy passed away in 2021 while lodged in jail as an undertrial prisoner in the Bhima Koregaon violence case, Saibaba passed away last year a few months after he was acquitted and released from prison. The demise of Professor GN Saibaba, a scholar and human rights activist with disabilities, was directly attributable to his deteriorating health, exacerbated by prolonged incarceration and the inhumane conditions of his detention. Stan Swamy also struggled with disability due to Parkinson's syndrome and died while in prison. He was denied medical treatment and basic support," the petition submitted.

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YASH PAL RALHAN | JALANDHAR

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ndia's industrial growth narrative presents an

alarming regional imbalance that cannot be ignored. While western and southern states like

Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka,

and Telangana stand as formidable economic powerhouses, their northern counterparts state such

as Punjab and Uttar Pradesh remain entrenched in

stagnation. This disparity poses a significant threat to our ambition of achieving a 'Viksit Bharat' by

2047. A critical factor driving this divide is logis-

tics. The lack of adequate access to seaports makes

manufacturing in northern India prohibitively

expensive, crippling competitiveness and driving

away crucial investment. If we fail to rationalise

freight costs, the industrial sector in landlocked

states will perpetually struggle, deepening the eco-

With a coastline stretching 4,316 km, southern and

western states possess undeniable locational advan-

tages that enable seamless exports to markets in China, Korea, Taiwan, Japan, and throughout the

ASEAN region. Tamil Nadu dominates India's auto-

mobile sector, while Maharashtra, Gujarat,

Karnataka, and Telangana lead in engineering, IT,

and textiles. Collectively, these five states account

for a staggering 53 per cent of India's total facto-

ries, firmly establishing their dominance in industrial growth. Maharashtra's industrial sector has

experienced explosive growth, achieving a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 11.77 per cent

from FY 2021-22 to 2023-24-the highest in the

nation. Tamil Nadu follows closely at 11.63 per cent,

with Telangana at 11.47 per cent, Gujarat at 10.2

per cent, and Karnataka at 8.47 per cent. In stark

contrast, northern states such as Haryana (7.1 per

cent), Punjab (6.78 per cent), and Uttar Pradesh (4.7

per cent) are falling behind, as highlighted by the

23 further underscores this imbalance. Maharashtra

and Gujarat contribute nearly 40 per cent of India's

industrial output, while Uttar Pradesh and Punjab

generate a mere 8.5 per cent and 2.8 per cent, respec-tively. The exorbitant cost of transporting goods

from landlocked northern states to coastal export

hubs severely undermines competitiveness. This

issue has dampened overall industrial sentiment,

making these states far less attractive for both

domestic and foreign direct investment (FDI) com-

pared to their southern and western counterparts.

FDI trends paint a stark picture of this dispari-

ty. According to the Ministry of Commerce and

Industry, Maharashtra has emerged as the leading

recipient of FDI from FY 2021-22 to 2023-24,

attracting ₹5,32,429 Crore-an impressive 30 per cent

of total FDI equity inflows. Karnataka follows with

₹3,89,483 Crore (22 per cent) and Gujarat with

₹2,99,624 crore (17 per cent). Together, these three

The Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) for 2022-

Economic Survey of these states.

Logistics: A Key Driver of Industrial Inequality

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# Logistics is holding back north India's growth

India's industrial landscape is marked by a stark regional imbalance, with western and southern states surging ahead while northern states struggle to keep pace. Without urgent intervention to rationalise freight costs and improve logistics infrastructure, northern states risk falling further behind



services transport perishable goods and vegetables A 50 per cent subsidy on railway freight, funded by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries under the "Operation Greens" scheme, has significantly boosted farm exports of agricultural commodities. Fourth, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) offers a 20 per cent Transport Incentive (TI) Scheme for finished goods transported via rail or the Inland Waterways Authority of India, from the port nearest to the location of industrial units in the North-Eastern Region (NER) to the buyers' area.

#### How freight subsidy could be re-structured

Based on previous initiatives, a targeted Northern States Freight Subsidy Program could be a game changer and might be structured as follows: Subsidised Rail Freight Rates:

1.Offering up to a 30-40 per cent subsidy on goods transported from northern dry ports to major coastal hubs.

2-Expanding Empty Flow Rebates: Extending TEFD rebates to northern states to make backhaul freight more economical.

3-Infrastructure Development: Investing in multimodal logistics parks and dedicated freight corridors in the northern states.

#### The Way Forward:

The central government must not overlook its landlocked northern states to achieve inclusive industrial growth. Rail freight subsidies will support micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), attract new investments, and create jobs.

While global trade regulations often scrutinise subsidies, the pricing autonomy of Indian Railways allows for strategic adjustments in freight costs without breaching World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules. By revising freight structures, northern manufacturers can enhance their global competiveness. If we aspire for a 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India), it is essential to ensure balanced industrial progress. To conclude, India's industrial growth is marked by stark regional disparities, with southern states while northern states lag behind. A key driver of this imbalance is logistics, as landlocked states face high freight costs that hinder competiveness and discourage investment.

Proximity to seaports has enabled coastal states to dominate exports, attract foreign direct investment, and develop thriving industrial sectors. To bridge this gap, India must implement a targeted Northern States Freight Subsidy Program, including subsidised rail freight rates, expanded empty flow rebates, and enhanced logistics infrastructure.

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states command an astounding 69 per cent of India's total FDI, while the remaining states are left with a mere 31 per cent. This clearly illustrates how locational advantages significantly dictate industrial investment

Export statistics serve as further evidence of this imbalance, with Gujarat and Maharashtra accounting for over 50 per cent of India's total exports, thanks to their robust seaport infrastructures. Without immediate and decisive intervention, this disparity will only continue to widen, threatening the future economic landscape of our nation.

#### **Seaport-Led Industrialisation: A Global Perspective**

Seaports play a critical role in industrialisation. Some countries, like China, have successfully leveraged their coastal regions to expand manufacturing capabilities. In China, industrial hubs are strategically located near ports, minimising logistical costs. In contrast, India's hinterland dry ports and container depots are, on average, 1,400 km away

from seaports, leading to significantly higher export and import costs. This distance compounds competiimports in 2023-24.

tion from China, which accounted for nearly 42 per cent of India's textiles and clothing imports, 40 per cent of machinery imports, and 38.4 per cent of electronics Why Freight Costs Matter The Reserve Bank of India

(RBI) reported in 2022 that India's logistics costs are already 14 per cent higher than the global average, disproportionately affecting manufacturers in landlocked northern states that rely on dry ports as critical trade gateways. Manufacturers in these areas face higher freight costs due to longer transit distances to seaports like Mumbai, Mundra, Kandla, and Chennai.

Dependence on road transport is 30-50 per cent

more expensive than rail. The lack of dedicated freight corridors slows transportation efficiency and increases operational expenses. Industries in northern states not only receive raw materials from coastal regions but also send finished products to markets using the same routes.

While dry ports have been established to bridge this gap, they often function merely as booking centres rather than effective logistics solutions. As a result, northern manufacturers face a double freight burden, forcing many to relocate or shut down operations due to unsustainable costs. In contrast, industrial clusters in coastal states benefit from proximity to ports, enhancing their global trade competitiveness and generating employment.

Railway freight initiatives: The Indian Railways has successfully implemented targeted freight subsidies in select sectors. First, A 40 per cent discount is available for loading fly ash. Second, Traditional Empty Flow Directions (TEFD) rebate up to a 20 per cent reduction in costs for freight that moves along underutilised routes. Third, 157 'Kisan Rail'

### **Explore the role of foreign investments** for economic stability

## The silent crisis in education: teacher burnout

Conclusion

Today, many dedicated educators are leaving



ndia's economic trajectory under Prime Minister Narendra Modi blends rigorous analysis with bold policy moves. The BJP-led government has combined openness to foreign capital — through Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Foreign Institutional Investment (FII) — with initiatives to boost self-reliance. Economists and policymakers alike recognise foreign investment as a pillar of economic stability, providing critical financing, technology, and market access across sectors. This balanced strategy favours pro-growth reforms while building domestic capacity.

#### **FDI AND FII: Temporary Boost For** Long-Term Self-Reliance

Surging FDI inflows have strengthened India's growth and stability. Annual FDI hit a record \$83.6 Billion in FY2021-22, almost double the \$45 Billion in 2014. This reflects investors' confidence in India's reform agenda. Manufacturing FDI alone jumped 76 per cent in FY2021-22 after initiatives like Make in India, and even post-COVID FDI inflows were 23 per cent higher than pre-pandemic levels, underscoring sustained foreign trust during crises.

FII has been crucial in bolstering India's financial markets and boosting its economy. India has managed to extract maximum advantage out of FII Inflows to improve market liquidity and reinforce a strong balance of payments position. Moreover, the Modi government's economic policies have inspired considerable confidence in the Indian economy among global investors leading to ever-increasing inflows of capital that have further firmed up the Indian economy. Timely and proactive actions taken by policymakers from targeted liquidity infusions during the 2020 global crisis to automatic stabilisers have mitigated volatility and supported growth momentum.

This bolstered economic momentum, with its cadre of dedicated professionals, startups, and thriving industries, has catapulted India to a challenging, productive, and sustainable global positioning of higher foreign investments.

#### **Transformative Impact Across Key Sectors**

Liberalised foreign investment regulations have funnelled significant capital reserves into formative industries including information technology, manufacturing infrastructure, healthcare, agribusiness, and education.

Technology corporations have been top beneficiaries, with the software and hardware sector attracting approximately 25 per cent of all foreign direct investment inflows in fiscal year 2021-2022, underscoring India's emergence as a global technology leader. Manufacturing

industries have gained momentum thanks to both foreign capital and domestic incentives designed to stimulate job creation and output. The innovative Production-Linked Incentive schemes introduced in 2020 have since incentivised ₹1.32 Trillion in new investments while expanding total production value by a staggering ₹10.9 Trillion, generating hundreds of thousands of well-compensated employment opportunities.

#### Strategic Reforms Boost **Self-Reliance**

PM Modi has aligned the overarching policy goals of self-reliance with encouraging foreign investment. Prime Minister Modi has shifted policy to turn self-reliance into both a goal and

an opportunity for foreign investors. Launched in 2020 with a \$20 Trillion stimulus, the Atmanirbhar Bharat mission epitomises India's pursuit for selfreliant growth; more efficient, competitive and resilient economies that welcome foreign participation which can strengthen the domestic base. Defence manufactur-

ing is a case in point. The

FDI cap on it was raised from 49 per cent to 74 per cent to attract joint ventures and technology transfer. On a broader scale, substantive libralisation of FDI across all sectors (from coal mining and aviation to insurance and the internet) along with simplifying investment rules has radically improved India's investor-friendly environment. Together with the Make in India initiative, this ensures that foreign investment enters the country in forms that are consistent with national goals and strengthen the industrial foundation.

#### **Self-Reliant Growth**

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Continuing reforms and overall multi-sector growth should keep India firmly on the map as a global place for investment. Nearly constant inflows from abroad, gains in sectors besides heavy industry, and a market that has been proof of the strength of this strategy.

Consequently, strategic foreign direct investment (FDI) and foreign institutional investors (FII) will continue to play important roles in India's pursuit of balanced development. By keeping up steady government policies and forming international partnerships, India can achieve economic self-reliance. This formula for success will ensure that India is a strong and resilient economic power.

The challenge of balancing foreign investment with self-reliant economic growth in India has its roots in the socialist Nehruvian policies. Historically, India has oscillated between protectionist policies and open-market reforms. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the government has pursued a dual approach: encouraging Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Foreign Institutional Investment (FII) while simultaneously strengthening domestic industries. The core issue being tackled is how India can leverage foreign capital for growth without becoming overly dependent on external funding.

FDI brings in critical capital, technology, and expertise, which boost infrastructure, manufacturing, and technology sectors. Meanwhile, FII helps stabilise financial markets and improve liquidity. However, excessive reliance on foreign investments can lead to economic vulnerabilities, particularly during global downturns.

India has addressed this issue by implementing structural reforms such as Make in India, Atmanirbhar Bharat, and Production-Linked Incentives (PLI).

These initiatives ensure that foreign investments align with national priorities, fostering job creation, technological advancements, and industrial self-sufficiency.In essence, the problem being analysed is whether India can sustain high economic growth, attract global investments, and enhance self-reliance without compromising financial stability.

India's economic trajectory under Prime Minister Narendra Modi reflects a strategic blend of foreign investment and self-reliance.

