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Nitish blows bugle for 2024 LS poll combat

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NEW DELHI

A mid buzz that he could be projected as the Opposition's Prime Ministerial candidate in 2024, Nitish Kumar, who was on Wednesday sworn in for the eighth time as Chief Minister of Bihar, asserted that the BJP-led NDA Government at the Centre should now "worry" about its prospects in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

Talking to media persons after after being administered the oath of office by Governor Phagu Chauhan, Kumar said, "Those who came to power in 2014 should now worry if they will be there after 2024." Nitish was responding to a question: Will he continue to be with the Mahagathbandhan till the 2025 Bihar Assembly polls or make another U-turn.

"They should worry about themselves. I think they will surely not be there after 2014," he said. Later in his more elaborate comment he talked about 2024, realising that 2014 was a slip of tongue.

Kumar also rubbished the BJP's claim that the new Government will not last its full term, and said his former ally "will be back where they were after the 2015 Assembly polls".

Kumar was sworn in besides RJD's Tejashwi Yadav, who is likely to be designated as his deputy. Sources in the seven-party ruling coalition said a Cabinet expansion would



Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar with his deputy Tejashwi Yadav during their swearing-in ceremony at the Raj Bhavan, in Patna, on Wednesday

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take place later.

Kumar is likely to retain the all-important Home portfolio, while the RJD may get most of the departments that were previously with the BJP, a highly-placed source said, adding an

in-principle agreement has been reached about the composition of the new Cabinet, which is likely to have 35 members or more drawn from Kumar's JD(U), the RJD, the Hindustani Awam Morcha

and the Congress.

Euphoric scenes were witnessed outside the Raj Bhavan and residences of Kumar and Yadav, as hundreds of supporters of the JD(U) and the RJD celebrated beating drums,

bursting crackers and distributing laddus (sweetmeats).

Leaders of the BJP, which is the second largest party in the Assembly with 77 MLAs, were conspicuous by their absence at the swearing-in ceremony that took place inside the Raj Bhavan.

Kumar's virtual challenge to Prime Minister Modi for the 2024 combat came amid speculation that he may join the race to be projected as the joint Opposition's candidate to take on Modi in next general elections.

While he himself denied harbouring any such ambition, Opposition leaders have hailed his decision to break ties with the BJP even as newly-elected TMC member of Lok Sabha Shatrughan Sinha has said Kumar along with West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will be in the "front row" of the Opposition camp to end the "Modi raj" in the country in the 2024 election.

Talking to reporters in Patna, Sinha said the JD(U) leader has given the BJP a dose of its own medicine after it dislodged Governments of Opposition parties in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

"Due to his bold decision, Kumar today stands in the front row in the Opposition camp along with Mamata and others to lead the downfall of 'Modi raj' in the next Parliamentary election," he said.

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No limit on domestic airfare from August 31

Call taken after careful analysis of daily demand and ATF prices, says Minister

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After 27 months, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has decided to do away with the airfare cap imposed on domestic airlines in 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic. The airfare caps would be removed from August 31, the Civil Aviation Ministry said on Wednesday, lifting restrictions on ticket prices.

The decision to remove the airfare cap from the domestic flights will bring relief to airlines. The decision will allow the airlines to price tickets freely.

In an order issued on Wednesday, the Ministry said, "After review of the current status of scheduled domestic operations viz-a-viz passenger demand for air travel...it has been decided to remove the fare bands notified from time to time regarding the airfares with effect from August 31, 2022."

On May 25, 2020, the Government regulated fares by imposing a minimum and maximum band based on the flight's duration to prevent ticket prices from spiking due to pent-up demand arising



from an easing of restrictions on air travel.

The lower caps were there to protect the financially weaker airlines and the upper caps to protect passengers from high fares.

The airlines and airport operators must, however, ensure that the guidelines to contain the spread of Covid-19 are strictly adhered to and Covid-appropriate behaviour is strictly enforced by them during travel, it added.

Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said on Twitter, "The decision to remove airfare caps has been taken after careful analysis of daily demand and prices of air turbine fuel (ATF).

Stabilisation has set in and we are certain that the sector is poised for growth in domestic traffic in the near future."

ATF prices have been coming down during the last few weeks after jumping to record levels, primarily due to the Russia-Ukraine war that began on February 24. On August 1, the price of ATF in Delhi was ₹1.21 lakh per kilo-litre, which was around 14 per cent lower than last month.

As per the limit imposed by the Government, airlines currently cannot charge a passenger less than ₹2,900 (excluding GST) and more than ₹8,800 (excluding GST) for domestic flights of less than 40 minutes.

Nitish wanted to be VP: BJP; JD(U) trashes claim



BJP MP Sushil Kumar Modi addresses a press conference at the party office, in Patna on Wednesday

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A day after the exit of Janta Dal United (JDU) from the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), BJP leader Sushil Kumar Modi on Wednesday claimed that Nitish Kumar's party wanted him to become Vice-President of India, a claim dismissed by the JD(U) as "white lies."

"Some JD(U) people had

come to say 'Nitish Kumar the Vice President and the BJP should rule in Bihar,' the BJP Rajya Sabha member said at a Press conference just before Kumar took oath as Bihar Chief Minister for a record eighth time.

JD(U) national president Rajiv Ranjan 'Lalan' Singh who also held his presser in Patna squarely dismissed Sushil's allegations.

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SC grants bail to Varavara Rao on medical grounds in Bhima case

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The Supreme Court on Wednesday granted bail on medical grounds to Maoist ideologue and poet P Varavara Rao in the Bhima Koregaon case. A bench headed by Justice UU Lalit observed that the medical condition of the 82-year-old Rao, who is currently out on interim bail on health grounds, has not improved to such an extent that the relief granted earlier to him be withdrawn.

The top court noted that though the chargesheet in the case has been filed, some of the accused have not been apprehended yet and the matter has not been taken up for framing of charges against the accused. The bench, also comprising Justices Aniruddha Bose and Sudhanshu Dhulia, observed that various applications preferred by the accused seeking discharge are still pending consideration.

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SC shifts FIRs against Nupur to Delhi Police over threat to her life

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NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday directed clubbing and transfer of all present and future FIRs lodged across the country against suspended BJP spokeswoman Nupur Sharma to the Delhi Police in connection with her remark on Prophet Mohammed made during a TV debate.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and JB Pardiwala also extended the interim protection from any coercive action to her till the probe is concluded by the Intelligence Fusion & Strategic Operations (IFSO) of the Delhi Police.

The apex court said Delhi Police's IFSO shall be at liberty to take assistance from other police forces to take the case to a logical end.

"Since this court has already taken cognizance of the serious threat to life and secu-



rity of the petitioner (Sharma), we direct that all FIRs against Nupur Sharma be transferred and clubbed for the investigation to the Delhi Police.

"In particular facts and circumstances, we clarify and deem it appropriate that the investigation is carried out by the Delhi Police. The petitioner shall be at liberty to pursue her rights and remedies by approaching the Delhi High Court for quashing the current and future FIRs," the bench said.

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'Black magic' can't end your bad days, Modi taunts Cong

PTI ■ PANIPAT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday launched a fresh broadside against the Congress, terming its "black cloth" protest against price rise as "black magic" that will not be able to win them the confidence of people again.

After dedicating to the nation the ₹900 crore-second generation ethanol plant at Panipat, Modi also said freebies are a spoke in India's effort to become self-reliant and also a burden on taxpayers.

Without naming the Congress, he said some people out of frustration resorted to black magic on August 5. "On August 5, we saw how some people tried to spread 'black magic'. These people think that by wearing black clothes they can end their despondency. But they do not know that by engaging in witchcraft, black magic and superstition, they

cannot earn the trust of people again," Modi said.

The Congress protested against price rise by wearing black clothes in Parliament and outside as part of a nationwide protest on August 5.

"Some people think wearing black clothes can ward off their pessimism and negativity but they don't know that they can resort to any such tactics but can't win back people's confidence," he said.

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Jumlajeevi making pointless issue: Cong

New Delhi: The Congress on Wednesday hit back at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his "kala jadu" remark, saying while the country wants him to talk about their problems, "jumlajeevi" keeps on saying anything.

CAPSULE

TWO-FOLD RISE IN COVID DEATHS IN AUG IN DELHI

New Delhi: Delhi has recorded 32 deaths due to Covid-19 so far in August, an over two-fold rise as against the last 10 days of July when 14 people succumbed to the viral disease, according to official data.

