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China renews focus along Rain wreaks havoc in **Arunachal amid stand-off**

(ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

Amid continued tension at the border in Ladakh in the west, China has stepped up its military presence in the east, including Arunachal Pradesh. It has also built infrastructure close to the Line of Actual Control (LAC) besides enhancing the intensity of its military drills.

Not willing to take any chances, India has taken adequate measures and correspondingly firmed up contingency plans to deal with any threat in that sector, Eastern Command chief Lt General Manoj Pande said on Tuesday.

Giving a sense of the situation in the sensitive eastern sector, Pande said the Chinese army has stepped its annual training exercises in their depth Moreover, additional troops deployed by China in the east after the Ladakh stand off last year remain there, he

The Eastern Command chief also noted China is setting up dwelling units or hamlets close to the hamlet and said the "dual-use" of these villages was a matter of concern.

The Asapila sector in Arunachal Pradesh was among the areas where the Indian



Eastern Army Commander Lt Gen Manoj Pande

sponding increase in troop deployment there, he said.

The main objective of the Chinese drills was to launch integrated operations and India has taken adequate countermeasures, including a sufficient number of troops in all the sectors in the east, Pande said. The LAC in the east, including Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh, is nearly 1,400 km.

On face-off between troops of India and China at Naku La

Army observed infrastructure development by PLA close to LAC, and it had led to a correbacture development by PLA close to LAC, and it had led to a correbacture development by PLA close to LAC, and it had led to a correbacture development by PLA close to LAC, and it had led to a correbacture development by PLA close to LAC, and it had led to a correbacture development by PLA close to LAC, and it had led to a correbacture development by PLA close to LAC, and it had led to a correbacture development by PLA close to LAC, and it had led to a correbacture development by PLA close to LAC, and it had led to a correbacture development by PLA close to LAC, and it had led to a correbacture development by PLA close to LAC, and it had led to a correbacture development by PLA close to LAC, and it had led to a correbacture development by PLA close to LAC, and it had led to a correbacture development by PLA close to LAC, and it had led to a correbacture development by PLA close to LAC, and it had led to a correbacture development by PLA close to LAC, and it had led to a correbacture development by PLA close to LAC, and it had led to a correbacture development develop of the LAC, and protocols were in place to resolve the situation even though sometimes con-

frontations lasted longer.

Scores of Indian and Chinese soldiers were involved in a face-off in Naku La in May 2020, with rival troops suffering injuries in the incident following an exchange of blows. Another face-off took place in Naku La between the two sides earlier this year.

Given the increased

Chinese activities on its side of the LAC, the Indian Army has increased surveillance along the border using satellites, long-range unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) and other hitech intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) systems, Pande said.

The Eastern Command chief also said the focus is on honing the surveillance capabilities using niche technologies, including modern aerial platforms, a superior network of radars, hi-tech night vision systems, and modern commu-

nication equipment. He said the Army's new mountain strike corps, raised to counter the Chinese threat in the east, was fully operational

He said new equipment deployed in the Ladakh sector is being simultaneously inducted in the east, with the focus being on enhancing mobility, drone and counter-drone systems, precision-guided ammunition and surveillance systems.

Giving an account of India's overall military modernisation, Pande also said in-principle approval was given to new combat formations called the Integrated Battle Groups (IBGs) which can mobilise fast with a more effective approach.

U'khand, 23 lives lost

4 killed in UP, **Kerala flood** situation grim

PNS ■ DEHRADUN/NEW DELHI

Heavy rain wreaked havoc lin many parts of Uttarakhand for the second consecutive day on Tuesday, while Uttar Pradesh witnessed four fatalities, even as heavy downpour in Kerala filled several dams to the brim and multiple districts were on alert.

Landslides, house collapse and deluge claimed 23 lives in Uttarakhand. As per the information given by the State emergency control room, eight people are reported missing while many have suffered injuries.

The Kumaon division of the State bore the brunt of heavy rain as all deaths were reported from the districts of Nainital, Almora, Champwat and Udam Singh Nagar on the

day.

The rainfall in many places of Kumaon broke all previous records. Scores of roads in different parts of the State are blocked due to landslides and some of the important bridges have suffered damage. The rail connection between Lalkuan and Kathgodam has been sev-



Submerged cars are seen at a flooded hotel resort as extreme rainfall caused the Kosi River to overflow at the Jim Corbett National Park in Uttarakhand on Tuesday

ered due to a breach of bridge Gaula River Haldwani.

All the major rivers of the State are flowing above the danger mark and low-lying areas in different parts of the State have been inundated with water.

Concerned over the fury of

nature, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami over phone and assured every possible help to the State.

Dhami visited the disasteraffected areas of the State and also conducted an aerial inspection of many areas. He was accompanied by the Disaster Management Minister Dhan Singh Rawat and other senior officers. Nainital district was the worst-affected in the State as 18 people were reported dead in different incidents. In this district, five people are reported missing.

Few takers for 2nd shot as India nears 100-cr mark, Govt worried

Experts attribute it to growing complacency as cases decrease

PNS NEW DELHI

Even as the Government hopes to breach the ambi-tious 100-crore Covid doses mark on October 21, poor response to the second dose of Covid-19 among people is leaving it jittery.

Health experts have attributed it to growing complacen-cy among beneficiaries in view of reports of nationwide low infection. The Union Health Ministry on Tuesday in a review meeting asked the States and Union Territories to replan their strategy and rope in ASHA workers and focus on convincing people about the importance of full vaccina-

India has so far vaccinated



cent of the target population has been vaccinated with the second dose or is fully vacci-

According to reports, while the States have been maintaining a comfortable balance of vaccine stock in hand, the number of doses administered is relatively low. For instance, on Saturday last week, the stock available with states stood

more than 70 per cent of the adult population with the first dose, whereas around 30 per at 11.12 crore vaccines, whereas total of around 38 lakh doses. Similarly, as they administered a total of on Wednesday, a balance of around 8.50 crore was available with states whereas the doses administered stood at 50 lakh. On Thursday, 27 lakh doses were administered, whereas crore doses were

available. The Ministry noted that a sizeable number of eligible beneficiaries had not received their second vaccine dose

Priyanka announces 40% quota to women in UP polls

A midst move by political parties to tap the votes of Brahmin, Backward, Dalit and other caste and communities tions, Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday tried to attract half of the population by announcing 40 per cent reservations in the party tickets to women contestants in Uttar Pradesh.

Priyanka said her party's decision is based on realism and idealism. She said all women who want to bring about a change in the system, are welcome to come forward and contest elections.

"Any woman who wants to contest can give an application

till October 15," she said. She did not rule out contesting the Assembly polls in the State to lead from the front. "That is not the issue of contesting the polls and I had yet to take a call on it. Let's see how things progress on and it



Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra being welcomed by the party workers at the party office in Lucknow on Tuesday

come," she said.

Priyanka was addressing a Press conference here on Tuesday where she announced 40 per cent of seats reserved by the party in UP polls to be given on merit. Slamming Yogi Adityanath's Government on the issue of crime against

will be decided in time to women, the Congress leader said UP CM has a "patriarchal mindset" and wants to keep women

supervision.
"What does UP CM say? He says women should live under parental guidance. When this is the thought process, I wonder in what gen-

every speech you say matao aur behno. Yes, we are mothers and sisters but we also have an identity as a woman. What's the point when you can't recognise us as women," she asked.

the past 2 years wherever I went in Uttar Pradesh, I had seen women struggling, fighting for their rights. Every walk of women has been fighting for her rights. Violence against women has increased from Unnao to Hathras and to Lakhimpur, women has been victim of patriarchy, caste domination and exploration. I feel larger participation in politics is the key to fighting out against oppression," she said.

Priyanka said idealism and realism both should be in politics. "Both need to co exist. I truly believe it is both idealistic as well as realistic. 50 per cent of our society is women so what stops them from coming together. Effort is now being made to build this unity," she

CAPSULE

PAK MAY STAY ON FATF'S GREY LIST TILL APRIL 2022 Islamabad: Pakistan may remain on the "grey list" of the FATF till the global money laundering and terror financing watchdog meets for its next session in April 2022, according to a media report on Tuesday.

SC TO HEAR KHERI **MATTER ON TODAY** New Delhi: The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on

pertaining to the October 3 violence in Lakhimpur Kheri in which eight persons, including four farmers, were killed during a farmers' protest.

FABINDIA WITHDRAWS PROMO AFTER BACKLASH New Delhi: Clothing brand FabIndia has removed a promotional capsule about its

new festive line after a backlash from right-wing groups. While the brand was accused of "defacing" the Hindu festival of Diwali by naming its festive collection as Jashn-e-Riwaaz (celebration of tradition)

3 bank employees among 12 held for siphoning off money from NRI account

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police have bust-ed a gang, including HDFC Bank employees, for withdrawing money from accounts of a Non-resident Indian (NRI).

Around 12 people, including three HDFC Bank employees, have been arrested for this, officials said on Tuesday.

The bank had filed a complaint after noticing several unauthorised attempts to access a Non-Resident Indian (NRI) account using internet banking services and to withdraw cash it using a fraudulently obtained cheque book, the police said.

The miscreants also tried to replace a US-based mobile phone number associated with the bank account with an identical Indian number, they

attempts were made to access the internet banking of the account. The miscreants had come to know somehow that the account was dormant and had huge funds, and they began gathering information about it, the police said.

HDFC Bank alleged 66

MP Cabinet decides on power subsidy to domestic, agri consumers for FY 2021-22

For domestic consumers max ₹100 for first 100 of 150 monthly units to be charged

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The State Cabinet here on Tuesday decided to give subsidy of over ₹20,000 crore in electricity rates to domestic and agricultural consumers for the financial year 2021-22.

In the scheme implemented for domestic consumers, a maximum bill of ₹100 up to the first 100 units on monthly consumption of up to 150 units, and for the BPL domestic consumers of SC and ST, the provision of charging ₹100 in 4 months at the rate of only ₹25 per month from domestic consumers, whose monthly consumption is 30 units, has been continued this year as well. A subsidy of ₹4981.69 crore has been approved under the Griha

The Cabinet has also decided to provide relief in

electricity rates to the agricultural consumer category. In this, a flat rate of ₹750 per horsepower per year will be payable to the consumers of meterless permanent agricultural pump of capacity up to 10 horsepower. The remaining amount will be payable by the state government as subsidy. For this, a subsidy of ₹9876 crore will be provided by the state government to the distribution companies. About 21 lakh 75 thousand agricultural pump consumers of the state will be benefited by this deci-A flat rate of ₹1500 per

horsepower per year will be payable by the consumer of a meterless permanent agricultural pump with a capacity of more than 10 horsepower. The remaining amount will be

panies as subsidy. For this a subsidy of ₹644 crore will be provided which will benefit about 50 thousand agricultural pump consumers of the state. Energy charges, fuel charges and fixed charges will be waived on permanent and temporary metered agricultural pump combinations.

ment to the distribution com-

The rebate amount is paid by the state government to the companies in the form of subsidy. For this an amount of ₹350 crore will be payable and about 2 lakh temporary and 20,000 meter permanent agricultural pump consumers will be benefitted. Free electricity will be provided to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe agricultural consumers of up to 5 horsepower having land up to one hectare. The entire amount payable by the state govern- of the bill will be payable by the

state government as subsidy. About 9 lakh 25 thousand agricultural pump consumers will be benefited by this. For this, an amount of ₹4733 crore will be given by the state government as subsidy to the distribution companies.

For this, an amount of ₹4733 crore will be given by the state government as subsidy to the distribution companies. Energy charges and annual minimum charges will be waived off for high pressure lift/group irrigation consumers. The exemption amount will be borne by the state government as subsidy. For this, an amount of ₹90 crore will be payable as subsidy. With the decision taken by the Cabinet, the consumers of agriculture sector of the state will get annual relief of ₹15,722.87 crore in electric-



CM announces relief for farmers for rain-hit crops

Order issued for crop-damage survey in areas hit in last 2-day rain

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

hief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that crops have been damaged due to rain in the last two days in some areas of the State. Chouhan said that he wants to assure all farmers that necessary relief will be provided to them for the crops damaged in this rain. For this purpose, instructions have been given to survey the damage done to crops in the affect-

Once the damage is assessed, the affected will get

Movie 'Sailors of

Shaurya Smarak staff reporter Bhopal

Amovie depicting the bravery and contribution of Indian Navy 'Sailors of Tomorrow' was screened at Shaurya Smarak on Tuesday.

The movie was screened at the open air auditorium of Shaurya

Samrak under the regular series

of film screenings.

It is to be noted that every

day movies based on the bravery

of the Indian army, air force, navy

and police is being screened at Shaurya Smarak. The regular

film screening is being organised

as a tribute to their contributions

Tomorrow' focuses on the con-

tributions of Navy officers dur-

ing wars. Indian Navy Force

The Indian Navy is the naval

branch of the Indian Armed

Forces. The President Of India

is the Supreme Commander of

the Indian Navy. The Chief of

Naval Staff, a four star admiral,

Company's Marine which was founded in 1612 to protect British merchant shipping in the region. In 1793, the East

India Company established its

rule over eastern part of the

Indian Subcontinent i.e.

Bengal, but it was not until

1830 that the colonial navy was

titled as His Majesty's Indian

Navy. When India became

Indian Navy as it had been

named since 1934 was renamed

the navy is to safeguard the

nation's maritime borders, and

in conjunction with other

Armed Forces of the union, act

to deter or defeat any threats or

aggression against the territory,

people or maritime interests of

Îndia, both in war and peace.

The primary objective of

to Indian Navy.

The Indian Navy traces its origins back to the East India

commands the navy.

The movie 'Sailors of

and their sacrifices.

Tomorrow'

screened at

provided the benefit of crop insurance scheme. Necessary arrangements will be made for this. The State Government stands with the farmers in this hour of crisis. Madhya Pradesh Government is a farmer friendly government.

Chouhan said that the Government has decided to give aid for providing affordable electricity to different categories of farmers and domestic consumers. A subsidy of more than ₹20 thousand crore will be given by the government. Farmers get cheap electricity because the government gives money from the treasury. Disruption of electricity supply will not be allowed. There is power crisis all over the world today. Many developed countries are also struggling with

They will not allow Madhya Pradesh to suffer.

Necessary cooperation is also being received from their level. We also give subsidy of about ₹4900 crores to domestic consumers due to which cheap electricity is available.

Altogether it has been decided to give subsidy of more than ₹20,700 crore. With this, farmers and domestic consumers will get cheap elec-

The Chief Minister said that it is very necessary to prevent the misuse of power during this time of crisis. Use of electricity as per the need is in the interest of all of us. Everyone try to save electricity. We should save electricity as much as possible.

Ramuji water park to cheer up Mahakoshal soon

PNS JABALPUR

With the inauguration of Ramu ji water park, Mahakoshal will get a grand gift. Ramuji Water Park, known for its various specialties, will soon be opened for residents of the city.

This very unique park has been integrated with more attractive resources to give a new entertainment experience to the residents of the city. However, it is also worth mentioning that the general public is also very excited about this park.

Ram Kumar Sahu, the operator of Ramuji Water Park, expressed happiness and said that after the outbreak of the corona epidemic was reduced,

work was done quickly towards preparing the water park, as a result of which we could get the much awaited Ramuji Water Park as soon as possible. The park is about to open.

He said that due to Corona the work of the water park had become very slow, rather the work had to be stopped completely for several months, but now we have recovered from the epidemic and to hand over this grandest water park to the

Ramuji Water Park has been prepared according to international standards. We want that the highest facilities should be provided to the people of Sanskardhani and Mahakoshal.

Pawan Gupta's swaying sports journey in Wushu

The 2020 Olympics just ended two months ago, but the grind to win the medals for our nation is still going on for a few players. A few sports like Wushu are not a part of the Olympics program but have been included in the Asian Games. Though the sport is of Chinese origin, many athletes in India are actively partici-pating in the world tournaments of the same and bringing pride to our nation. One such name who has been turning heads on a global level owing to his stupendous track record in Wushu is Pawan

Pawan has traveled from Sultanpur, a village in the Kushinagar district of Uttar Pradesh to become an international player. He is a mem-

international team of Wushu players. His glorious journey in the world of Wushu required years of hard work and training. In a country where people are more interested in sports such as cricket, Pawan has managed to drive focus to a sport such as Wushu with his outstanding performances in

several international events. Pawan became attracted

could have been reduced by

timely adoption of technology, especially digitisation. A vast majority of SMBs in India still

Maintaining accounts manually, meticulously check-

ing for pending payments from each client, penning down all payables, taking all business decisions simply based on profit

it and loss statements and bal-

ance sheet, etc. are all sill in

rely on age-old methods."

only a handful of athletes took up the sport at that time allowed him to do something different. Besides this, he was always fascinated by martial arts and had dreams of making a career. As he practiced the sport and became a professional in it, he realized it was time to show his skills on a world level. He participated in the 8th Asian Wushu Championship held in Hanoi, Vietnam, in the year 2012 and won his first international bronze medal.

1 killed, 2 injured after vehicle hit bike at **Narela Jod**

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

A⁶⁰-year-old man died while two escaped with injuries after their motorbike was hit by a speeding vehicle at Narela Jod under Berasia police station area on Wednesday.

Police said that three injured were taken to hospital where one of them was declared dead while one was severely injured and other escaped with injuries.

The deceased was identified as Saudan Singh Ahirwar along with Raghuveer and Preetam was going to visit his relatives in the evening when their bike was hit by a speed-

After the preliminary investigation the body was sent for the post mortem. The police have registered a case under section 304 A of the IPC and

The locals informed the police and on the receipt of the information police team rushed to the spot and started investigation. Police have not found

speeding vehicle which proved fatal for Saudan. Police said that the condition of two is reportedly critical.

Hills police station on Sunday.

The deceased, identified unconscious and was taken to hospital where he was declared dead. It was found that Suraj had a snake bite which caused his death.

After the preliminary investigation the body was sent for the post mortem. The police have registered a case under section 174 of the CrPC and have started further investiga-



Muslim devotees go through relics of Prophet Muhammad at Sunni Saqlaini Masjid on the occasion of Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi

Digital support helps MSMEs emerge pandemic adversity

The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector in India employs a whopping 6 crore people. Forty five percent of India's industrial production and 40% of the country's export can be attributed to the MSME segment.

However, the once flourishing sector is experiencing severe issues since the onset of the pandemic. Incessant lockdowns across the nation have interrupted numerous operations, and the uncertainty of business continuity in the short and long term has weakened the bottom line of the sector.

By the end of June 2020 an estimated 3 crore people had lost their jobs. Albeit the situation did improve towards the



Rahul Raj, Founder & CEO, FloBiz said, "It is understandable that the circumstances were largely unavoidable. However, it should be noted that the severity of the situation faced by the MSMEs

practice. Businesses need to understand that to combat the are on the verge of being laid

ill-effects of the pandemic they need digital support. It can help ing vehicle. them in numerous ways, including but not limited to raising invoices, maintaining adequate stocks, managing receivables and payables onthe-go and taking data-driven decisions based on reports and started further investigation. insights, Raj added.

> any details of the vehicle which escaped the spot after the acci-The accident occurred at Narela jod when the bike moving towards Narela was hit by

> Meanwhile, a 7-year-old boy died due to snake bite at Rapadia village under Katara

FIRST JUNIOR BOYS INTER ACADEMY **NATIONAL HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP-2021**

MP Hockey Academy to face Vaidipatti Raja Hockey Academy in league match today

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

The second day of the first Junior Boys Inter Academy National Hockey Championship-2021 was marked on Tuesday.

In the first match of the Academy Jamshedpur defeated Berar Hockey Academy Amravati 15-0 in one sided. Naval Tata kept up the pressure from the very first quarter and kept on scoring.

In the second match, Namdhari XI defeated Bhai Behlo Hockey Academy Bhagta by one-sided 20-0. Namdhari's side scored 6 goals each in the first, third and fourth quarters

while scoring two goals in the second quarter. Captain Rajinder Singh scored 7 goals for the team.

In the third match, Mumbai School of Sports Association defeated Dhyan Chand Hockey Academy 4-2. quarter and Dhyan Chand Academy scored in the second

In the fourth match, Gumanhera Risers Academy defeated Mata Sahit Kaur Hockey Academy, Jarkhar, Ludhiana, 8-0. The team scored 2-2 goals in the first and sec-

In the fifth match, Sai Academy Kolkata defeated Citizen Hockey XI 8-0 in a onesided match.

The sixth match of the day was a 2-2 draw between HIM Academy and Markandeshwar Hockey Academy. HIM Academy scored 1-1 in the second and Akami scored two goals in the fourth quarter to draw the match 2-2.

The match between Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy and Vaidipatti Raja Hockey Academy will be played on Wednesday. This league match of Pool H is expected to be exciting. This is also the first match of the league between both the teams.



economic policies of the Union Government, in Bhopal on Tuesday

Seminar on 'Nomadic Community: Oral Traditions' held at MPTM

A three-day research seminar on "Nomadic Community: Oral Traditions" is being organized by Tribal Lok Kala and Boli Vikas Akademi, MP Sanskriti Parishad in the auditorium of Madhya Pradesh Tribal Museum from Tuesday.

In the inaugural session on Tuesday, the first day of the seminar, well-known Pandwani singer Padma Vibhushan Teejan Bai was the chief guest, eminent Bhil painter Padma Shri Bhuri Bai as the special guest, Director Culture Shri Aditi Kumar Tripathi and Director, Tribal Folk Arts and Language Development Academy Dharmendra Pare and museum coordinator Ashok Mishra, seminar coordinator, Barkatullah University's Dean of Social Science Ruchi Ghosh Dastidar

and Professor of Government

Hamidia Arts and Commerce

College, Alpana Trivedi along

with other scholars and schol-

ars were present.