The record-breaking inflows of FDI and FII underscore global confidence in India's reform agenda, strengthening financial markets, industrial growth, and employment generation. Initiatives like Make in India, Production-Linked Incentives, and Atmanirbhar Bharat have ensured that foreign investments align with national priorities, bolstering domestic capabilities while sustaining economic expansion.

The liberalisation of foreign investment regulations across key sectors such as technology, manufacturing, and defense has attracted significant capital and fostered innovation.

The Modi government's pragmatic policies have mitigated global economic volatility, creating a resilient economic environment that can weather crises and sustain long-term growth. India's rise as a technology and industrial powerhouse is a testament to this strategic approach.

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eachers are more than just educators. They

are mentors, motivators and role models who profoundly shape their students' lives. Teachers' ability to inspire, adapt, and create lasting impact makes them unique.

However, what saddens is that the fast-paced nature of education has left the teachers physically, emotionally and mentally exhausted.

Today, teacher burnout is real, and it is a growing crisis that affects not only educators but also students and the overall quality of education. Burnout, which is characterised by chronic stress, exhaustion and a loss of motivation, has led many skilled educators to leave the profession.

Several factors such as excessive workload, lack of support resources, wherein teachers work beyond their contracted hours, grading assign-

ments, preparing lesson plans, attending meetings and handling administrative tasks, along with the expectation to constantly perform at high levels with limited time have resulted to overwhelming stress.

Many teachers, especially in underfunded schools, are facing challenges such as overcrowded classrooms, lack of teaching materials and inadequate support staff, which has forced the teachers to find alternative solutions, often at the cost of their time and money.

Teaching is an emotionally demand-

ing job. Today, a teacher apart from just teaching has to support students academically and personally, often acting as mentors, counsellors and caregivers. They even have to deal with student trauma, behavioural issues and academic struggles, which, as per several studies, has taken a significant emotional toll. Studies also reveal that in many countries, teachers are underpaid when compared to other professionals with similar education levels. This has led to financial stress and has contributed to dissatisfaction and exhaustion.

Due to their demanding schedules, many teachers struggle to find time for themselves and their families. The inability to maintain a worklife balance has contributed to chronic fatigue and decreased job satisfaction, resulting in teacher burnout.

Teacher burnout has serious consequences, not only for teachers but also for the education system as a whole. It is quite certain that once the person develops chronic stress, it will lead to physical health issues such as headaches, high blood pressure and insomnia. Not only this, it will also increase the risk of anxiety, depression and emotional exhaustion. Such teachers will at the same time struggle to maintain the same level of enthusiasm, patience and creativity in their teaching, affecting student engagement and learning outcomes

this noble profession due to burnout, resulting in teacher shortages and the loss of experienced professionals.

Consequently, schools are compelled to hire less experienced teachers, which impacts the overall quality of education. When teachers experience burnout, students feel less supported and motivated. A disengaged or emotionally drained teacher can create a negative learning environment, impacting student performance and wellbeing.

It is high time to address teacher burnout through systemic changes at multiple levels, requiring action from schools, governments and society to create a healthier teaching environment. Reducing workload by implementing manageable schedules, providing admin-

istrative support and minimising unnecessary paperwork can help alleviate stress.

Additionally, offering mental health resources, counselling services and stress management programs can support teachers in coping with emotional challenges. Increasing salaries, providing financial incentives and recognising teachers' efforts, can enhance job satisfaction and reduce financial stress.

#### Conclusion

Above all, promoting work-life balance by limiting after-hours communication, ensuring adequate breaks and offering flexible schedules is crucial. Furthermore, fostering a supportive work environment through strong leadership, collaboration, mentorship programs and professional development can make teachers feel valued. Lastly, granting teachers more autonomy by reducing excessive standardised testing and allowing them to design engaging, student-centred lessons can boost motivation and fulfilment.

There is no denying that teacher burnout is a serious issue that demands immediate attention. Without proper intervention, the education system risks losing passionate and skilled educators, which will ultimately affect students' success and the future of education.

Investing in teacher well-being is not just about improving their lives, rather it is about ensuring a better future for generations to come. To conclude, teachers are the backbone of education. Yet, the growing demands of the profession have left many educators physically, emotionally, and mentally drained. Teachers have a larger responsibility towards the society. If they are emotionally, mentally and physically fit they can deliver what it takes to build a nation!







# **Trump** says it is up to Russia to accept ceasefire deal in war with Ukraine

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President Donald Trump said he is hopeful that Russia will agree to a 30-day ceasefire with Ukraine even as President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Wednesday termed it as a positive step and said it is up to the US to convince Russia to accept it.

Senior officials from the US and Ukraine held talks in Jeddah in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday focussing on ending the over three year war between Moscow and Kyiv, which gave an indication to accept a 30day ceasefire.

"A while ago, Ukraine has agreed to the ceasefire. Now we go to Russia and hope-fully President Putin will agree to it also," Trump said here soon after the Jeddah announcement.

"If we get Russia to do it, that will be great. If we can't, we keep going on and on and people are going to get killed," he said in another video posted on his TruthSocial account.

He also spoke about meetings with Russia soon, in an apparent reference to Steve Witkoff, his special envoy, who is likely to visit Moscow to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin.

President Zelenskyy said the American side understands his country's arguments and considers their proposals and added that he is "grateful to President Trump for the constructive conversation between our teams.

"Ukraine is ready to accept this proposal-we see it as a positive step and are ready to take it. Now, it is up to the United States to convince Russia to do the same. If Russia agrees, the ceasefire will take effect immediately," Zelenskyy said hours after the announcement came from Jeddah.

"During today's talks, the US side pro-



President Donald Trump and Tesla CEO Elon Musk speak to reporters near a red Model S Tesla vehicle on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington

posed taking an even bigger first step-a 30-day full interim ceasefire, not only stopping missile, drone, and bomb attacks, not only in the Black Sea, but also along the entire front line," the Ukrainian president said in a video, text for which was posted on his official X handle too.

Asserting that Ukraine's position remains absolutely clear, he said, "Ukraine has been seeking peace from the very first second of this war, and we want to do everything to achieve it as soon as possible and in a reliable way-so that war does not return?

Zelenskyy also talked about the three key points that his team proposed during the meeting with the Americans in Jeddah: silence in the skies-stopping missile strikes, bombs, and long-range drone attacks; silence at sea; real confidencebuilding measures in this whole situation, "in which diplomacy is ongoing, which primarily means the release of prisoners of war and detainees-both military and

civilian-and the return of Ukrainian children who were forcibly transferred to Russia."

There has been no official reaction from Russia as vet.

Meanwhile, soon after the announcement coming in from Jeddah, the Trump government lifted its suspension of military aid and intelligence sharing with Ukraine, measures that were imposed a week ago in an apparent effort to push Zelenskyy for talks about ending the war.

### White House pressures Columbia University as it seeks to deport pro-Palestinian activists

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he White House complained Tuesday that Columbia University is refusing to help federal agents find people being sought as part of the government's effort to deport participants in pro-Palestinian demonstrations, as the administration continued to punish the school by yanking federal research dollars.

Immigration enforcement agents on Saturday arrested and detained Mahmoud Khalil, a legal U.S. resident and Palestinian activist who played a prominent part in protests at Columbia last year. He is now facing possible deportation.

President Donald Trump has vowed additional arrests. In a briefing with reporters in Washington, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said federal authorities have been "using intelligence" to identify other people involved in

that the administration considered to be antisemitic and "pro-Hamas."

She said Columbia had been given names and was refusing to help the Department of Homeland Security "to identify those individuals on campus."

"As the president said very strongly in his statement yesterday, he is not going to tolerate that," Leavitt said.

A Columbia spokesperson didn't immediately return a message seeking comment. Last week, the Trump administration announced it was pulling \$400 million in grants and contracts from Columbia, accusing the school of failing to stop antisemitism on campus. As part of those cuts, the National Institutes of Health late Monday it was cutting more than \$250 mil-lion in funding, which included more than 400 grants.

X. Edward Guo, director of Columbia's Bone Bioengineering Laboratory, posted

notifying him that one of his NIH awards had been canceled. "We understand this

may be shocking news," the email reads. The university was wracked last spring by large demonstrations by students calling for an end to Israeli military action in Gaza and a recognition of Palestinians' human rights and territorial claims. The university ultimately called in police to dismantle a protest encampment and end a student takeover of an administration building

Khalil, 30, had been a spokesperson for the protesters. He hasn't been charged with any crimes, but Leavitt said the administration had moved to deport him under a section of the Immigration and Nationality Act that gives the secretary of state the power to deport a non-citizen if the government "has reasonable ground to believe" the person's presence could have "serious adverse foreign policy conse-

As of Tuesday, Khalil was being held at an immigration detention center in Louisiana. Civil rights groups and Khalil's attorneys say the government is unconstitutionally using its immigration-control powers to stop him from speaking out. A federal judge set a hearing for Wednesday and ordered the government not to deport him in the meantime.

Trump, a Republican, has suggested that some protesters support Hamas, the Palestinian militant group that attacked Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, killing 1,200 people and abducting 251. Israel responded with bombardment and other military offensives that have left over 48,000 Palestinians dead in Hamas-ruled Gaza. Israel says more than 17,000 were militants.

Trump heralded Khalil's arrest as the first "of many to come," vowing on social media to deport students the president described as engaging in "pro-terrorist,

### **Centre-right party wins** most votes in Greenland's parliamentary election

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** Nuuk (Greenland)

**◄**he centre-right Demokraatit Partv won the most votes in Greenland's parliamentary elections, a surprise result as the territory went to the polls in

the shadow of US President Donald Trump's stated goal of taking control of the island one way or another.

Both Demokraatit - the Democrats – and the second place party, Naleraq — 'Point of Orientation" — favour independence from Denmark but differ on the pace of change.

Demokraatit's upset victory on Wednesday over parties that have governed the territory for years indicates that many in Greenland care just as much about health care, education, cultural heritage and other social policies

"I think this is a historic result in political Greenland's history," Demokraatit party leader Jens-Frederik Nielsen said at the election party after the results.

Greenlandic newspaper Sermitsiaq wrote that Nielsen, 33, appeared to be surprised by his party's gains, with photos showing him sporting a huge grin and applauding at the election party. The Danish Broadcasting Corporation

DR reported that Nielsen said his party would reach out to all other parties to negotiate the future political course for Greenland.

"We had not expected that the election would have this outcome," Nielsen told Greenlandic Broadcasting Corporation KNR TV. "We are very happy."

Nielsen also said that Greenland needs to stand together "in a time of great interest from outside," KNR TV reported.

Prime Minister Mute Bourup Egede had called the early vote in February, saying the country needed to be united during a "serious time" unlike anything Greenland has ever experienced.

On Wednesday, after the results were known, Egede thanked voters in a Facebook post for turning out and said the parties were ready to turn to negotiations to form a government.

Danish Defence Minister Troels Lund Poulsen congratulated the Demokraatit party and said the future Greenlandic government would likely have to "deal with massive pressure from US President Donald Trump," according to DR.

He added that "it's not the case that you can just take part of the Danish Realm — the future of Greenland is based on what the Greenlandic people

and government want," DR reported. Trump has been outspoken about his desire to control Greenland, telling a joint session of Congress last week that he thought the US was going to get it "one way or the other."

Greenland, a self-governing region of Denmark, straddles strategic air and sea routes in the North Atlantic and has rich deposits of the rare earth minerals needed to make everything from mobile



Electoral workers prepare to count votes during parliamentary elections in Nuuk, Greenland.

phones to renewable energy technology.

Egede's Inuit Ataqatigiit (United Inuit) had been widely expected to win, followed by Siumut - two parties which had dominated Greenland's politics in recent years. A break from Denmark wasn't on the ballot, but it was on everyone's mind. The island of 56,000 people has been on a path toward independence since at least 2009, and the 31 lawmakers elected will shape the island's future as it debates whether the time has come to declare independence.

Four of the five main parties in the race sought independence, but disagreed on when and how.

Naleraq is the most aggressively pro-independence, while Demokraatit favours a more moderate pace of change.

"What approach to independence will win the day will ultimately depend on if Demokraatit decides to form a coalition government, and if so, with which party," said Dwayne Menezes, managing director of the Polar Research and Policy Initiative.

### Captain of cargo vessel involved in North Sea collision is Russian

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vessels are flagged.

Port inspection documents show the Solong failed steering-related satety checks in Dublin, Ireland, in July, with the vessel's "emergency steering position communications / compass reading' unreadable. Inspectors found a total of 10 deficiencies, including "inadequate" alarms, survival craft "not properly maintained" and fire doors "not as required."