UU LALIT 2ND CJI FROM BAR TO BENCH DIRECTLY

New Delhi: Justice Uday Umesh Lalit, who was on Wednesday appointed as the 49th Chief Justice of India (CJI) after President Droupadi Murmu signed his warrant of appointment, will become the second head of the Indian judiciary to be directly elevated to the Supreme Court bench from the Bar.

28 YEARS AFTER RAPE, VICTIM GETS JUSTICE

Shahjahanpur: A child born out of rape has helped his mother get justice, 28 years after the crime. Police put one of the alleged rapists behind bars last week and the other on Wednesday. Police said a DNA reported nailed the criminals — two brothers who had fled to Hyderabad after the investigation in the rape case began.

EC refuses to be on SC-proposed multi-member panel on freebies

Not proper for Constitutional body to be part of ministerial committee, reasons poll panel

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The Election Commission of India has refused to be on an expert panel proposed by the Supreme Court to examine the issues of promise of "freebies" by political parties during elections. The EC has argued that since it was a Constitutional body, it may not be proper for it to join any such panel.

"It may not be appropriate for the commission, being the



Constitutional authority, to offer to be part of the expert committee especially if there are Ministries or Government bodies in the expert body. Further there are continuous elections in the country and any opinion/view / comment during deliberations in a multi-member body might, in the event of being publicised, amount to pre-deciding the

issue and disturb the level playing field," the EC has told the Supreme Court in a reply.

"The answering respondent respectfully submits that it will be greatly benefitted by the recommendations of the expert body that the court may deem appropriate to set up and commits to give its highest consideration to the same, while strengthening/modifying its existing guidelines in the interest of purity of electoral process. The answering respondent respectfully further submits that it would abide by any direction which this court considers appropriate to pass," the affidavit states, the EC added.

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Gun salute with desi Howitzer on I-Day

Mortuary workers, mudra scheme borrowers special invitees on I-Day

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For the first time, an indigenously designed and manufactured Howitzer gun will be used for ceremonial gun salute during the Independence Day here to showcase capabilities of the Indian defence industry.

Also, people from different walks of life like mortuary workers, mudra scheme borrowers and anganwadi workers will be special invitees for the event at the Red Fort.

Besides these novel additions, National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets, wearing traditional and local dresses, will form the gathering when Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the nation on Monday, Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar said here on Wednesday.

Giving details of the new features of the Independence Day celebrations at the Red Fort this year, he said an indigenously made Howitzer will be used for the ceremonial 21-gun salute. The gun salute entails firing of blanks by the World War II era howitzers of British make till now.

The Howitzer or the Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS) is developed under the Government's "Make in India" initiative by the



Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

The ATAGS will give the ceremonial 21-gun salute along with the British guns which are being traditionally used till now, Kumar said.

The initiative to use the

gun will stand as a testament to India's growing capacity of developing arms and ammunition indigenously. The gun has been especially customised, with certain technical specifications tweaked for the ceremony. The DRDO's Armament Research and Development

Establishment (ARDE), Pune, led by scientists and artillery officers worked on the project to make use of the gun possible for the Independence Day ceremony.

The ATAGS project was started in 2013 by the DRDO to replace older guns in service in the Indian Army with a modern 155mm artillery gun.

This specialised gun system is compatible with C4I systems like the Artillery Combat Command and Control System called Shakti for technical fire control, fire planning, deployment management, operational logistics management of the Indian Army. The ARDE has collaborated with Bharat Forge Limited and Tata Advanced Systems Ltd for the manufacturing of this specialised gun.

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NCR-PULSE

4 MEDICAL LABS INAUGURATED AT DSEU, DWARKA
New Delhi: Four medical laboratories aimed at providing students with an opportunity to learn with the help of new-age equipment were inaugurated on the Dwarka campus of the Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU) on Wednesday. The labs, set up by Metropolis Healthcare under a partnership with the DSEU, are for the students of B.Sc. Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) programme.



DU HOLDS RALLY AS PART OF 'HAR GHAR TIRANGA'
New Delhi: Delhi University students, teachers and officials held a rally in the North Campus area on Wednesday as a part of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign to celebrate 75 years of India's independence. The rally, led by Delhi University Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh, covered a distance of four kilometres. More than 5,000 participants, including teachers and non-teaching staff and students of the varsity, participated in the rally.

NOIDA METRO ACHIEVES NEW RIDERSHIP RECORD
Noida: The Noida-Greater Noida metro has achieved new single-day ridership record -- 40,295 passengers, the highest since it started operations in January 2019, officials said. The feat was achieved on August 8, the second Monday of the month. "On Monday, 40,295 passengers travelled on the Aqua Line. The second highest single-day ridership so far was 39,451 on September 19, 2019," NMRC's managing director Ritu Maheshwari said.

5 BQS TO BE GIVEN TIRANGA THEME BY NDMC
New Delhi: The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) on Wednesday started an exercise under which five bus-queue-shelters (BQS) in its area will be given a makeover with the tricolour theme. The NDMC will give a makeover to its five BQS, -- two on the Sardar Patel Marg and three around India Gate. This is announced by NDMC vice chairman Satish Upadhyay on Wednesday.

SC grants bail to...

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"The medical condition of the appellant (Rao) has not improved to such an extent over a period of time that the facility of bail which was granted earlier be withdrawn," the bench said. "Considering the totality of circumstances, in our view, the appellant is entitled to the relief of bail on medical grounds," it said.

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Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended 30 June 2022
INR in thousands

Particulars	Quarter ended 30 June 2022 (Unaudited) (refer note 7)	Quarter ended 30 June 2021 (Unaudited) (refer note 7)	Quarter ended 31 March 2022 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31 March 2022 Audited
Total Income from Operations	5,22,256	-	4,41,559	9,53,769
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1,59,882	5,955	41,535	1,27,701
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1,59,882	5,955	41,535	1,27,701
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1,19,459	1,240	54,262	1,30,383
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	1,19,459	1,240	54,262	1,30,383
Paid up Equity Share Capital	29,594	1,52,967	29,594	29,594
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	26,26,246	23,77,644	25,06,790	25,06,790
Net worth**	26,55,840	25,30,611	25,36,384	25,36,384
Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt*	100,20,000	-	100,20,000	100,20,000
Debt Equity Ratio *	3.00	-	3.00	3.00
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)				
1. Basic :	40.37	0.42	18.34	44.06
2. Diluted :	40.37	0.42	18.34	44.06
Debtenture Redemption Reserve *	2,50,958	-	82,431	1,67,611
Debt Service Coverage Ratio *	2.16	-	1.31	1.40
Interest Service Coverage Ratio	3.01	-	(3.71)	1.64

Disclosures pursuant to Regulations 52(4) and 52(7) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

- Credit Rating : CRISIL A
- Change in credit rating : No
- Asset Coverage Ratio* : 162% (31 March, 2022 : 150%)
- Debt Equity ratio : mentioned above
- Debt Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above
- Interest Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above
- Previous due date for the payment of interest/ repayment of principal of non convertible debt securities and whether the same has been paid or not (as on 31 March, 2022).
- Previous due date for the payment of interest : Not due till 31 March, 2022.
- Previous due date for the payment of principal : Not due till 31 March, 2022.
- Next due date for the payment of interest/repayment of principal of non convertible debt securities (as on 30 September, 2022)
- Next due date for the payment of interest: 30 September, 2022
- Next due date for the payment of principal: 30 September 2022
- Outstanding redeemable preference shares (Quantity and Value) : Not Applicable
- Net Worth ** (30 June, 2022 : INR 26,55,839 (31 March, 2022 : INR 25,36,384).
- Net profit after tax : mentioned above
- Earning per share : mentioned above
- Debtenture Redemption Reserve (30 June, 2022) : INR 2,50,958 (31 March, 2022 : INR 1,67,611).
- There are no material deviation in the use of proceeds of issue of Non Convertible Debentures from the objects stated in the offer document (Regulations 52(7)).