The seminar started with lamp lighting and guest welcome. The programme was conducted by Shubham On this occasion, Director,

Culture Aditi Kumar Tripathi while welcoming the guests, researchers and speakers in his welcome address said that the nomadic community has given a lot culturally. Their contribution should not be underestimated. The ideas and suggestions received from the seminar will be used positively by the department.

Presenting the introduction of the seminar, Academy Director Dharmendra Pare said that in the seminar, scholars and scholars from Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Maharashtra and other places have participated in the semi-

The nomadic community, acting as a link between Nagar, Lok and Aranyaka, resides in large numbers in different places of India. If their number is seen, then it is in crores.

Colleges should send increased seat number to Govt soon: Min

STAFF REPORTER ■

Higher Education Minister Mohan Yadav said that the Higher Education department is continuously taking decisions in the interest of the students.

The colleges that want to increase the number of seats on the basis of the applications of students, should send their proposal to the State Government at the earliest. In any case, we will give approval by October 21. Mohan Yadav informed

that 25,000 seats have been increased in 262 government and 17 private colleges. He said that it is our endeavor that all the students can get admission in this session itself and can take advantage of the new courses.

The state government has given approval to start new subjects in various colleges in the academic session 2021-22, an order in the regard of which has been issued by the department in this regard.

Approval has been given for teaching Economics, Hindi

and Political Science subjects at PG level in Government Madhav Arts and Commerce College, Ujjain.

Again, approval has been given to teach BA Foundation course, History, Geography, Political Science, Sociology, Economics, Hindi Literature, English Literature and Computer Application and B.Com, B.Com with Computer Application and B.Com with Taxation in Government Madhav Vigyan Postgraduate College, Ujjain.

Similarly, course on Kathak subject will start at the postgraduate level in Government Maharani Laxmi Bai Girls College, Bhopal.

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL The full dress and final rehearsal of the Memorial Day Parade was held at the Martyrs Memorial premises at

Lal Parade Ground on Monday. Police Commemoration Day will be celebrated on October 21. On this day, the main function of the state will be organized in the presence of the Governor, Mangubhai Patel, at 8 am in the Martyrs Memorial premises located at Lal Parade Ground.

Additional Director General of Police Milind Kanaskar inspected the full dress rehearsal parade. Along with this, the police also took stock of other arrangements for

During the full dress rehearsal for the Police Commemoration Day on Tuesday, the chief constable, Ramchandra Kushwaha, played the role of the chief guest.

Full dress Memorial Day Parade rehearsal held

The final exercise parade was led Abhishek Tiwari, an officer of the Indian Police Service. The 2IC of the parade is Deputy Superintendent of Police Saurabh Tiwari. The Parade includes women's platoon, a combined contingent of Special Armed Forces and District Force, men's platoon of Special Armed Forces, police band platoon and canine contingent.

During this, tribute was paid to the martyrs by paying floral tributes to the melodious tune of patriotic songs being taken out by the Police Band.



the National Police Commemoration day in Bhopal on Tuesday

On October 21, 1959, at Hot Springs of Ladakh, 10 soldiers were martyred in an encounter with the Chinese army. In his memory, this day

is celebrated by all the police units of the country. This year 15 jawans of Madhya Pradesh Police have given their martyrdom for the country.

Youth, mother held for killing man at Banjara Basti

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

Gandhi Nagar police have nabbed a 19-year-old youth and his mother for killing a 40-year-old man at Banjara Basti; youth died on September 18 after he was assaulted by two accused.

declared after accused who killed

the man escaped from the spot Banjara was rushed to hospital and remained absconding.

The nabbed accused was after he was attacked by Ajay

identified as Ajay Singh Banjara and his mother Kamal Banjara who killed Bablu Banjara after he was attacked and assaulted three davs before his death while Reward of Rs 5000 was

undergoing treatment. Police said that Bablu Banjara; he was creating ruckus after having liquor and abused Kamla, Ajay's mother. Based on the complaint after

the preliminary investigation, the police have registered a case under section 302 of the IPC. During investigation police

victim and accused occurred in the night on October 15 when Bablu came heavily drunk and created ruckus which was opposed by Kamla but he failed to stop and abused her after which her son Ajay came and assaulted Bablu.Meanwhile,

Budni police have arrested hus-

found that the dispute between

band of 24-year-old beautician of Kolar who went missing on October 15 and found dead on October 17 at forest in Budni.

The police have arrested Rajat Kaithwas who killed his wife Sharda Paswan who were in bitter terms with Rajat after one month of marriage.

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Punjab CM calls for empowerment of sarpanches

Panches to strengthen democracy

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Tuesday emphasized the need to empower the villages' electrepresentatives Sarpanches and Panches — to strengthen democracy at the grassroots level.

Calling upon the elected representatives in the villages to accelerate the pace of development works, the Chief Minister made it clear, "You arrange the labour force and the onus of arranging finances is with me."

Minister exhorted the youth to form clubs in the villages in the name of Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh so as to undertake youth-centric initiatives.

The Chief Minister, carrying forward his agenda of rural transformation in order to ensure overall development of villages, on Tuesday visited various villages of Chamkaur Sahib constituency for the second day in a row and distributed cheques worth Rs 27 crore for the development works in the 63 villages of Morinda

Channi, addressing the gatherings at Datarpur, Kalaran, Sarhana, Lutheri, Arnauli, Kainaur, Dhanauri and Dhangrali villages, said that the ponds located in all villages of the constituency would developed based on the Thapar model. "Walking routes



ponds. The water from the ponds would be used for irrigation in the fields," he

Underscoring the need to impart quality education to the children of the State as Punjab Government's top priority, Channi said that special 'Science and Medical Blocks' would be set up in all High and Senior Secondary Schools of the constituency. "Punjabi is our mother tongue; and under no circumstances, it will be neglected," he added.

The Chief Minister announced that the development works related to the widening of all the link roads, construction of streets, drains, sewage system, community centres, renovation of cremation grounds, SC Dharamshalas, sprucing up the

dispensaries, opening of gyms in villages, cleanliness of ponds, upgradation of Schools and colleges would be undertaken with a missionary zeal.

The Chief Minister also announced plans to construct a 100 bedded hospital at Sri Chamkaur Sahib, and the work for this state of the art hospital has already commenced.

Underlining the need for world class healthcare facilities, the Chief Minister informed that the proposal to set up a world class Trauma Center at Morinda has been accepted and the construction work would be started soon.

The Chief Minister further divulged that the buildings of all the veterinary hospitals in the constituency would be upgraded and availability of doctors would be ensured.

Village: Gailana

Punjab to fill 1158 posts in Govt Colleges within 45 days

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Punjab Government will soon fill 1,158 posts in the state's government colleges within 45 days. The recruitment would be done by Punjabi University, Patiala, and Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, by forming selection committees.

The decision, aimed at fulfilling the long-standing demand for recruitment of staff in Government Colleges of the state, was taken by the state Higher Education Department, said the state Higher Education and Languages Minister Pargat Singh at Panjab University, Chandigarh, on Tuesday. He was in the University to end the ongoing hunger strike of the University and Colleges Association over the demands of the college-university cadre.

Pargat Singh said that the

posts of teaching cadre and 67 posts of librarian in Government Colleges would be completed within 45 days. This recruitment was done on UGC guidelines, and will be done only on the basis of a written test in which no interview marks will be kept," he said, adding that a selection committee will be formed under the chairmanship of the concerned Vice-Chancellors.

In order to mitigate hardship being faced by the parttime, guest faculty, or contractual teachers working in the Government-run colleges, it has been decided to relax the upper age limit for these candidates and gave weightage of one mark per year subject to maximum five marks in respect of experience gained by

Punjab Dy CM smells conspiracy in Singhu lynching; promises justice

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

 $D_{\text{Dalit labourer from Tarn}}^{\text{ays after the body of a}}$ Taran was found tied to a barricade at the Singhu border with a hand chopped off and multiple wounds caused by sharp-edged weapons, Punjab Deputy Chief Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa on Tuesday said that there appeared to be a deep-rooted conspiracy to defame the farm-

Randhawa, who also heads the Home Department, promised complete justice saying that the Punjab Government will reach to the bottom of the case and identify and expose who were the conspirators behind the incident.

"In view of the recent disclosures about one of the Nihang leaders having already been in touch with the Central Government, Minister for Agriculture NS Tomar in particular, the lynching incident has now taken an entirely different turn. The same Nihang leader is now defending the main accused for the killing of Lakhbir Singh," said Randhawa.

"Lakhbir Singh, the Dalit victim, belonged to village Cheema Kalan and was very poor. We need to find out as who lured him to Singhu border and who paid for his travel as he could not even afford his meals," said the Deputy Chief Minister, adding that he Administration to find out under what circumstances he was taken away from his home in Cheema Kalan village to

Randhawa said that in view of the recent photographic evidence available, the Nihang leader will also need to explain

in what capacity he had met the Union Agriculture Minister NS Tomar and whether he was mandated to do so by the farmers' organisations spearheading the campaign against three black farm laws.

"Given the important place the Nihang leader was camping at and staging dharna at Singhu border, it is mandatory on his part to keep the farmers' unions informed and updated about his meetings with the Union Minister. This has raised genuine doubts and suspicion among the minds of people which needs to be cleared and the Punjab Government will do everything to reach to the root of the conspiracy and expose and punish the culprits," he

Mincing no words, Punjab Congress' former president Sunil Jakhar also alleged that there could be a role of agencies in the murder of a person at Singhu border.

There is certainly something more than what meets the eye," said senior Congress leader, adding that incidents of recent months point towards a concerted bid to paint the farmers' struggle as one of particular community and create divisions between Sikhs and Nihangs.

The presence of a former police CAT Pinky highlighted in pictures of meetings of Union Agriculture Minister, and the subsequent events at that the Centre wants to foment religious strife in Punjab...BJP has long been trying to tarnish the secular farmer struggle as a Sikh movement to term protesting Sikhs as militants. Punjabis are the sword arms of India," Jakhar saidm adding that they have made unparallel sacrifices for national unity.

Presence of a Police CAT in meeting of the Union Minister raises serious questions over the Centre's intention, Jakhar said, while demanding a thorough investigation into events leading to the death at Singhu border.

Underlining that no amount of condemnation of this incident would ever be enough, Jakhar said that BJP was conspiring to create a divide between Sikhs, Nihangs, farmers, and SC community, while urging all to remain vigilant gainst these nefarious designs.

Making it clear that presence of Nihangs at Delhi borders is by no means harmful for the protests, he said that rather it is a deterrent against BJP attempts to evict protesting farmers from Delhi borders against their wishes.

"If you look at the recent events through the prism of agencies, first a Haryana SDM publicly ordering his men to break heads of farmers, then Haryana Chief Minister asking people to pick up sticks folowed by mowing down of farmers at Lakhimpur Kheri and then Singhu incident and now the increase of BSF jurisdiction to 50 KMs," pointed out Jakhar adding that these all are steps of a well-thought out plot against Punjab.

The trail point to a well orchestrated strategy to derail the farmer agitations as well as

Jakhar advised BJP to stop playing with fire and accede to demands of farmers. He also appealed to the state's parties to come together and show solidarity with farmers and maintain communal harmony and religious brotherhood in the

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGH-WAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 27th September, 2021

S.O. 3977(E).-In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/2 laning with paved shoulder), maintenance management and operation of National Highway no. 752B in the stretch of land from Km 0+000 to 40+500 km. to. (Jirapur to Susner MP-RJ-Border-Road) (Additional+Bus&Truck-Lay) in the district of Agar Malwa in the state of MADHYA PRADESH, hereby declares its intention to. acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, the Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue) and land Acquisition Officer Susner, District Agar Malwa, in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, eitherallow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land covered under this nitification are available and can be inspected by by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority

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Himachal to launch drug awareness drive in November

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rn a bid to end drug menace, **⊥**Himachal Government has decided to launch a drug awareness campaign in the state in the month of November.

Himachal Additional Chief Secretary JC Sharma while presiding over a meeting in this regard said that effective steps would be taken by various departments for the eradication of narcotics including awareness activities during the 15 days long campaign across the

He said that the use of drugs is a matter of concern among the people of the state and all departments should work in coordination with each other to eradicate drug abuse from the state. During this campaign, the Forest Department will uproot the cultivation of cannabis in the state and organize workshops in this regard. On the occasion of the launch of the campaign, representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies will be made aware about the ill effects of drugs and oath will be admin-

istered to prevent drug abuse. An exhibition and drama showcasing the ill effects of drugs will also be organized in the joint coordination of the

Justice **Empowerment and Education** Department. Publicity material related to the drug abuse will also be released, he said.

He also asked the Information and Public Relations Department to prepare a curtain razor on this The ACS said that under

this campaign drama, slogan

writing, painting competitions, etc. would be organized at the gram panchayat level in the state to make people aware about the ill effects of drugs. Health department workers will visit Gram Panchayats, Mahila Mandals and Schools to make people aware of the drug abuse. A special OPD will be provided by the Health Department on every Wednesday for drug related counseling. During this campaign, street plays will also be organized across the state, he added.

He further said that active participation of members of non-government organizations including representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions, Urban Local Bodies would be ensured to make this campaign successful in the state.

The Deputy Commissioners in the districts would ensure the successful implementation of this campaign, he added.

Punjab urges Centre to withdraw decision to save land-locked States from investors's migration

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

tanding at the front against Sthe Union Government's decision to extend BSF jurisdiction in Punjab, the state's Technical Education and Industrial Training Minister Rana Gurjeet Singh on Tuesday said that the border state has been ignored while granting special package of incentives to neighbouring states like Himachal Pradesh for capital investment subsidy; and now, the extension of BSF Jurisdiction from 15 km to 50 km is yet another jolt to

"It has created a panic and a sense of insecurity in investors. How will the investor go to the 25,000 square km border belt (out of a total of 50,000) which is under the jurisdiction of the Security Force," Rana Gurjeet asked, adding that even the adjoining industrial units of homegrown industries would consider shifting to safer places.

Lashing out at the Modi Government for step-motherly treatment with the agrarian state, Rana Gurjeet said: "On the other side, jurisdiction has been cut short by 20 km in five northeastern states of Manipur Mizoram, Tripura, Nagaland, and Meghalaya where it has had jurisdiction of 80

Shah briefs Modi on J&K situation

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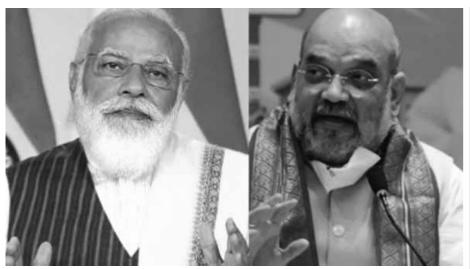
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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and informed him about the steps taken by the Jammu and Kashmir administration and the Union Home Ministry to improve the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

Shah reached PM Modi's official residence 7, Lok Kalyan Marg in the morning to brief him about the situation in Kashmir.

The two leaders discussed the atmosphere of fear created due to target killings by ter-

rorists in Kashmir. The Home Minister also informed the Prime Minister about the exodus of fear driven migrants from the Valley.

During the meeting with the PM, the Home Minister also briefed him about other important issues related to internal security.

In the last 16 days, terrorists have killed 11 non-local individuals in the Valley. Due to this an atmosphere of fear has been created there leading to the exodus of migrants.

Amit Shah will visit Jammu and Kashmir on October 23-25 and will hold important high-level meet-

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gangraped and three ISKCON

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Jain said PM Hasina isn't

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try," he charged.

rity situation in Kashmir. This is the first visit of the Union Home Minister to the union territory after the abrogation of Article 370.

During this visit, the Home Minister will not only give tips to improve security situation but will also make various announcements related to the developmental pro-

The NIA is mandated to Earlier on Monday, Amit probe terror crimes of inter-Shah held a marathon meeting State or international ramifiwith senior officials including cations and the recent of DGPs, National Security killings in the Valley are being Advisor Ajit Doval, IB Chief assessed by the Intelligence and discussed the situation of community as a reoriented internal security in detail.

migrant labourers' killings probe The National Investigation Agency (NIA) is likely to take over probes into the recent killings of Hindu

NIA likely to take over Kashmir Hindu

terror tactic of the masterminds in Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and its terror cohorts like the Lashkar-e-Tayabba and Jaishe-Mohammad among others.

The NIA is already investigating a number of terrorrelated cases in the Valley as also the drone attack at the Jammu airbase. The frequency and the pattern of the terror hits on minorities and migrant labourers is part of a modulated shift in the ever-evolving terror tactics by Pakistan and the NIA probe would help unravel the grand conspiracy behind such targeted killings, sources

The recent surge in the targeted killings in the Valley was thoroughly discussed in the National Security Strategy Conference held here on Monday.

The Conference chaired by Union Home Minister Amit

Shah discussed the trend with the stakeholders in the security agencies.

The civilian killings in the Valley have triggered an exodus of migrant labourers and non-Kashmiris which have been designed to project the administration as failing, an official

The terror attacks have also led to a fear psychosis among the Kashmiri Pandits who had braved the violence in the nineties to stay back in the Following these attacks, the NIA had been informally

providing assistance to the ammu and Kashmir police that has been probing these Experts said the stone pel-

ters who were released earlier as part of the peace overtures could be behind the recent

In-charge Director General of NIA, Kuldeep Singh who visited Srinagar on Monday discussed these terror cases with Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police, Dilbag Singh, sources said.

Govt to develop Northeast as bio-economic hub

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Nestled in Eastern Himalayan Region—home to mega-biodiversity rich zones and among the 34 biodiversity hotspots of the world-Northeast has drawn the attention of the Government which has decided to develop the region as India's bio-economic hub. The aim is to help it achieve its target of making India a Global Bio-manufacturing Hub by 2025 and ensure its position among the top 5 nations of the world, said Union Minister of State for Union Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh on Tuesday.

He said, there is a need to put these invaluable genetic resources to use for the economic growth of the region in particular and to the nation in general, through biotechnological interventions. He was speaking after his visit to the Institute of Bio-resources and Sustainable Development (IBSD), Imphal.

In fact, the Government has already started taking initiative in this direction by supporting various projects on a pilot basis. Recently, strawberry cultivation with sustainable agro-technological interven-tions using high-quality plant-ing material in farmers' fields in Meghalaya was demonstrated jointly at Bio-Resources Development Centre, Shillong and Institute of Horticulture Technology, Mandira, Assam. Similarly, about 50 tissue-culture raised plantlets of elite varieties of strawberry are proposed to be distributed to the farmers in Manipur.

The DBT has also designed programme to improve the production and productivity in Khasi Mandarin, an important fruit crop by producing quality planting material through shoot-tip grafting technology. The programme has a target of producing four lakhs certifiable disease-free quality plants of Khasi Mandarin and Sweet

Orange during the three years duration of the project and build capacity of at least 1,000 farmers in the region.

Fifty plants of grafted Khasi Mandarin have been generated at AAU-Citrus Research Station, Tinsukia, Assam and will be handed over to the farmers in Manipur state, the Minister added.

Dr Jitendra Singh informed that DBT-funded Phyto-pharmaceutical Lab Facility at IBSD is promoting the Phyto-pharmaceutical Mission of North Eastern Region. "This Mission that aims to promote the documentation, scientific validation and evaluation of traditional healthcare practices is an important step and assumes special significance in the context of the vast plant resources and diverse traditional healthcare practices of the North-

Dr Singh said, due to consistent and renewed focus of the Modi Government, India will be recognized as a Global Bio-manufacturing Hub by 2025 and will figure among the

top 5 countries of the world. "India's Bio-Economy is on its way to achieve a 150-billion-dollar target from the current 70 billion-dollar by 2025 and will contribute effectively to the Prime Minister's vision of a 5 trillion-dollar economy by 2024-25," he said.

Dr Singh said that IBSD should not only become a center of excellence in the region with state-of-the-art facilities but also generate technology packages toward employment generation for the welfare of the people.

Former BJP, now TMC leader Supriyo resigns as Lok Sabha MP



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m Parliament\ Babul\ Supriyo}$ seems to be quite undecided whether the BJP "trusts" him or distrusts him or vice versa.

After attacking Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "not trusting Bengalis enough former BJP leader Babul Supriyo on Tuesday turned melodramatic following his resignation as an MP saying his "heart is heavy" and thanked the PM and the Home Minister Amit Shah for "showing confidence" in him.

Soon after quitting the BJP and joining the Trinamool Congress, Supriyo had accused Modi of either not trusting Bengalis enough or

failing to estable harmon with them. Supriyo who held ministerial positions in the Modi-Government at the Centre was dropped on July 8 reshuffle in the Union Council of Ministers along with few other senior BJP leaders. Immediately after leaving

the BJP, about two-months following his exit as a Union Minister, the singer-turnedpolitician had changed his tune and accused Modi of not only trusting enough Bengalis but also others like BJP MP from Bengal SS Ahluwalia.

"During my stint of seven-eight years in Delhi, I have come to know that the Prime Minister either does not have faith in Bengalis or is not able to establish harmony somewhere," Supriyo had said.

"Why only me? There are even senior people than me. Ahluwaliaji came from the Congress he is a senior leader or, those people who are winning from Bengal and going there are not being trusted there is a lack of harmony somewhere, "thus spoke the former BJP MP then.

Who's to be blamed here?'