## US tariffs on steel, aluminum | Trump tariffs disappointing unjustified: Australia

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ustralian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said Wednesday that US Atariffs on Australian steel and aluminum were unjustified, but his government would not retaliate with its own tariffs. US President Donald Trump said last month he was considering a tariff exemption for Australia, a free trade treaty partner that has traded with the United States at a deficit for decades.

A former Australian government secured an exemption with the previous Trump administration in 2018 based on arguments including that Australian thousands of workers in the US.

Albanese said he would continue to pursue an Australian exemption. The 2018 exemption took several months to

secure. "It has been foreshadowed that no country regardless of its relationship with the United States has been granted an exemption. Such a decision by the Trump administration is entirely unjustified," Albanese said.

"Tariffs and escalating trade tensions are a form of economic self-harm and a recipe for slower growth and higher inflation. They are paid by the consumers. This is why Australia will not be imposing reciprocal tariffs on the United States," Albanese added.

The US officially increased tariffs on all steel and aluminum imports to 25 per cent on Wednesday. The US decision not to exempt Australia was announced days after a spat became public between Trump and the former Australian prime minister who secured the 2018 exemption, Malcolm Turnbull.

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the British government on Wednesday called the Trump administration's tariffs on global steel and aluminium imports "disappointing," but said that it won't impose retaliatory measures.

but no retaliation: UK

Business Secretary Jonathan Reynolds, however, did not rule out future tariffs on US imports and said he would "continue to engage closely and productively with the US to press the case for UK business interests."

"We will keep all options on the table and won't hesitate to respond in the national interest," Reynolds said.

Treasury Minister James Murray echoed that, telling Times Radio: "We reserve our right to retaliate."

Britain is not part of the European Union, which Wednesday announced import taxes on American goods, ranging from steel and aluminium to bourbon, peanut butter and jeans in response to Trump's move.

Center-left UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer has worked to build strong ties with President Donald Trump, in hope of avoiding the tariffs levied on many other US trading partners.

After a meeting last month at the White House, Trump and Starmer said their governments would work on sealing a long-elusive US-UK trade deal.

Reynolds said the government remains "focused on a pragmatic approach and are rapidly negotiating a wider economic agreement with the US to eliminate additional tariffs and to benefit UK businesses and our economy."

The tariffs are a new blow for Britain's oncemighty steel industry, which has shrunk dramatically from its 1970s peak and now accounts for 0.1% of the economy.

he captain of a cargo ship that collided with a US tanker is a Russian national who remains in UK police custody, the vessel's owner said Wednesday, as it emerged that the ship failed several safety checks last year.

The 59-year-old man, who hasn't been named by authorities, was arrested by police in northeast England Tuesday on suspicion of manslaughter by gross negligence over the collision. He hasn't been charged.

Shipping company Ernst Russ, which owns the Portugal-flagged cargo vessel Solong, said that the ship's 14 crew were a mix of Russian and Filipino nationals.

UK authorities say they have so far found no evidence of foul play in the crash. Humberside Police said that detectives were conducting inquiries alongside partner agencies.

The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch is also involved in investigating what caused the Solong, bound from Grangemouth, Scotland, to Rotterdam, Netherlands, to hit the stationary tanker, which was anchored about 16 kilometres off the English coast.

The investigation is being led by the US and Portugal, the countries where the

An inspection in Scotland in October found two other deficiencies. The ship wasn't detained after either inspection.

The cargo ship collided Monday with MV Stena Immaculate, a tanker transporting jet fuel for the US military in the North Sea off eastern England on Monday, setting both vessels ablaze.

One sailor from the Solong is missing and presumed dead. The other 36 crew members from the two vessels were brought safely ashore, with no major injuries. The Solong was drifting and still on fire Wednesday, but is likely to remain afloat rather than sinking, officials said.

The 183-metre Stena Immaculate was operating as part of the US government's Tanker Security Programme, a group of commercial vessels that can be contracted to carry fuel for the military when needed.

## Trump halts programme that keeps aging affordable housing livable

#### ASSOCIATED PRESS Washington

he Trump administration is halting a USD 1 billion programme that helps preserve affordable housing, threatening projects that keep tens of thousands of units livable for low-income Americans, according to a document obtained by The Associated Press.

The action is part of a slew of cuts and funding freezes at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, largely at the direction of President Donald Trump and Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency, that have rattled the affordable-housing industry.

Preserving these units gets less attention than ribbon-cuttings, but it's a centre-piece of efforts to address the nation's housing crisis. Hundreds of thousands of low-rent apartments, many of them aging and in need of urgent repair, are at risk of being yanked out from under poor Americans.

The programme has already awarded the money to projects that would upgrade

at least 25,000 affordable units across the country, and details of how it will be wound down remain unclear.

A spokesperson for HUD did not respond to repeated requests for comment. But an internal document reviewed by the AP said that the programme is being "terminated" at the direction of DOGE. Two HUD workers, who have knowledge of the programme and spoke to the AP on the condition of anonymity for fear of reprisal, confirmed the directive to shutter it.

On it's face, the over USD 1 billion Green and Resilient Retrofit Programme, passed by Congress in 2022, is intended for energy-efficiency improvements. It is distributed in grants and loans to owners of affordable housing in need of updating, including replacing or repairing heating and cooling systems, leaky roofs, aging insulation or windows, or undertaking flood-proofing.

But the money plays a much larger role in preserving affordable units.

Projects that use the funds are required



to keep their buildings affordable for up to 25 years. The money is also leveraged to pull in other investments for major repairs and renovations needed to keep the buildings livable.

It's like building a Jenga tower, where one of the programme's grants or loans which range from hundreds of thousands to millions of dollars — is a bottom block and each new block is another investment, experts said.

This money "was essential in order for the project to come together," said Mike Essian, vice president at American Community Developers, Inc., which received funding for several affordable

housing projects. "Projects will fail and these are projects that are already difficult to finance.

The news has been a jolt to Al Hase and Ioan Starr, tenants in an apartment building in Vancouver, Washington, full of other low-income seniors with few or no other options — most of whom live on less than ISD 33,000 a year.

The 170-unit Smith Tower Apartments, built in the 1960s, is in need of updates, including it's first building-wide sprinkler system. The USD 10 million award was a financial kickstart for its nearly USD 100 million project, and is cited in applications for other investments.

The potential loss "seriously jeopardises our ability to be able to provide an upgrade to the current systems," said Greg Franks, president of the property's management company, adding that the work "needed to sustain the livability of this building based on its age, and to keep it viable for another 60 years?

"We are depending on that USD 10 mil-

lion," he said.

So, too, are Hase and Starr, a retired couple in their 70s who have lived there for

They fill their balcony with geraniums and petunias, count the eagles at a nearby park and live off of meagre Social Security incomes. They learned about the potential funding loss in a letter from the apartment's management company.

"It's kinda terrifying, it's almost like a phone call.

'We're from an era where the wages weren't there, so our Social Security ..." he said, pausing. "Sucks," pitched in Starr.

Starr added: "We're just regular people."

we've got two social securities coming in," she said.

But being lucky ones still doesn't count for much in today's rental market. "Prices

keep going up, I've looked, and there's no way," she said.

"It's the difference between living and not being able to live," he said.

HUD's lack of communication about the programme's future sent organisations in search of contingency plans, though roughly two dozen projects will still get funding, one HUD employee told the AP. The rest are in limbo.

"If these funds aren't reinstated, we will certainly seek other funding to fill that gap. The reality is that will take time and will inevitably make the project more expensive," Travis Phillips of the Housing Development Centre said of funding for Smith Tower.

It's the position several hundred other affordable-housing projects now find themselves in across 42 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

"In all honesty," said Michelle Arevalos, Smith Tower's administrator, "if this building were not here, a lot of our folks actually probably would be homeless."

6 years.

getting news from a doctor that something's going to take your life in six months or a year," Hase told the AP in

"If I'd been born a rich man," he said.

"And we're the lucky ones because





### **Nearly 550 Indians rescued from scam** centres near Myanmar-Thailand border

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Bangkok

◄ he Indian Embassy here in close coordination with its counterpart at Yangon in

neighbouring Myanmar has ensured repatriation of 549 Indians after rescuing them from scam centres operating in areas near the Myanmar-Thailand border, officials said on Wednesday. The Indian nationals were repatriated through Mae Sot in Thailand to India on March 10 and 11 by two special flights, according to the Indian Embassy in Thailand.

"This is part of Government of India's sustained efforts to secure release and repatriation of Indian nationals who were lured with fake job offers and were made to work in scam-centres in the neighbouring countries of Thailand," the Embassy said in a post on X.

Earlier on Tuesday, the Indian Embassy at Yangon said in a post on X: "In coordination with Myanmar's Union authorities and local groups, 283 Indian nationals at scam compounds in the Myawaddy area of Myanmar were released and repatriated yesterday through Mae Sot in Thailand. Strongly reiterate our advice against such job offers?

It followed up with another post on Wednesday that pointed out how "the second batch of 266 Indian nationals from scam centres in Myawaddy were repatriated to India via Mae Sot vesterday."

The Indian Embassy thanked "the border authorities and @IndiainThailand for seamless coordination and support" and reiterated: "We firmly advise against such job offers in the area.

Earlier on Monday, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in New Delhi that the government of India has been making sustained efforts to secure the release and repatriation of Indian nationals lured to various southeast Asian countries, including Myanmar, with fake job offers.

"These persons were subsequently made to indulge in cybercrime and engage in other fraudulent activities in scam centres operating in regions along the Myanmar-Thailand border," MEA said in a statement on Monday.

The post by the Indian Embassy at Thailand also advised the Indian nationals to verify credentials of foreign employers and check the antecedents of recruiting agents and companies, before taking up job offers.

The MEA statement echoed the sentiment: "The government of India wishes to reiterate its caution, circulated earlier from time

undersigned for the following works.

to time through advisories and social media posts, about such rackets

"Indian nationals are once again advised to verify credentials of foreign employers through Missions abroad and check the antecedents of recruiting agents and companies before taking up a job offer."

According to media reports, Myawaddy and Tachilek near Thailand-Myanmar border have been known as safe havens for criminal syndicates that have trapped thousands of people from across South Asia forcing them to run online scam centres

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE The General Public is Informed that RAJENDRA SINGH RANA S/ General Power of Attorney which is I, NAJENDRA SINGH NANA S/O SIND SL. RANA (LATE SHYAM LAL SINGH RANA) R/ H.NO 62 A PKT D-2, JANTA FLATS KONDL EAST DELHI -110096 have severed of m Ploton and debroad (Jonamod (Jonathan) Executed by Sarthak Jain S/o Mr. Pravesh Jain in favour of Mr Pravesh relation and debarred/ disowned/disinherit m Unmarried son ATUL RANA from my moveab Jain S/o Late Mr D. C. Jain Reg. as Docs. No. 101 Dated 22.02.2006. or immovable properties due to his bad habits continuous irresponsible behavior breach o Has been lost any where. If anyone trust, not heading to my advice, it appears the he is involved in such activities detrimental to my family interest for which I shall not b responsible for any of his act, deeds done b find this Original GPA or having any objection Regarding this GPA. Please Inform me on my given Mob him in future in any manner and anybody dealing with him shall be at their own risks an No.-9911004142 within 7 days. Yogesh Kumar (Advocate)

### SCSB Bank Trusted Horitago Smart Future PLEDGED GOLD ORNAMENTS

The borrower/s in specific and interested bidders, in general, are hereby informed that on account of nor repayment of the Banks due by the borrowers as under despite the payment notice and recall/auctio notice issued by the Bank, the gold ornaments pledged with the bank security by the respective borrower for the loan availad by them will be sold in public auction on "as is where is" and "non-recourse" basis through e-auction portal https://gold.samil.in on 24" March 2025 at 10.30 AM. The auction may b adjourned to any other later date at the discreation of the bank upon publication of the same in the Bank notice band. The borrowers are hereby further inform that the gold ornaments will be disposed of b private sale if the public auction is not successful and if there is a further balance to be recovered thereafter lead action will be bigited dragingt the bank receiver of the balance approved for the recovered of the recoverse of the balance approved for the recovered of the recovered for the recovered for the recovered the balance approved for the recovered for the thereafter, legal action will be initiated against the borrower/s for recovery of the balance amounts due t the bank. "In case of diseased borrower, all conditions will be applicable to legal heirs."



Tender Notice No.: S/66/022/24-25; Dated: 10-03-2025. E-Tenders are nvited by the undersigned for the following works:

#### SN. 1; Tender No. NJ255084

Closing/ Opening Date: 31-03-2025 Brief Description & Qty: Traction Motor stacking as per annexure Consignee: - SSE/D/Siliguri Jn., NFR; Qty: 10 Nos.