Notes :-

- Ratios have been computed as follows :
- Earning per share (Basic & Diluted) = Profit after Tax / Weighted average number of equity shares
- Debt Equity Ratio* = Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders) / Equity (Equity share capital + share premium + quasi equity i.e. Short term borrowing but excluding amortize fees)
- Interest Service Coverage Ratio = Profit before interest, prior period items, tax, extraordinary items and depreciation / (Total Interest Expense)
- Debt Service Coverage Ratio* = ((PAT based on Project Revenues realised (excluding non-cash adjustment, if any) + Depreciation + Interest (Interest, Guarantee Fees, other financing costs payable under Debenture and Project Documents)) / (Interest + Principal Repayment+Guarantee fee)
- Asset Coverage Ratio = (Total Assets) / Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders)
*As per Debenture Trust Deed dated 24 September, 2021.
** Network represents issued subscribed and paid up capital plus reserves and surplus. Reserves and Surplus includes Capital reserve, General reserve, Debenture redemption reserve, Securities premium account and Profit and loss account balance.
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial results filed with the National Stock Exchange (NSE) under regulation 52 of the Listing Regulations. The full format of the quarterly financial results is available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company - <https://renewpower.in/renew-sun-waves/>.
- For the other line items referred in regulation 52(4) of the Listing Regulations, pertinent disclosures have been made to the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and can be accessed on the URL <https://www.nseindia.com/>.
- The company is in the business of development and operation of wind power. There is only one segment (business and/or geographical) in accordance with the requirements of IND AS - 108 'Operating Segments'.
- The above financial results of the Company for the quarter and for the period ended June 30, 2022 have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at the meeting held on August 10, 2022. The statutory auditors of the company have carried out the limited review of the above unaudited financial results of the Company for the quarter ended June 30, 2022.
- The figures of the last quarter are balancing figures between audited figures in respect of the full financial year upto March 31, 2022 and the unaudited published year-to-date figures upto December 31, 2021, being the date of the end of the third quarter of the financial year which were subject to limited review.
- The figures of the quarter ended June 30, 2021 are the unaudited and unreviewed management internal reporting figures . However, management has exercised necessary due diligence to ensure that the financial results for the periods provide a true and fair view of the Company's affairs.

For and on behalf of the
ReNew Sun Waves Private Limited
(Sd./-) **Rahula Kumar Kashyapa**
Managing Director, DIN : 07637489

Place : Gurugram
Date : 10th August, 2022

Woman cries molestation by club bouncer; 6 hurt in fight against its Mins, MLAs

PNS ■ GURUGRAM

A manager of a noted IT company, his friend and four women sustained injuries after they were allegedly beaten up by 8-10 bouncers and 2 Managers at Casa Danza club in the Udyog Vihar phase-2 of Gurugram on the intervening night of Sunday and Monday. According to the complainant, they were attacked with sticks and beaten brutally when one of his female friends allegedly tried to object to a bouncer who had touched her inappropriately and molested her. The video of the incident widely surfaced on several social media platforms in which several bouncers can be seen trashing and beating the victims on the road. The complainant Mayank Chaudhary, a resident of Sector-28 of Gurugram stated in his police complaint that he along with his three female friends had visited Casa Danza club around 2 am on August 7-8 at Udyog Vihar Phase-2. "There I met my other friend Pushpak and his sister outside the club during entry one of the bouncers touch my female friend inappropriately and when she objected few other bouncers came to the spot and called their manager Lokesh and Santosh. My friend then complained to the duo manager about molestation. The managers then ordered the bouncers to beat us and get out all of us from the club," Mayank told the police.

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Following the conviction of Cabinet minister Rakesh Sachan in an over 30-year-old case and issuance of non-bailable warrant against another cabinet minister Sanjay Nishad by the chief judicial magistrate of Gorakhpur, the state government is likely to withdraw the pending cases against the ministers and the ruling party MLAs. A senior minister in the Yogi Adityanath government, however, said there was no proposal to withdraw the cases under serious charges of crime pending against the ministers and MLAs. The minister said information was being collected from districts and the process of withdrawal of cases was underway. The minister said, "Rakesh Sachan is the first minister to be convicted in a criminal case under the Arms Act. He was granted bail by the court and also allowed to file an appeal in the High Court." He said the Bharatiya Janata Party leadership, after considering all the aspects, had decided to retain Rakesh Sachan in the cabinet. The minister added, "All the cases registered against the ministers and MLAs during the previous regime due to political vendetta would soon be withdrawn." According to UP election watchdog, Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR), analysis of affidavits submitted by 45 politicians who were sworn in as ministers in Uttar Pradesh showed that nearly half had declared criminal cases against themselves and most of them face serious charges. According to the ADR report, 22 (49 per cent) ministers have declared criminal cases against themselves and 20 (44 per cent) ministers have declared serious criminal cases against themselves. The ADR defines serious criminal cases as offences for which maximum punishment is five years or more, are non-bailable or an electoral offence. Offences like assault, murder, kidnap, rape, those under the Prevention of Corruption Act and crimes against women are also defined as "serious criminal cases".

Mumbai Metro-III project: Shinde Govt approves cost escalation of ₹10,269 cr

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

A day after its expansion, the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena-BJP alliance Government in Maharashtra on Wednesday approved a cost escalation of Rs 10,269 crore for the Mumbai Metro-3 project -involving Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ corridor. At its first meeting presided over by chief minister Eknath Shinde, the State Cabinet approved an escalation of project cost from Rs 23,136 crore to Rs 33,405 crore. The escalation amounting to Rs 10,269.82 crore amounts to an approximate 44 per cent increase over the original cost of Rs 23,136 crore. Taking cognisance of the escalation in the project costs, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has enhanced the loan for the project from Rs 13,235 crore to Rs 19,924 crore.



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Place: Delhi

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Place: Delhi/ NCR

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Date : August 11, 2022 **Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited**
Place: Delhi/ NCR

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform to all concerned that Mrs Kamla Thappa W/o Late B.N Thappa R/o Flat No.126, Sector-29, Noida G.B. Nagar (U.P) who is the original allottee of Flat No-126, Sector-29, Noida Distt. G.B.Nagar is willing to sell her flat through her registered signing authority, Mr. Anjan Chaudhri (Pan-A-GP3240G, Aghdar No-33089503449) son of Sh. Mevraj Chaudhri, resident of D-6, Sector-31, Noida, hereinafter called the General Attorney. So it is informed to all concern that the said flat is going to be transferred in favour of Sh. Mevraj Chaudhri, S/o Sh. Banshidhar Upadhyay R/o A-4-2201, Saviour Greenside, Crossing Republic, Ghaziabad (U.P)-201016 if anyone has any objection he/she may file his/her objection along with the sufficient proof in the Residential Department of the Noida Authority, within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. **Mr. Anjan Chaudhri**

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the General public that Mr. Ram Prasad Chaurasia S/o Mr. Shiv shanker Prasad is owner of GENERAL REGISTERED GENERAL POWER ATTORNEY of a Property No. B-40, Area measuring 50 Sq. yards, out of Kharsa No. 577, 578, 580, 581 & 589, Situated in the area of Village Binsarpur, Distt known as New Janki Pur, Block-B, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, vide REGISTERED GENERAL POWER ATTORNEY dated 29.11.2005. All persons are hereby informed that Mrs. Priyanka & Mr. Deepak Kumar is purchasing the above-mentioned property from Mr. Mevraj Chaudhri, Chaurasia S/o Mr. Shiv shanker Prasad by way of REGISTERED GENERAL POWER ATTORNEY dated 29.11.2005. The said above mentioned property with FULLERTON INDIA HOME FINANCE COMPANY, General public hereby informed that if anybody has any dispute in relation to the said property or any other dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.
Mrs. Praseon Lata, Advocate, SG Associates (Law Firm) Unit No 7, Sector 2, Noida, UP 201301, E-MAIL: sgassociatespl@gmail.com, Ph: 7011172764, 8130200837

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Praveen Kumar Solanki is the owner of Property Bearing No. RZ-20A, area Measuring 91 Sq. Yds. out of 142 Sq. yds. Out of Kharsa No. 860/637, Situated in the Revenue estate of Village Nasirpur Delhi State (Delhi) in the abadi colony known as Gali No. 25A, Indira Park, Palam Colony New Delhi-110045 by virtue of GPA, ATS and Will dated 3/9/01 executed by Suresh Kumar. All persons having any claim against or in respect of the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance, bequest, partnership, possession, lease, sublease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, pledge, easement or otherwise whatsoever, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned below within 7 days from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned.
Kamal Kant Gupta (Advocate) Shop No. 5 & 6, PNC, CSC, Sector 102, Delhi-110063351

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This is to inform public in general that Kotak Mahindra bank Ltd has organized an auction in below mention respect of Vehicles.
VEHICLES FOR SALE
1) TATA LPT 2518 GOODS REG. NO. UP17AT7230-YOM -2017
UNDER HYPOTHECA WITH M/S KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK IS UNDER SALE IN ITS "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" INTERESTED PARTIES CAN GIVE THEIR QUOTATIONS WITH IN 7 DAYS AT
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The Defence Secretary also said the NCC cadets from all districts of the country have been invited to attend the main event at Red Fort. These cadets will be seated at 'Gyan Path' in front of the Red Fort's ramparts in a geographical formation of the map of India. The cadets will adorn local dresses, symbolising India's cultural diversity, to carry forward the message of 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat', he said.