We should all tolerate each

other's imperfections and

appreciate each other's lan-

guage and regional sentiments,

VHP condemns attacks on temples, Hindus in Bangladesh



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The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) on Tuesday condemned the incidents of attacks on temples and Hindus in Bangladesh and demanded the and save the community from

"The Hindu society won't tolerate inhuman atrocities being committed on Hindus. A demonstration will be held on October 20 in front of Bangladesh High Commission in Delhi. Demonstrations will also be held at dist. headquarters across the country, Dr Surendra Jain, joint general secretary, VHP, said.

The VHP also slammed the Sheikh Hasina government, alleging that the dispensation is not just a "mute spectator", but is "also hand-inglove with the extremists".

"Ethnic cleansing of Hindus is happening in Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan, while the UN is sitlike a spectator...This is a failure of the UN, which should send peace-keeping forces to these countries," Jain said.

At least six people have died in the attacks against Hindus in Bangladesh so far. The violence began last week when a Facebook live allegedly showed a blasphemous inciData: Crop fires take India's global contribution to GHG emissions to 12.2%

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A latest data analysis has shown that compared to the previous three years, there has due to crop fires in 2019-2020 by 12.8 per cent, taking India's global contribution to 12.2 per

The new insights into recent trends in biomass fires, including emissions from forest and crop residue fires in India, showed a downward trend in crop fires being observed between 2016-19 citing a reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions due to cropland fires by 11.39 per cent during the three years.

However, the data and analysis for GHG emissions available online, show that even when India tops the chart when it comes to crop fires, this particular emission quantum comes emission categories from agriculture sector are considered. That inventory is dominated by enteric fermentation, managed soil, and rice cultivation.

Modi to interact with CEOs of oil firms over rising fuel prices

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In the backdrop of a steep hike in the domestic oil and diesel prices, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact with CEOs and experts of the global oil and gas sector on Wednesday via video confer-

Fuel prices were hiked again on Sunday for the fourth consecutive day, mainly due to surging global crude oil prices. In the national Capital, petrol prices were hiked by 35 paise from ₹105.49 per litre to ₹ 105.84 per litre, while diesel rates were also hiked by 35 paise from ₹94.22 to ₹94.57, according to Indian Oil

Corporation.
Interestingly, petrol now costs 33 per cent more than the price at which aviation turbine fuel (ATF) is sold to airlines. ATF in Delhi costs ₹79,020.16 per kilo litre or ₹79 per litre.

tion, the sixth such annual interaction which began in 2016, marks the participation of global leaders in the oil and gas sector, who deliberate upon



explore potential areas of collaboration and investment with India, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a state-

Prime Minister Modi will interact with CEOs and experts of the global oil and gas sector on October 20 at 6 PM via video conferencing, it said.

The broad theme of the upcoming interaction is prosustainability.

The interaction will focus on areas like encouraging exploration and production in hydrocarbon sector in India, present on the occasion.

energy independence, gasbased economy, emissions reduction through clean and energy efficient solutions, green hydrogen economy, enhancement of biofuels pro-duction and waste to wealth creation, according to the PMO.

CEOs and experts from leading multinational corporations and top international organisations will be particiideas, the statement said.

Union Minister Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri will be

IMD predicts clear sky in Delhi

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast 'mainly clear sky' in the national capital on Tuesday, with the maximum temperature likely to hover around 29 degrees Ćelsius and the minimum at 19.9 degrees Celsius.

As per the morning update, a temperature of 22.4 degrees Celsius was recorded at 8.30 a.m. with a relative humidity of 91 per cent. The wind was blowing in the southwest direction at a speed of 12.9 km per

The city observed sunrise at 6.25 a.m. and the sun is likely to set at 5.48 p.m.

In the past 24 hours, the maximum temperature was

recorded at 23.9 degrees Celsius, nine notches departure from normal, and the minimum was at 19.9 degrees Celsius. The city witnessed heavy rainfall on Monday that plummeted the temperature.

According to the IMD, the national capital has received 94.6 mm of rain in October so far the highest in 65 years, when 236.2 mm of rain was received in the whole month in 1956. The 24-hour accumulated rainfall is also the highest since then. System of Air Quality and

Weather Forecasting And Research (SAFAR) said Delhi-NCR's Air Quality Index (AQI) improved to "good" towards Monday evening with PM 2.5 pollutant recorded at 43 and



Usually, the air quality is categorised as "good" when AQI is between 0 to 50, "satisfactory" between 51-100, "moderate" between 101-200, ʻpoor" between 201-300, "very poor" between 301-400, severe" between 401-500, or "hazardous" at 500+.

Delhi, generally, has good to satisfactory air quality. However, the pollution levels

due to various factors includ ing stubble burning, road dust, vehicle pollution, and cold weather lead to a deterioration in the AQI.

Notably, Delhi has 36 monitoring stations that accurately record the levels of both particulate matters. As per the latest update at 9.45 a.m., the other pollutants Nitrogen dioxide (NO2) and ozone (O3) were recorded at 12 and 76,

ment both in Tamil and English

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during October to February respectively. Zomato faces netizens' flak after its staff asks TN customer to learn Hindi

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fter Fabindia, food delivery Agiant Zomato has found itself under the netizen scanner and drawn massive criticism on social media platform Twitter after a customer service executive asked a customer from Tamil Nadu to learn the "national language" Hindi to be able to converse. The issue erupted when a screenshots of the conversation were shared on Twitter by a user named @Vikash67456607, who alleged the executive called him a liar and said everyone should know Hindi. This has triggered a major Twitter backlash with the hastag "Reject_Zomato" trending on top at the social media

After trending on Twitter, Zomato apologised to Vikash and also issued a statement both in Tamil and English, stressing that the company stood for diversity.

Vikash, who was facing trouble with his order, reached out to Zomato's customer care service after an item from his order, placed via the delivery app, was left out. The executive told Vikash that they were unable to get clarity from the restaurant due to a "language barrier". Vikash then demanded a refund and said, "If Zomato is available in Tamil Nadu, they should have hired people who understand the

To this, the customer care executive replied, "For your kind information, Hindi is our national language. So, it is very common that everybody should know Hindi little bit." Again Vikash posted the screenshots on his Twitter handle and wrote, "Customer care says the amount can't be refunded as I didn't know Hindi. Also takes lessons that being an Indian I should know Hindi. Tagged me a liar as he didn't know Tamil. @zomato not the way you talk to a cus-

Soon, Twitter was flooded with posts denouncing Zomato #RejectZomato trended on the micro-blogging site. A wrote: "You don't have



language then how can you sending notification in Tamil. Another Twitter wrote, "Hindi is not the national language, It

guages of India."

After trending on social media, Zomato apologised to Vikash and also issued a state-

ditional Tamil salutation 'Vanakkam" Tamil Nadu, it said the company was "sorry" for the behaviour of its former employee. "We have terminated the agent for their negligence towards our diverse culture. The termination is in line with our protocols and (the) agent's behaviour was clearly against the principles of sensitivity that we train our agents for on a regular basis," the statement uploaded on Zomato's Twitter handle said. It said the sacked employee's statements do not "represent

our company's stance towards language and diversity." Zomato further said it was

building a Tamil version of its mobile app and that it had already localised its marketing communication in the local language in the state. It also pointed to roping in well-known Tamil musician Anirudh Ravichander as its local brand ambassador. However, company

founder Deepinder Goyal later announced reinstating the sacked agent, saying it was "an ignorant mistake" on the part of the employee. In a series of tweets, he said "an ignorant mistake by someone in a support centre of a food delivery company became a national issue. The level of tolerance and chill in our country needs to be way higher than it is nowadays.

he said Fabindia's new collection that launched before Diwali, christening 'Jashn-e-Riwaaz' also ran into a boycott trend with several users urging consumers to boycott the brand.
Users called this "deHinduising Deepawali".
Following this, the company

had to take down some tweets promoting the collection. Learning platform Unacademy, beauty platform Nykaa, edtech platform Byju's have been subjected to Twitter trials very

CPM rebuilding image, party structure in Kerala

It is springtime for the CPI(M) in Kerala. The party is all set to emerge as the undisputed leader in the State as more and more Congress leaders ditch their parent organisation and cast the lot with the Marxists. The resignation of P V Balachandran, former chief of Wayanad District Congress Committee, had shocked the Grand Old Party despite the fact that the former does not command any following in the region. Wayanad parliamentary constituency is represented by Rahul Gandhi, former AICC President.

The surprising element in these defections are that unlike in the rest of the country, leader who ditch the Congress join the CPI(M) with the full knowledge that they would be on probation for years in the new camp and may not make it as big in the near future.

The CPI(M)'s Kerala unit, which was facing a series of allegations including the role of certain leaders in gold smug-gling, is putting all the charges behind it and is on a path to reinvigorate the party. The branch, area, local and city committee conventions of the

Mumbai: Union Home Minister and Cooperation

Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday chaired a meet-

ing over issues related to sugar mills in

Maharashtra. The meeting started at North

Block at 4 pm with a delegation that is being led

by former Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra

Fadnavis. Sugar mill representatives from

Patil Danve, Minister of State in the Ministry of

Union Minister of State for Coal Raosaheb

Maharashtra also took part in the meeting.

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party are in progress as a prelude to the triennial State Conference and the Party Congress which would be held The party's leadership has

cracked whip over those who created chaos during the 2019 Lok Sabha and 2021 assembly elections. Many regional and local satraps of the party against whom there were charges of corruption and carelessness. Local leaders like N C Mohanan (former chairman of public sector unit TELK) and C K Mani Shankar have been suspended for acts of indiscipline sending string message to the cadre that no one is above the party discipline.

Many frontline leaders in the districts have either been suspended or put under observation by the secretariat while some have been asked to work as branch committee members, the lowest wrung in the CPI(M). "Though the CPI(M) has many inherent problems, the party is blessed with dedi-

Shah chairs meet on issues

related to sugar mills in Maha

rupt nor communal. They will sustain the party in the long run," said E Balakrishnan, a PhD holder on The History of Communist Movement in

He pointed out that the CPI(M) ensures that the cadre keep abreast of all political and social issues haunting the State as well as the country.

The decision of all those who left the Congress to join the CPI(M) is to be seen in this perspective, said a national leader of the BJP. "The biggest and largest Hindu party in Kerala is the CPI(M). The BJP has no relevance here. You should understand the kind of work put in by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and his colleagues like M V Govindan to develop the party. There are no leaders in the BJP or Congress in Kerala who can match their stature," said the BJP leader on condition of anonymity.

Life has come a full circle

for the CPI(M), as Sandeep Nair, one of the prime accused in the infamous gold smuggling case who came out on bail recently saying that there was pressure on him to name Vijayan and other CPI(M) lead-

Bhosle and Harshvardhan Patil, along with MLA

Rahul Kul, MLC Ranjit Singh Mohite Patil and

former MP Dhananjay Mahadik are present in the

Government's concern towards sugar mills, offi-

cials said. The Cabinet Committee on Economic

Affairs (CCEA) had in August approved fair and

remunerative price (FRP) of sugarcane payable by

sugar mills for the 2021-22 season. The cabinet had

The meeting is significant in terms of the

Covid toll crosses 27K in Kerala

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

With the Kerala Minister for Health Veena George announcing on Tuesday that 77 persons succumbed to Covid-19 during the last 24 hours, the total fatalities recorded till date in the State crossed the 27,000 mark. On Tuesday, 7,643 new patients were diagnosed with Covid-19 out of the 82,408 samples tested during the last 24 hours

Test Positivity Rate came down to 9.27 per cent in the State much to the relief of the medical fraternity and the State administration. Thrissur is the only district that logged more than 1000 new Covid-19 cases on Tuesday (1017). As on Tuesday, the death toll stood at 27,002 while the total number of Covid-19 cases across the State showed 80,262.

Army chief visits forward areas along LoC

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Indian Army Chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane on Tuesday took a first hand assessment of the ongoing counter terrorist operations going on in the Nar Khas forest area of Mendhar tehsil in Poonch. Senior army officers of the Nagrota based 16 corps headquarters briefed him about the present situation and ongoing counter infiltration operations in the region. Elite para commandos of the Indian army are also preparing for the offen-sive to flush out the terrorists holding on in the thickly forested area for the last nine days.

Meanwhile, local villagers in the nearby forward villages were strictly directed to remain indoors on Tuesday. These announcements were made via loudspeakers fitted atop mosques in the area to prevent movement of civilians in the forested area where operations are currently going on to flush out the heavily armed terrorists.



The ongoing operation is turning out to be one of the longest counter terrorist operations in recent history

In January 2009, the Indian Army had called off a similar operation on the ninth day in Bhati Dhar area of Poonch. Three Indian soldiers were killed in action while four terrorists were reportedly neutralised during the operations. The army, however, could not retrieve the dead bodies of the terrorists.

"General MM Naravane COAS (Chief of Army Staff) visited forward areas of WhiteKnight Corps & undertook a first-hand assessment of the situation along the Line of Control. COAS was briefed by commanders on the ground about the present situation & ongoing counter-infiltration operations," the Additional Directorate General of Public Information (ADGPI) of the

Indian Army tweeted. So far, eight people, including a mother-son duo, have been detained for questioning in connection with providing logistic support to the terrorists. Security experts equipped and better trained than regular infiltrators.

Sharing his observations with regard to the ongoing operations in Poonch, Retired Brigadier Anil Gupta told The Pioneer, the terrorists hiding in the area are well versed with the topography and have been present in the area for a long time. Brigadier Gupta also claimed the role of the Pakistan army regu-

lars in this operation cannot be

ruled out. He said due to active involvement in the Eastern sector the counter infiltration grid in the region was possibly compromised which led to the infiltration of a large group of infiltrators. He, however, maintained it is not appropriate to peculate on the actual numbers of the terrorists holding on in the thickly forested area of Poonch.

So far nine Indian soldiers have sacrificed their lives in the ongoing operations since October 11, 2021.

PM afraid of speaking on China, says Owaisi

Our soldiers have died. Will you play T20?, Owaisi asks Modi

Hyderabad: Hitting out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for keeping "quiet" on the rising fuel prices and Chinese "intrusion" in Indian territory, AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi here alleged that Modi is afraid of talking about China.

The Hyderabad MP also said targeted civilian killings was going on in Kashmir due to failure of the BJP-led Central

"The Prime Minister never speaks on two things--rise in petrol and diesel prices and on China which has entered our country and is sitting inside. The prices have skyrocketed but the Prime Minister does not speak anything," the All India Majils-e-Ittehadul-Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief said while addressing a public meeting here on

"And now China has entered and sitting inside our country. When Pakistan did Pulwama (attack) then Modi had said 'ghar

mein ghus ke marenge' (will hit them inside their home) but now China has entered and sitting in India but he is not doing anything. India's Prime Minister is afraid of talking about China," Owaisi alleged.

He further said "Nine of our soldiers

were killed (in Jammu and Kashmir recently) and on October 24 there is a T20 match between India and Pakistan (India's upcoming T20 World Cup game against Pakistan)".

"Modi ji...Nine of our soliders were killed and will you play T20? Pakistan is playing T20 in Kashmir with lives of Indians. Poor workers from Bihar are getting killed and targeted killing is happening. What is the IB (Intelligence Bureau) and Amit Shah (Union Home Minister) doing. What is the Intelligence doing in Kashmir," Owaisi "Weapons are coming and

terrorists are coming from Pakistan and will you play match," he said, adding what is happening in Kashmir is the failure of the BJP-led central Government, which, he claimed, does not have a policy to deal with

Assam bypolls: Nearly 8L voters eligible to decide fate of 31 candidates in 5 seats

ers are eligible to decide the fate of 31 candidates in the by-elections to five Assembly seats in Assam on October 30, an official release said on Tuesday.

Of the total electorate, 4,03,374 are males, 3,93,078 females and four are transgender. There are a total of 3,165 service voters, while 8,864 electors are aged above 80 and 4,998 are People with Disability (PwD), the CEO release said.

By-elections Gossaigaon, Bhabanipur, Tamulpur, Mariani and Thowra constituencies will be held on

The counting of votes will be taken up on November 2 and the entire polling process will be over

A total of 43,229 voters were added to the electoral roll after revision. Tamulpur has the highest number of electors at 2,17,432, while Thowra has the lowest at The Election Commission of

India has banned exit polls related to the by-elections and the CEO's office urged everyone to guidelines. By-elections in Gossaigaon

and Tamulpur were necessitated following the deaths of sitting MLAs, while the incumbents of Bhabanipur, Mariani and Thowra resigned from their seats and joined the ruling BJP.

UPPL had won the Gossaigaon seat in this year's assembly election, while BPF had bagged Tamulpur.

Cooperation BL Verma, former Maharashtra approved the "highest-ever" Fair and Remunerative Ministers Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil, Madan Price of ₹290 per quintal for sugarcane farmers.

Vishwa Hindu Parishad workers protest against the alleged attack on the ISKCON temple in Bangladesh, in Kolkata on Tuesday

DEO over violation of model code of conduct

Don't vote for JD(S): Siddaramaiah to minority community

PTI ■ VIJAYAPURA (K'TAKA)

Senior Congress leader Siddaramaiah on Tuesday urged the voters from the minority community not to cast even a single vote to the Sindagi bypolls, as voting for the regional party means voting for the BJP.

The leader of opposition in the state assembly accused the JD(S) of deliberately fielding minority community candidates in both the constituencies to help the BJP.

"Though JD(S) has fielded its candidates, the straight fight is between the Congress and BJP. JD(S) has not fielded a candidate with an intention to win. They have fielded to help the BJP. I'm not saying this, people are saying this," Siddaramaiah

Addressing the campaign meeting at Sindagi constituency here, he said, Congress is always the target for JD(S), and pointed out that during the Basavakalyan bypolls held earlier this year, too the regional party fielded a Muslim candidate, who got about 8,000 votes, which resulted in Congress' loss.

"Making Congress to lose is their (JDS) intention. But I know people are not dumb as they think... Minority community voters know and understand their intention.....I pray to minority community voters, that if you vote for JD(S), it is like voting for BJP. So don't cast a single vote for JD(S)," he added.

The JD(S) has fielded 33-year-old post graduate Naziya Shakeel Ahmed Angadi from Sindagi and 35-year-old B.E, M.Tech (CSE) graduate Nivaz Shaikh Hangal.

Congress during the 2018 assembly polls too had accused the JD(S) of being the "Bteam" of BIP. Bypolls will be held on

October 30, while counting of votes will take place on November 2.

The by-elections have been necessitated as the seats fell vacant following the death of Sindagi JD(S) legislator M C Managuli and BJP's C M Udasi from Hangal.

Schoolteacher sentenced to 10 years' RI under POCSO Act

Chennai: Holding that a four year-old child can not be expected to give cogent evidence with regard to the sexual assault on her, the Madras High Court has set aside a trial court order acquitting a school teacher in 6, 2020, the trial court judge Puducherry charged with the ed him 10 years' Rigorous Imprisonment and also imposed a fine of ₹10,000.

Justice P Velmurugan passed the conviction order recently after setting aside an order of the lower court, which had acquitted Earlam Periera.

Earlier, Puducherry Public Prosecutor D Bharatha Chakravarthy (since elevated to the post of High Court judge and expected to assume office on October 20) submitted that the victim being a child, who was only aged about four years at the time of occurrence of the incident in March 2018, cannot speak about the occurrence in all the stages by parrot version and it could not be expected from her that she should remember all the incidents and the acts of the accused.

She may forget something and the mother, to whom the victim stated about the sexual assault committed by the accused, may remember those

"Therefore, for the said rea-

son we cannot throw away the evidence of the victim child, who in fact was subjected to sexual assault by the accused," he con-

By his order dated October acquitted the accused, who was Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, on the main ground that the evidence of the parents of the victim child were not consistent, cogent and trustworthy and medical evidence also did not support the case of the prosecution. The trial court judge had come to the conclusion that based on their evidence, conviction cannot be recorded against the accused and the prosecution had failed to prove its case beyond all reasonable doubts.

Reversing the trial judge order, Justice Velmurugan held that the finding of the trial court was completely erroneous. In cases of aggravated sexual assault on a child, who was only studying UKG at the time, the support of medical evidence was not always a necessity and the evidence of the sole victim would suffice to record conviction. Rejecting the contention that the mother had falsely implicated the accused in the case due to previous enmity, the judge said that without any strong reason, no mother would go to the extent of making allegations of this nature by using her own child.

Turning down another contention that there was enormous delay in lodging the complaint, the judge said that no mother immediately after the occurrence. Naturally, the mother would think about the future of the child and the reputation of the family. In cases like this, the delay was not fatal to the case of the prosecution. As stated earlier, since the victim child was only four years old, one cannot expect her to speak everything, even if she did not understand what was happening to her.

When she felt pain in her private parts, she complained the same to her mother and the mother explained the same to the police.

In this case, there was no eye-witness. She also stated that the accused used to keep her on his lap and insert his fingers into her private parts. In cases like this, mere delay in filing the FIR was not fatal to the case of the prosecution and also the reason for the delay, though specifically not given, one cannot expect the family members of the victim child would rush to the police immediately soon after the occurrence.

Over 12 crore Covid vax jabs given in UP

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh crossed yet another milestone in Covid vaccination on Monday by taking the tally of jabs administered so far to above 12 crore doses and in the process became the first Indian state to achieve this

Chief Secretary (Information) Navneet Sehgal told newsmen in Lucknow, "The State has so far provided vaccines in excess of 12.01 crore by Monday. Of these, over 9.32 crore people have received the first dose whereas over 2.69 core people have been fully vaccinated against Covid-19. The State's success in controlling the pandemic can be gauged from the fact that no new infection was reported from as many as 71 districts of Uttar Pradesh."

Signaling control over the deadly coronavirus, out of over 1.27 lakh samples tested only 12 positive cases were confirmed in four districts in the last 24 hours. The daily cases have declined by over 99 per cent from the peak capped at 38,055 on April 24. Consequently, the state, pushing the Covid graph southwards, has maintained the daily Covid test positivity rate (TPR) — the number of positive cases against the total tests done — at 0.01 per cent, the lowest in the country.