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



STORES E-PROCUREMENT E-procurement Tender Notice No. S/40/2024-25 Dated: 10-03-2025. E-tenders are invited by the

SN.1. Tender No. 40/25/0528/OT/314/2024-25 Closing/Opening date: 19-03-2025 Brief Description: LED Based Emergency automatic Light Unit.Type II, with 12V, 7Ah capacity Soaked Maintenances free Batter for LHB Coaches conforming to RDSO's Specification No RDSO/PE/SPEC/ AC/0180-2016 (Rev. 0) and RDSO Drg No. RDSO/PE/SK/TL/0181-2016 (Rev.0] Sheet 1 & 2. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp. No, Stages: 0) (UVAM linking:) Item Type: Goods (supply). (i) Qty-40 Set for Pandu GSD, NFR (Assam), (ii) Qty-02 Set for New Jalpaiguri GSD, NFR (West Bengal), iii) Qtv-72 Set for Dibrugarh Town WORKSHOP DEPOT, NFR (Assam), iv) Qtv-60 Set for

SN.2. Tender No. 37/25/0759/OT/315/2024-25

Closing/Opening date: 25-03-2025

Brief Description: Constant contact polyurethene Side bearer pad assembly for NLB Bogies Drawing-

AAL-021101/N Alt-1.Mat. Spec-WD-38-Misc-2004 (Rev-2) [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of

delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0] [UVAM Linking:] Item: 3100354, Constant

Contact Side Bearer for rolling stock Sub item: Constant contact side Bearer for CASNUB 22NLB BOGIES,

Item Type: Goods (supply) 1) Qty-100 Nos for Dibrugarh Town WORKSHOP DEPOT, NFR (Assam), ii) Qty-

300 Nos for Pandu GSD, NFR (Assam). iii) Qty-700 Nos for New Jalpaiguri/GSD, NFR (West Bengal), iv)



THANKSGIVING Thank you holly spirit for all the blessings Celine PD(1667)C

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I,Sangeeta,W/oRiku Kumar Giri R/o Flat No 423, 4th Floor, Tower T8, Dream Homes, Wavecity, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Sangita Kumari for all Purposes. PD(1666)A

Satewan, Father of-No.16020079X Hav Sandeep Sahu, R/o- VPO- Bibipur, Teh & Dist- Jind, Haryana-126102, have changed my name from Satewan to Satywan, vide affidavit dated 12/03/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1668)C I, Suresh W/o- JC-472032M Sub Ajit Singh, R/o- VPO-Sultana Ahiran, Teh -Jhunjhunu, Buhana, Rajasthan- 333502, have changed my name from Suresh to Suresh Devi, vide affidavit No. INDL48330590091923X, dated 11/03/2025 before Notary Public Delhi. PD(1669)C

I, Mohanan V, F/o- JC-858077P NB/SUB(OFC) Sumesh M, R/o- Vill & PO-Balaramapuram. Teh-Nevyattinkara Dist-Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala- 695501, have changed my name from Mohanan V to V Mohanan Nair, vide affidavit dated 12/03/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1670)C

I, K Thankachen, F/o 15799374P NK(OPR) Anee T, R/o- Puthenchin Thekemuri, Champakulu PO, Alappuzha, Keral 688505, have changed r name from K Thankach to Thankachan K. vi affidavit dated 12/03/202 before Notary Public Delh

PD(1671 I, Mahadik Dadaso Ran Father of- No.14868601F1 Mahadik Mahesh D, R/ A/P Dhumalwadi, Ta Koregaon, Dist- Sata Maharashtra- 415010, ha changed my name fro Mahadik Dadaso Ramu Dadaso Ramu Mahad affidavit vide date 12/03/2025 before Nota Public Delhi.

PD(1672 I, hitherto known as Prata Sunder Das Makhija S Sunder Das Makhija, R/ 328, Sanskriti Apartment Sec- 19B, Dwarka, Ne Delhi-110075, ha changed my name an shall hereafter be known Pratap Makhija.

PD(1673 I, Dwarika Nath Ram R/ RZ- 33/1/195, Gali No.-D, Durga Park, New Delh 110045, declare that in n service records (La Assistant Employee 20130613), my name h been erroneously record as Dwarka Nath Rai whereas my correct name Dwarika Nath Ram, which be may amend accordingly.

#### PD(1674

PUBLIC NOTICE	
This is to inform to all concern that LATE SHRI	
BHUVANENDRA AGNIHOTRI who is the	
original allottee of PLOT NO D-4, SECTOR-27,	
NOIDA DISTT. GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR UTTAR	
PRADESH who expired on dated 21.01.2025	
WILL was executed on in favour of SHOBHA	
AGNIHOTRI W/O LATE SHRI BHUVANENDRA	
AGNIHOTRI R/O D-4, SECTOR-27, NOIDA	
DISTT. GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR UTTAR	
PRADESH which is registered in the office of	
Sub-Registrar I. Noida Vide Book No 3	
Document No 1145 dated 28.11.2024. So it is	
informed to all concern that the said PLOT NO	
D-4, SECTOR-27, NOIDA DISTT. GAUTAM	
BUDH NAGAR UTTAR PRADESH is going to be	
transferred in favour of SHOBHA AGNIHOTRI	
through registered WILL. If any one has/have	
objection alongwith the sufficient proof in the	
Residential Plot Department of the Noida	
Authority within 15 days from the date of	
publication of this notice. Signature/s	

#### PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SHIFTING OF

**REGISTERED OFFICE** lotice is hereby given that LUCKY ESTATES PRIVATE LIMITED, a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013, having its registered office presently at 3018/1 G.F Chuna Mandi, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi 55, has applied to the Regional Director Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) for approval of shifting its registered office from the National Capital Territory of Delhi to the State of Haryana under Section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013. New Registered Office Address:

Signature/s



### PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION OF PLEDGED ASSETS BEING GOLD ORNA THE BORROWERS, IN SPECIFIC AND THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ARE HERE BUY NOTIFIED THAT PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE GOLD ORNAMENTS PLEDGE IN THE BELOW ACCOUNTS IS PROPOSED TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE AXIS BANK AT THE BELOW MENTIONED BRANCH. THE BELOW ACCOUNTS IS PROVED TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE AXIS BANK AT THE BELOW MENTIONED BRANCH. THE BELOW MENTIONED BORROWERS HAS AVAILED THE CREDIT FACILITY FROM THE AXIS BANK LIMITED AGAINST THE PLEDGE OF GOLD ORNAMENTS ("GOLD LOAN FACILITY") IN FAVOUR OF THE BANK TOWARDS THE SECURITY. THE DEMAND NOTICES WERE ISSUED TO THE BORROWERS/GUARANTORS CALLING UP THE BORROWERS/ GUARANTORS TO PAY THEIR OUTSTANDING AMOUNT TOWARDS THE GOLD LOAN FACILITY AVAILED. AS THE BORROWERS/ GUARANTORS HAVE FAILED TO REPAY THE OUTSTANDING LOAN AMOUNT, THE BANK IS CONSTRAINED TO INNOVE THE DIFFERENCE OF DO CONDUCT AN EAUCTION SALE OF DEODED ADD TO INVOKE THE PLEDGE AND PROPOSED TO CONDUCT AN E-AUCTION SALE OF PLEDGED GOLD ORNAMENTS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY HEREUNDER ON 24.03.2025 AT 12.30 PM TO 03.30 PM ON "AS IN WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", "WHATEVER THERE IS" AND "NO RECOURSE BASIS", DETAILS OF BORROWERS AND OUTSTANDING AMOUNT

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11	ASHISH KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXXXX7960	RS. 4,44,099.00	30-MAY-23	105.820	93
12	BALRAJ SINGH	B.O.: GHAZI/ XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	RS. 3,55,518.00	20-JUL-24	109.500	74
13	SANJEEV KUMAR TYAGI	XXXXXXXXXXXXX6001	RS. 58,469.00	28-AUG-24	9.500	9.
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22	SUNEEL SINGH	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX9945	RS. 45,026.00	27-SEP-24	15.400	14
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24	ASHA RAM YADAV	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX7816	RS. 4,44,837.90	20-NOV-24	131.500	10
25	LALIT SHARMA	XXXXXXXXXXXX2903	RS. 1,23,616.00	8-MAY-24	30.000	28
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26	SANDEEP KUMAR OJHA	XXXXXXXXXXXXX7851	RS. 59,321.00	27-NOV-24	13.300	12
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28	ASHOK KUMAR MANDAL	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	RS. 4,08,693.00	-	64.900	62
29	MITESH VERMA	XXXXXXXXXXXX7186	RS. 1.07.854.00	27-SEP-24	18.200	16
30	SACHIN TYAGI	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX3067	RS. 61,359.00	4-AUG-24	14.100	13
31	SUNIL KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX2815	RS. 44,915.00	30-JAN-25	10.000	9.
32	SUNIL KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	RS. 44,878.00	30-JAN-25	8.990	8.
33	SUNIL KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXXX5263	RS. 44,533.00	7-SEP-24	9.800	8
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38	VINOD YADAV	XXXXXXXXXXXX6853	RS. 34,344.00	28-NOV-24	8.200	7.
39	SHANNO	B.O.: R K MISSION, XXXXXXXXXXXXXX2336		20-NOV-24	22.900	10
40	VIKRAM SINGH	XXXXXXXXXXX0544	RS. 35,938.00	7-SEP-24	8.100	8.
41	VIKRAM SINGH	XXXXXXXXXXXXX6217	RS. 35,904.00	20-NOV-24		6.
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42	SITAB SINGH	XXXXXXXXXXX6140		27-SEP-24		20
43	VIKAS KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXXX5922		20-JUL-24	8.300	8.
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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Indoor Medical Records of the patients admitted during financial year 2021-2022 (from 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022) are scheduled to be disposed off as per hospital policy. Any patient requiring his/her Medical Records may approach the undersigned within 30 days

failing which the records will be disposed off without further notice.

#### Medical Superintendent Kailash Hospital & Neuro Institute

NH-1. Sector 71 Noida

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on behalf of Mr. Sanjee Mahajan with respect to Residential Entir Fourth Floor, with roof rights, part of Propert Bearing No. 94, area measuring 66.60 Sq. Mrs situated in the layout plan of Residenti Scheme Dwarka Sector-12-A, New Delhi; which Scheme Dwarka Sector-12-A, New Delhi; white is presently owned by Mr. Sanjeev Mahajan ha purchased the subject property from The Kang Co-Operative Bank Ltd. through Sale Certificat dated 16.07.2020, vide Doc. No. 3305, Book No. Volume No. 10393, dated 16.07.2020, SRO-1 New Delhi, now Mr. Sanjeev Mahajan intend 1 mortgage against the financial assistance fro IDBI BANK LMITED: To comply the requirement of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that any Person having any type of clail (right/tilie/interest/creatingmortgage over the sa /right/title/interest/creatingmortgage over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 7 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lienetc. Lucem Legal LLP Plot No.136, (Basement) Uday Park, New Delhi-110049,Contact # 011-40046316

#### ENGINEERING WORKS UNDER KATIHAR DIVISION

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. KIR/Engg. 10 of 2025; dated: 10-03-2025. Eenders are invited by the undersigne for the following work: Tender No.1 Brief Description of Work: Gradien verification of stations yards and section using Lidar Survey technology in Katiha Division. Tender Value: ₹2,18,61,953.30 Bid Security: ₹2,59,300.00. E-tenders wil be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 04-04-2025 and Opened at 15:30 hrs. on 04-04-2025 The complete information with the tende document of above e-tender will be available upto 15:00 hrs. on 04-04-2025 n website http://www.ireps.gov.in.

DRM (Works), Katiha NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
 "Serving Customers with a smile"

#### ELECTRICAL WORKS IN LUMDING DIVISION

Tender Notice No. : Sr. DEE/LMG/39 of 2024-25, dtd. 05-03-2025. E-Tende are invited by the undersigned for the following work; SN-1; Tender No. EL/LM/24-25/47; Name of work At Guwahati : Electrical work for provisio of EV charging station and aesthetic lighting of approach road and circulation area at Guwahati Railway station. Tende Value: ₹.1,24,37,871/-; Earnest Money ₹ 2.12.200/-: Date & time of closing of above tender at 11:00 hrs, and opening at 11:30 hrs. on 27-03-2025. For complet information with the tender document o above e-tender will be available up to 11:00 hrs. on 27-03-2025 in website http:/ ww.ireps.gov.in

Sr. DEE, Lumding O NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY Qty-3120 Nos for New Bongaigaon WORKSHOP DEPOT, NFR (Assam), P.LNo-38106462.