EC refuses to be on SC-proposed multi...

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During the last hearing on this matter on August 3, the SC had favoured setting up of an expert body consisting of various stakeholders such as Niti Aayog, Finance Commission, Law Commission, Reserve Bank of India, members of ruling and Opposition parties to

Nitish wanted to be VP...

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He said when media reports first speculated that Kumar would likely be the presidential or vice presidential candidate, the JD(U) had clearly denied the possibility of any such thing happening. "They are just making up stories," the JD(U) chief said and mocked Sushil as a leader "abandoned by the roadside" by his own party as a "punishment" for "close relations he had with Kumar". "He has been shunted by the BJP as a punishment for the close relations he shared with Kumar. May such antics bring him some degree of political rehabilitation," Lalan said. At his Press conference in Patna, Sushil, who has known Kumar and RJD chief Lalu Prasad for five decades, also alleged that the JD(U) supreme insulted Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the people of Bihar who had voted for the NDA. The BJP leader, who is also a Rajya Sabha MP, alleged that Kumar will "ditch the RJD and try to split it, taking advantage of RJD boss Prasad's illness".

Nitish blows bugle for 2024...

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On who among Kumar and Mamata could emerge as the Opposition face against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the next Lok Sabha poll, the actor-politician told PTI that the people of the country and leaders of the Opposition parties would decide it at an "appropriate" time. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin said the revival of the grand alliance in Bihar strengthened secular and democratic forces in the country. "The return of the Grand Alliance in Bihar is a timely effort in the unity of secular and democratic forces of the country," he said. The ruling DMK had said on August 9 that its president Stalin's vision to fight the BJP at the national level has gained momentum with Kumar's JD(U) pulling out of the NDA in Bihar. TRS leader K Kavitha, Kavitha, daughter of TRS supreme and Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao, said the development that took place in Bihar politics is a positive change for the whole country because the "era of the backdoor politics" has been countered very well by Kumar. Speaking to reporters here she said Bihar and Nalanda Universities have always shown the way to the world and are now doing the same to the country. "I feel this is apposite change for the whole of the nation because the era of the backdoor politics have been countered very well by Kumar is what I personally believe....This backdoor politics should be one way or the other stopped and Bihar has started the way," she said. NCP Chief Sharad Pawar accused the BJP of finishing off its regional allies gradually, and supported Kumar's decision to snap ties with the BJP. Speaking to reporters in Baramati town of Maharashtra's Pune district, Pawar claimed the BJP was planning how to weaken the Shiv Sena and create a division in the party. "Today, the BJP is planning how the Shiv Sena can be weakened by creating a division in the party, and (present Maharashtra CM) Eknath Shinde and others helped," he said. A similar picture was being seen in Bihar. Kumar, of the JD(U), and the BJP contested the last Assembly elections together, he said. "One more speciality of the BJP is that it joins hands with a regional party at the time of elections, but ensures the ally wins fewer seats. It happened in Maharashtra also," Pawar claimed. When a similar picture was being witnessed in Bihar, the CM of the State got cautious well in advance and took the decision to snap ties with the BJP, he said. "No matter how much BJP leaders criticise Kumar, but he has taken a wise step. He took the decision anticipating the crisis the BJP was planning to bring on. I think he made a wise decision for his state and party," Pawar said.

ACB: Oust Amanatullah as Waqf chief

'Khan's criminal nature intimidating for witnesses and impeding graft probe'

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) has sought the removal of AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan from the post of Delhi Waqf Board Chairman. In a letter to the Lieutenant-Governor's Secretariat, the ACB claimed that Khan's "criminal and bullying nature" was "preventing witnesses from speaking against him" and thus preventing a fair investigation in a corruption case against the leader.

In the letter, SK Gautam, then Special Commissioner of Police (ACB), said the wit-



nesses in the case were afraid of the Legislator due to his "aggressive behaviour" and his position in the Delhi Waqf Board.

The case against him pertains to "financial bungling" in the bank accounts of the Waqf Board, creation of tenancy in Waqf Board properties, "corruption" in purchase of vehicles and "illegal appointment" of 33 people in the Delhi Waqf Board in violation of the service rules, among others, the sources said. "People are afraid of Mr.

Amanatullah Khan because of his bullying nature and past record which is preventing witnesses from making a statement against him freely & fairly. Therefore, fair investigation can't be conducted in this case as long as Mr. Amanatullah Khan continues to hold the office of Chairman of Delhi Waqf Board," the letter read.

"As on date there are 23 criminal cases registered against him. Out of these 23 cases, two case are pending trial, seven cases are pending investigation with various police stations (including one case with CBI).....In view of the above, it is requested that Mr. Amanatullah Khan, may be removed from the Board of Delhi Waqf Board, till the conclusion of investigation in the above said case," the ACB chief wrote.

The ACB letter comes in wake of a report submitted by

the Investigating Officer (IO), which stated that the matter of tenancies, expenditure and bank account signatories is being taken up for gathering supporting evidence. "In the instant case also, Mr. Amanatullah Khan has reportedly misbehaved with the then CEOs of Delhi Waqf Board namely Mr MA Abid and Shamim Akhtar Tamanna.

The witnesses examined are found to be under extreme fear due to the criminal nature and behavior of Mr. Amanatullah Khan. One of the witnesses also alleged that Mr. Amanatullah Khan even got important documents removed from her residence forcibly," the IO's report said.

It has been established that Mr. Amanatullah Khan appointed his four blood relatives (cousins) in Delhi Waqf Board on the basis of walk-in interviews in total disregard to the laid down procedures," the

report said. "Firoz Khan is a resident of the Okhla Assembly constituency represented by Amanatullah Khan and also reportedly a political party worker.

While Firoz Khan is getting a salary of Rs 44,000/- from the Waqf Board, he was nominated by Delhi Government as Member of the Governing body of Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, Sheikh Sarai, and in July 2020, Firoz Khan became the Chairman of the Governing body of Shaheed Bhagat Singh College," it said.

Delhi BJP President Adesh Gupta on Wednesday demanded the dismissal of Amanatullah Khan from his post and said that Delhi knows what kind of leader he is. "He is facing 23 criminal cases and is very special to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. Despite that he was not removed," Gupta said while addressing a press conference.

Integrated transit corridor to decongest Peeragarhi junction on anvil: Govt

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

What will be done in the next 18 months

Construction of 1-lane left turn lane for smooth movement of traffic from Nangloi to Mangolpuri;

Construction of 2-lane Slip Road from Mangolpuri to Punjabi Bagh for South-Left turn;

Construction of 2-lane slip road for westbound left turn from Punjabi Bagh to Vikas Puri;

To make the road signal free, a 6.6 meter wide 2-lane underpass U-turn will be constructed at Chaudhary Balbir Singh Marg;

A 600 meter long, 3 lane flyover will be constructed on both sides of the metro line on Laxmi Narayan Mandir Road near Udyog Nagar Metro Station. The total width of new carriageways will be 20 metres.

Peeragarhi junction will be decongested through improvement of the Peeragarhi Chowk Junction, ROB widening along the Ring Road going towards Mangolpuri, construction of a flyover at Laxmi Narayan Mandir Road, underpass U-turns for the right turning traffic at Chaudhary Balbir Singh Marg and improvement of pedestrian access along with proposed FoBs.

The project to decongest Peeragarhi junction will be carried out in a phased manner and will include construction of road over bridge (RoB), foot over bridge (FoB) and underpasses in the area.

"This junction is a major connecting point between Delhi, Haryana and other States and the load on the road has increased over the years. This project will provide relief to lakhs of commuters from traffic woes at the Peeragarhi junction during peak hours," said Sisodia.