Muslims take part in a procession on the occasion of Eid-e-Milad un Nabi, in Thane on Tuesday

Mizoram poll watchdog files complaint with

PTI ■ AIZAWL n election watchdog in Mizoram has lodged An election watching in which the Kolasib District

Election Officer (DEO) alleging violation of the model code of conduct (MCC) by political parties during the election campaign in connection with the bypoll to Tuirial assembly seat slated for October 30. Mizoram People's Forum (MPF), an inde-

pendent body, filed the complaint with Kolasib District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner on Monday seeking the intervention of the Election department to look into the alleged violation of the MCC by political parties and take necessary action against those involved.

The forum alleged that there were numerous violations of the MCC for the upcoming bypoll to Tuirial assembly constituency.

have enclosed herewith some video clips and documents showing the corrupt practices of some political parties to prove the violation of... Model Code of Conduct," the petition signed by the forum general secretary Rev R. Lalnuntluanga said.

"I, therefore, request your kind office to take necessary action against those political parties involved for the violation of Model Code of Conduct," the petition added.

Meanwhile, a leader of the forum told reporters that there were numerous violations of the model code of conduct by political par-

He alleged that some political parties were distributing money and rations to canvass voters, and also bribed voters by helping them through social services. He further through social services. alleged that some parties also organised com-

munity feasts. The MPF was formed in 2006 by various major churches, including Mizoram Presbyterian Church, the largest denomination in the hilly state, to monitor free and fair elections.

The forum also works with major civil society organisations like Young Mizo Association YMA), Mizo Hmeichhe Insuihkhawm Pawl (MHIP) or Mizo Women's federation and Mizoram Upa Pawl (MUP) or Mizoram Elders' Association

It organises "common platform", a public meeting for contesting candidates, where they deliver lectures and take queries from the audience. At least four candidates from the ruling Mizo National Front (MNF), Zoram People's Movement (ZPM), Congress and BJP are in the fray for the bypoll to Tuirial seat, necessitated by the demise of its incumbent legislator Andrew H. Thangliana of ZPM. of votes will be held on November 2.

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Sigh of relief

A majority of unvaccinated children developing COVID-19 antibodies comes as hope

he results of the third serosurvey conducted in Haryana are comforting. Antibodies against SARSCoV-2 were found among 76.3 per cent of the State's population. This is a steep rise from a mere 14.8 per cent in October 2020 and eight per cent last August. A sero-positivity of 81.6 per cent was found in vaccinated people and 75.5 per cent in non-vaccinated. In urban Haryana, antibodies were found in 78.1 per cent of the people; in the rural areas the percentage is 75.1. The best news, however, relates to children. The survey found a sero-positivity rate of 69.8 per cent in children aged 6-9 years and 73.2 per cent in adolescents aged 10-17 years. This is the first time when children were included in the survey. It is also established for the first time that over 70 per cent of nonvaccinated children have COVID-19 antibodies. The news comes as a relief when



children remain the only segment of the population who have not been vaccinated even though the country is close to giving nearly 100 crore jabs. The vaccines for children are still undergoing human trials. The decision to re-open schools after a gap of a year hinges on this very issue and some States have reluctantly agreed to re-open schools in stages. There still is a hesitancy among parents to send their wards to school. A few other States are planning to begin classes in November. School managements are ensuring that the teaching and non-teaching staff are fully vaccinated and

safety protocols are in place to minimise the risk of infection.

Recent surveys from abroad have justified the fears of infection among children. A study by teams from hospitals in MIT and Harvard has conclusively proved that infants, children and adolescents are equally capable of replicating the COVID-19 virus. Examining COVID-19 positive children, they found that the levels of infection are highest early in the illness in both symptomatic and asymptomatic patients. Overall, the viral load did not correlate with the severity of the disease in the kids even though they could infect other people. However, several studies have stated that very few children have symptoms and they are at low risk of contracting the illness. In this context, the Haryana serosurvey on children is a reassuring one. Based on the Haryana survey results, it can safely be assumed that one can go slow with the vaccination of healthy children and instead focus on fully covering the vulnerable population the elderly, and adults and children with co-morbidities. Even though a couple of vaccines have received the emergency use authorisation (EUA), it is unclear when the vaccines for children below 18 will be available in the country. The chief of the national COVID-19 task force, VK Paul, has said that a final decision will depend on the scientific rationale for vaccinating kids and the availability of sufficient doses for them.



Snow-covered mountains after fresh snowfall, in Shimla

Blood sport?

The International Olympic Committee does not heed protests against the Beijing Olympics

■he flame of the 2022 Winter Olympics reaches Beijing in a day or two but China has more cause for concern than celebration. A swarm of protests follows the flame, lit at the birthplace of the ancient Olympics in southern Greece on Monday, calling for a global boycott of the Games on account of alleged human rights violations by the Chinese Government. The ceremony of lighting the torch in Greece was



marred by protests, as three activists managed to sneak into the venue holding a Tibetan flag and a banner reading 'No genocide games'. The protests were growing in tenor all through the year. Human rights watch groups in the US and Europe launched a campaign to boycott the games because China allegedly continues to harass Tibetans, strip Uighur Muslims in Xinjiang of their religious and cultural identities, punish pro-democracy agitators in Hong Kong, and intimidate Taiwan. The possibility of the US boycotting the games is remote but efforts are on to at least have a diplomatic boycott by that country.

This is not the first time that China is facing flak in the run-up to an international sporting event. It lost the bid for the 2000 Olympic games in 1993 because of the bloody crackdown on student agitators in Tiananmen Square in 1989. China had hoped to resurrect its international image by hosting the games but that was not to be. It never faced a worse insult globally. It subsequently bid for the 2008 games. To show a democratic face to the world, China came up with several concessions to impress the Olympic committee. They included extending press freedom for foreign journalists in China, allowing them to travel across the country without having to apply for permission. However, the protests continued as China refused to acknowledge any wrong-doing. The Communist Party of China, which routinely ignores all human rights charges, would do well to realise turning a deaf ear would not make the problem go away. Evidence of Chinese high-handedness in Tibet and Xinjiang keeps leaking out of the two regions despite State censorship. Those who manage to escape from the mainland bring sordid tales with them. It comes as a small relief for China that the International Olympic Committee is not interested in taking up the boycott call only because it feels the games are neutral and should not be politicised.

More in our history than the 1971 war -



The Indian military's habit of not fully recording war diaries has provided opportunity to individuals to fiddle with and fabricate events

ifty years of the 1971 India-Pakistan war is being commemorated with great verve and gusto by recalling the geostrategy, tac-tics and heroics of the great Indian victory — one in 1000 years where the gains on the battlefield were frittered away across the negotiating table. The war corrected the geographical incongruity of Pakistan split into two entities separated by 1000 miles. The late politician and writer, Jaswant Singh, called the victory geography's revenge over history when use of force resulted in the birth of a new country Bangladesh, formerly East Pakistan. It was the 20th century's last decisive war though it could not settle the root cause of India-Pakistan enmity - not J&K but inimical behaviour of the Pakistan Army.

In the previous century, except for the World Wars, there is no clear example of a decisive interstate war. But intra-state conflicts produced outcomes. The stamping out of Khalistan movement was a rare success for India. So was the Taliban's first take-over of Afghanistan. Peaceful separation of Czechoslovakia into Czech Republic and Slovakia was a unique event. In the 21st century also, a number of internal conflicts were resolved by use of force defeat of LTTE in Sri Lanka and the recent re-conquest of Afghanistan by the Taliban. Another genre of military success without the use of military force was 'fait accompli operations' like the Russian occupation of Crimea, Chinese seizure of islands in the South China Sea and the Chinese intrusions into East Ladakh. In the space between war and no-peace is grey-zone operations, (HERE IS THE CHANGE) which is the defender's dilemma. And now, with the advent of cyber war and artificial intelligence, thinkers and practitioners of war and conflict have much to mull over. While the nature and character of war have changed, the principles of war are more or less the same, technology being the consistent key driver of shaping their outcomes

flicts are not replicable. Take the war for Bangladesh. The ten months available for preparation,

obtaining air superiority and assistance of Mukti Bahini are some conditions that cannot be recreated. Neither can the political cover provided by USSR through its use of veto which brought India time to ensure the war did not end in cessation of hostilities as Pakistan wished but ended on Indian terms of a full and complete surrender. The talking point of the war was whether Dacca was nominated as the final objective of the war. It is clear from study of various historical accounts that Dacca was initially not the ultimate objective but a less ambitious mission was assigned to the Eastern Army. Improvisation and innovation by both sides played a big part in the war. Maj Gen Nazir Husain Shah, GOC 16 Pakistan Infantry Division and an alumni of Fort Leavenworth USA, used to split a single battalion into two even as portraying a broad front was also practised

I would like to see during commemoration events greater emphasis on recalling Infantryled epic battles of Pirguni, Hilli, Sylhet and Akhaura to name a few. The roadblock at Pirgunj by 2/5 Gorkha Rifles (FF), for example, turned the flank of Pakistan 16 Infantry Division fighting fortress defence at Hilli by crossing the

by Indian forces.



INDIA MUST CHERISH THE 1971 VICTORY AGAINST PAKISTAN BUT FOCUS ON **SMALL-UNIT ACTIONS THAT** WILL BE RELEVANT TO FUTURE **EXTERNAL WARS**

Karatoya river. It was the first turning movement south towards Bogra and Dacca and divided Pakistan's 16 Infantry Division. Similarly, 4/5 Gorkha Rifles (FF) conducted India's first heliborne operations and while reduced to half a battalion in combat, took the surrender of two Pakistani Brigades on 15 December, one clear day in advance of the Dacca surrender. They had earlier carried out the first silent 'khukuri' attack at Atgram though the British Gurkhas claimed the honour earlier in Indonesia. These short and sharp battles hastened the termination of war confirming Infantry as the queen of battle. It would be more useful to invite officers who took part in these actions rather than have the post-1971 war generation of officers to pontificate on lessons and dialectics of deterrence.

India must cherish the 1971 victory against Pakistan but focus on small-unit actions that will be relevant to future external wars. The limited war in Kargil was another classic demonstration of Infantry-led small unit battles that evicted intruding Pakistani forces across the LoC. It is a pity that war histories on 1962 and IPKF Sri Planning Staff, currently the Lanka, though chronicled, Integrated Defence Staff. The have not been released for

political reasons. The Indian military's bad habit of not fully and faithfully recording war diaries has provided opportunity to individual participants in wars to fiddle with and fabricate events to enhance their personal heroics. The media in general and social media in particular, without verifying factuals, have

contributed to this. Biographies and autobiographies are especially culpable as they embellish the record of units and individuals beyond what is recorded in regimental history. And where there is no official regimental history, some writers have gone to town enhancing their stature. All write-ups about past wars must be vetted by MoD historical section and a certification obtained from the authors that they have not used material which is not in official records. The Government has fudged events in East Ladakh, pretending the PLA intrusions have not altered the LAC. Even so, the 1971 success on the battlefield is India's big redeemer and greatest victory.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE MONSOON'S MOOD SWINGS

Sir — The Indian monsoon is nature's gift to us. It is what gives us sustenance; it is inseparable from Indian civilisation. Still over the last few years, it has become erratic to the extent of venting nature's fury and causing widespread devastation. Its onset, occurrence and withdrawal have come to acquire a frightening dimension. Visuals have shown how this year's southwest monsoon has taken the shape of a 'natural' disaster. The stunning collapse of a house in one unbroken piece into flood water has become the defining image of the destruction caused by the deluge in Kerala and other parts of the country.

The floods recurring year after year add a new urgency to the restoration of the monsoon to what it was before it assumed the proportions of a 'natural' disaster. The protection of mountains that serve as natural life givers in its wider sense will more than halve the problem. Deforestation, mining, construction and cultivation of cash crops that are ecologically unsustainable and explain much of the change in the monsoons must end; political parties and governments must free themselves from the hold of lobbies of various kinds towards this end. The governments should discontinue the practice of relaxing rules pertaining to environmental clearance in the name of ease of doing business. It is a basic fact that economic growth at the cost of ecology spells disaster.

Ġ David Milton | *Maruthancode*

FINDING FENI IN GOA'S MUSEUM Sir — India's first museum dedicated to alcohol has opened its doors to spirit enthusiasts in Goa. The museum, All About Alcohol is a place to rejoice in North Goa's Candolim village. The museum houses hundreds of artefacts linked to Feni -Goa's very own and a popular alcoholic drink — including large, traditional glass vats in which the local cashew-based alcohol used to be stored centuries ago. The idea behind the museum was to make the world aware of Goa's rich heritage, especially the story of Feni. The answer to whether there is another alcohol museum in the world is absolutely no.

Can Sasikala fill the gaps?



ice a 'girl Friday' of the former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, VK Sasikala Natrajan is back on the political scene after having spent four years behind bars following a disproportionate assets case against her in 2017. Implicit in her recent overtures is her cherished will of becoming an 'all in all' of the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazaghum (AIADMK), she even unveiled a stone plaque naming her as the general secretary of the party at the memorial of MG Ramachandran, the founder of the AIADMK. But to the chagrin of Edappadi K Palaniswami and Utakarra Thevar Panneerselvam, whose eyebrows were raised while asserting that no one would be elevated to the numero uno post of general secretary once held by 'Amma', who still happens to be the incumbent despite being

Moreover, it is the people of Tamil Nadu who are at the receiving end of the confusion obfuscating the answer as to who among the OPS-EPS-Sasikala trilogy, is the right choice. Simultaneously, the TN Chief Minister MK Stalin cannot afford to look forward to a new challenger more, with the grand old party keeping a low profile and the BJP thinking of siding with the ruling DMK in the State. At the end of the day, with the OPS-EPS together eyeing a much more significant aspect of the circumstances, whether or not VK Sasikala will succeed in putting herself in Jayalalitha's shoes remains a burning question.

Azhar A Khan | Rampu

If you go to Scotland, they are very happy about their water, about their drinks, etc. Similarly, in Russia, people feel happy to show the drinks they have. When we come to India, we project alcohol differently. For Goans, consumption of alcohol is a symbol of hospitality. It is a part and parcel of the system in Goa. The amount of information preserved here is amazing. Feni lovers are awestruck with the place. The amount of information they have kept here for visitors to see is super amazing. Sip on a glass of Feni as Goa displays the right trademark for its traditional drink. An indigenous alcoholic drink synonymous with Goa, Feni will now be on display in the museum.

CK Subramaniam | Mumbai

100 CRORE JABS, FINALLY

Sir — India has finally achieved the milestone of 100 crore vaccinations. Festive season will see yet another celebration soon with tricolour hoisted at Red Fort, flag raised at North and South Block in Delhi with announcements at railway stations,

aeroplanes, ships at the moment India breach the 100 crores mark in administering cumulative number of COVID-19 doses. Additionally, the efforts of frontline and healthcare workers in remote areas, have been chronicled in the newlylaunched book 'Sentinels of the Soil', that encapsulates stories of hardship faced by healthcare workers from various states who travelled to help propel India's vaccination

Thanks to the combined efforts of the Government, doctors, scientists and to all the people of the country who got vaccinated and helped the Government achieve this mark. There are plans of 80,000 vaccination centres to be activated to further speed up the vaccination drive and be prepared for any uncertainties. Congratulations to every single person who has contributed his effort in this

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the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the field of journalism, often dubbed as a race with the machine, is getting eventually apparent. Recently, certain international news media organizations have tapped the power of AI to cover and report on the recent blast at a mosque in Kandahar city of Afghanistan that killed 37 people. Al tools are used to measure and report that the nation is grappling with insecurity and unrest. These news media organizations have been actively engaged in automating tasks essential for journalistic production. Al has come in handy to detect, extract and verify data essential for news stories and graphics. Such tools are being used for sorting, selecting and prioritizing the filters in the journalistic process of news stories. The use of Al is comparatively new. Its efficacy in reporting and disseminating conflicting news stories is established. It has the ability to build and update data visualizations in real time. The tools can be beneficial for the reporters in conflict zones in which the machine makes easy to source through footage from war zones. Human rights activists have started resorting to source the footage required for documenting human rights violations. Hence, Al tools are intensifying the level of activism in real time. During the time of the pandemic, Al tools provided potential aids for journalists in disseminating useful information to the citizens. When thousands of jour-



nalists were infected with the virus, the importance of AI tools in gathering, sorting, verifying and disseminating information went up substantially. Al tools are systematically programmed to identify fake news, helping journalists file correct and unbiased news stories. It can also debunk fake news flooded in social media platforms. Al thus protects the spirit of news values and ethical responsibility of journalists. The field of journalism has witnessed sea changes because of technological adoptions from time to time. All these raise the pros and cons of using Al tools in journalism. Augmenting reporting has become a major area of journalism. Al in journalism has brought numerous benefits. These tools have comparatively made easy for investigative journalists to save time and money. This has further strengthened the process and format of storytelling. Automation has facilitated reporting from local to international stories. Data journalism is transforming to the next level. Al robots are turning into news reporters. All these are becoming viable because of algorithms, databases and machine learning. There are fair chances for errors and biases to creep into the newsrooms. A small or a hyperlocal media organization which might not be equipped with minimum resources to adopt AI tools may see newspersons falling prey to the machines. Journalists need to be trained and transformed for the best utilization of technologies. The fear of machine replacing the human is still there. However, any technology including AI is not going to replace journalists; however, this new technology can be a friendly assistant or a buddy. With the advent of new technological tools, all from reporters to editors will be re-oriented to deliver more credible and value-added contents to their target audience. Moreover, the issue of digital divide in newsrooms is there across the globe. Newsrooms in western countries are better positioned than the rest of the world in exploiting the Al tools in storytelling. The emergence of innovation and adoption of newer technologies in any profession has become obligatory. The profession of journalism is no exception to it. The production, distribution and consumption of news will be considerably driven by Al tools in the days to come. Digital literacy is the need of the hour on the part of the journalists across the competitive globe.

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Setting up 'bad banks' for the good



In India, Government-sponsored bad bank has never been tried, though there are several asset reconstruction companies functioning sub-optimally

ndia's first-ever government-spon-sored "Bad Bank" is now closer to reality. Following the Finance Minister's announcement in the Union Budget earlier this year, a National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL) has been set up to acquire fully provisioned stressed assets worth about 2 lakh crore from various commercial banks in different phases, about a quarter of the total.

Another entity called India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (IDRCL) will then sell these stressed assets in the market to pay back to the banks. Public Sector Banks (PSBs) will have almost half the total shares of both (51 and 49 percent respectively), in which the private sector will also be stakeholders. The initial investment would be around ₹6,000

NARCL will buy the buy distressed assets at a discount from the banks by paying 15 percent cash; for the balance 85 percent, they will issue security receipts like debentures, bonds, etc., to the banks. Last month the government had cleared the proposal to provide ₹30,600 crore to the NARCL as a guarantee for the security receipts to be invoked in case the sale results in a loss to cover the same, but the guarantee will not be valid beyond five years to build in some incentive to accelerate the process of resolution; the guarantee fee to be paid by NARCL will also increase gradually. Since guarantees constitute contingent liability for the government, there would be no immediate fiscal impact or cash outgo for the Centre.

Inherited as a legacy from the past, partly as a fallout of the economic meltdown of 2008 and partly because of crony capitalism which forced many PSBs to give loans without proper assessment of profitability of the relevant project proposals due to which many of these projects either could not materialise or were unable to generate enough income to pay back the loans, the NPAs started mounting. Since 2016, when the RBI tightened the controls on banks and forced them to clean their balance sheets, the NPAs had to be written off or recognised in their balance sheets. This eroded their capital base making them unable to lend afresh, and their profitability was seriously affected.

To keep such banks — mostly PSBs — in business, the government had to recapitalise them from time to time with public finds. Things took a turn for the worse when since 2017 when the economy had started slowing, and the pandemic then delivered the death blow. As per S&P Global Ratings estimate, stressed assets of Indian banks including restructured loans will reach 11-12 percent in 2021-22, up from 8.7 percent at the end of the last fiscal, one of the highest in the world, comparable to Russia or Greece. By taking over the stressed assets and paying the banks which will provide them fresh capital, the bad bank will help the



IN 2018, JUST TWO OUT OF 21 PUBLIC SECTOR **BANKS WERE** PROFITABLE. BUT IN 2021, ONLY TWO BANKS (PUNJAB & SIND BANK AND CENTRAL BANK) REPORTED LOSSES. AS PART OF THE REFORMS, THE **GOVERNMENT** HAS MERGED MANY SMALLER PUBLIC SECTOR **BANKS WITH** LARGER ONES AND NOW THEIR TOTAL NUMBER STANDS AT 12

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commercial banks to recover a part of their bad loans.

This is a most welcome and a long overdue proposal to resolve the stressed asset problem of banks, private as well as public.
The existing acts, viz., the
Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) 2016 and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Securitisation and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002, have proved inadequate for insolvency resolution and to address the problem of NPAs of banks. The SARFAESI Act which enables registration and regulation of Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) by the RBI allows the banks to auction the residential and commercial properties of borrowers to recover outstanding dues. It applies where the borrowing entity is left with neither any revenue source nor an opportunity to resurrect the business, and where no substantial assets are also lying with the guarantors, while a resolution plan under the IBC is intended to put the debtor back on its feet, not simply for recovering the dues of its creditors. As the Supreme Court had said in a case, "the primary focus of the legislation (IBC) is to ensure revival and continuance of the corporate debtor by protecting the corporate debtor from its own management and from a corporate death by liquidation."