New Bongaigaon WORKSHOP DEPOT, NFR (Assam) P.L. No. -45151489

#### SN.3. Tender No.61/24/5677/OT/316/2024-25 Closing/Opening date: 17-03-2025

Brief Description: Wider base bridge Approach sleepers (RT-8971-8978) [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery][Inspection Agency: CONSG, Stage Insp.: NA, Stages: 0] [UVAM Linking:) Item Type: Goods (supply) Qty- 551 Set for Sr. Section Engineer/Works/Concrete Sleeper, NFR (Assam), P.L No. 609007190137.

#### SN.4. Tender No. 37/25/0635/OT/317/2024-25 Closing/Opening date: 24-03-2025

Brief Description: Coupler Body With Shank Wear Plate/BG/Wagon, Drawing-SK-62724-item-1 & item -10 alt -30. Mat Spec-WD-70-BD-10(Rev-3) [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0] [UVAM Linking] Item: 3100446, Upgraded High Tensile Centre Buffer Coupler for freight stock wagons Sub item: Coupler Body & Shank: Wear Plate, item Type: Good (supply) i) Qty-161 Nos for Pandu GSD, NFR (Assam), ii) Qty-1242 Nos for New Bongaigaon WORKSHOP Depot, NFR (Assam), iii) Qty-130 Nos for New Jalpaiguri GSD,NFR (West Bengal). P.L.No- 38135840.

#### SN.5. Tender No. 50/25/5036/OT/318/2024-25 Closing/Opening date: 26-03-2025

Brief Description: 1) Supply of 6 Quad 0.9mm dia as per spec. no. IRS:TC 30/2005 VER.1, Arndt 5 or latest. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] UVAM Item ref. (Item Id:-3I.00047-QUAD CABLES for S&T INSTALLATION. Sub Item Id:- 3100047001-Underground Railway Jelly Filled Telecom Quad cables For Signalling And Telecom Installations) Qty-35.00 Kilometre for SSE/SIG/IC/Guwahati, NFR (Assam), P.L.No.-561100193138. 2) Supply of 6 Quad 0.9 mm dia as per spec. no. IRS: TC 30/2005 VER.I, Arndt. 5 or latest. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery) UVAM Item ref. (Item Id:-3100047-QUAD CABLES for S&T INSTALIATIONS, Sub Item Id:- 3100047001-Underground Railway Jelly Filled Telecom Quad Cables For Signaling And Telecom Installations) Qty-50.00 Kilometre for SSE/SIG/IC/ Guwahati, NFR (Assam), P.LNo-561100193199.

#### SN.6. Tender No. 61/25/5115/OT/319/2024-25 Closing/Opening date: 28-03-2025

Brief Description: 6 mm Thick Nylon Cord Reinforced Grooved Rubber Sole Plates for 52 kg 1 in 12 Turnouts (T-4732). [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery) [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0] [UVAM Linking:) Item: 3100584, RAIL PADS Sub Item: GRSP Item Type: Goods (supply) Qty-500 Set for JITENDRA KUMAR, NFR (Assam), P.L.No- 609002780108.

#### SN.7. Tender No. 30/25/1219/OT/320/2024-25 Closing/Opening date: 31-03-2025

Brief Description: Schaku Semi permanent coupler End 'A' for DEMU 1400 HP (Complete Unit) to M/S Escorts Drg. No. 40-586 A(0) and SK-750 or Similar Spec: 61-B-36 Rev. 68-1 with amendment no. 1 of October-2016 [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0] [UVAM Linking:] Item: 3100362, Scharfenberg couplers & Draw Gear for Electric Multiple Unit Rolling Stock for Calcutta & Bombay suburban service Broad Gauge 1676 mm to Spec. No. 61-B-36 Rev. 68-1 (RECONSTRUCTED November 2004). Sub Item: Scharfenberg Couplers & Draw Gear for Electric Multiple Unit Rolling Stock for Calcutta & Bombay suburban service. Broad Gauge 1676 mm Item Type: Goods (supply) Qty- 46 Nos for New Bongaigaon/WORKSHOP/DEPOT, NFR (Assam), P.L. No-32230059.

#### SN.8. Tender No. 50/25/5039/OT/321/2024-25 Closing/Opening date: 31-03-2025

Brief Description: Underground signalling cable of size 2 core x 25 sq, mm. Aluminium, PVC insulated, as per spec. no. IRS:S-63/2014 & Rev.4.0 or latest. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [UVAM Item ref.) (Item Id:- 3100053 - PVC Insulated Armoured, Unscreened Underground Power Cable, Sub item Id :- 3100053001- PVC Insulated Armoured, Unscreened Underground Power Cable) Inspection Details Stage Inspection Not Required Qty- 90.00 Kilometre for SSE/SIG/IC/Guwahati, NFR (Assam), P.L. No- 400580780586.

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Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme o on approved by Hon ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

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BO	Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) /						
Sr. No.		Total Amount Outstanding (Rupees)	Demand	Description of Secured Asset(s) / Immovable Property (ies)			
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1.	Mr. Shukla Avishek, Plot No. A2, Dream City, Kh. No. 827/1, 810/1, 810/5, 810/12, P.H.No. 17, Mauza- Khamtarai, Bilaspur-Chh-495001. Mr. Shukla Avishek, Flat No. 9186 Sec B 09, LIG Flats Vasant Kunj, City New Delhi, New Delhi-110017. Mr. Shukla Avishek, Care Health Insurance Limited, D-3, Saket District Centre, New Delhi-110017. Mrs. Pandey Rina, Flat No. 9186, Sec B 09, LIG Flats, Vasant Kunj City, New Delhi, New Delhi-110017. Mrs. Pandey Rina, Flat No. 9186, Sec B 09, LIG Flats, Vasant Kunj City, New Delhi, New Delhi-110017. Mrs. Pandey Rina, Plot No. A2, Dream City, Kh. No. 827/1, 810/1, 810/5, 810/12, P.H.No. 17, Mauza- Khamtarai, Bilaspur-Chh-495001.	8,61,529/- as on 31-JAN-2025	18-Feb- 2025	Layout Plot NoA2 (Diverson Plot No. 424), Admeasuring-2148 Sq.ft, Kh No. 810/1 Part, Situated at- Dream City P.H.N25/17, RIC-Bilaspur, Mauza-Khamtarai Tah & Dist Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh & Boundaries:- North-Boundary Wall of Colony, South-Road of Colony, East-Plot No. 1, West-Plot No. 3.			

with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to HDFC as aforesaid, then HDFC shall proceed against the above Secured Asset(s) / Immovable Property (ies) under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.

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# **Industrial production grows**

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi

ndia's industrial production growth accelerated to 5 per cent in January 2025, driven by a rebound in manufacturing activity, according to official data released on Wednesday.

The government has also revised the December 2024 industrial output figure to 3.5 per cent from the provisional estimate of 3.2 per cent released in the previous month, an official statement said.

The IIP growth in November 2024 was 5 per cent. The pace of factory output growth stood

at 5 per cent in January 2025.

The country's factory output, measured in terms of the Index of Industrial

growth in January 2024.

The data released by the National Statistic Office (NSO) showed that the manufacturing sector's output grew by 5.5 per cent in January 2025, up from 3.6 per cent in the year-ago month.

Mining production growth declined to 4.4 per cent from 6 per cent year-on-year. Power output growth slowed to 2.4 per cent in January 2025 from 5.6 per cent a year ago. In the April-January 2024-25 period, the IIP grew 4.2 per cent, slower than 6 per cent recorded in the yearago period

As per use-based classification, the capital goods segment growth accelerated to 7.8 per cent in January 2024 against 3.2 per

Production (IIP), witnessed 4.2 per cent cent in the year-ago period.Consumer durables (or white goods production) grew by 7.2 per cent during the reporting month against a growth of 11.6 per cent in January 2024.

In January 2025, consumer non-durables output contracted 0.2 per cent compared to a growth of 0.3 per cent a year ago. According to the data, infrastructure/construction goods reported a growth of 7 per cent in January 2025, up from a 5.5 per cent expansion in the year-ago period. The data also showed that the output of primary goods logged a 5.5 per cent growth in January 2025 against 2.9 per cent a year earlier. The expansion in the intermediate goods segment was 5.2 per cent in the month under review, slightly down from 5.3 per cent a year ago.

### Madhya Pradesh increases Budget

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he Madhya Pradesh government

on Wednesday presented a ₹4.21 Lakh Crore Budget for 2025-26 with no new taxes while announcing new schemes for development of religious sites.

Finance Minister Jagdish Devda presented the ₹4,21,032 Crore budget, a 15 per cent increase over the last fiscal, in the legislative assembly here.

He estimated the fiscal deficit at 4.66 per cent of the Gross State Domestic Product. The budget was for "Viksit (devel-

oped) Madhya Pradesh", he said. Among other things, 'Omkareshwar Lok' will be developed on the lines of Ujjain's Mahakal Lok corridor, he said.

made for the Mukhya Mantri Laadli Behna Yojana under which monthly financial assistance is provided to eligible women. Devda, who is the state's deputy

Chief Minister, also announced a provision of ₹10 Crore for Shrikrishna Pathey Yojana.

He allotted ₹47,296 Crore for schemes for Scheduled Tribes and ₹32,633

Crore for those for the Scheduled

A provision of ₹18,669 Crore was

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav had earlier said religious sites associated with Lord Sri Krishna's life will be developed under the scheme.

Similarly, ₹30 Crore were allocated for development of 'Ram Path Gaman' and the town of Chitrakoot.

### Inflation falls below 4 per cent in February

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etail inflation slipped to sevenmonth low of 3.61 per cent in Rebruary mainly due to easing prices of vegetables, eggs, and other protein-rich items, creating space for the RBI to go for another cut in interest rate next month.

The consumer price index-based retail inflation was at 4.26 per cent in January and 5.09 per cent in February 2024. The previous low was witnessed in July.

The consumer price index (CPI) has been in the comfort zone of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) since November 2024.

"There is a decline of 65 basis points in headline inflation of February 2025 in comparison to January 2025. It is the lowest year-on-year inflation after July 2024," the National Statistics Office

(NSO) said while releasing the CPI. Year-on-year food inflation for February was 3.75 per cent.

"A sharp decline of 222 basis points is observed in food inflation in February 2025 in comparison to January 2025. The food inflation in February 2025 is the lowest after May 2023," NSO said.

A significant decline in headline infla-

tion and food inflation during February has been mainly attributed to decline in inflation of vegetables, egg, meat and fish, pulses and products, and milk and products.

Key items having lowest year-on-year inflation in February were ginger -35.81 per cent), jeera (-28.77 per cent), tomato (-28.51 per cent), cauliflower (-21.19 per cent), garlic -20.32 per cent).

On the other hand, top items with highest inflation were coconut oil (54.48 per cent), coconut (41.61 per cent), gold (35.56 per cent), silver (30.89 per cent), and onion (30.42 per cent).

Data on urban inflation showed a significant decline from 3.87 per cent in January 2025 to 3.32 per cent in February. A similar decline was observed in food inflation, which decreased from 5.53 per cent to 3.20 per cent in February.

A sharp decline in headline and food inflation in the rural sector was also observed in February to 3.79 per cent from 4.59 per cent a month earlier.

The lowest inflation was in Telangana (1.31 per cent) and highest in Kerala (7.31 per cent).

The RBI, which has been mandated to ensure retail inflation remains at 4 per cent (+/- 2 per cent), has reduced the short-term lending rate (repo) by 25 basis points last month on easing concerns on the inflation front.

The central bank is scheduled to announce the next set of bi-monthly monetary policy on April 9.

ICRA Chief Economist Aditi Nayar said the CPI inflation declined sharper than expected to a seven-month low, appreciably below the mid-point of the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee's medium-term target range, led by a welcome cooling in food inflation.

"However, we believe that the sequential uptick in vegetables inflation in March 2025 is likely to prevent a further softening in the food and beverages inflation print in the month, after the substantial cooling seen over the past four months," she said.

Nayar further said the February inflation print falling well below 4 per cent has cemented the expectation of a back-to-back 25 basis points rate cut in the April 2025 MPC meeting.

This may be followed by another 25 bps repo rate cut either in the June 2025 or the August 2025 meetings, she added.

NSO collects the price data from selected 1,114 urban markets and 1,181 villages covering all states/UTs on a weekly roster.

### MRF Vice Chairman takes over as ATMA Chairman

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi

utomotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association on Wednesday said Arun Mammen, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of MRF Ltd has been elected as its new Chairman.