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Sisodia said, "The project to make the Peeragarhi junction traffic jam-free will be completed in one-and-a-half-year. Along with a flyover on the Laxmi Narayan Mandir Road, an underpass U-turn

will be constructed for right turning traffic on Chaudhary Balbir Singh Marg." "The RoB towards Mangolpuri alongside Ring Road will be widened, a new 3-3 lane ROB will be constructed on both sides up to 500 meters. The two FoBs will be constructed on both sides of Rohtak Road near Peeragarhi Chowk to facilitate smooth and safe pedestrian movement," the Delhi Government said in a statement.

Sisodia also directed the PWD officials to complete the project in stipulated time and ensure that no inconvenience is caused to the commuters during construction.

Six rapes in city daily as crimes against women rise by 17%

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The national Capital recorded a 17 per cent rise in crimes against women in the first six-and-half months of this year as compared to the corresponding period last year, with an average of six rapes being reported daily.

According to Delhi Police data, cases of assault on women increased by almost 19 per cent, while instances of cruelty by husband and in-laws rose by 29 per cent during the period.

"Delhi recorded 6,747 cases of crimes against women between January 1 and July 15 in 2021 and the number went up to 7,887 in 2022. Till July 15 this year, the city reported 1,100 rape cases as compared to 1,033 in the same period last year," as per data.

"The cases of assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty have also gone up and a total of 1,480 such cases have been reported. The number was 1,244 last year. Cases

of insult to the modesty of women have marginally gone down from 229 in 2021 to 225 in 2022, the data showed.

"The cases of kidnapping of women increased by around 17 per cent and a total of 2,197 cases of kidnapping of women have been reported this year, 317 more than last year," data further showed.

A total of 2,704 cases of cruelty by husband and in-laws were reported in the national Capital in 2022 and the figure was 2,096 in 2021, it said, adding that 69 cases of dowry deaths and seven under the Dowry Prohibition Act have also been reported.

A senior police officer said awareness among women has increased. Police are regularly sensitising women in colleges, schools and colonies. In most of the rape cases, the accused is known to the victim. Earlier, women were not very aware about laws, but now they are coming forward to report the crimes happening against them, the officer said.

Sisodia demands CBI probe into MCD toll tax scam

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Wednesday wrote to Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena and demanded a CBI probe into the alleged toll tax scam of Rs 6,000 crore in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD). The development comes a day after the AAP levelled allegations against the MCD that it colluded with two toll tax companies and caused a huge loss to the public exchequer.

"I have written to the L-G demanding a CBI probe into the toll tax scam of Rs 6,000 crore in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi. The money collected from 10 lakh commercial vehicles coming to Delhi everyday was embezzled in connivance," Sisodia said in a tweet.

"Drawing your attention towards a huge corruption in Delhi's Municipal corporation, I want to request you to get the CBI probe done into the matter and take strict action against those involved in the corruption. This corruption has led to around Rs 6,000 crore of losses to the MCD," said



Sisodia in the letter in Hindi. Sisodia alleged corruption in the tax collected from the commercial vehicles entering the capital city. Sisodia has asked in the letter that this is a big scam that should immediately be probed by the CBI and strict action should be taken against those involved.

AAP's MCD in-charge and MLA Durgesh Pathak had on Tuesday alleged that there was a large-scale scam in toll tax collection and that it was caused by BJP leaders, who were then in power in MCD, in connivance with two private firms. He had said every day, 10 lakh commercial vehicles come to Delhi and tax was collected from those vehicles but it allegedly did not reach the MCD.

Refuting the allegations as baseless, it was clarified by the MCD that in 2017 the contract

was awarded to a company named MEP Infrastructure Developers Limited for payment of Rs 1,200 crore per annum for a period of five years. After getting the contract, the company stated that it has suffered loss on account of opening of the Eastern Peripheral and Western Peripheral as well as the order of the Hon'ble Court to stop toll collection from the free lane.

The company instead sought compensation for the loss it alleged to have suffered. The MCD held several rounds of meetings to resolve the matter and on failure of the Company to make due payments, it terminated the contract.

The civic body also forfeited the security deposit of MEP Infrastructure Developers Limited. At present, MCD has initiated proceedings for attachment of properties of MEP Infrastructure Developers Limited.

The winding up of the company is pending in NCLAT. All legal steps have been initiated against the company and the matter is sub judice in the Delhi High Court as well as the Supreme Court.

Let's hold referendum on use of taxpayers' money: Kejriwal

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

AP supremo and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday demanded that a referendum should be held on whether the taxpayers' money should be spent on providing quality services like healthcare and education or on one's family or friends.

"There should be a referendum on whether Government money should be spent on one family as a party wants so, or on one's friends or it should be spent on building good schools and hospitals in the country," he said in a video message without taking any names. Kejriwal said that some parties are creating an atmosphere that if free facilities are given to the public, then it will

harm the country and the taxpayers will be cheated.

"If they say that giving free facilities to the public will harm the country, then what is the job of the Government? Taxpayers aren't cheated when they get good education and healthcare, they are cheated when politicians use their money to pay loans for their friends," he added.

The reaction of Kejriwal, who is touring the BJP-ruled Gujarat on a poll campaign, came on a day Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in Panipat that "freebies" impede India's effort to become self-reliant and also burden taxpayers. "Anyone can come and announce to give free petrol and diesel if their politics is self-centred. Such steps will take away rights from our children

and prevent the country from becoming self-reliant. It will increase the burden on the taxpayers of the country," Modi said. Modi had last month cautioned people against what he called a "revadi (sweet) culture" under which political parties seek votes by promising freebies and said this could be "very dangerous" for the development of the country.

"Today, the taxpayers are looking at the Government and feeling cheated; they are seeing their money being spent on a few friends of the powerful," Kejriwal said. He further added that if loans worth Rs 10 lakh crore were not waived off by these people, then country would not have been in such a deficit situation today and there would have been no need to impose GST on milk and curd.

Delhi reports 2,146 Covid cases, positivity rate spikes to 17.83%

NEW DELHI: The national Capital on Wednesday reported 2,146 fresh coronavirus cases, while the positivity rate stood at 17.83 per cent, according to the city health department.

Meanwhile, Delhi has recorded 32 deaths due to Covid-19 so far in August, an over two-fold rise as against the last 10 days of July when 14 people succumbed to the viral disease.

According to the official data, Delhi recorded two deaths on August 1, three on August 2, five on August 3, four on August 4, two on August 5, one on August 6, two on August 7, six on August 8 and seven on August 9.

One death each was recorded on July 22 and 23, two each on July 24, 25, 26 and 27, zero on July 28, one each on July 29 and 30, and zero on July 31. The number of deaths recorded on August 9 was the highest in nearly 180 days. Delhi's

COVID-19 death toll stands at 26,343. The national capital has witnessed an uptick in daily cases over the last week. The number of deaths has also been showing an upward trend.

However, experts and officials said that fatalities are being recorded among people who have comorbidities or are suffering from cancer, tuberculosis, or other accompanying illnesses. "In most of the cases, COVID-19 is an incidental finding. Most of these patients are already undergoing treatment for other diseases, a government official said.

Richa Sareen, senior consultant, Pulmonology, Fortis Hospital, Vasant Kunj, said the risk is greater for the elderly and those with comorbidities as the disease tends to be severe in this section of the population.

"There has been a rise in Covid cases, including reinfections and breakthrough Covid infections (post-vaccination),

in the past week. This can be attributed to the BA.2 sub-variant of Omicron that tends to bypass immunity," she said. "Although the majority of the recent cases have been mild, we need to be cautious in the coming days and follow Covid-appropriate behaviour to prevent an exponential rise in Covid cases. The elderly and those with comorbidities should take more precautions as the disease tends to be more severe in them, leading to hospitalisation, ICU admissions and sometimes death," she said.

Meanwhile, a new sub-variant of the coronavirus strain Omicron has been detected in samples sent for genome sequencing in Delhi's Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital. According to LNJP hospital's medical director Dr Suresh Kumar, the Omicron sub-variant BA 2.75 has been detected in many samples. SR

Man on a mission to reunite train passengers with their lost items



SAURAV GUPTA ■ NEW DELHI

Till a few years ago, finding lost luggage and articles was virtually unthinkable for rail passengers in the prevailing system. However, the

Station Manager of New Delhi Railway Station Rakesh Sharma, made it possible singlehandedly through his sheer grit and administrative acumen besides a compulsive desire to extend help to the

needy. The idea to help passengers retrieve their lost articles was triggered in Sharma's conscience about five years ago when he noticed a female passenger completely dejected after losing her purse which contained her mangalsutra (a prized gold ornament worn by married Hindu women in the country).