About 4,541 corporates have so far been admitted into the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP), only 1,745 CIRPs

have completed the process, either yielding resolution plans or ending up with liquidation. IBC, now five years old and which was suspended during the Covid crisis, is due for an overhaul, including prepack for the MSMEs which could later be extended to other companies, allowing a debt resolution mechanism outside the IBC. The existing processes need additional support from other mechanisms, and this is where the band bank fits in.

Bad bank is not a new idea they have been in existence since the 1980s, but the East Asian currency crisis and the 2008 subprime crisis made many countries to set up bad banks, including the US, Sweden, Finland, Belgium, Malaysia, South Korea, China or Indonesia, but in India the idea of government sponsored bad bank has never been tried earlier, though there are several private Asset Reconstruction Companies which are functioning sub-optimally.

This is another major institumust de given the credit for it. Whether it will work or not, only time can tell. While it has met with success in many countries, in China they have been struggling, and the collapse of Evergrande is likely to worsen the situation further. In any case, ARCs cannot be a permanent mechanism, indeed it has a sunset clause allowing it to be wound up within five to eight

Banking reform has been one major focus area of the govern-

ment which came up with a 4-R strategy - recognition, resolution, recapitalisation and reforms. After recognition, quantification of NPAs started in a planned manner and banks slowly started recovering their dues. In 2018, just two out of 21 public sector banks were profitable. But in 2021, only two banks (Punjab & Sind Bank and Central Bank) reported losses. As part of the reforms, the government has merged many smaller PSBs with larger ones, and now their total number is stands at 12.

There are several problems, apart from finding potential buy-ers from the stressed assets of banks. Valuation of the assets is one, which will determine the loss. In fact, there has been some criticism that the government is actually guaranteeing the losses of private enterprises and that the PSBs, being shareholders of both NARCL and IDRCL, will in effect be buying their own stressed assets. So far, the Indian experience has preferred resolution via IBC tional reform and the Government over the private ARCs, which nave a low capital requirement of only ₹100 crore.

The regulatory environment for the ARCs which has remained practically static ever since they had emerged in the 2000s also needs an overhaul. Stressed assets will not disappear anytime soon, and we need to enable such institutions to help absorb the stressed assets. Economy cannot grow without an adequate supply of credit and creating a level playing field for all.

BY MAKING THE GIRLS WEAR TURBANS RESEMBLING COLOURS OF THE BJP SYMBOL, THE CM HAS POLITICISED KANYA PUJAN. —CONGRESS SPOKESPERSON NARENDRA SALUJA



CONGRESS LEADERS ARE OPPOSING KANYA PUJAN DONE BY ME. THEN WHAT SHALL I DO, PERFORM CONGRESS PUJAN? —MADHYA PRADESH CHIEF MINISTER SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN

Party stuck with Gandhis; Gandhis with the party

As expected, not even a whimper was heard from the G23 that made much noise in media for months on the need for full-time leadership

→he Gandhi family has established its claim over the Congress party this week as seen by Sonia Gandhi's assertive speech at Saturday's Committee meeting. Her message to the Party in simple words is that "we are the Gandhis, and we rule as long as we want; challenge us now. As expected, not even a whimper was heard from the Group of 23 rebels that made much noise in the media for months on the need for full-time leadership and organisational elections. As expected, the CWC unanimously expressed confidence in the Gandhi family. The CWC meeting went off as

per Gandhi's script. Indeed, she shut them by giving a road map for elections, but it will take place only



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next after the crucial elections to some States taken place. The loyalists who num-

bered many also raised a chorus for Rahul Gandhi to take over the party. He has condescended to consider the issue keeping his options open. Meanwhile, he will continue to make decisions with his sister Priyanka Gandhi and impose their favorites on the Party in powerful positions as they have done with Punjab leader Navjot Sidhu and elsewhere. They will also have a free hand in distributing tickets in the upcoming elections.

Sonia has announced that she is a 'full-time and hands-on' president, but this will be tougher than it was for her in 1998 or 2004. Then, she was much younger and had reasonably good political Party when it was sinking



advisers. There was a mystique around her. Those leaders, like Arjun Singh, ML Fotedar, Ahmed Patel, and AK Antony, were experienced and shrewd politicians. Today, she has to run the Party through her children while taking flak for

their immature decisions. Sonia Gandhi fights well when there are challenges, as she has had shown since 1998. She took over the reins of the

under Sitaram Kesri's leader- Gandhi has joined her brothship and a surging BJP. No one er in expected the UPA to win in afar. 2004. The real coup was when she chose to do back-seat driving rather than become the Prime Minister and she 'appointed' Dr Manmohan Singh to the post. She ran the Party and the Government for the next ten years from remote. A Gandhi family member at the helm is certainly a comforting feeling for Congress persons, not with

standing the opinion of voters. When Rahul resigned owning moral responsibility for the Party's poor show in 2019, the Party could not look beyond the Gandhis. Rahul got what he wanted an unassailable decision-making power without responsibil-

er in taking decisions from

Sonia's first challenge now is to check the continuous erosion in the Party. Leaders like Jyotiraditya Scindia, Jitin Prasada, now Amarender Singh and former Goa Chief Minister Luizinho Faleiro have quit the Party for greener pastures. More are likely to fol-

The second challenge is to win some States in the upcoming Assembly polls. Uttar Pradesh is crucial though the Party has not tasted power there since 1989. It was in a position to win Punjab, but the Gandhi siblings spoilt it by

choosing an undeserving Sidhu as PCC chief. The third is reviving the ity. By now, his sister Priyanka organisation's machinery. The in 2024. Fortunately, Sonia has

general secretaries in charge of poll-bound States should spend more time on the ground. The selection of candidates is vital. Sonia needs to enthuse the organisation. She should set up booth committees that play a crucial role at the time of elections.

The fourth is to choose vital issues for exposing the Modi Government. There are many such issues like petrol price hike, inflation, farmer's agitation, COVID handling and many more. Sonia needs foot soldiers to do the propaganda.

The fifth is uniting the Opposition. Many of them like Mamata Banerjee and Sharad Pawar are making efforts to join the resistance. Otherwise, Modi has the advantage even

mand from the opposition leaders. But before everything, she

got adequate respect and com-

must address the grievances of the Group of 23 rebels and bring them back to her side. They cannot be suppressed as leaders like Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma, Shashi Tharoor, Kapil Sibal, and Manish Tiwari are articulate. As Sonia herself said in the meeting, unity and discipline in the Party are very impor-

Saturday's CWC proved that the Party is stuck with the Gandhis and the Gandhis are stuck with the Party. Both have to change their attitudes and walk in step with the voters; the electorate has changed and has become more aspirational and impatient.

98 WOMEN SWORN IN AS JUDGES IN EGYPT

Cairo: Nearly 100 women Tuesday became the first female judges to join Egypt's State Council, one of the country's main judicial bodies The 98 women were sworn in before the council's chief judge, Mohammed Hossam el-Din, in a celebratory event in Cairo. The swearing-in came months after President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi asked for women to join the State Council and the Public Prosecution, the two judicial bodies that until recently were

SCUBA DIVER DISCOVERS ANCIENT SWORD

exclusively male.

Jerusalem: An Israeli scuba diver has salvaged an ancient sword off the country's Mediterranean coast that experts say dates back to the Crusaders. Israel's Antiquities Authority said Monday the man was on a weekend dive in northern Israe when he spotted a trove of ancient artifacts that included anchors, pottery and a meterlong (yard-long) sword.

HAITI GANG SEEKS \$17M FOR US MISSIONARIES

Port-AU-Prince: A gang that kidnapped 17 members of a USbased missionary group has demanded a \$17 million ransom for them, according to Haiti's justice minister, as quoted by the Wall Street Journal. Justice Minister Liszt Quitel said the gang was demanding \$1 million per person. Quitel did not immediately return messages for comment, but he also confirmed the figure to the New York

KHALILZAD RESIGNS AS

SPECIAL AFGHAN ENVOY Washington: Zalmay Khalilzad, the Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation who brokered the peace deal between the United States and the Taliban, has stepped down and replaced by veteran American diplomat Thomas West, Secretary of State Tony Blinken said. "As Special Representative for Afghan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad steps down from his role. I extend my gratitude for his decades of service to the American people," Blinken said.

Pak may remain on 'grey list' till FATF's next meet'

remain on the 'grey list' of the FATF till the global money laundering and terror financing watchdog meets for its next session in April 2022, according to a media report on Tuesday.

Paris-based Financial Action Task Force (FATF) will be in session for three days from October 19-21 and it is expected that Tuesday's session may be informed that Pakistan is still short of meeting the FATF criterion, according to a report in The News International reported from the French capital.

The report, quoting sources in German media house Deutsche Welle, said the global body's decision on putting Pakistan off the 'grey list' may be taken in the next session slated for April 2022.

The FATF in June retained Pakistan on its 'grey list' for failing to check money laundering, leading to terror financing, and asked Islamabad to investigate and prosecute senior leaders and commanders of

UN-designated terror groups, including Hafiz Saeed and Masood Azhar.

It also asked Pakistan to work to address its strategically-important deficiencies.

Virtually connected delegates will join those that are able to travel to Paris for three days of meetings, during which they will discuss key issues to strengthen global action against the financial flows that fuel crime and terrorism, the FATF said in a statement on Monday.

The FATF said it will finalise key reports, including the revised guidance on virtual assets and their service providers and discuss next steps to strengthen its standards on transparency of beneficial

Delegates will also discuss the outcomes of the FATF's survey to identify areas where divergent anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing rules or their implementation cause friction for cross-border payments. FATF is leading work on this aspect of the G20's priority to improve

cross-border payments, it said announce the outcomes of the plenary on October 21, will also update its statements identify-

ing jurisdictions with strategic

deficiencies in their measures

to combat money laundering

and terrorist financing. Pakistan was placed on the grey list by the FATF in June, 2018 and was given a plan of action to complete it by October, 2019. Since then the country continues to be in that list due to its failure to comply with the FATF man-

With Pakistan's continuation in the grey list, it is increasingly becoming difficult for the country to get financial aid Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the European Union, thus further enhancing problems for the country.

Pakistan has so far avoided being on the blacklist with the help of China, Turkey and

Russia hits another Mali asks Islamic High record of daily coronavirus deaths

MOSCOW: Russia registered another daily record of coronavirus deaths Tuesday as rapidly surging infection rates raised pressure on the country's health care system and prompted the government to suggest declaring a nonworking week.

The government task force reported 1,015 coronavirus deaths over the past 24 hours, the highest number since the start of the pandemic. That brought the total death toll to 225,325 — by far the highest in Europe. It also registered 33,740 new infections over the past

Amid a spike in infections and deaths, Deputy Prime Minister Tatyana Ĝolikova suggested introducing a weeklong nonworking period starting Oct. 30 that includes an extended public holiday. She said the Cabinet will ask President Vladimir Putin to authorize the

Until now, the Kremlin has ruled out a new nationwide lockdown like the one early on

in the pandemic that dealt a heavy blow to the economy and sapped Putin's popularity

The daily coronavirus mortality numbers have been surging for weeks and topped 1,000 for the first time over the weekend amid sluggish vaccination rates, lax public attitude toward taking precuations and the government's reluctance to toughen restrictions.

Russia boasted about becoming the first country in the world to authorize a coronavirus vaccine in August 2020 even though it was only tested on a few dozen of people at the time, proudly naming the shot Sputnik V after the world's first satellite to underline the country's scientific achievements.

While extolling Sputnik and three other domestic vaccines developed later, Russia's state-controlled media chafed at the perceived flaws of Western-made shots, a controversial message that many observers saw as feeding public doubts about vaccines. PTI

Council to dialogue with al-Qaida

BAMAKO: Mali's Government has asked the country's Islamic High Council to begin a dialogue with al-Qaida-linked groups in a new effort to address a nearly decade-long insecurity crisis. It is not clear when the dialogue will begin, but the council will lead discussions with Malian jihadist leaders Iyad Ag Ghaly and Amadou Kouffa of the al-Qaida-linked group known as JNIM, the council said.

Mohamed spokesman for the council, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that he was asked by the government last week to launch discussions. He said they are working with their representatives in the country's north. "The only directive we have received is to negotiate only with the Malians," he said. 'The other jihadists we consider invaders.'

He also said the subject of Shariah law is not "taboo. Everything is negotiable."

Mali's minister of religious affairs and worship, Mamadou Koné, confirmed that the government asked the council to lead discussions with the two

This is not the first time the Malian government has asked the council to open dialogue with jihadist groups. Earlier this year, the council reached a cease-fire agreement between an al-Qaida-linked group and local fighters in a village in the Niono circle in central Mali. The jihadists granted freedom of movement to the villagers, and peaceful cohabitation with the army and local armed groups, in exchange for comoulsory veiling of women, collection of taxes and tradition-

al justice. Mali has been fighting growing insecurity since 2012, when al-Qaida-linked groups took over parts of the north. Despite a French-led military operation that forced many rebels from their northern strongholds in 2013, insurgents quickly regrouped and have been advancing year after year toward the south of the country, where the Malian capital is located.

Crowds outside Myanmar's prisons greet freed detainees

BANGKOK: Crowds gathered Tuesday outside prisons around Myanmar, waiting for at least a glimpse of friends and relatives who were being freed under an amnesty for people arrested for protesting against military rule.

The head of the armyinstalled government, Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing, announced the amnesty covering more than 5,600 people on Monday. State television said it included 1,316 convicts who would be freed from prisons around the country and 4,320 others pending trial whose charges would be suspended.

The announcement came three days after the Association of Southeast Asian Nations delivered a rare snub by declining to invite Min Aung Hlaing to an upcoming summit, even though Myanmar is part of the 10-member bloc. The move reflected

ASEAN's frustration with the continued stalling of a visit to the country by its special envoy, who was appointed as part of an initiative to find a way out of the violent crisis that has gripped Myanmar since the army overthrew Aung San Suu Kyi's elected government in The government had

refused to grant the request of the special envoy, Brunei Second Foreign Minister Erywan Yusof, to meet with Suu Kyi. She has been detained since the military takeover and is being tried on several charges that her supporters say are politically motivated. *AP*

UN atomic agency head to visit Iran as nuke talks uncertain

WASHINGTON: The head of the U.N.'s atomic watchdog plans to visit Iran before the end of next month amid questions about whether Iran will return to negotiations aimed at reviving the languishing 2015 nuclear deal. International Atomic

Energy Agency chief Rafael Grossi said Tuesday he intends to visit Tehran "soon" to discuss and hopefully resolve specific concerns about Iran's nuclear program. Iran is in violation of several aspects of the 2015 deal that the IAEA is charged with monitoring and has suspended some elements of other cooperation with the watchdog.

On a visit to Washington, Grossi told reporters that he expects to go to Iran before the next meeting of the IAEA board of governors in late November. Some countries are pushing for the board to condemn Ĭran's nuclear activity, including violations of the nuclear deal known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action or JCPOA.

Grossi, who met on Monday with Secretary of State Antony Blinken, would not predict whether the IAEA board would take such action, saying it will likely depend on what Iran does in the mean-

North Korea tests possible submarine missile amid tensions

SEOUL: North Korea on Tuesday fired at least one ballistic missile, which South Korea's military said was likely designed to be launched from a submarine, in what is possibly the most significant demonstration of the North's military might since U.S. President Joe Biden took office.

The launch of the missile into the sea came hours after the U.S. reaffirmed an offer to resume talks on North Korea's nuclear weapons program. It underscored how North Korea has continued to expand its military capabilities during the pause in diplomacy.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement it detected that North Korea fired one short-range missile it

China's Communist Party appoints Xinjiang official

believed was a submarinelaunched ballistic missile from waters near the eastern port of Sinpo, and that the South Korean and U.S. militaries were closely analyzing the launch.

The South Korean military said the launch was made at sea, but it didn't say whether it was fired from a vessel underwater or another launch platform above the sea's surface.

Japan's military said its initial analysis suggested that North Korea fired two ballistic missiles. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said officials were examining whether they were submarine-launched. Kishida interrupted a cam-

paign trip ahead of Japanese legislative elections later this month and returned to Tokyo

ordered his government to start revising the country's national security strategy to adapt to growing North Korean threats, including the possible development of the ability to pre-emptively strike North Korean military targets.

because of the launch. He

'We cannot overlook North Korea's recent development in missile technology and its impact on the security of Japan and in the region," he

Japanese Defense Minister Nobuo Kishi said one of the North Korean missiles reached a maximum altitude of 50 kilometers (30 miles) and flew on "an irregular trajectory" while traveling as far as 600 kilometers (360 miles).

Blocked Indian

submarine from

entering into Pak's

Islamabad: Pakistan's military

on Tuesday claimed that its

navy blocked an Indian sub-

response from the Indian Navy

October 16 when an Indian

submarine was detected by a

Pakistan Navy (PN) patrol air-

craft, the Pakistan military said

in a statement. The navy

"detected and blocked the

Indian submarine on 16 Oct 21

from entering into Pakistani

waters," according to the state-

ment. It said that during the

prevailing security milieu, a

strict monitoring watch has been kept by the Pakistan Navy

to safeguard maritime frontiers

of the country.
According to the state-

ment, it is the third incident of

its kind during which an Indian

Naval Submarine has been pre-

maturely detected and tracked

by the Pakistan Navy's Long

Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft.

short footage of the purported

incident. An incident of this

nature was last reported in

March 2019 when the navy had detected and thwarted an

attempted entry by an Indian

submarine, the statement

ts specialised skills to ward off

the submarine, successfully

keeping it from entering

Pakistani waters," PN had said

in a statement at the time. PTI

"The Pakistan Navy used

The army also shared a

There was no immediate

The incident occurred on

country's waters last week.

to the Pakistani claim.

waters: Pak Navy

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12,22 & 30 Nov. 2021	Dy. CMM/GSD/Gorakhpur	0551-2283558			
10, 17 & 25 Nov. 2021	Dy. CMM/GSD/Izzatnagar	0581-2518138			
9, 18 & 26 Nov. 2021	Sr. DMM/Lucknow	0522-2233113			
8, 16 & 25 Nov. 2021	Sr. DMM/Varanasi	0542-2224819			
12, 22 & 30 Nov. 2021	Sr. DMM/Izatnagar	0581-2518104			
Type of material: Scrap Rail Cast Iron Melting MS condemned Rolling Stock					

hes, Wagons and Locomotives), Turning & Boring, Non-Ferrous copper, Aluminium, Batteries etc. In the event of Auction not being completed or the same day, Auction will be continued on the subsequent days also. Details of Auction catalogue, Procedure and Conditions of Sale are available at www.ireps.gov.in. This auction program is also available on North Eastern Railway website www.ner.indianrailways.gov.in. Principal Chief Materials Manager

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Kavat D/o Sh. Gopi Ram R/o H. No.-7. Church Shiyam Gaur S/o Sh. Ranyir Singh R/o B-166 Sector-14 Noida are the co-owner of Plot No. C-2/32 Sector-31 Noida. Smt. Pushpa Kayat has executed a Registered G.P.A. of her part in the said above plot in favour of her sister Smt. Sneh Gaur D/o Sh. Gopi Ram R/o B-166, Sector-14, Noida dated 03/11/2018 in Book No. IV, Volumi No. 1535 on Page No. 195 to 210, Documen No.2224 at Sub. Registrar (III), Noida. It is also in the Noida Authority to transfer her share in the plot in favour of her sister Smt. Sneh Gaur Which is still pending. Now Smt. Sneh Gaur nstead of her name, want to transfer the shar of said above plot through registered GPA in ayour of Shiyam Gaur S/o Sh. Ranvir Single R/o B-166, Sector-14, Noida. If anyon nas/have any objection, he/she may file his/he objection along with the sufficient proof in the Residential Plot Department of NOIDA Authority. Sector 6, Noida within the 30 days from the date of publication of this notice

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Reopen girls schools in Af: Malala Yousafzai to Taliban

Islamabad: Malala Yousafzai has appealed to the Talibani leadership in Afghanistan to imposed on female education and immediately reopen girls senior secondary schools across the nation, emphasising that the new rulers in Kabul should abide by their assurances given to the world of respecting women's rights.

In an open letter written to the Taliban regime following the tough rules imposed on the girl's education, the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize laureate said that Afghanistan is the only nation in the world that forbids girl's education.

"Afghanistan is now the only country in the world that forbids girls' education. Leaders everywhere must take urgent, decisive action to get every Afghan girl back in school," the 24-vear-old London-based Pakistani activist said in the letter which was posted on her Twitter handle.

To the Taliban authorities, you assured the world that ou would respect the rights of girls and women — but you are denying millions their right to learn, she added. **PTI** learn, she added.

Israel gives legal status to 4K in gesture to Palestinians

Jerusalem: Israel said on Tuesday it would grant legal residency to 4.000 Palestinians living in the occupied West Bank and Gaza, a gesture to the Palestinian Authority that will allow people who have lived under severe restrictions to years to get official IDs. It's one of a series of gestures announced after a rare high-level meeting in August between Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas aimed at strengthening the PA, which administers parts of the occupied

West Bank and coordinates with

WASHINGTON: A House

committee tasked with inves-

tigating the Jan. 6 Capitol

insurrection is moving swiftly

Tuesday to hold at least one of

Donald Trump's allies in con-

tempt as the former president

is pushing back on the probe in

ing to block the committee's

work by directing former White House aide Steve

Bannon not to answer ques-

Trump is aggressively try-

Jan. 6 panel plans contempt

vote as Trump sues over probe

Israel on security.

facing US sanctions to head Tibet's party unit Beijing: China's ruling Tuesday. Communist Party has appointed Wang Junzheng, sanctioned

by the US, Britain, EU and against Uygur Muslims in Xinjiang, as the head of its party unit in the sensitive Himalayan region of Tibet. Wang Junzheng has been

appointed as secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Tibet Autonomous Regional Committee, replacing Wu Yingjie, state-run Xinhua news agency reported on

tions in the probe while also

suing the panel to try to prevent

Congress from obtaining for-

mer White House documents.