Mammen takes over with immediate effect from Arnab Banerjee, MD and CEO of CEAT Ltd, Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA) said in a statement.

**Retail inflation** eases to

The national industry body for the automotive tyre sector in India further said Hiroshi Yoshizane, Managing Director Bridgestone India is its new Vice Chairman.

Mammen takes over as Chairman of ATMA at a crucial juncture as the organisation is celebrating 2025 as Golden Jubilee year, it added

On his new role, Mammen said the Indian tyre industry should have plans in place to be a major global supplier during

the decade and he would work towards policy enablers so as to make industry more competitive and technologically superior to meet the needs of developed countries.

Mammen was appointed Managing Director of MRF Ltd in 2004 and Vice Chairman and Managing Director in 2017. He is a graduate from the Madras Christian College, and also holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA) from the Ashland University, US.

1 USD = 87.19 INR\* **86.95** (+17p) 87.06 (+13p) 87.19\* 87.21 (+10p) (+2p) 87.12 (-6p) 87.3 (-36p)

**Rupee trades almost flat** 

#### NEW DELHI: RUPEE VS DOLLAR:

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Mumbai

**◄**he rupee turned almost flat and traded with a marginal loss of 1 paisa at 87.22 against the US dollar in early trade on Wednesday amid volatile sentiment due to uncertainties over trade tariff. According to forex analysts, a strengthening American currency index and a recovery in crude oil prices also added pressure on the local unit, which was already weighed down due to selling in domestic equity and the

They said, market participants were also trading cautiously awaiting cues from macroeconomic data to be released in India and the US later in the day.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 87.24, tumbled to 87.32 and then gained to 87.22 against the greenback in early deals, trading 1 paisa lower from its previous closing level.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading higher by 0.07 per cent at 103.55. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, traded 0.66 per cent higher at US 70.02 per barrel in futures trade. Domestic equity market traded on a flat note with the 30-share BSE Sensex falling marginally by 0.28 points to 74,102.04 points and the broader Nifty sliding 10.70 points, or 0.05 per cent, to 22,487.20 points.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth ₹ 2,823.76 crore on a net basis on Tuesday, according to exchange data. According to experts, the uncertainties over tariff moves intensified after President Donald Trump said the US would double the forthcoming levy on steel and aluminium to 50 per cent if they come from Canada but later hinted that he might reconsider the additional hike.

### Sensex, Nifty end moderately lower on selling in IT, telecom stocks

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E quity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty closed moderately lower on Wednesday due to heavy selling pressure in IT, telecom, and realty stocks amid growing concerns over a possible global economic slowdown.

The 30-share BSE Sensex fell 72.56 points or 0.10 per cent to close at 74,029.76. During the session, it tumbled 504.16 points or 0.68 per cent to touch a low of 73,598.16.

Similarly, the NSE Nifty slipped 27.40 points or 0.12 per cent to end at 22,470.50. In the session, it fell 168.35 points or 0.74 per cent to hit an intraday low of 22,329.55.

From the Sensex pack, Infosys, Tech Mahindra, Nestle India, Tata Consultancy Services, HCL Technologies, Asian Paints, Axis Bank, Zomato, Hindustan Unilever, and Bharti Airtel were among the laggards. On the other hand, IndusInd Bank, Tata Motors, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Bajaj Finance, HDFC Bank, ITC, Sun Pharma, Bajaj Finserv and UltraTech

Cement were the gainers. The BSE Smallcap gauge fell 0.48 per cent, while the midcap index slipped 0.57 per cent.

Among the BSE sectoral indices, Focussed IT, IT, Teck, Realty, Telecommunication, Metal, Capital Goods, Services, and Industrial were among the major laggards.

In contrast, Energy, FMCG, financial services, Healthcare, Utilities, Auto, Bankex, Consumer Durables, Oil & Gas, and Power were the gainers.

In Asian markets, Tokyo, Seoul, Shanghai and Hong Kong ended on a mixed note.

European markets were trading higher in the mid-session deals on Wednesday. Wall Street ended in the negative zone on Tuesday.

Global benchmark Brent crude oil went up 0.34 per cent to \$69.80 a barrel.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) sold equities worth ₹2,823.76 Crore, while Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) purchased equities worth ₹2,001.79 Crore on Tuesday, according to the exchange data.

The 30-share BSE Sensex on Tuesday settled down by 12.85 points at 74,102.32. The broader Nifty of NSE advanced 37.60 points to close at 22,497.90.

### Parliament amends law on oilfields development

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We have brought down the prices of petrol and

with a view to raising domestic output and cutting reliance on imports, he said.

Onus on states to curb illegal coal mining: Union Coal Minister

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continuous outflow of foreign capital.

### 3.61 per cent: Government

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etail inflation slipped to 3.61 per cent Relation Support to the fin February mainly due to the decline in the rate of price rise in vegetables and protein-rich items, creating space for the Reserve Bank of India for second reduction in interest rate next month. The consumer price index-based retail inflation was at 4.26 per cent in January and 5.09 per cent in February 2024.

The year-on-year inflation rate for February 2025 was 3.75 per cent, showed the data released by the National Statistics Office (NSO). "A sharp decline of 222 basis points is observed in food inflation in February 2025 in comparison to January 2025," it said.

The NSO said the significant decline in headline inflation and food inflation during February is mainly attributed to the decline in inflation of vegetables, egg, meat, and fish, pulses and products; and milk and products. The RBI, which has been mandated to ensure retail inflation remains at 4 per cent (+/- 2 per cent), has reduced the short-term lending rate (repo) by 25 basis points last month on easing concerns on the inflation front.

cknowledging the incidence of illegal coal mining, including rat-Thole extraction, the Centre on Wednesday said it is the responsibility of state governments to stop such activities and action against mining mafia cannot be successful without their cooperation.

Replying to questions, including by Gowaal Kagada Padavi of the Congress and Nishikant Dubey of the BJP, Union Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy said in the Lok Sabha that the Cenre is working in close coordination with states to lower the number of accidents in coal fields.

Asked about the recent accident and loss of lives at a coal mine in Assam where rat-hole mining was allegedly being carried out, Reddy said that he has spoken to Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on the matter.

"It is the responsibility of the state government to check rat-hole mining," he said. "We need the cooperation of the state government too. I had a meeting with (Jharkhand) Chief Minister Hemant Soren and I am hopeful that we will be successful in our plans," he said.

Reddy said the Assam chief minister has conveyed to him that around 250 rathole mining sites have been closed down in the state and 12 people were arrested in this connection.

Replying to another supplementary question raised by Dubey on alleged illegal mining in Jharkhand, which has large coal reserves, he said the state police and government have to act against such ctivities as it is their responsibility.

Reddy said the central government has a zero-tolerance approach towards coal mafia and violence in coal mining activities. Dubey said an NTCP official was killed in Jharkhand and illegal mining has heightened safety concerns for public sector coal firms like BCCL, ECL and CCL working in the region.

He said his Lok Sabha constituency Godda is home to Asia's largest coal block and accused the JMM-led state government of not cooperating to curb illegal mining.Reddy said illegal mining has been going on in the state for many years and he had recently met Jharkhand Chief Minister Soren over the issue.

Safety in coal mines is a top priority for the central government and it is working to reduce accidents in coal mines.

We have taken a number of steps to reduce accidents in coal mines and results have started coming in," he said.

Asked about the unabated underground blaze in coal mines in harkhand's Jharia, Reddy said the fire has been going on for over a century and the central government is working to douse it completely.

rliament on Wednesday passed a ) bill that seeks to amend the existing law governing exploration and production of oil and gas as well as delink petroleum operations from mining operations to boost investment in the sector.

The Lok Sabha cleared the Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Amendment Bill, 2024, on Wednesday. The bill was passed by the Rajya Sabha on December 3, 2024.

Replying to the discussion on the bill, Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said India is the only country in the world where in the reference period of last three years, the prices of petrol and diesel have actually come down.

"We have brought down the prices of petrol and diesel because the prime minister reduced the central excise (duty) on two occasions," Puri asserted and took a swipe at the Opposition, saying that Congress-ruled states have increased VAT (Value Added Tax) on petrol and diesel. Prices in neighbourhood countries are 15 to 25 per cent higher than in India. Equally, prices in Western Europe and US are much higher than in India, he said.

While moving the bill for consideration and passage in the Lok Sabha, Puri said it does not alter the existing level-

diesel because the prime minister reduced the central excise (duty) on two occasions - HARDEEP SINGH PURI, PETROLEUM AND

NATURAL GAS MINISTER

playing field for both public and private sectors. "The oil bill aims to resolve one of the biggest grievances of global oil companies interested in investing in India by providing stability in operation, both in terms of tenure of the lease and the condition. The bill also does not alter the rights of the states, which will continue to give petroleum leases and receive royalties as before.

"The bill also does not alter the existing level-playing field and offers no preference to either the private or the public sector," the minister said.

Among others, the bill aims to decriminalise some of the provisions of the original Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Act, 1948, by introducing "penalties, adjudication by an adjudicating authority and appeal as against the order of adjudicating authority".

Besides, it seeks to introduce 'petroleum lease' and expands the definition of mineral oils to include crude oil, natural gas, petroleum, condensate, coal bed methane, oil shale, shale gas, shale oil, tight gas, tight oil and gas hydrate,

In his reply, Puri stressed that the government is taking a holistic approach, and that the overall strategy is to increase domestic exploration and production as also to increase clean energy.

Elaborating further, Puri said the long-term strategy for energy security revolves around the trilemma of availability, affordability and sustainability. "So far, we have navigated all three very successfully," he noted. Currently, India is importing oil from 39 countries and in fact, also buying from a 40th country. "We will buy from wherever we have to... We do not distinguish between the sources of our supply," the minister said. Congress leader Manish Tewari,

while initiating the discussion, said the draft law "lacks vision and roadmap".

Referring to oil imports, Tewari claimed that India was not "future ready". "What is required is a roadmap to make India energy sufficient, which unfortunately is completely missing. What is the government planning to do to encourage independent oil explorers? Is there anything in the bill that incentivises them," Tewari asked.

As far as the bill is concerned, he said it makes minor changes here and there but a vision is missing. "You're not a government that was sworn in yesterday, but 11 years ago".

### IT industry to see 4 per cent to 6 per cent revenue growth

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi

ndian IT companies are expected to see moderate revenue growth of 4 to 6 per cent in FY26, with hiring likely to remain subdued until growth accelerates towards the end of the fiscal year, according to credit rating agency Icra.

The agency projected attrition level to average 12 to 13 per cent over the near term

"Icra projects its sample set of Indian IT services companies (which account for 60 per cent of the industry in revenue terms) to witness a moderate 4 to 6 per cent revenue expansion in USD terms in FY2026.

"Moreover, hiring is likely to remain low until the growth momentum picks up by the end of FY2026," it said.

revenue growth of 3.6 per cent in ÚSD terms during the first nine months of FY2025.

This growth was part of a gradual recovery over the past three quarters, aided by a lower base from FY2024. Additionally, there was a slight increase in discretionary spending by customers in the BFSI and retail sectors in certain markets, along with investments in Generative AI initiatives that led to new orders, Icra said.

The sample set includes Birlasoft, Coforge, Cyient, HCL Technologies, Infosys, LTIMindtree, L&T Technology Services, Mastek, Mphasis, Oracle Financial Services Software, Persistent Systems, Tata Consultancy Services, Tech Mahindra, Wipro, and Zensar Technologies.

Icra Vice President & Sector Head

Icra's sample set recorded a year-on-year Deepak Jotwani said the growth momentum for ICRA's sample set of IT services companies is likely to remain muted over the near term, owing to the looming uncertainty related to the imposition of the US trade tariffs and macroeconomic headwinds across the key markets of the US and Europe.

Policy changes by the US government for key sectors catered to by Indian IT services companies as well as future interest rate trajectory will remain the key monitorables, he said.

The IT industry experienced relief due to reduced attrition rates and wage cost inflation, which were significant concerns during FY2023 and the first half of FY2024.

"Icra expects hiring to remain low in the near term until the growth momentum picks up by the end of FY2026. Lower hiring activity can also be correlated with higher investments by the industry in GenAI and the expected benefits in terms of increased productivity and cost savings," the agency said.

Major Indian IT services companies have trained a significant number of their employees in Generative AI skills and are now expanding their capabilities and service offerings to provide GenAI-based solutions to their clients, it added.

"This has started to show results as the inflow of GenAI-related deals for major industry players has risen in recent quarters and is expected to pick up materially over the medium term, as overall technology adoption is more pervasive.