Sharma, responsible for management of passenger train movements in and out of the most important and busiest railway junction of the country, worked hard to trace her lost article and put a smile back on her face. He successfully retrieved the lost purse and delivered it to the rightful owner.

"Thereafter, occasionally lost items used to come to me and I tried to deliver them to the owners (passengers) and it is here that the journey to bring smiles on the passengers' faces began. I gained interest despite my professional demands as I realised that to help the passengers is also my

obligation. Till date I have tracked 500 such cases and delivered lost items to their owners," said Sharma when asked for his comments.

From delivering information over the years and now objects like laptops, jewellery, costly mobile phones to cheap pens and ornaments, Sharma slogs to find the "real" owner and hands them their objects with pride, protecting both the image of the Indian Railways and the country.

Costly laptops and iPhones have been delivered to passengers as far as Australia, London and the United States due to Sharma's personal interest and initiative.

For pursuing his passion to help, Sharma has two effective and trustworthy tools — the pantry car waiters/attendants/porters and the use of technology.

He has earned a name for himself as he has successfully tracked down more than 500 people, including foreigners on social media, mostly on

Facebook and returned the belongings to the passengers who either misplaced or left them by mistake inside the train or on the platform premises.

Sharma first tries to get information about such passengers from the PNR details. However, the phone numbers mentioned in the passenger's booking details are either switched off or not in service, making it difficult for him to track.

In one such case, he got the passenger's details from a photograph that had the address and number of a photo studio stamped on the back.

"I called on the number and sent the photograph on Whatsapp. The owner of the studio identified the man and informed his family. The family members, in turn, called the passenger who was on his way to the airport to catch the flight. He then called me and collected the lost bag," added Sharma with a sense of satisfaction.

DIAL installing IoT devices in vehicles at IGI Airport

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) has started installing internet-of-things (IoT) devices on its vehicles used at Indira Gandhi International Airport to save fuel, enhance safety, track their locations and schedule their maintenance. DIAL said it will install IoT devices in a phased manner on all its vehicles by the end of this month.

It further said there has been a reduction in fuel consumption up to 23 percent in its vehicles, with the entire fleet of around 1,000 vehicles to be covered by the end of August.

In addition to saving fuel, DIAL said IoT devices were used to track locations for vehicles and schedule periodic maintenance of each vehicle.

"The IoT devices send alerts to authorities concerned whenever there is any violation of safety rules, like driving above the permitted speed limits, driving in or out of designated areas on the airside, etc," the DIAL said in a press statement.

"Since the installation of the IoT devices in 1000 airport vehicles, DIAL has witnessed enhanced safety standards on the airside and landside. The IoT devices send alerts to authorities concerned whenever there is any violation of safety rules, like driving above the permitted speed limits, driving in or out of designated areas on the airside, etc," it read.

"The move will help DIAL in cutting down approximately 8,82,200 kilograms of carbon emissions per year. In five years, these IoT device-fitted vehicles would help in reduc-

ing approximately 44,10,922 kilograms of carbon emissions," it said. These devices help in saving 23 per cent fuel in the utility vehicles used by airport rescue and fire fighting (ARFF), airside operations, security and project and engineering (P&E) teams, it noted.

Similarly, around 9% of fuel was saved after IoT devices were installed in tractors," the spokesperson said, stating the device saves information on the movement of a vehicle, the distance travelled, the fuel usage and whether the vehicle was idling or not.

The IoT devices save all data related to the movement of a vehicle, like time, distance, fuel in the vehicle, if the vehicle is idle or moving, etc, it said.

Any unauthorized use of vehicles like running the air conditioning while the vehicle

is standing, taking a vehicle out of the permitted area, etc. Could be monitored easily with the help of these devices, it noted.

"The IoT devices are helping DIAL in maintaining these vehicles and keeping them up to date with maintenance. Maintaining fleet health means taking preventive action in addition to reactive action. IoT devices make sure that maintenance is happening when it needs to," it mentioned.

"These devices also help DIAL maintain a phasing-out schedule of vehicles that needs to be replaced, as some vehicles are too costly to keep repairing. IoT data can inform fleet managers which vehicles should be replaced and when it is financially optimal to do so," the statement further read.

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

As the Raksha Bandhan will be celebrated on two days — August 11 and 12, the wholesale markets will remain closed on August 11 while the retail markets will be opened on August 11 and 12 in the national Capital. This is due to confusion among traders about when to keep their shops shut or open. "Wholesale markets of the city will remain shut on Thursday for Raksha Bandhan while retail markets will be open on both the days," Chamber of Trade and Industry (CTI) Chairman Brijesh Goyal said in a statement. Goyal further said that there is always a holiday in Delhi's wholesale markets on Raksha Bandhan, but this time as the festival is on two days, there was doubt among the traders. CTI talked to the office bearers of all the big



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market associations and finally they all agreed to close the wholesale market on August 11, he said. Wholesale markets, including Gandhi Nagar, Kashmere Gate, Bhagirath Place Electric Market, Chandni Chowk Kucha Mahajani

Market, Chawri Bazar Steel Market, Naya Bazar, Khari Baoli and others, will remain closed on August 11, while retail shops on main road in Chandni Chowk and Sadar Bazar will remain open, the statement said. CTI further said retail

markets of the capital, including Kamala Nagar, Connaught Place, Sarojini Nagar, Rajouri Garden, Lajpat Nagar, South Extension, Rohini, Pitampura, Netaji Subhash Place, Karol Bagh among others will remain open on both the days.

People PM mentioned in ‘Mann ki Baat’ to be guests at I-Day events



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Women village heads, kin of martyred soldiers and people mentioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his 'Mann Ki Baat' radio address will be among the invitees at the 'At Home' function to be hosted by the Governors and Lieutenant Governors on Independence Day.

In a communication to States and Union Territories, the Union Home Ministry stressed that apart from the usual protocol-based invitees, the attendees should represent diverse fields.

The invitation for the 'At Home' function to be held at Governor or LG House on August 15 evening should be sent to physically challenged achievers in different fields, people who made an exemplary contribution to society, including during the COVID-19 pandemic, eco-warriors and those who have contributed to environmental conservation, it said. The Home Ministry

said those mentioned in references from states and UTs in the prime minister's 'Mann ki Baat' radio address, Padma awardees from the state, families of martyred soldiers along with participants and winners of Olympics and other important sports events of national and international standards should be invited.

During his monthly radio address, Prime Minister Modi usually speaks about people from various walks of life who have contributed to society and the nation and can be an inspiration to others.

Frontline health workers, children bravery awardees, women 'sarpanches', student toppers, best researchers and innovators should also be invited, the communication said, adding at least 25-50 invites may be reserved for such achievers. The names of such invitees should be announced in advance to enable them to prepare for the occasion.

The home ministry said there should be a system whereby the invitees' list is generated afresh every year so that the opportunity is given to a broad set of people.It could be considered that a person gets an invite just once. It said that special attention may be paid to the band at Governor and LG House.

"It should play patriotic songs and not simply songs from movies," the ministry said.

SII's qHPV jab for cervical cancer may be part of Govt's immunisation programme

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Almost a month after the country's top drug regulator 12 granted market authorisation to Serum Institute of India (SII) to manufacture qHPV for cervical cancer, the Government is mulling to include the indigenously-developed vaccine against the deadly disease in the National Immunization Programme. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to make an announcement on August 15, sources told PTI.

In a recent communication to the Union health ministry, Prakash Kumar Singh, director (government and regulatory affairs) at SII is learnt to have conveyed that the firm can supply one crore doses of qHPV by December.

At present, the country is fully dependent on foreign manufacturers for the HPV vaccine. Three foreign companies manufacture the HPV vaccine of which two firms sell their vaccines in India. Each dose of the jab available in the market cost over Rs 4,000, a new agency has

quoted sources in the Ministry. SII's vaccine is likely to be available at a much affordable rate. "The Health Ministry is planning to roll out qHPV for girls aged 9-14 years under the National Immunization Programme. The roll out may take up to six months," they said. Cervical cancer in India ranks as the second most frequent cancer among women between 15 and 44 years of age. Globally, 6,04,000 women are affected by cervical cancer and 3,42,000 women die.