But lawmakers on the House

committee say they will not

back down as they gather facts

and testimony about the attack

involving Trump's supporters that left dozens of police offi-

cers injured, sent lawmakers

running for their lives and

interrupted the certification of

Joe Biden's victory.

Wang, 58, became China's highest-ranking official to be sanctioned in March over accu-Canada for his alleged role in sations of human rights viola-Xinjiang's deputy party secretary and security chief, the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported.

He served as Xinjiang's security chief from 2019 before starting his most recent role last year as political commissar of the paramilitary Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps, while retaining his post

For over a year China is battling out allegations of human rights violations against Uygur Muslim population in Xinjiang large number of security forces to quell unrest among Uygurs over the increasing settlements of majority Han Chinese from other provinces.

The US has termed China's security crackdown in Xinjiang where thousands of Uygurs reportedly were held in detention camps as genocide.

Turkey summons 10 diplomats over call for activist's release

ANKARA: Turkey's Foreign Ministry on Tuesday summoned the ambassadors of the United States and nine other countries to protest a statement they issued that called for the release of imprisoned philanthropist and civil rights activist Osman Kavala in line with a European Court of Human Rights decision. The statement angered government officials who accused the countries of *AP* | meddling in the Turkish judi-

Kavala, 64, has been kept behind bars for four years, accused of attempting to overthrow the Turkish government through the 2013 nationwide demonstrations that started at Istanbul's Gezi Park. He has also been charged with espionage and attempting to overthrow the government in connection with a failed military coup in 2016.

Taliban recruit women cadres to

The Taliban have recruited

On Monday, as many as 31 women students participated in a graduation party after these students of Dar Al-Hifaz and Muflihun Quranic School in Kabul passed out from these

School of Quran Education

celebrated the first graduation

of more than 30 female stu-

dents of this school in the sec-

lation of the Holy Quran in the

and counter terrorism analyst of Afghan origin, Dr Ajmal Sohail said, "The Taliban has decided to launch the women wing of the movement comprising graduates of the Quranic schools who would be assigned to take part at the

The women graduates in Islamic interpretation will also counter feminism alongside promoting radical Islamic mindset in the Afghan society.

"The women wing of the Taliban will be assigned task to educate Taliban-inspired radical Islamists of Central Asia and Asia Pacific," said Dr Sohail who is based in Germany.

a women wing is to expand the base of radical ideologies pursued by the outfit in Afghan and spread such mindsets in the region to create a pool of like minded Muslims in the entire region for gaining clout as well as legitimacy. The move is part of the larger project of the Barre Saghir movement being run by the Al Qaeda in the Indian subcontinent to rope in likeminded clerics and students to perpetuate the radical ideology of Taliban.

Taliban agree to new polio vaccination across Afghanistan appeared aimed at showing

Istanbul: agencies are gearing up to vaccinate all of Afghanistan's children under 5 against polio for the first time since 2018, after the Taliban agreed to the campaign, the World Health Organization

For the past three years, the Taliban barred U.N.-organized vaccination teams from doing door-to-door campaigns in parts of Afghanistan under their control, apparently out of suspicion they could be spies for the government or the West. Because of the ban and ongoing fighting, some 3.3 million children over the past three years have not been vaccinated.

The Taliban's reported agreement now, after becoming the rulers of Afghanistan,

they are willing to cooperate with international agencies. The longtime militant insurgent force has been trying to win the world's recognition of its new government and reopen the door for international aid to rescue the crumbling economy. The Taliban leadership did

not confirm its agreement, and Taliban officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment. But WHO and the U.N.

Children's agency UNICEF said in a statement Monday that they welcomed the decision by the Taliban leadership sion by the Taliban leadership objection about the transfer of above supporting the resumption of house to house policy vaccina. house-to-house polio vaccinations across the country.

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform to all concerns that Late Sh. Dheer Singh S/o Sultan Singh R/o

Village -Nithari Sector-31, Noida, Distt. G.B. Nagar U.P. has a property in Noida. Plot No-A-53, Sector-151, Noida G.B. Priot No-A-53, Sector-151, Noida G.B. Nagar (U.P) which is registered at sub registrar office sadar-1st Gautam Budh Nagar in Bahi No. 3, Jilid No. 995, at page no. from 247–264 on 08.12.2020 at serial no 1823. So above property is being transferred to the name of Sarvesh Awana Deapsk Awana Sarvia Sarvesh Awana, Deepak Awana Son's & Jyoti Awana Daughter S/o Davender Singh Awana R/o Village -Nithari Sec-31, Noida, Distt.G.B. Nagar U.P. on the basis of registered will. So all the related people are informed that if someone has any department with all document proof within 30 days from the publishing date of this information. Davender Singh Awana

counter its anti-women image RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI tion of interpretation and trans-

a new lawsuit.

women cadres in its fold to raise a women's wing with the twin agenda of projecting itself as pro-women and countering its anti-women image through these women who have graduated from Quranic schools.

schools Dar al-Hifaz and Muflihun

presence of a number of Islamic scholars besides parents of the passing out students in Kabul. Founder of Afghanistan Republican Salvation Front

Ministry for promoting righteousness and preventing evil."

The Taliban move to form

COAL CRISIS

Power projects with less than 4-day stock now 58

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The coal stock situation at thermal power projects has improved further as the number of non-pit head projects having less than four days of coal (supercritical stock) reduced to 58 on Monday from 69 a week ago, Government data showed

According to latest coal stock data of the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), the number of non-pit head projects having less than four days of coal was 58 on October 18 and 69 on October 11.

The data showed that the number of plants with supercritical stock was 61 this Sunday (October 17). Thus, the coal stock situation is inching towards normalcy. The improvement in the

coal stock situation assumes significance in view of the ongoing shortage of the dry fuel at thermal power plants in the country. The Central Electricity

Authority monitors coal stock situation of 135 thermal power plants with cumulative generation capacity of over 165 GW.

The data also showed that the number of power plants

with zero days of coal has come down to 13 as of Monday with cumulative installed generation capacity of 11,710 MW, compared to 15 with 15,290

MW capacity a week back.

The number of the plants with one day of coal stock has increased to 28 with 34,795 MW capacity as on October 18, compared to 27 with 35,360 MW capacity on October 11.

The number of plants with two days of coal decreased to 18 (with 27,490 MW capacity) from 20 (22,755 MW) a week ago. The number of plants with three days of coal also came down to 12 (with 16,874 MW capacity) from 21 (27,014 MW) a week ago. The number of plants with four days of coal has decreased to 18 with 20,725 MW capacity as of Monday, from 20 with 25,840 MW capacity a week ago, showing improvement in dry fuel stock.

The number of plants with five days of coal has increased to 12 (12,840 MW capacity) from five (4,105 MW) a week ago. The power ministry data also showed improvement in the power shortage situation as it came down to 2,060 MW on October 18 from 6,857 MW a

the nation's sustainability goals,"

said Adani. "One must recog-nise that India has already

demonstrated its commitment

through the bold stand taken

by Prime Minister Narendra

Modi since the 2015 COP-21

summit and India has emerged

as one of the most responsible

major nations in the world

when it comes to addressing

Coal supply prioritised temporarily to power sector to replenish dwindling stock: CIL PTI ■ NEW DELHI

State-owned CIL on Tuesday said the supply of coal was prioritised temporarily to ower producers to replenish their dwindling stock of the dry

The statement assumes significance in the wake of the country's power plants grappling with fuel shortages.

"In view of the low stock position at the power house end due to a spurt in economic activities during post-second wave of COVID-19, the supply of coal was prioritised temporarily to the power sector to replenish their dwindling coal stock," Coal India Ltd (CIL) said in a statement.

To achieve the same in the quickest possible time, coal companies were advised only to go slow temporarily on conducting further e-auction of coal, barring the special forward e-auction for power.

Adani group

Moody's upgrades banking system outlook to 'stable'

ECO RECOVERY TO DRIVE CREDIT GROWTH

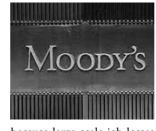
PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $M^{oody's}$ Investors Service on Tuesday raised the outlook for the Indian banking system to 'stable' from 'negative citing moderate deterioration of asset quality since the onset of the pandemic and likely pick-up in credit growth with economic recovery.

Moody's expects India's economy to continue to recover in the next 12-18 months, with GDP growing 9.3 per cent in the fiscal year ending March 2022 and 7.9 per cent in the following year.

"The pick-up in economic activity will drive credit growth, which we expect to be 10-13 per cent annually. Weak corporate financials and funding constraints at finance companies have been key negative factors for banks but these risks have receded," Moody's said in its 'Banking system outlook - India' report.

The quality of corporate loans has improved, indicating that banks have recognized and provisioned for all legacy problem loans in this segment. quality of retail loans has deteriorated, but to a limited degree



because large-scale job losses have not occurred.

"We have revised the outlook for the Indian banking system to stable from negative The deterioration of asset quality since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic has been moderate, and an improving operating environment will support asset quality. Declining credit costs as a result of improving asset quality will lead to improvements in profitability," Moody's said.

The rating agency assumes that the government will provide a very high level of support for rated public sector banks, given their strong links to the government.

Earlier this month. Moody's had raised India's sovereign rating outlook to 'stable' from 'negative'. It also affirmed sovereign rating at 'Baa3'.

Govt to roll out 5-year strategic perspective plan to make India big tech player: Chandrasekhar

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government is looking at rolling out a five-year strategic perspective plan to make India a significant tech player, Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar said on

The Minister added that the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) will partner with the private sector in areas not just limited to soliciting business for them but for future technology developments like quantum computing, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and semiconductors, according to an official statement released by the ministry.

"Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) has set some serious ambitions and wants India to be a significant player in the tech space.

"Soon, we are going to roll out a five-year strategic perspective plan, detailing the competency and capabilities that need to be developed for realising these ambitions," Chandrasekhar said at a technology conference organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

He added that there have been tremendous strides in digitising the country's economy and public services in the

past six years, which has helped Îndia remain resilient during the Covid-19 pandemic.

"We have created Unicorns at the rate of two a month, attracting USD 65 billion investment in the tech space," Chandrasekhar said.

The minister said the post-COVID-19 era offers a new set of opportunities and there has never been a more exciting time for those in technology than today.

"At MeitY, we have clear objectives, we expect to be partners with the private sector in areas not just limited to soliciting business for you...But even in areas of future technology development whether it is quantum computing or strategic areas, where we want India to create competencies like artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and semiconductors, etc," he said.

Bank gross NPAs to rise to 8-9%: Report

STRESSED ASSETS TO TOUCH 10-11%

Mumbai:Gross non-performing assets (NPAs) of banks will rise to 8-9 per cent this fiscal, well below the peak of 11.2 per cent seen at the end of fiscal, ratings agency Crisil said in

The Covid-19 relief measures such as the restructuring dispensation, and the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) will help limit the rise, the report added. With 2 per cent of bank credit expected under restructuring by the end of this fiscal, stressed assets-comprising gross NPAs and loan book under restructuring-should touch 10-11 per cent. Krishnan Sitaraman, Senior Director and Deputy Chief Ratings Officer, CRISIL Ratings, said: "The retail and MSME segments, which together form 40 per cent of bank credit, are expected to see higher accretion of NPAs and stressed assets this time around. Stressed assets in these segments are seen rising to 4-5 per cent and 17-18 per cent, respectively, by this fiscal end. The numbers would have trended even higher but for write-offs, primarily in the unsecured segment." IANS

India will produce the cheapest hydrogen in the world: Gautam Adani

Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani said that policies to manage and overcome the climate change crisis must be equitable and pragmatic.Speaking to business leaders on the sidelines of the UK's Global Investment Summit at the London Science Museum, he noted that green policies and climate action not based on equitable growth will struggle in the long run.

Decision makers, he said, must consider the voices of the vulnerable when developing climate strategies and mitigation measures. He also suggested that a collaborative approach was needed wherein

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commits 70% capex until 2030 to energy transition developed nations, which have PTI ■ NEW DELHI emitted more greenhouse gases over time, shoulder greater $P_{\text{Adani Group will invest}}^{\text{ort-to-energy conglomerate}}$ responsibility and propose policies and targets that fairly address the needs of the develover USD 50-70 billion in oping world. "While net zero renewable energy value chain targets are much needed, a over the next decade and the company's sustainability inigroup firms have committed tiatives must be aligned with

> Gautam Adani said on Tuesday. Speaking to business leaders on the sidelines of the UK's Global Investment Summit at the London Science Museum, he made a plea for equitable and pragmatic policies in the battle against climate change and recommended setting practical goals and agen-

70 per cent of planned capex

until 2030 to the energy tran-

sition, its billionaire chairman

Hydrogen, he said, is a game-changer and the group's expand to become one of the world's largest green hydrogen

"Green policies and climate action not based on equitable growth will struggle in the long run," he was quoted as saying in a statement issued by Adani Group.

Sensex snaps 7-day winning run on fag-end selloff

Equity benchmarks closed with modest losses on Tuesday after a seven-session winning streak as investors opted to pocket some gains at record levels. FMCG counters led the

losses after HUL's Q2 earnings missed estimates, while IT and private bank stocks stood tall. After scaling the 62,000mark for the first time, the 30-

share BSE Sensex succumbed to selling pressure in fag-end trade to close 49.54 points or 0.08 per cent lower at 61,716.05

Similarly, the Nifty shed 58.30 points or 0.32 per cent to close at 18,418.75. It touched a new intra-day record of 18,604.45 in early deals. ITC was the top laggard in

the Sensex pack, tanking 6.23 per cent, followed by HUL at 4.06 per cent. FMCG major Hindustan

Unilever Ltd (HUL) on Tuesday reported a 10.69 per cent rise in consolidated net profit to Rs 2,185 crore for the second quarter ended

Titan, Tata Steel, UltraTech Cement and PowerGrid were among the other laggards.

On the other hand, Tech Mahindra, L&T, Bajaj Finserv, Infosys, HDFC Bank and Kotak Bank were among the gainers, spurting up to 4.12 per

Gold demand likely to be robust in 2022: WGC

PTI ■ MUMBAI

he demand for gold is The defination for glikely to remain subdued this year following Covidrelated disruptions that con-Gold Council (WGC) said in a report.

However, in 2022, the impact of pent-up demand for the precious metal is likely to herald a period of robust demand, the report suggest-

Duty relief on fuel expected to brighten festive mood in country IANS ■ NEW DELHI

Consumers could expect relief from the surging price of auto fuels this festive season as the Government may opt for an excise duty cut on petrol and diesel, for the first time since the outbreak of the pandemic. By doing so, the govern-ment aims to prevent rising

crude oil prices from adversely affecting the retail price of these two commonly-used products. Petrol and diesel prices have already reached historic high levels across the country and have risen on most days for past one month, burning a larger hole in consumers' pockets. Sources said that ₹2-3 per litre cut in excise duty on petrol and diesel might be announced as a shield to of auto fuels. The announcement may be made ahead of Diwali to sweeten the festivities for consumers who have bore the brunt of rising fuel prices with petrol rates increasing by ₹ 30 per litre since January 1 while diesel prices rose close to ₹26 per litre.

IMF sees economic growth with higher inflation for West Asia permanent widening of exist-

The Middle East is expected to see significant economic growth this year, but also soaring inflation and food prices, as coronavirus vaccines are unevenly rolled out across the region, the International

Monetary Fund said Tuesday. The lender's new report projects that the region's economies will grow by around 4%, while inflation will reach 17% this year in oil-importing countries. It said the situation is particularly dire in countries already facing severe economic crises, such as Lebanon and Afghanistan. The IMF said globally, inflation is rising in part due to pandemic-related supply shortages. Food prices have soared to their highest level since 2014, with an expected increase of nearly East, about 7 million more people are estimated to have entered extreme poverty over the course of 2020, compared to the fund's projections before the coronavirus pandemic.

The IMF warned that uneven recovery from the global health crisis could lead to "a

ng wealth, income, and social gaps and, ultimately...Less nclusive societies.'

In one example of that uneven recovery, the Gulf Arab oil-exporting nations of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain and Qatar will see inflation peak at just 2.8% this year compared to the the Mideast's oil-importing nations, where average inflation will climb to 17% in 2021 before dipping to just under 10% in 2022, according to the IMF's forecast. The lender also found that the average unemployment rate in the region

increased from 9.4% before the pandemic to 10.7% in 2020. The IMF said this represents the second largest regional increase globally after Central and Latin America.

were low-skilled workers - particularly those unable to do their jobs remotely - including women, young people and the millions who work in the informal sector and lack formal workplace protections such as health insurance, pensions and contracts.

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endorsement No. 5849-5882 dated 16-10-2021 is hereby

summary of tender is given below Tender No. (1) 22/EE(GEN)/MB-II/2021-22 and (2) 23/EE(GEN)/MB-11/2021-22

Name of work/supply/services: 1.Repairing and overhauling of different valves of Generator cooling system, MB-II, Dharasu Power House. 2. Repair & Maintenance works on 11 kV Bus Duct of Generator Transformers at Dharasu Power House. Estimated cost: Rs. 1203000/- and Rs. 990400 +GST Extra

Date of availability of bid document on website: 20.10.2021 Last date for submission of tender: 11.11.2021 upto 11:00 Hrs For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website

Executive Engineer (Generation)

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity

PUBLIC NOTICE Plot # 326 Sector-7 Phase-I, IMT Manesa

Plot # 326 Sector-7 Phase-I, IMT Manesar measuring 450 sq. mtrs. was allotted by the Corporation to M/s. Market, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi-110027, a proprietorship firm of Mr. Manoj Gaba S/o late Shri Ram aran Gaba R/o J-52/F2 Upper 3rd Floor, Hari Nagar ew Delhi-110064 vide its Allotment Letter dated 13.5.2004.

The Corporation has been informed that the original allottee's proprietor, Mr. Manoj Gaba has expired on 12.5.2021. The legal heirs of the deceased allottee, Ms. Shalini Gaba, Miss Richa Gaba and Mr. Aman Gaba has approached the Corporation for transfer of the plot in stion in favour of Ms. Shalini Gaba W/o late Shr

The Corporation is in process of considering the The Corporation is in process or Consecuring with request and transferring the said plot in the name of Ms. Shalini Gaba Wio late Shri Manoj Gaba. Through this public notice, it is hereby informed that in case, any of the legal heirs of late Shri Manoj Gaba or any other person having reservation / objection to the said transfer may file. his / her objection in writing before the undersigned of Addl. General Manager (Estate), M/s. HSIIDC Ltd., C-13-14, Sector-6, Panchkula, Haryana along with an affidavit within a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. In case, no response is received within the aforesaid period, it will be presumed that no one has any objection to transfer of the said plot in the name of Ms. Shalini Gaba Wo late Shri Manoj Gaba and the Corporation shall go ahead with transfer of the plot in her favour.

Mis. HSIIDC Ltd.

Mis. HSIIDC Ltd.

DP/1112/NE/21

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public in general is hereby informed that Mr. Dilish Malik s/o Mr. Amritlal Malik with Aadhar number 732902231585 and Mr. Unish Malik s/o Mr. Amritlal Malik with Aadhar number 488484109072, both owners of Y-216. Vivekanand Apartments Sector 05, Plot No 02. Dwarka. New Delhi 110075 claim that they are the present owner of the property which is Flat Number Y- 216 situated on 2nd floor of building and CGHS, SECTOR 5. PLOT NO.2, Dwarka. New Delhi-110075.

Any person having any rights, claim or interest in the said property, by way of Sale, inheritance. succession, mortgage, lien, lease, gift or otherwise howsoever in respect of the same, shall intimate the objection in writing to the undersigned with supporting documents thereof within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice or else any such claims by anyone shall not be considered and shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandor Date: 20th October 2021

Place: Dwarka, New Delhi Hony. Secretary Vivekanand CGHS Limited Sector 5, Plot 2, Dwarka

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



DP/1605/N/2021

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person Namely: Kishan, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 70 years, Height: 5'6", Face: Round, Complexion: Wheatish, Hair: White, Wearing : Grey Colour pant has been found dead in the area of P.S.

Timarpur, Delhi on 10.10.2021. In this regard a case vide FIR No 327/21U/s 279/337/304A IPC dated 11.10.2021 has been registered at P.S. Timarpur, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this found dead person may kindly inform to the following:-

> P.S. Timarpur, Delhi North Distt., Delhi Tel. No. 011-23812734, 23814421

SEARCH FOR MISSING LADY



Ghaziabad, Uttra Pradesh. Age 23 years (in 2016), Height 5'2", Complexion Fair, Oval Face, Thin Built, Wearing Orange salwrar with suit and sandal in feet has been missing since 04.05.2016 from the area of PS New Ashok Nagar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this lady, but no clue has come to light so far. In this regard a FIR No.