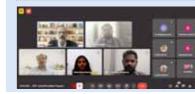
The healthcare and BFSI sectors remain the early adopters of AI/GenAI capabilities and continue to invest in the same," Jotwani said.

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Gurugram: Girnar Foundation, the CSR arm of CarDekho Group, launched 'Mission DDLJ' (Donate and Deliver Love & Joy) to spread kindness and strengthen community bonds in Jaipur and Gurugram. The initiative impacted over 1,000 children and senior citizens through thoughtfully curated programs designed to create meaningful change



### VIT-AP UNIVERSITY HOSTS ONLINE EDP ON SCIENTIFIC SAFETY DURING NATIONAL SAFETY WEEK



Amaravati: As part of National Safety Week, the Department of Chemistry, VIT-AP University, in collaboration with Deccan Fine Chemicals and the American Chemical Society (ACS), is organising an Employee Development Program (EDP) on Scientific Safety from March 10 to 15, 2025.

GIRNAR FOUNDATION SPREADS LOVE AND JOY WITH MISSION (DDL)) CAMPAIGN



# Manchester United to build 'world's greatest' soccer stadium

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA London

anchester United unveiled plans on Tuesday to build the world's greatest" soccer stadium. A proposed 100,000seater arena, costing around 2 billion pounds (\$2.6 billion), would be built next to United's current Old Trafford home and surpass Wembley Stadium as the biggest in the United Kingdom.

"Manchester United is the world's most favorite football club and, in my view, is the biggest and deserves a stadium fitting

of its stature," part owner Jim Ratcliffe said. Work could begin as early as this year, with completion by the 2030-31 season, the club said

Ratcliffe, who is one of Britain's richest people, said the new venue could be a tourist attraction in the manner of the Eiffel Tower.

"We have 1 billion people around the world who follow Manchester United. They will all want to visit this stadium," he said. Designed by British architect Norman Foster, the first released images of the stadium include three giant tentpoles that would be seen from 40 kilometers (25 miles) away. They support a surrounding covered area, which he describes as "arguably the largest public space in the world."

Wembley is currently the biggest stadium in the UK, with a capacity of 90,000, and is home to England's national soccer teams. Twickenham, the national rugby stadium, holds 82,500

### **Argentina puts** Maradona's healthcare professionals on trial

#### **PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** Buenos Aires

n Argentine court on Tuesday started its trial of seven healthcare A started its trial of seven neuronal professionals accused of negligence in the death of soccer great Diego Maradona, at age 60.

Maradona was under the care of those professionals when he had a cardiac arrest in a house outside Buenos Aires on Nov. 25, 2020

Three judges will decide whether those charged, including a neurosurgeon, a psychiatrist and several medical staffers, are guilty of manslaughter. The maximum jail time for those sentenced is 25 years.

According to the prosecution, the accused professionals didn't provide adequate medical care.

Prosecutor Patricio Ferrari said he will provide evidence that, between Nov. 11-25 2020, Maradona was taken to a house in a private neighborhood in the town of Tigre, on the outskirts of Buenos Aires, without being in "full use of his mental faculties" to decide on home hospitalisa-



Old Trafford is the country's biggest dedicated soccer stadium with a capacity of just over 74,000, but is dated in comparison to the likes of the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London, which regularly hosts NFL games.

Old Trafford, which was bombed during World War II, has been home to United since 1910.

Under the plans, the 20-time English champion said it would not need to relocate during the construction process. It is estimated it would take around 12 months to disassemble Old Trafford once the new stadium is completed.

Ratcliffe paid \$1.3 billion for an initial 25% stake in United last year and made a new stadium one of his priorities.

"Today marks the start of an incredibly exciting journey to the delivery of what will be the world's greatest football stadium," Ratcliffe said. "Our current stadium has served us brilliantly for the past 115 years, but it has fallen behind the best arenas in world sport."

United has not set a start date yet but Foster said building work, which could include pre-fabricated parts and a "Meccano" type construction, could mean it is completed in five years.

The timing would likely rely on government involvement in what United wants to be part of a wider project to regenerate the surrounding Old Trafford area. It said it would be worth 7.3 Billion pounds (\$9.4 Billion) to the UK Economy, and the UK Government has already voiced its support for the project.

"Our long-term objective as a club is to have the world's best football team playing in the world's best stadium," United chief executive Omar Berrada said.

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Managerial great Alex Ferguson said the club "must be brave and seize this opportunity to build a new home, fit for the future, where new history can be made."

The announcement came days after thousands of United fans marched in protest against the club's ownership in the face of cost cuts, ticket price increases and ongoing failure on the field.

United is majority owned by the American Glazer family, which also owns the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Upon investing, Ratcliffe vowed to return the once-dominant club back to the summit of European soccer after more than a decade since it last won the Premier League.

But his first year in charge of soccer operations has been turbulent. United endured its worst-ever Premier League season last year and is on course to set a new low this term, with the team currently languishing in 14th position.

United has not won the league title since Ferguson's final season in 2013.

Berrada said the club was still focused on returning to the summit of European soccer. "We don't want to inhibit our ability to invest in the team, for us to continue being competitive while we are building a new stadium," he said.

Our number one goal is to get our teams winning and to get the men's team competing for all the titles consistently.

### We are doing everything to bring two sides together, says Jay Monahan

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Ponte Vedra Beach

GA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan wants to get a deal done with the Saudi backers of LIV Golf provided it doesn't compromise what he considers the essence of the tour.

Monahan said on Tuesday that President Donald Trump's involvement makes the prospect of reunification "very real." Missing were details on how to get there, only a suggestion that the PGA Tour and the Public Investment Fund of Saudi Arabia were at a standstill.

"We're doing everything that we can to bring the two sides together," Monahan said ahead of The Players Championship. "That said, we will not do so in a way that diminishes the strength of our platform or the very real momentum we have with our fans and our partners. So while we've removed some hurdles, others remain.

"But like our fans, we still share the same sense of urgency to get to a resolution." Monahan and Adam Scott met with Trump at the White House on February 4. The next meeting included Tiger Woods and Yasir Al-Rumayyan, the PIF governor behind LIV and its concept of

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team golf. It was the second meeting where progress slowed. Monahan said no other meetings currently are scheduled.

"President Trump is a lifelong golf fan. He believes strongly in the game's power and potential and he has been exceedingly generous with his time and influence help bring a deal together," Monahan to said. "He wants to see the game reunified. We want to see the game reunified. His involvement has made the prospect of reunification very real.

"When you're in the midst of complex negotiations, particularly when you may be near a breakthrough, there are ebbs and flows in the discussion."

That began a year ago when several players accompanied Monahan to the Bahamas to start the conversation with PIF. The PGA Tour last year brought on the private equity Strategic Sports Group and its \$1.5 Billion investment in a com-

mercial venture. That raised questions whether the tour even needed a deal with the Saudis. Driving the current discussion is how to repair the divide in golf, with players like Jon Rahm, Bryson DeChambeau and Brooks Koepka part of LIV Golf and banned from playing on the PGA Tour. The best players are together only four times a year at the majors.

Monahan invited more questions without providing answers when he said: "We believe there's room to integrate important aspects of LIV Golf into the PGA Tour platform.

We're doing everything that we can to bring the two sides together." That would not appear likely for the rest of the year. LIV Golf, which began in 2022 with a schedule that avoided some of the biggest events in golf, is playing this week in Singapore opposite The Players Championship, the tour's premier event with a \$25 million purse. Monahan has said over the past month that the priority of the meetings with PIF was about



## **Bayern Munich victory** over Bayer Leverkusen

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Leverkusen

arry Kane is one step closer to being a Champions League win-I ner, and he wants to enjoy Bayern Munich's statement victory over German rival Bayer Leverkusen.

"To beat this team 5-0 over two legs shows the type of team that we are," Kane told broadcaster Prime Video after scoring his 10th Champions League goal of the season in Tuesday's 2-0 second-leg win. "We're in the quarterfinal now where Bayern Munich should be and we want to keep pushing," Kane said. "We just want to enjoy this because it's not easy. Especially when you play your domestic rivals, there's a lot of pressure, there's a lot of intensity that goes into it." Kane added that Bayern hadn't wanted to protect its three-goal lead from the first leg, but instead wanted to put Leverkusen under more pressure by creating chances early on: "In the second half we knew they had to come out and try something and we punished them." Next stop in the Champions League is a quarterfinal meeting with Inter Milan. "It will be tough," Kane said. "The San Siro's a really tough place to go but also, any team we play, we know that we can cause problems."

League quarterfinals, that wait could soon come to an end.

The coach who has got the best out of Kane and the players around him wasn't Bayern's first choice last year. Vincent Kompany isn't getting carried away with success. "I won't surf on a hype wave, no chance," Kompany said after beating Leverkusen on Tuesday.

He praised Kane's contribution

reuniting all the best players more often. He declined to say what "more often" meant or even if that required a financial investment from the PIF

tion. Ferrari said it was a reckless hosp talisation in which there was no control. "After condemning him to oblivion in

that house ... They deliberately and cruelly decided that he should die," he said.

The prosecutor showed an image of the former soccer star lying in the bed where he was found dead with his abdomen visibly swollen.

The tearful family of the 1986 World Cup winner were present at the courtroom. Maradona's oldest daughters, Dalma and Giannina, sat in the front row near Verónica Ojeda, former partner of the footballer, and Jana, another of his daughters. Minutes before the start of the trial, Ojeda shared a video on social media of Maradona's son Diego Fernando wearing a T-shirt with the face of the football star, and the word "justice.

The trial could last up to four months and there will be three hearings per week.

The spotlight is on neurosurgeon Leonardo Luque, Maradona's personal physician for the last four years of his life. He performed surgery to remove a blood clot from the former footballer's brain just weeks before his death.

Thuram emerges as one of Serie A's leading players

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Milan

arcus Thuram has emerged as one of Serie A's leading players this season. The Inter Milan forward is now doing it on the international stage.

Thuram scored a stunning early goal to set Inter on its way to a 2-1 victory over Feyenoord in the second leg of the Champions League round of 16 on Tuesday.

Inter advanced 4-1 on aggregate with Thuram also having scored in the first leg and will face Bayern Munich in the quarterfinals.

Thuram, the son of former Juventus defender and World Cup winner Lilian Thuram, could have added to his tally with more fancy footwork as he showed few ill effects from an ankle injury that has restricted his playing time of late.

"I've had a problem with my ankle for a month, sometimes it hurts more sometimes less," the 27-year-old Thuram said. "I'm not at 100 per cent yet."

However, he certainly seemed back to his best right from the start at San Siro. There was less than eight minutes on the clock when Thuram received the ball midway inside the Feyenoord half and the France forward then twisted and weaved his way to the edge of the area before unleashing a powerful effort into the top right corner.

That made Thuram only the second Inter player to score in both legs of a Champions League round-of-16 tie, and the first since Dejan Stankovic did so against Ajax in 2006.

Thuram almost repeated his exploits at the start of the second half, turning deftly on the edge of the area before his strike went narrowly over the bar.

He also rattled the crossbar in the 70th minute after again dribbling his way through a maze of Feyenoord shirts.

Thuram received a standing ovation from the San Siro crowd when he was substituted shortly afterward.

Thuram, in his second season at Inter, has become one of the league's top players. He helped the team to the Serie A title last year. Known for his assists last season, the forward has developed into a top scorer in this campaign with 13 goals plus four assists in Serie A.

However, he had only scored once in the league phase of Europe's elite club competition, against Young Boys back in October.

Inter last won the Champions League in 2010 as part of a trio of trophies under Jose Mourinho along with the Serie A title and the Italian Cup.

The Nerazzurri are again on the treble hunt as they lead Serie A and are in the Italian Cup semifinal, where they will play city rival AC Milan. They face a crucial match at Atalanta on Sunday with just three points separating the two teams at the top of the table.

"It's not that I believe it or I don't believe it," Thuram said when asked about Inter's treble chances. "It's that at Inter we play all the games to win it. And if you do that, then at the end of the sea son beautiful things arrive.

#### **Kane and Kompany**

Kane's career has been defined by an abundance of individual awards and a lack of team trophies. With Bayern leading the Bundesliga by eight points from Leverkusen and into the Champions

"It obviously helps when you have a top player who only wants to run and fight for the team like a youth player," Kompany said. "That energy just helps."

Leverkusen under strain Xabi Alonso's team is no stranger to a busy schedule - Leverkusen played 53 games last season, losing only the Europa League final — but the extra strain of the Champions League has seemed to take its toll on his relatively small squad.

Both Leverkusen and Bayern lost their Bundesliga games last week after their Champions League first-leg game. That defeat in itself was a blow to Leverkusen's fading German title defense ambitions, but far worse was an injury to attacking midfielder Florian Wirtz, who is set to be out for several weeks.