In India every year, 1,22,844 women are affected with cervical cancer of which 67,477 women die. Cervical cancer can be prevented by vaccinating girls in the age group of 9-14 years with HPV vaccine.

The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) on July 12 granted market authorisation to SII to manufacture qHPV. The phase 2/3 clinical trial of the vaccine has been completed with support of the Department of Biotechnology. The government's advisory panel NTAGI recently approved qHPV after reviewing clinical trial data of the vaccine.

Centre approves Corbevax as booster dose for 18+ group

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Amid rising number of Covid cases in the country, the Government has approved Biological E's Corbevax as a precautionary dose for those above 18 years fully vaccinated with either Covishield or Covaxin. This provision would be available from August 12.

This is the first time that a booster dose that is different from the one used for primary vaccination against Covid has been allowed in the country. In a letter to the States, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said that, "based on scientific evidence, global practices and the recommendations of domain knowledge experts, it has now been decided to further redefine the precaution dose administration under Covid-19 vaccination programme.

"Corbevax will be available as a precaution dose after completion of 6 months or 26 weeks from the date of administration of the second dose of either Covaxin or Covishield vaccines for populations above 18 years." He further said that, "this enables use of Corbevax as a heterologous Covid-19 vaccine for precaution dose administration in this age group. "There will be no change in existing guidelines for homologous precaution dose administration of Covaxin and Covishield vaccine. "In



addition to the existing homologous precaution dose, the option of a heterologous precaution dose with Corbevax would be available to all persons above 18 years of age," said the Health Secretary.

All necessary changes in regard to the administration of heterologous precaution dose using Corbevax, to those who are eligible and due for precaution dose have been made on the Co-WIN portal, informed the senior official.

The Union Health Ministry's approval is based on the recommendations made recently by the COVID-19 Working Group of the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI).

Under India's Covid-19 vaccination program, 2 billion doses have been administered so far. "About 97 per cent of the 12+ age population of the country has been covered with at least one dose and about 89% of the 12+ age population has been covered with both doses.

"Considerable progress is also being made under "Covid Vaccination Amrit Mahotsav" (from 15th July, 2022 to 30th September, 2022), to cover eligible beneficiaries above 18 years with precaution dose," said Rajesh Bhushan in letter.

Bansal is BJP's general secy for three States

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

BJP leader Sunil Bansal was on Wednesday appointed the party's national general secretary and will be in-charge for West Bengal, Odisha and Telangana. Bansal was general secretary (organisation) in Uttar Pradesh and played key role in UP elections in 2014

when Amit Shah was in-charge of Uttar Pradesh. The BJP-led-NDA had in 2014 won 73 out of 80 Lok Saba seats.

Bansal will be replaced by Dharampal in this position, a party statement said. Karamveer has been appointed as general secretary in the party's Jharkhand unit, according to a BJP statement.

DGCA issues SOP to assess fitness of transgenders

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Wednesday issued guidelines for medical examiners to assess fitness of transgender persons who have applied for commercial pilot licence.

The DGCA stated in its guidelines that a transgender applicant's fitness will be assessed on a case-to-case basis following the principles of assessing their functional ability and risk of incapacitation.

The transgender applicants, who have been taking hormone therapy or had a gender reassignment surgery within the last five years, will be screened for mental health status, it mentioned.

The DGCA had last month countered media reports that claimed that Adam Harry — a

transman from Kerala — has been denied permission by the regulator to get a commercial pilot licence. Stating that these reports were not true, the DGCA had then said a transgender person can be issued a fit medical certificate provided that there are "no associated medical, psychiatric, or psychological conditions".

"The applicant shall submit a detailed report from the training endocrinologist containing the details — duration, dosage, frequency of dosage, changes made, hormone assay reports, side effects, etc — of hormone therapy the applicant has been taking," it noted. An applicant who is on hormone replacement therapy, or undergoing gender reassignment surgery, will be declared medically unfit for at least three months, it added.

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Need for global vaccine to block SARS-CoV-2 infection: Researchers

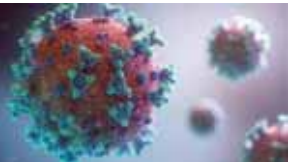
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There is a need for a universal vaccine that can block SARS-CoV-2 infection as well as prevent severe disease from emerging Covid waves in the future, researchers have suggested. The team from Columbia University in the US highlighted the need for more proactive planning and preparedness as different variants of concern (VOCs) evade — the original (or ancestral) SARS-CoV-2 virus, Beta, Delta and Omicron — the effect of both vaccinations and prior infections.

"These repeated pandemic waves have been driven by new VOCs that erode prior immunity from either infection or vaccination, increase transmissibility, or a combination of both," explained Wan Yang, Assistant Professor of Epidemiology at the University's Mailman School of Public Health, writing in the journal *eLife*.

"Although laboratory and field studies provide insights into variant epidemiological characteristics, quantifying the extent of immune erosion and changes to transmissibility for each VOC is challenging," Yang said.

To better understand the characteristics of different Covid-19 VOCs, the team developed a mathematical model using weekly case and death data from nine South



African provinces, from March 2020 to end of February 2022, to reconstruct SARS-CoV-2 transmission dynamics. They found that Beta variant eroded immunity among roughly 65 per cent of people previously infected with ancestral SARS-CoV-2 and was 35 per cent more transmissible than original virus.

Estimates for Delta varied between provinces, but overall the variant eroded immunity from prior infection or vaccination by roughly 25 per cent and was 50 per cent more transmissible. This aligns with a reported 27.5 per cent reinfection rate seen during Delta wave in Delhi, India.

Finally, for Omicron, estimates varied but consistently highlighted its known higher transmissibility than previous VOCs. The researchers estimated that Omicron was roughly 95 per cent more transmissible than ancestral SARS-CoV-2 and eroded immunity by 55 per cent (prior infections and vaccinations).

These results illustrate that high prior immunity to SARS-CoV-2 does not preclude new Covid outbreaks, as neither prior infection nor current vaccination completely block infection from a new variant.

Justice Lalit appointed as 49th CJI

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Justice Uday Umesh Lalit was on Wednesday appointed as the 49th Chief Justice of India after President Droupadi Murmu signed his warrant of appointment. He will assume charge on August 27 after incumbent NV Ramana demits office the day before.

Justice Lalit will have a brief tenure of less than three months. He will turn 65 on November 8 when he demits office. "In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (2) of Article 124 of the Constitution of India, the President is pleased to appoint Shri Justice Uday Umesh Lalit, judge of the Supreme Court, to be the Chief Justice of India with effect from 27 August, 2022,"



a Law Ministry notification said. Justice Lalit, born on November 9, 1957, was enrolled as an advocate in June 1983

ED raids at 21 places in gold smuggling case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has carried out search operations under the provisions of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) at 21 premises in Chhattisgarh and one property in Jharkhand in a case of investigation connected to smuggling of foreign origin gold and other precious metals through illicit channels from Bangladesh to Raipur via Kolkata.

"During the search operation, unaccounted/unexplainable gold bullion weighing around 3,845 gram, gold Ornaments weighing around 12,810.63 gram, silver weighing around 671.77 Kg, cash around Rs 1.41 crore, documents related to sale/purchase of Gold/Silver and some digital devices recovered from the searched premises, have been

seized," the ED said in a statement. The searches were spread for three days from August 5 to August 7 at these 22 premises. The ED had initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of a Prosecution Complaint (chargesheet) filed by Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) under Section 135 of the Customs Act, 1962.

A professional carrier of gold was caught by DRI while smuggling gold and precious stones through off routes and illicit channels.

DRI recovered gold from his possession which was of foreign origin and was brought into India from Bangladesh through a smuggling channel and was transported from Kolkata to Raipur for its consumption at Raipur by Vijay Kumar Baid alias Vicky and others, the agency said. The ED said a number of such cases

have been booked by the law enforcement agencies against the offenders involved in recent times. During enquiries, it emerged that a large-scale smuggling syndicate is operating in Chhattisgarh and nearby States. The modus operandi of this syndicate is that foreign origin gold is being smuggled into the country.

The route adopted by the syndicate is that the smuggled gold is received in Myanmar from where it comes to Bangladesh and further enters West Bengal from where the smuggled gold reaches other states like Chhattisgarh through road transport and train transport, it said, adding, further investigation is under progress.