General public is hereby informed that one

lady namely Meenu, W/o Raj Kumar, R/o

134, C Block, Azad Vihar, Khora Colony,

New Ashok Vihar, Delhi Any person having any information or clue about this missing lady may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or telephone

276/16 dated 05.05.2016 U/S 365 IPC has been registered at PS

nos. given below. Website: http://cbi.nic.in

Email: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-23011334 Ph: 011-23014046, 23015218

SHO

PS: New Ashok Nagar, Delhi Ph. 011-22610839, 22610954

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Tarana S/o Panchu, R/o Sheikhpura, Bihar, Age: 10 years, Height: 3'9", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Normal, Hair & Eyes: Black, wearing Red colour T-Shirt and Red colour half pant, has been missing/ kidnapped since 19.09.2021. In this regard a FIR No. 506/21 U/S 363 IPC,

dated 19.09.2021 has been registered at P.S. Kalyanpuri, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

Website: http://cbi.nic.in E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639 P.S. Kalyanpuri, Delhi Ph. No.: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/720/ED/2021 Ph.: 011-22772287, 22772251

Room No. 19, Karkardooma Court, Delhi

General public is here by informed that two persons namely Punit Bhandari, Virender Bhandari Director of M/s Puransons Alloys Pvt. Ltd. R/o 102-103, Ashoka Apartment, Near Satyam Cineplex, Ranjit Nagar, Commercial Complex, New Delhi also at Flat No. B001, Raheja Atlantis, Sec. 31, Gurgaon, Opp. 32 Miles, Gurgaon-122001 also at F-934, RIICO Industrial Area, Phase-III, Bhiwadi, Distt. Alwar, Rajasthan-301019 are wanted in case FIR No. 136/18 dated 04.05.2018 has been registered at P.S. Maurya Enclave, New Delhi.

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these accused persons may kindly inform to the E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in SHO: Website: http://cbi.nic.in P.S. Maurya Enclave, Delhi

Any person having any information or clue about

Fax: 24368639, Tel. No.: 011-27325006 Tel.: 24368638/24368641 8750870225

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C. Whereas complaint has been made before me that

accused Anand Yadav S/o Narayan Yadav R/o H.No. D-1/301, Nand Nagri, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence FIR 83/17 u/s 33 Ex. Act., PS Nand Nagri, Delhi and it has been written to the warrants of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person Anand Yadav cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Anand Yadav has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrants). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person Anand Yadav of FIR 83/17 u/s 33 Ex. Act. PS Nand Nagri, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 20.11.2021. By Order:

Sh. Animesh Bhaskar Mani Tripathi Metropolitan Magistrate-03,

SEARCH OF MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one person (depicted in the photo), Namely: Pankaj Mishra, S/o: Hem Chand, R/o: H.No. 1/432, Trilok Puri, Delhi, Aged: 48 years, has been missing since 16.09.2021 at 9.00 AM from H.No. 1/432, Trilok Puri, Delhi. Vide DD No. 34A, Dated 27.09.2021, has been lodged at P.S. Kalyan Puri, Delhi. His physical description is as

Height: 5'4", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Clothing: White Colour Shirt, Black Lower & Black Pant Hawai Chappal Any person is having any information/clue about this missing person

may inform SHO, Kalyan Puri, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in Tele No.: 011-24368638 or 24368641 S.H.O

DP/737/ED/21.

P.S. Kalyan Puri, Delhi Ph: 011-22772287, 22772251

Pankaj Mishra

The lack of policies and practices that validate and support the LGBTQIA+ youth and the failure in implementing existing safeguards puts them at a physical and psychological risk, restricting their potential to excel in their education, says AACHAL JAIN

n today's time, schools are pri-oritizing equality and have been working on providing an environment where all the children can learn, thrive, and succeed. The teacher's role can be instrumental or integral in ensuring that LGBTQIA+ students get an equal opportunity to grow and learn in a safe environment, by supporting and advocating for them. Based on research, about 96 per cent of the LGBTQIA+ students believe that at least one adult in their educational institution extends support, understanding and reassurance.

The lack of policies and practices that validate and support the LGBTQIA+ youth and the failure in implementing existing safeguards means that these students will con-tinue to face bullying, exclusion, and discrimination during the most impressionable years of their growing up. This puts them at a physical and psychological risk thereby restricting their potential to excel in their education. Hence, it is important to highlight the guidelines around the importance of inclusive schools that support the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Develop curriculum to pro-

mote inclusivity

Developing lessons that eliminate bias and inculcate positive representations of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Agender/Aromantic/Asexual individuals in history and events is one way educators may build a positive classroom atmosphere. Featuring unisex or gender-neutral names could be another! Normalise con-



cians in the classroom. LGBTQIA+ students in schools with an inclusive curriculum can relate to adverse school experiences and strengthen their sense of belonging to the school community

Focus on the emotional well-

Efforts to develop and understand school protective factors and their impact on LGBTQIA+ students have often encountered institutional challenges. Formative research on the role of protective factors such as school networking, supportive educators, anti-bullying strategies has shown promising ways to improve the LGBTQIA+ community's health and well-being.

Develop a positive environment Supportive educators are a lifeline for LGBTQIA+ children, and school is frequently the only place where they can connect with peers and adults who can mitigate rejection and provide acceptance. As John Dewey has shared "Schools are a reflection of our society", it is crucial that schools take active steps to create a safe and supportive learning environment. This can be done versations about queer scientists, historical figures or mathematispace" signs or rainbow flags in the



Aachal Jain Pastoral Care Coordinator, Aditya Birla World Academy

AN INCREASING AMOUNT OF **EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT HAVING** A GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE (GSA) ON CAMPUS HAS A LONG AND HEALTHY IMPACT ON STUDENT'S HEALTH, WELFARE, AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. PRIDE CLUBS AND GROUPS FOR LGBTQIA+ STUDENTS

corridors. Schools could speak about landmark days for LGBTQIA+ community in the school assembly, display books with LGBTQIA+ representation in the library, etc. Over time, these little things will help create a shift in atti-

tudes among the others.

Conduct programmes to build

Sex education is a common area to start when it comes to teaching the students about sexual orientation and gender identity and encouraging inclusion of LGBTQIA+ individuals and families. At the moment, sex education programmes seldom, if ever, include sexual orientation and gender identity, and when they do, the content is often misleading and extremely negative. Therefore, this space needs attention of all stakeholders to implement LGBTQIA+ inclusive sex education. We may also need to look into legal aspects when working on this.

Promote student support

Pride clubs and similar student groups for LGBTQIA+ students are particularly essential platforms for linking students with support-

ive adults. An increasing amount of evidence shows that having a Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) on campus has a long and healthy impact on the student's health, welfare, and academic achievement. Studentled GSAs can assist schools in combating LGBTQIA+ student harassment, foster dialogue about diversity and acceptance to create a thriving safe space for queer and trans youth at school.

Provide training to staff and

Schools must ensure that the staff is competent and confident in their ability to implement learning opportunities such as cultural skills training and safety training to increase awareness of issues affecting LGBTQIA+ students and develop effective strategies to improve their educational experience. Schools must also examine their policies around bullying, discrimination and exclusion highlighting the need for the staff to respond to all forms of abuse. Schools must also ensure that vocational training involves LGBTQIA+ students with different and overlapping identities, as this can truly help make a dif-

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Real education should consist of drawing the goodness and the best out of our own students.

— Cesar Chavez

FASHION DESIGN COURSES AT EDU BRAIN ACADEMY

The Edu Brain Academy collaborated with the National and International universities offer-Fashion Design, Fashion Business Management, Communication Design and Interior Architecture & Design. It also offers postgraduate programmes in Fashion Design and Fashion technology.

It offers these programmes through its creative studiobased education at its campus in New Delhi, Haryana, Uttarakhand.

It recently announced opening of admissions at the Edu Brain Academy School of Design for UG, PG and diploma-level courses.

Applications: Eligible

students can apply online and offline. Admissions on marks

Eligibility: For the degree course, students should have completed Class 12 from any stream from a recognised board. For the diploma course, students should have passed Class 10 in any stream from an approved school board. Personal Interview. Deadline: 30th October

MSC SATELLITE DATA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The University of Strathclyde, Glasgow is inviting applications for the MSc Satellite Data for Sustainable Development course starting in January 2022. The course will have a focus on the practical use of satellite data in direct applica-tions to SDGs through the analysis of case studies and engagement, through student projects and invited talks with start-ups and NGOs actively working in the field. Students will gain an insight in to the broad use of satellite data across various industries and will be equipped with the nec-essary technical skills

Eligibility: First or secondclass honours degree (or international equivalent) in either Engineering, Science, Public Policy, Law, and Business.

Fee: 1,850 for internation-

Admissons for Spring 2022 at Truman State University

¬ruman State University has announced student enrolments for on-campus studies for its programmes Computer Science, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Biochemistry and Business Administration for those aspiring for international education. Classes commence January 10,

"The ravages of the global pandemic have impacted the dreams and decisions of many Indian students who planned to study abroad in the past 18 months," said Tim Urbonya, Executive Director of International Education at Truman. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Indian students in the spring 2022 session in Missouri. Programmes provide students with the skills and experience industry requires.

To help students reach their study goals during these challenging times, Truman introduced special merit-based scholarships of up US \$10,000 for high achieving students from India.

The deadline to apply for Spring semester scholarship consideration has been extended to October 30, 2021, while the deadline to apply for fall 2022 scholarship consideration is April 30, 2022.

It is time to prosper digitally

The use of the digital course has deepened hopes of a radical shift in various sections such as agriculture, health, education, small loans, and commerce in the next few years

e recently celebrated the 26th anniversary of the launch of internet services in India. In the past 26 years, our country has touched many digital technology dimensions. IndiaStack is one among them, which is vital for overall digital devel opment. It is a combination of several digital technology projects to provide a robust digital infrastructure to the country. Even today, it has solved many complex problems of the country. IndiaStack's mantra is to promote paperless, non-attendance, non-currency service, and transaction processes.

Stack is a commonly used word in Information Technology, including compatible technologies that create software, web apps, or mobile apps. The stack requires the operating system, server, programming language, database, and other related technical aspects to be consistent. The Government of India has developed IndiaStack for the entire country. providing various facilities and services including identification, verification, and payment. The basic services currently available are Aadhaar Authentication, Aadhaar e-KYC Electronic Signature, DigiLocker, UPI, and Digital Consent (currently under development). Its services have enabled our country to emerge as a leader in fintech. It is the only stack to be launched that is named after a country, and which has a proper combination of governance, technology, and regulators.

Fintech came into being in 2009 with the setting up of two institutions - the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), and the Unique Identity Authority of India (UIDAI). În 2012, UIDAI facilitated consumer verification for businesspeople by enablin e-

The use of the digital revolution in the last decade has led to a direct increase in transparency and accountability in public services. Our small and medium industries have also undergone positive changes. In the next phase, the **Government is** working on the appropriate, effective, and controlled use of personal data

KYC. In 2015, CCI introduced an e-sign API to facilitate digital signatures for Aadhaar holders. Introduction of UPI, the digital public payment system in 2016 by NPCI proved to be a revolutionary step. In the same year, the National E-Governance Division (NeGD), an



organisation of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology also ensured digital verification of documents and certificates by providing DigiLocker services to the general public. Thanks to this development, it has now become unnecessary to carry physical documents. All these services are part of the IndiaStack Scheme of the Government of

Because of the services included in it, the direct benefits of the schemes reached the general public. Farmers, senior citizens, or BPL families, everyone gets 100% allowance, pension, and other benefits directly to their accounts. Now, people in remote areas can conduct financial transactions from their mobile phones with the help of the UPI app. We no longer have to sign many documents at government offices; Aadhaar's one-time password leads to quick verification. At the same time, fast and better disposal of services has begun. The use of IndiaStack has also facilitated the rapid and convenient collection of Indian taxes.

The Government is engaged in providing a more significant and efficient structure to the digital revolution.

IndiaStack is not as closed a system as China, where the country-made apps alone are promoted. It also does not follow economic principles such as laissez-faire as in the United States, where only a few companies have more market dominance in the open market. It is a robust, integrated, and open platform that can be used by Government, private, businesspeople, and people of all walks. In the next phase of the digital revolution, the Government is working on the appropriate, effective, and controlled use of personal data. It has also planned to use artificial intelligence and blockchain technologies for Civil Services.

The use of the digital revolution in the last decade has led to a direct increase in transparency and accountability in public services. Our small and medium industries have also undergone positive changes from the digital revolution. The use of the digital course has deepened hopes of a radical shift in various sections such as agriculture, health, education, small loans, and commerce in the next few

Prabhat Sinha, IT Expert & Amazon Bestseller Author

Internet, new playground for gen Z

The generation Z, also termed for more than three-quarters **▲** as Centennials, are the generation of the people born between 1997 and 2012. One unique thing about it is that we basically grew up on the internet. Anything our parents say they would do on pen and paper, we say, "There's an app for it."

Some elders say that we might be spoiled or spoon fed but we are just working in a more efficient way. A few decades into the past, one might have to go through an entire dictionary to find the meaning of one word, but not today. With Google today, we can find the meaning of any word, or in that case, the answer to any logical questions we may have, at the tap of a few buttons.

We love to meet and interact with people face-to-face, who doesn't? Well to meet people, we don't have to mandatorily be in the same location. With apps like Zoom, Skype, Facetime, imo, Google Duo right at our fingertips we can meet anyone, anywhere and at any time.

One cooler thing that we have is that we can purchase basically anything without having to go in-store waiting in long queues.

Groceries, clothes, stationary, food, furniture, you name it! You can buy anything you wished only with the click of a few buttons. Gen Z also accounts

(77%) of digital buyers with estimates to reach 85% (over 55M) by 2025.

The oldest people in our generation are now scratching the surface of adulthood. Gen Z is coming, to become a part of the multi-generational workspace. It is a bit evident that there will probably be a vast involvement of technology in it. If our new ways and perspectives are dealt with in the right way, powerful forces of innovation and introduction of new skills and abilities will be brought to the

Technology and the exposure to social media platforms at such an early age has influenced our lives immensely. If channeled in the right way, it can be vastly beneficial, if not, it will have its disadvantages. We are, without a doubt, the most potential laden generation of all time. But as Franklin D Roosevelt once said, "Great power involves great responsibility."

Like every other generation before us, the hope of humanity regarding advancement lies with us. With our whole lives ahead of us, we should look up with optimism because given time, opportunity and information, virtually everything is pos-

> The writer is Diva Ailani, Student, Jasudben ML School

Food expedition for class 5 students

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Heritage Xperiential Learning School, known for its experiential learning pedagogy, recently launched a foodbased expedition for its Class 5 students. Learning expeditions at Heritage are designed to allow for application of knowledge from multiple disciplines and usage of various skills, packing in experiences that

make learning real for students. The "I Am What I Eat" expedition explored the various aspects connected with food which ranged from studying the various components of food, deficiency diseases, and what comprises a balanced diet. It also introduced students to different types of food systems and farming practices like organic farm-

The unique aspect about

the above topics were taught only from the textbook but real-life, hands-on experiences were built into the learning of each of these. Some of the experiences that students had included nurturing a kitchen garden in their home, identifying and creating healthy recipes and selecting cooking methods, cooking oils and utensils which they found to be healthier

this expedition was that none of

options explaining their reasons for choosing them. Neena Kaul, Principal,

Heritage Xperiential Learning School, said, "We at Heritage believe in enabling and empowering students so the effort is always to simulate real-life where one does not apply knowledge in a compartmentalized manner and being able to transfer knowledge across situations and subjects is critical.

SRM and Mahindra sign MoU MRV experts to deliver guest lec-

PNS ■ KATTANKULATHUR

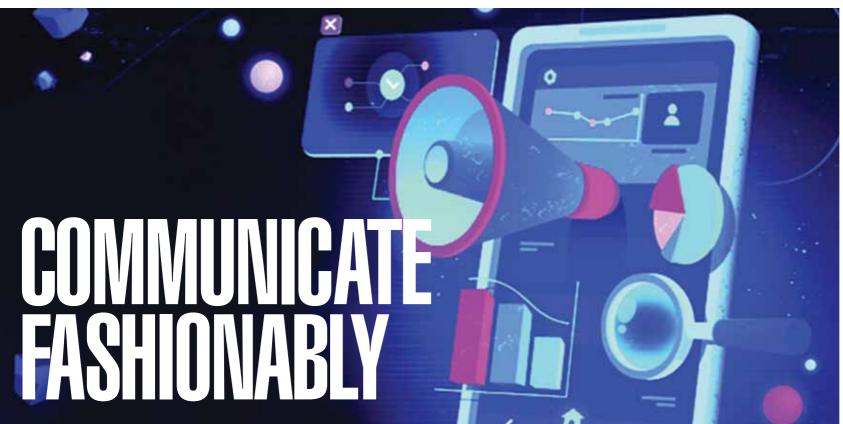
The Department of Automobile Engineering under the School of Mechanical Engineering at SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mahindra and Mahindra, Mahindra Research Valley, Mahindra World City,

The key highlights of this MoU are, FIIP - Faculty Industry



Pneumatics Technologies", Immersion Programme for SRMIST Faculty members; usage Mechatronics and Wind Tunnel facility for M&M's Mahindra of SRM - BRIN Centre, Centre of Excellence in Automation Research Valley ("MRV") engi-Technologies on "Hydraulics and neers and experimental study;

tures to SRM Students and SRM Faculties to deliver trainings to MRV engineers, in turn, based on need; M&;M to offer internship to SRM Students, at MRV, without any payments; Submission of joint R&D proposals to Government; Industry visit for SRM students at MRV; and any other collaborations as the parties may mutually agree on from time to time. Dr Shankar M Venugopal elaborated the broad areas of research done at the valley.



Marketers are using digital tools like search advertising, email marketing and search engine marketing to build brand awareness and recall, says DR SUNITA GUPTA KONWAR

→ ashion marketing is where → fashion and business intersect to build awareness of brands' core philosophy and products, connect with the target audience, drive sales and boost revenue. Fashion entrepreneurs need to be thoroughly abreast of marketing communication trends and position their brand as the top choice for customers. Unlike other sectors, fashion communication campaigns should be able to achieve their goals and objectives within a short timeline after their launch. Thus, the short cycle is the salient feature of fashion marketing cam-

The fashion industry is highly dynamic, with trends rapidly evolving. The competition is also stiff marked by the entry of several new brands. Here are some marketing communication trends redefining the fashion industry.

The acceleration of digital transformation has reimagined the fashion communication landscape. Marketers are increasingly leveraging digital tools such as search advertising, email marketing, search engine marketing, etc., to build brand awareness and

recall. Nevertheless, mobilefriendly websites, advertisements and landing pages are among the top trends for the fashion industry due to increasing traffic from mobile devices over any other channels.

Mobile marketing provides personalised, location and timesensitive information to customers on the go. Nevertheless, the rise of digital platforms in no way implies the death-knell of traditional marketing. While digital platforms help to boost engagement and reach, traditional media build awareness and recall. Both mediums will co-thrive as fashion brands ramp up their communication strategies to achieve tangi-

The COVID-19 has catalysed digitisation, paving the way for fashion shows to go digital. Designers are collaborating with tech companies to harness computer-aided models to showcase the new collections. A salient feature of these events is the harnessing of innovative technologies like Augmented Reality and Artificial Intelligence to offer curated experiences. For instance,

The penetration of e-commerce, proliferation of emerging technologies and increasing social

media

consumption have prompted marketers to rethink their marketing communication strategies to monetise existing platforms

effectively

The fabric of reality simulated an experience of guests moving down a purple carpet in a futuristic museum toward the exhibition

The hallmark of the show was a 360-degree immersive experience, including a mix of fashion, music and graphics. It also leveraged the power of collaboration among digital experts and designers to produce animated videos.

Technology has also emerged as a panacea to enhance efficiency, ensure cost-effectiveness and maximise Return On INvestment (ROI) ROI on fashion communication campaigns. Technologies like AI help marketers gain insight into behavioural and purchase patterns of their target audience, segment them and customise their strategy accordingly.

Social shopping is among the relatively new fashion marketing trends. Fashion brands are linking their social media handles with their websites to enable viewers to make a purchase at one click anytime and anywhere.

Fashion bloggers/vloggers help reach out to new markets, increase lead generation and drive

sales for businesses.

Live streaming is another avenue with constant growth. Live streaming videos help fashion brands amplify their reach by enabling netizens to tune in to events from their devices in real-time. The fashion communication strategy should be geared towards establishing their official Livestream channels instead of relying on third-party players, besides YouTube, Instagram Live, Facebook Live, Vimeo Livestream, Streamshark and Ustream are fantastic live streaming platforms.

The penetration of e-commerce, the proliferation of emerging technologies and increasing social media consumption have prompted marketers to rethink their marketing communication strategies to monetise existing platforms more effectively and maximise their ROI from them. Nevertheless, great content with powerful storytelling and emotion will continue to be the key ingredient of successful marketing campaigns.

The writer is course leader, Associate Professor, Fashion Business Management, Indian Institute of Art and Design

'Prepare engineers for digital roles'

The need of the hour is to promote experiential learning in engineering colleges across the country, says NARAYAN MAHADEVAN

A s per the Oxford language dictionary, the word engineer means a person who designs, builds or maintains engines, machines, or structures. Similarly, engineering is the branch of science and technology concerned with the design, building, and use of engines, devices, and facilities. The word had originated to define to describe the people behind structural or building marvels. However, over the period of time, the definition of engineer has expanded.

Today, we have several fields of engineering - ranging from civil to mechanical, electrical and software. With rapid digitalisation in every area, it is vital to prepare future engineers from every engineering field for digital roles. In India the engineering curriculums are limited to theories, rot learning, and getting high scores, none of which is beneficial in getting the jobs rather they have only limited the job prospects of engineering graduates.

The need of the hour is to promote experiential learning in engineering colleges across India. Companies nowadays look for employees that are innovative and experimental with their roles. Due to the lack of practical knowledge, engineers in India are not suitable for the available job profiles. One of the reasons that India has left behind in leading the tech innovation despite producing such a large number of engineers is that being experimental is not encouraged, new ideas are not given the space to grow in engineering institutes.