Against Bayern on Tuesday, Alonso tried to shake up his tactics with more long balls and a starting spot for tall striker Patrik Schick, but the Czech international's main contribution ended up being an involuntary assist for Kane's goal as Leverkusen didn't have a shot on target until the 65th minute.

### Paris Saint-Germain defeats Liverpool in quarterfinals of Champions League

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Madrid

ianluigi Donnarumma came through and Paris Saint-Germain J defeated Liverpool in a penalty shootout to join Barcelona, Bayern Munich and Inter Milan in the quarterfinals of the Champions League on Tuesday.

PSG beat Liverpool 1-0 on the night to level the aggregate score at 1-1. Ousmane Dembélé scored 12 minutes into the second-leg match after a blunder by the Liverpool defense.

After extra time, Donnarumma stopped the penalty shots by Darwin Nunez and Curtis Jones to secure his team a 4-1 shootout win. Desire Doue scored the winning spot kick for PSG, which will face either Aston Villa or Club Brugge.

"It does not matter if we deserve the win. Both teams deserved to go through," PSG coach Luis Enrique said. "We were better in Paris and they were better here. My team showed great personality and character at Anfield." The French league leader seeking its first Champions League title had lost at this stage in five of the past eight editions. It lost to Borussia Dortmund in last season's semifinals. "It was the best game of football I have ever been involved in," Liverpool manager Arne Slot said. "It was an incredible performance, especially if you compare it with last week. We were creating chances and then we were 1-0 down. We ran out of luck after last week."

Barcelona cruised past Benfica with Raphinha scoring twice and Lamine Yamal once in a 3-1 win at home.

The Catalan club advanced 4-1 on aggregate score after last week's 1-0 victory and will play either Borussia Dortmund or Lille in the quarterfinals.

After a 3-0 first-leg win, Bayern Munich had no trouble advancing past German rival Bayer Leverkusen. Bayern made it to the last eight a record 23 times in the Champions League era after a 2-0 win at Leverkusen to advance 5-0 on aggregate. Inter moved on past Feyenoord with a 2-1 victory at San Siro to advance 4-1 on aggregate. Bayern and Inter will meet in

#### **PSG outlasts Liverpool**

the last eight.

A thrilling clash at Anfield saw chances come and go at both ends, with Liverpool



goalkeeper Alisson pulling off a string of saves to deny PSG, and with Liverpool substitute Jarell Quansah hitting the post in the second half.

Dembélé took advantage of mix up between Ibrahima Konate and Alisson to roll the ball into the empty net for the only goal of the game.

Premier League leader Liverpool, which did not make it to the Champions League last season, won the first leg 1-0 through Harvey Elliott's late goal in Paris last week. Barcelona powers into quarterfinals

Raphinha's double made him the leading scorer in the Champions League this season with 11 goals. He had scored the lone goal last week in Lisbon.

The Brazil forward put Barcelona ahead in the 11th, then Yamal added to the lead in the 27th before assisting in Raphinha's second goal in the 42nd to become the youngest player to score and assist in a Champions League match at 17 years, 241 days. "My teammates make things much easier for me," Yamal said. "It was a good goal but sometimes these things come off and sometimes they don't. For the assist, I tried to shoot and Raphinha turned it

Nicolás Otamendi scored for Benfica in the 13th to become the third-oldest scoraccording to UEFA. Yamal's goal meant he became the second-youngest

#### Kane leads Bayern

Harry Kane scored his 10th Champions League goal of the season and set up another as Bayern Munich cruised into the quarterfinals. Leverkusen never looked likely to overturn the three-goal deficit from the first leg, even before Kane bundled in the ball at a free kick in the 52nd

after Leverkusen's Patrik Schick misjudged an attempted clearance.

Kane set up Alphonso Davies for Bayern's second goal with a flicked cross in the 71st as the all-German rivalry became a one-sided contest. Bayern could have scored more as Jamal Musiala hit the crossbar with one shot and the post with another.

#### Inter comfortably advances

A goal at the start of each half saw Inter easily advance, with Marcus Thuram scoring a stunning eighth-minute opener. The Inter forward received the ball midway inside the Feyenoord half and then weaved his way into the area before unleashing a powerful effort into the top right corner.

Jakub Moder leveled from the penalty spot shortly before halftime after being tripped by Hakan Calhanoglu.

Inter restored its advantage on the night six minutes into the second half with a penalty of its own, which Çalhanoglu converted after Mehdi Taremi was fouled by Thomas Beelen right in the corner of the area.

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## **Masters League: West Indies defeat South Africa**

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Raipur

est Indies Masters rode on the brilliance of centurion Lendl Simmons and Ravi Rampaul's five-wicket haul to beat South Africa Masters by 29 runs and enter the semifinals of the International Masters League (IML) here.

Put in to bat by South Africa Masters on Tuesday night, the Caribbeans rode on Simmons' 108, skipper Lara's 29 off 34 balls and Chadwick Walton's 38 not out to put up 200 for 5.

After a shaky start that saw Dwayne Smith (5) and William Perkins (5) depart early off Garnett Kruger, Simmons and Lara took the centre stage and forced a spectacular recovery with a 125-run partnership for the third wicket.

Simmons blazed to a 31-ball fifty, setting the tone with fearless hitting, while Lara elegantly painted his masterpiece. Lara, content on playing second fiddle early on, then launched Alviro Petersen for a towering six and a crisp boundary in consecutive deliveries.

Simmons continued to dazzle, racing to his century in just 54 balls, dispatching Thandi Tshabalala to all parts with a six and a four before calmly

taking a single to bring up a well-deserved hundred.

But just as the duo threatened to take the game away from the grasp of South Africa Masters, Ntini infused life back into the contest by ending Simmons' 59ball knock, laced with 13 fours and five massive sixes.

Ryan McLaren then picked up the prized scalp of Lara after the southpaw steered West Indies Masters' recovery.

Despite the setbacks, Walton was in his elements, providing the much-needed impetus to the innings with six gigantic sixes to help West Indies Masters reach the 200-run mark.

South Africa Masters' chase began in explosive fashion, with wicketkeeper Richard Levi's breezy 44 setting the tone. However, the early momentum was short-lived as the loss of three quick wickets derailed their progress, putting the Proteas on the back-foot.

Jacques Kallis and Jacques Rudolph then steadied the innings with a crucial 78-run stand, reigniting South Africa's hopes. With both batters matching each other shot for shot, the game seemed to be slipping away from West Indies Masters. But just when the Proteas looked in control, Simmons produced a game-changing moment.

**Rohit is clear about his goals: Ponting** 



#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Dubai

ustralia legend Ricky Ponting believes Rohit Sharma is still going strong and a sense of unfinished business was behind his decision to continue playing and leading India in the 50-over format until the 2027 ODI World Cup to be jointly hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia.

Barring the ODI World Cup, Rohit has won all ICC titles while captaining India. He came agonisingly close to laying his

hands the 50-over world title on Australia home in 2023, only to lose to in the final.

Speaking on The ICC Review, the former Australia skipper said Rohit is pretty clear about his future goals.

"When you start getting to that point of your career, everyone's waiting for you to retire. And I do not know why, when you can still play as well as he's played (in the Champions Trophy final), I think he was just trying to put those questions to bed once and for all and say, 'no, I'm still playing well enough. I love playing in this team. I love leading this team.' "And I think, the fact that

he said that, to me, it means that he must have that goal in mind of playing in the next (50-over) World Cup (in 2027), Ponting stated.

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Handed the responsibility of captaincy in 2021 at the age of 34, Rohit on Sunday clinched his second ICC title following the T20 World Cup win last year as India defeated New Zealand by four wickets to win the Champions Trophy here.

Chasing 252, Rohit, 38, led from the front with an 83-ball 76 at the top to set the platform for a comfortable win.

In the run-up to the tournament, there were talks around Rohit's retirement from the ODI format after the Champions Trophy, as he had retired from T20Is after winning the T20 World Cup.

But Rohit simply rejected the theories at the post-match press conference following the final.

"One more thing, I'm not going to retire from this format, just to make sure no more rumours are spread," Rohit told reporters after winning the player-of-the-match award.

Ponting said the urge to win the only missing ICC trophy in his cabinet, the ODI World Cup, might be behind Rohit's mind to prolong his career.

I think probably the fact that they (India) lost the last one and he was captain, that might be the thing that's playing on the back of his mind," the Australian said. "Just have one more crack at trying to win the T20 World Cup, the Champions Trophy, and the ODI World Cup. "I mean when you see him play like he played in the Champions Trophy final, you wouldn't say that his time is up just yet," Ponting added.

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### I do not look back, I care about wins and finishing on top, says Collin Morikawa



a two-shot swing on the par-3 14th, the tough





t's hard to win on the PGA Tour, a sentiment usually heard from players when they Lare sitting next to the trophy and realise what it took to get there.

Collin Morikawa keeps getting reminded after some painful losses.

The player who won five times on the PGA Tour in just over two years as a pro has only one title in his last 75 starts. Morikawa is Number four in the world ranking, and that's not an accident. He is playing good golf and giving himself plenty of chances.

#### Small consolation

"I don't look back and be like, Man, I had a great week' because I do care about the wins and I do care about finishing on top, Morikawa said Tuesday. "So there's a little bit of yes, I feel great because I know I can keep putting myself in contention, and if I just keep ing doing that, it's going to happen. "But for me, it does suck because I do look back at the wins and I do care about winning," he said. "So where that's it kind of hurts."

He can look back to being in the final group of two majors last year. Morikawa was done in at the Masters when it took him two shots to get out of bunker on No. 9 for double bogey. He shared the 54-hole lead at the PGA Championship with Xander Schauffele at Valhalla. That requires good golf.

But remember, Morikawa won two majors, the PGA Championship in 2020, the British Open a year later, before his 40th career start on tour.

Golf felt easy back then, not so much atlMorikawa has better scoring statistics now than when he was winning, but he speaks more about the freedom he felt on Sunday when he was winning with a little more regularity.

There wasn't much freedom when he took his place in the PGA Tour record book for losing a six-shot lead in the final round at Kapalua to start 2023. He played 67 consecutive holes without a bogey that week until one shot after another went wrong. Even more frustrating is losing without really doing much wrong. Such was the case last week at Bay Hill, when

Morikawa lost the lead without really losing control of his game. He was three shots ahead with five holes to play on a course with really one one birdie opportunity left. The other four holes were ranked among the top six in difficulty that day.

Morikawa had made only three bogeys in the previous 58 holes at that point. It wasn't a matter of what went wrong as much as it what went right, a lot, for Russell Henley. There was

est hole Sunday at Bay Hill, which at that point had yielded only one birdie. Morikawa missed the green and made bogey. Henley made his best swing of the tournament with a 5-iron to 10 feet for birdie. And then came the breaks that win tournaments. Morikawa found a bunker off the tee at the par-5 16th (the easiest hole of the final round) and had to lay up and hit wedge to a front pin, no easy task. Henley went just over the green in rough so thick he could only see his golf ball by standing over it.

And then he chipped in for eagle, a good shot because it was on line, a massive break because it hit the middle of the pin. An inch to the right or to the left, and Henley isn't sure the ball would have even stayed on the green.

Instead, he had an eagle and the lead for the first time when Morikawa made par.

And that's the way it stayed for the last two holes until Henley held his nerve to make a pair of par putts (the combined length of those putts was 10 feet) for the biggest of his career. Henley's words were telling when he turned

his attention to Morikawa.

"Sometimes golf is just mean like that," he said. Morikawa clearly is trending with his game. The world ranking might not include LIV Golf players, but it's generally accurate at the top. The trick now is moving on, just like he had to do after Kapalua in 2023, after the Masters and the PGA Championship last year.

He was in no mood to talk Sunday and offered no apologies given how he felt in the moment

"I don't owe anyone anything," he said to a roomful of media at the TPC Sawgrass. "No offense to you guys, but for me in the moment of that time, I didn't want to be around anyone. Like, I didn't want to talk to anyone?

He was headed up the highway that evening for The Players Championship, another chance to get in the mix, another reminder that it is coming up on 18 months since his last win, and it was two years before that since he won in Dubai to capture the European tour season title.

The game is there while the frustration mounts. Winning is hard. He needs no reminders and is getting plenty of them, any-

"I love being in that position. I don't take it for granted because you just never know," he said. "But it was frustrating Sunday night. I have to get over it. ... I'm going to think about it. I know what happened. I fully am aware of how it played out. But I just have to move on and I have to learn from it. I have to keep getting better.



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