Apart from changing the curriculum, making the Indian engineers ready for future technologies is upskilling them and providing them with the required training. Engineering institutes need to encourage problem-solving and critical thinking skills by shifting the base to project-based education. Here are some of the other ways that can be adopted to make future Indian engineers tech-

Most engineers go for boot camps during their college. There are often instances of engineering graduates learning more at boot camps and internships than during their course of the degree. It is the reason why some



Narayan Mahadevan Founder, BridgeLabz

companies prefer CVs that have boot camps experience on it because it means better skilled. Hence, encouraging more boot camps for engineers is another way to go.

When it comes to building and nurturing talent, it is not the sole responsibility of engineering institutes. Companies need to come forward with opportunities where students can learn the process of, for instance, building applications from beginning to end. It will expose them to the process of coming up with an idea, designing it and project management, among other parts of the journey of making a techpased product. Hence, introducing young engineers to IT labs is one way make them a better workforce.

For engineers of tomorrow, the change has to come from within in the whole education and training process. In a nutshell, the way terms engineering and engineer have become inclusive of other fields, and it is vital for these fields themselves to become inclusive of technological advancements for a better future. India has given CEOs to tech giants like Google and Facebook. It's time we start engineering products of the level that cater for the world markets across fields.

aw governs the universe and every discipline contains the element of law within its sphere.By its very nature law is dynamic and progressive suiting to the needs of the society. By the term 'Law', we mean a set of rules specified for a given area which regulates the conduct of humans and prepares the people kind to meet the future

Interestingly, law is omnipresent as its presence is found in every field of study, namely, medical, engineering, media, management, chartered accountancy sociology, economics, geography, political science, psychology,

anthropology, philosophy, history, cultural and religious studies and so on and so forth. For instance, under the ambit of medical studies, one studies subjects like medical jurisprudence, forensic science and laws relating to negligence. One gets acquainted with Intellectual Property Rights Law, Cyber Laws, Information and Technology Laws and Telecommunication Laws, to name a few. In the field of mass media, various media related laws are covered like Prasar Bharti Act. 1990. Cable Networks Act. 1995. Press Council of India Act. 1978, relevant constitutional provisions and Right to Information Act, 2005. The

study in Management and Chartered Accountancy too remains incomplete without the study of business and

The Central Board of Secondary Education made an incredible move by introducing legal studies as a subject from Class XI onwards in schools in 2013. The study of law helps an individual to understand his rights and duties. In India, law degrees are conferred as per the

provisions of the Advocates Act, 1961. The study of law assumes tremendous importance as lawyers are considered to be

above all social entrepreneurs. Dissemination of quality legal education signifies the grooming of budding lawyers in the proper environment resulting in the right conditioning of their minds to serve the

Since change is the only constant in

law, therefore the concept of continuing legal education has been introduced in India in the recent past so that the lawyers keep themselves abreast with the latest development in the field of law.

The progressive efforts for providing continuing legal education to the lawyers must be made by various law schools/ universities, courts, commissions, law firms, ministries and various NGOs which are working for improvising the quality of legal education in India. The popular methods employed in continuing legal education encompass participation in seminars/ webinars, workshops, colloquiums and

conferences, writing research papers/articles and providing pro bono legal services and

Study of law is not only the learning of legal provisions but also training of mind to analyse and interpret legal provisions and suggest changes suiting needs of the time and society. To conclude, the study of law by every section of society certainly results into the expansion of legal awareness, raising one's consciousness and promoting a sense

of well-being for one and all in the society. The writer is Dr Daksha Sharma Assistant Professor of Law, School of Law, Bennett University



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WHITE LIGHT EMITTER FOR LEDS

he Indian Institute of Technology Madras Researchers have developed a white light emitter for use in LEDs. The development of energy-efficient Light Emitting Diodes or LEDs replaced the energy-inefficient incandescent lamps in lighting and display

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applications While LEDs have been available in almost all colours, white LEDs are a more recent

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green, and red LEDs, have beer used to produce white light. There has been a worldwide search for materials that can directly emit white light rather than through these indirect techniques that can cause loss of efficiency.

The innovation has been patented by the Researchers and was recently granted the Technology Translation Award. The Science and Engineering Research Board provides financial assistance to researchers, academic institutions, research and development laboratories, industrial concerns, and other agencies. The team proposes to use the grant money of ₹30 lakh to produce LEDs using their distorted perovskite materials.

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he Pearson VUE, the global leader in computer-based testing has announced the launch of a new engineering

The entrance exam for engineering is a first-of-its-kind product, aimed specifically at engineering students during the important university admissions The first exam was

launched in December 2020 as a general aptitude test for all undergraduate courses.

Building off the successful market entry of this exam, Pearson VUE is now starting to offer tailored exam content for specialist subjects

LSAT-INDIA 2022 IN TWO CYCLES NOW

he Law School Admission Council (LSAC) has announced plans to administer the LSAT-India 2022 in two cycles using the online proctored format that will allow law school aspirants to take the test safely, from the convenience of their own homes.

The first administration of the test will be conducted on January 15, 2022 and the second administration

would be over a five-day period, starting May 9, 2022 to accommodate the larger number of

anticipated test takers. Registration are open. In our continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the LSAT-India 2022 will again be administered through an online delivery system with artificial intelligence-assisted remote proctoring to ensure the integrity and validity of

enabled more than 7,600 aspiring law students, as well as law colleges to enjoy an uninterrupted admission cycle despite the extraordinary circumstances of the global health emergency.

The LSAC's Vice President Yusuf Abdul-Kareem explained that two opportunities to appear for the LSAT-India will help aspirants maximise their law college admission process.

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he Times Professional Learning launched their signature programme. DATA JEDI, a comprehensive suite of Data Science, AI, Business Intelligence, Machine and Deep Learning training services to enhance an organisation's data analytical capabilities and create a datadriven culture for achieving desired business outcomes

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he EmpowerYouth.com has now opened up its offerings to students in Rajasthan, after the immense success of their education loans for studies across Punjab and Himachal.

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The organisation has also tied up with PaisaOnline.net to provide fee-financing solutions to

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Loans up to ₹10 lakh will be provided under interest-free scheme to the students for college education in EmpowerYouth.com partner institutions. Loans in non-partner institutions will be provided at very low rates of interest.

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Srikanth, Sameer too advance at Denmark Open

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Returning to action after a break, double Olympic medallist P V Sindhu saw off Turkey's Neslihan Yigit in straight games to join compatriots Kidambi Srikanth and Sameer Verma in the second round of the Denmark Open here on Tuesday.

Sindhu, the reigning world champion, took 30 minutes to get across Yigit, ranked 29th, 21-12 21-10 in her women's singles opener of the BWF World Tour Super 1000 tournament.

The fourth seeded Indian, who had skipped the Sudirman Cup and Uber Cup Final after the Tokyo Olympics, will next face Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungphan.

Former champion Srikanth and Sameer also made winning starts to their men's singles campaigns at the USD 850,000 event.

While Srikanth, who had claimed the title in 2017, outsmarted compatriot B Sai Praneeth 21-14 21-11 in 30 minutes, Sameer, ranked 28th, prevailed over Thailand's world no 21 Kunlavut Vitidsarn 21-17 21-14 in a 42minute clash.

World no 14 Srikanth will meet world no 1 and top seeded Japanese Kento Momota in the second round, while Sameer is likely to face Denmark's third seed Anders Antonsen in the next round.

Indian men's doubles players, however, had a mixed day in office. While Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty defeated English pair of

Sindhu should prioritise winning All England title, says Padukone

▼ndia ace PV Sindhu is cur-**⊥** rently the best badminton player in the world but she should prioritise winning the All England Championship, which is the only trophy missing from her illustrious cabinet, said the legendary Prakash Padukone on Tuesday. double

Sindhu, Olympic medallist and the reigning world champion, has won medals in almost all big-ticket events but the All England trophy has eluded her so far.

Padukone, India's first All England champion, said Sindhu should plan her schedule in such a way that she is in the best possible shape for winning the prestigious title.

world no 17 pair of Ben Lane

and Sean Vendy 21-19 21-15

to make a positive start to

Sumeeth Reddy lost 18-21

11-21 to Malaysia's Goh Sze

Fei and Nur Izzuddin in the

opening round to bow out of

World no 7 Sindhu, who had claimed a bronze at Tokyo

Games to go with her Rio sil-

But Manu Attri and B

their campaign.

the competition.

Callum Hemming and Steven Stallwood 23-21 21-15 in their ver medal, hardly broke any sweat during her opening opener, MR Arjun and Dhruv contest against Yigit. Kapila stunned England's

"If I was in her (Sindhu's)

place, I would do that (pri-

oritise the tournament). That

is one title, which is missing

from her ... otherwise I think

she has done a fantastic job,"

Padukone said after launch-

ing the PSM Badminton

Coaching Programme at the National Sports Club of

"...probably she is the best badminton player, she has won everything: Olympics, World

Championship, five medals. All England is one which is not in her (winners list trophies)," he told reporters

first Indian woman to claim

two Olympic medals when

she won the bronze at Tokyo

Games to go with her silver

at Rio five years ago.

Sindhu had become the

here on Tuesday.

The Indian was up 5-4 and then kept moving ahead to comfortably pocket the opening game.

The second game was no different as Sindhu erased a 1-3 deficit to grab a 10-4 lead. Yigit made it 9-10 before the Indian held a two-point advantage at the break.

After the interval, it was a one-way traffic as Sindhu sealed the contest without Inch closer to Super 12s

PTI ■ AL AMERAT (OMAN),

ichie Berrington slammed a stroke-Rilled 70 while Josh Davey snapped four wickets as Scotland inched closer to the Super 12s with a comfortable 17-run win over Papua New Guinea in their Group B match of the ICC T20 World Cup on Tuesday.
Scotland grabbed the top position in

Group B with two wins having shocked Bangladesh in their opening game. Berrington put on 92 runs off 65 balls with Matthew Cross (45) before adding another 33 with Calum MacLeod (10) as Scotland posted a challenging 165 for 9 after opting to bat.

Kyle Coetzer's men then produced a splendid bowling effort to skittle out PNG for 148 in 19.3 overs with Davey (4/18) emerging as the standout bowler.

PNG thus made an early exit to their maiden campaign at the T20 World Cup following the second successive loss. They had lost to Oman by 10 wickets in their tournament

their batters to fire but they couldn't get any momentum and were soon reduced to 35 for 5 in 6 overs. Norman Vanua (47) and Kiplin

Doriga (18) then fought back adding 53 off 29 balls to raise hopes but Watt broke the partnership dismissing the latter in the

17th over. Davey then returned remove Vanua to dash PNG's slim MORLD CUP hopes of a maid-

Earlier, Berrington slammed three sixes along with six hits to the fence during his 49-ball stay to set the foundation for a big score but PNG put brakes in the last three overs, conceding only 19 runs and taking six wickets in the process.

Kabua Morea (4/31) and Chad Soper (3/24) were the most successful bowlers

Goerge Munsey smashed three fours to give Scotland a flying start but Morea castled skipper Coetzer at the other end in the third over to deal the first blow.

Munsey too perished soon while trying to muscle a delivery from Soper as Scotland slipped to 26 for 2 in 3.4 overs.

T20 World Cup: Bangladesh win toss, opt to bat against Oman

IANS AL AMERAT

 $B_{\text{Mahmudullah}}^{\text{angladesh}} \ \, \substack{\text{captain} \\ \text{won the}}$ toss and opted to bat against Oman in the 6th match of ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 at the Al Amerat Cricket Ground, here on Tuesday.

Bangladesh, who suffered a shocking six-run defeat to Scotland in the last game, made one change in their team as Mohammad Naim came in place of Soumya

Sarkar.

"Going to have a bat, put some runs on the board and try to defend it. Dew is a factor and it's been in our consideration. But we'd like to have

a good total on the board. Batting wise we didn't build enough partnerships. Today's another opportunity," said Mahmudullah at the toss.

On the other hand, Oman, who won their last match against PNG, also made one

change, replacing Khawar Ali with Fayyaz Butt for this game.

"Happy to bowl. Just one thing — have to keep them to a low total. We have pressure from the first game, not this game," said Oman skipper Zeeshan Maqsood at the toss.

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DOUBTING WARNER AN ABSOLUTE NO-NO: MAXWELL

Abu Dhabi: Doubting David Warner "is an absolute no-no," says Australia all-rounder Glenn Maxwell who is confident that the out-of-form opener will turn things around in the T20 $\,$ World Cup. Warner has been woefully out-of-form with his IPL franchise Sunrisers Hyderabad removing him from captaincy in May before dropping him from the playing XI for the second time this year during the second leg. He scored 0 and 2 in the two games he played for Sunrisers in the UAE which was followed by a first-ball duck for Australia in the warm up match against New Zealand on Monday. "If you ever doubt Davey, it's an absolute no-no," Maxwell was quoted a saying by 'ESPNCricinfo." You know he's going to turn it around. He's a superstar of all three formats. He's made so many runs. He's going to go down as one of the greats of the game." Warner heads into the World Cup having not played an international match in the shortest format for over a year but despite that he has the backing of his teammates including white-ball skipper Aaron Finch.

LOVE HAVING DHONI IN DRESSING ROOM AS HE BRINGS SENSE OF CALM: KL RAHUL

Dubai: Picking Mahendra Singh Dhoni's brain is on KL Rahul's checklist for the next few weeks as he wants to utilise every bit of advice from Team India's mentor, who, according to the opener, always instils a sense of calm into the dressing room. Rahul, who is all set to open with Rohit Sharma in the T20 World Cup where India will start against Pakistan on Sunday, said that there couldn't have been a better "mentor" than Dhoni in what promises to be a tough journey. "Obviously, MS Dhoni (being) back with the team feels amazing because we have played under him and we have looked towards him as a mentor even when he was our captain," Rahul, who scored a fine half-century in the warm-up game against England, said during a Clubhouse session on 10 years of Red Bull Campus Cricket.

WILL PROBABLY BOWL IN NEXT WARM-UP MATCH AGAINST INDIA, SAYS STOINIS

Dubai: Australia all-rounder Marcus Stoinis has said that his hamstring is on the path of recovery and he will probably bowl in the next warm-up match against India on Wednesday. Stoinis, who opted out of Australia's T20 tours of the West Indies and Bangladesh, suffered an untimely hamstring injury in the IPL 2021. He spent three weeks on the sidelines, returning as a batter in Delĥi Capital's season-ending loss to Kolkata in the playoffs. The all-rounder scored 28 from 23 balls in Australia's three-wicket win over New Zealand on Monday in a warm-up match in Abu Dhabi, but he didn't bowl. "The hammy is good and it's tracking pretty well. It feels like it's on the right track and it's ready to go. I'll probably bowl in that next game," Stoinis was quoted as saying by cricket.com.au.

Harbhajan Singh, Javagal Srinath awarded MCC life membership



PTI ■ LONDON

India's Harbhajan Singh and Javagal Srinath were on Tuesday awarded life membership of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), joining 16 other cricketers who were given the honour this year. The MCC, based at Lord's, is the custodian of cricket laws. Harbhajan and Srinath both enjoyed fine international careers. Harbhajan is India's

missals in 103 Tests and more than 700 plus international wickets across formats. Srinath, currently an ICC Elite Panel Match Referee, is one of the greatest fast bowlers with 315 ODI wickets and 236 Test victims. "Eight of the 12 Test-playing nations are represented within this year's list, which includes some of the most recognisable names in the modern game," said the MČC in a statement.

England's leading Test run-scorer Alastair Cook, is joined by fellow countrymen Ian Bell and Marcus Trescothick, totalling more than 39,000 international runs between them.

A fourth England star, Sarah Taylor, returned to the field this year, appearing in the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy, Charlotte Edwards Cup and The Hundred, and is recognised as one of the finest wicket-keepers of her generation.

World Snooker Qualifiers: Pankaj Advani shines with 121-point effort Hardik, not bowling will not impact

Lcueist, Pankaj Advani (PSPB) neatly constructed a brilliant 121 points effort as he rallied splendidly from the loss of the opening two frames to prevail over Dhvaj Haria (PSPB) 4-2 and record his fourth successive win in the Men's 'Y' Camp (1st leg) round-robin league matches of the World Snooker Qualifiers, a BSFI National Selection Tournament on Tuesday.

The 36-year-old India No. 2 Advani, started hesitantly



cool and calculated Advani, winner of multiple World titles, showed his class as he turned on the magic in compiling a stupendous run which drew loud cheers and applause from the goodly crowds as he went on to win the third frame and get back into the match

That three-figure break, the highest break so far in the competition, seemed to have knocked the fight out of Haria as the Bengaluru-based Advani went on to comfort69-03 and 72-17 win.

On Monday night, Advani had defeated Pushpender Singh (RSPB) 4-1 (68(51)-34, 86-01, 00-86(86), 120(84)-11, 61-25) win, the organisers informed in a release on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, National champions Aditya Mehta (Men) and Vidya Pillai (Women) both suffered setbacks. The 35-year-old Mehta (PSPB) came lost to Dhvaj Haria (PSPB) who played steadily to clinch a 4-2 (13-87,

and the left-handed Dhvaj able win the next three frames 79-39, 44-55, 82-00, 67-01, cashed on the opportunities to complete a satisfying 29-74, 71-36) victory late on IANS ■ NEW DELHI regained his winning form and with breaks of 83 (2nd frame), 72 (4th), and 56 (5th) defeated Pushpender Singh (RSPB) 4-1 (55-19, 98(83)-00, 56-65(46), 129(72)-00 and 69(56)-33) to keep his qualifying hopes alive.

India's chances, feels Kapil Dev

egendary cricketer Kapil Dev Legendary cricketti Maria Lander Land Hardik Pandya not bowling will not impact Team India's chances at the ICC T20 World Cup. However, he added that it will affect the "combination and the options" for Virat Kohli.

in India's warm-up match against England, which the Men-in-Blue won on Monday. Kohli used five full-time bowling options and they conceded 188 runs. Hardik (12* off 10 balls) played as a specialist batsman. "An all-rounder always

Kapil's comments came after makes a massive difference to a not impact India's chances, but it will make a difference in terms of Kohli's options. If an allrounder is available for both, it enhances the captain's ability to rotate bowlers and gives him the extra option to fall back on,"

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New Delhi: Former BCCI president and India Cements Ltd (ICL) vice-chairman N Srinivasan has showered praise on Chennai Super Kings' captain MS Dhoni, saying "there is no CSK without Dhoni". Just to refresh the reader's mind, ICL owned the CSK from the start of IPL in 2008 till 2014, when the ownership was transferred to Chennai Super Kings Cricket Ltd, a subsidiary of ICL. The Super Kings are the IPL 2021 champion for the fourth time, thanks to Dhoni's leadership.

SINGLES

FRED GOODALL, UMPIRE IN STORMY WINDIES SERIES, NO MORE Welington: New Zealand cricket umpire Fred Goodall, who was at the center of a famously ill-tempered test series between New Zealand and the West Indies in 1980, has died. He was 83. His death was announced Tuesday by New Zealand Cricket, which did not specify a cause. Goodall stood in 24 test matches and 15 one-day internationals between 1965 and 1988. He is best remembered in cricket for his part in the contentious second test at Lancaster Park, Christchurch in February 1980, when he was barged by West Indies fast bowler Colin Croft.

IN-FORM AMANDEEP EYE GOOD OUTING AT 11TH LEG OF HERO WPGT

Panchkula: In-form Amandeep Drall will look to continue her impressive run when she competes at the 11th leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at the Panchkula Golf Club beginning on Wednesday. The Kapurthala golfer, who has gained a lot of confidence with a string of events in Europe, was in excellent form in the 10th leg where she was a runaway winner and closed the week with a ladies course record 7-under 65 on the last day. Two other players showing a lot of confidence on their return from the European sojourn are Vani Kapoor and Gaurika Bishnoi, who are also in the field.

THERE IS NO CSK WITHOUT DHONI, SAYS N SRINIVASAN

SAFF Championships title not a 'special success'

Aim is to qualify for 2023 Asian Cup: Coach

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India winning the SAFF **▲**Championships for an eighth time is not a "special success" as the country is dominant in the South Asian region and the bigger aim is to do well in the 2023 Asian Cup qualification, national football team head coach Igor Stimac said on Wednesday. India won the regional tournament after beating Nepal 3-0 in the final in Male on Saturday to hand Stimac his first trophy as in-charge of the team.

"I don't consider it (the SAFF title) as a special success because it is normal that India wins when it goes to SAFF but it demonstrates that we are very dominant in this competition and we can progress in our game a lot more," Stimac said at a

virtual interaction. He, however, admitted that his team was under a lot of "result pressure" after drawing Bangladesh (1-1) and Sri Lanka (0-0) in the first two round-robin league matches.

The results had put India in danger of going out of reckoning for the final. India then beat Nepal 1-0 and hosts Maldives 3-1 in must-win matches before outplaying

the Himalayan country 3-0 in the summit clash to stamp their author-"It was obviously a difficult sit-

uation we found after the first two matches but they looked bad only because of the results. There was no big difference in approach, the numbers and statistics, we had enough shoots, scoring chances, movement and energy by players.
"We scored sometimes and did-

n't score sometimes and that made the difference. So, we had a lot of results pressure on our shoulders but we dealt with it the way it should be and in the end we won the trophy which was really important." Stimac was speaking from Bengaluru after his return from Maldives and he is leaving for Dubai Tuesday night with the U-23 national team, which he has taken charge of for the 2022 Asian U-23 Championships

> October 25 to 31. The Croatian gaffer said that the side's aim is to make it to the 2023 Asian Cup for which the qualification third round is set to early February next

qualifiers in the UAE from

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