Meanwhile, in a separate case, the CBI has arrested Govind Kumar, an engineer of Utility Powertech Ltd. Solapur (Maharashtra) for demanding

and accepting a bribe of Rs 1 lakh from the complainant. A case was registered on a complaint against an engineer of Utility Powertech Ltd. (a joint venture company of a private company and National Thermal Power Corporation, a Government of India enterprise).

It was alleged that the accused engineer demanded undue advantage of Rs 2,50,000 from the complainant (a contractor) in connection with return of his security deposit.

After negotiation, the accused allegedly reduced bribe to Rs 2 lakh and agreed to accept an initial amount of Rs 1 lakh, the CBI said in a statement. The accused has been working in UPL since 2015 on contract basis and looking after safety and accounts related issues in absence of a regular accountant.

‘Vision plan for conservation of tiger soon’

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

All the potential tiger habitats within the country will soon be brought under tiger reserve network, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav said on Wednesday even as he shared that plans are afoot to formulate a vision plan for the conservation of the royal big cat.

India is home to 52 tiger reserves covering approximately 75,000 Sq Km area in 18 States with approximately 75 per cent population of the wild tiger at the global level.

Tigers in India are found in diverse habitats: rain forests, grasslands, savannas and even mangrove swamps.

Unfortunately, 93 per cent of historical tiger lands have disappeared primarily because of expanding human activity. Underlining that such situation is leading to man-tiger conflict, the Minister while speaking at the pre-summit meeting of the



Tiger Range Countries being held here as a prelude to the Tiger Range Countries Summit slated at Valadivostak, Russia, also stressed on taking inclusive conservation efforts by involving local communities who live in close proximity to tiger reserves.

He further added that "it is time for focusing more on consolidating the gains and the country is in the process of formulating the vision plan for tiger conservation in India by involving all the stakeholders." Despite all odds and ever

transforming world order, Tiger Range Countries have put up a brave front and done a commendable job on the wild tiger front, he said.

During the 3rd Asia Ministerial Conference, the Prime Minister of India had observed that tiger conservation is not a drag on development and both can happen in a mutually complementary manner by reorienting our conservation strategies. The codified practices for wild tiger conservation has proven to be useful in reintroducing locally

extinct species like the Cheetah which will happen very soon, he said, referring to the proposed relocation of the wild cats from Africa.

India achieved the goal of doubling the tiger numbers in 2018 itself, four years in advance from the targeted year 2022.

Also, so far 17 tiger reserves in the country have got CA/TS international accreditation and two tiger reserves have received the International Tx2 award, said a senior official from the Ministry.

Parl panel seeks restoration of Rly rebates for senior citizens

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A parliamentary committee has recommended that senior citizen concessions be reviewed and restored "urgently" at least for sleeper class and AC 3-tier train travel. In its report submitted on August 4, the Standing Committee on Railways said senior citizens were earlier granted a concession amounting to 40-50 per cent of their railway fares, but the practice was stopped during the COVID-19 crisis.

It also urged the ministry to give wide publicity to the "give up" scheme, which encourages senior citizens to give up their concessions voluntarily.

The Ministry of Railways in its action-taken report has stated that in view of the pandemic, concession to all categories of passengers (except the four categories of Divyangjan, and 11 categories of patients

and students) have been withdrawn. "Given the reply of the government, the committee note that as of now, the concession to senior citizens has been withdrawn in view of the pandemic and Covid protocol.

The committee are of the view that since the Railways are heading towards normalcy, they should consider the concessions granted to different categories of passengers judiciously.

"The committee desire that concession to senior citizens which was available in pre-COVID times may be reviewed and considered at least in Sleeper Class and III AC urgently, so that the vulnerable and the genuinely needy senior citizens could avail the facility in these classes," the committee headed by BJP leader Radha Mohan Singh said. The Railways spends around Rs 2,000 crore on senior citizen concessions annually.

the CBI and ED. Only those who run companies need to live in fear. We depend on the salary we draw as MPs or MLAs besides other legal sources of personal income for survival," said JD (U) national president Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan at a Press conference when asked whether parting ways with the BJP would make the JD(U) vulnerable to alleged political vendetta through probe agencies.

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PAPER WITH PASSION

Curious reversal

The woman who heroically took on Shrikant Tyagi is accused of being against his community

In his 1951 book-length essay, *The Rebel*, Nobel laureate Albert Camus passionately analysed the phenomena of totalitarian regimes under Nazism and communism. He wrote in the introduction: "Slave camps under the flag of freedom, massacres justified by philanthropy or the taste of the superhuman, cripple judgment. On the day when crime puts on the apparel of innocence, through a curious reversal peculiar to our age, it is innocence that is called on to justify itself. The purpose of this essay is to accept and study that strange challenge." We, the people of India, were spared of the horrors of fascism and communism, but not the "curious reversal" which puts innocence on trial and commands it to justify itself. So, the woman who was abused and assaulted by a well-connected goon has to justify her action. She had the courage to take on the uncouth thug called Shrikant Tyagi when the entire state administration and local cops had turned a blind eye to his crimes; she should have been lauded as a national hero, a role model for civil activism; instead canards and calumnies are spread against her; she is targeted as an enemy of the community the hoodlum belonged to. "I stood up for the people of my society," she had to tell the media, as if she had done something objectionable, not heroic.



She had to make this statement because it was alleged on social media that she was against the Tyagi community. There have been reports that there were meetings of the members of the Tyagi community in the wake of Shrikant Tyagi's arrest in Meerut and Muzzafarnagar. Such was the depravity of Shrikant's action that even Muzaffarnagar Tyagi Samaj president Hariom Tyagi had to condemn him, saying that he made a mistake and that abusing women is wrong; that was the honourable part of the community leader's statement. But then he slammed the police for having detained Shrikant's wife. It is undeniable that Shrikant Tyagi has earned a lot of sympathy among his community. For having done what, one doesn't know. He is not a philanthropist, a war hero, a swashbuckling cricketer, or a business tycoon; he is, as media reports suggest, just a land shark who made a lot of money by terrorising people; nothing has appeared so far to show that there was anything ennobling in or about him. And yet some people in his community are worried about him—and are defaming the lady who resisted this thug. Unfortunately, the phenomenon of glorification of goons by the communities they belong to is not new. For instance, five years ago, Rajasthan cops killed the notorious mafia don, Anandpal Singh. This resulted in protests by some Rajputs who regarded him as their hero. The phenomenon appears to be the socio-cultural consequence of Mandalite politics. The strange challenge in India today is to not just take on goons but also counter their glorification.

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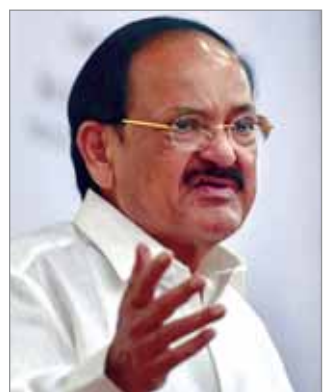
Women purchase 'rakhi' from a shop ahead of the upcoming 'Raksha Bandhan' festival, in Amritsar

PTI

Denigrating the Chair

Roasting the Rajya Sabha Chairman at his farewell isn't a healthy practice and must not be condoned

Now that a new vice president is going to assume charge and would be ex officio chairman of Rajya Sabha, the flavour of the house would change as every Rajya Sabha speaker gives his personal touch. M Venkaiah Naidu had his imitable style of conducting the house but perhaps it did not go well with the opposition which thought that the Chairman was not fair to them. The TMC MP Derek O'Brien went on to say that he could not get the prime minister to give a single answer in the house. Indeed there could be some merit in that but what happened at his farewell was uncalled for. Roasting an outgoing speaker for his acts of commission or omission is not a healthy practice. Opposition leaders were rather unsavory in their speeches which would make bad precedence. Farewell is a solemn occasion in which harsh words must be avoided one for it sets a bad precedent and second it is untimely. Democracies don't function by the book they function by conventions. Britain does not even have a written constitution, conventions rule the British Parliament. That shows the maturity of the members and the people at the helm of affairs. Generally speaking, the speaker comes from the ruling party and owes his appointment to it and so his hands are tied, to say the least. The Opposition's criticism of Naidu was more than made good by Prime Minister Modi who heaped lavish praise on him.



Five years back Prime Minister had said things about outgoing Vice President Hamid Ansari which were not in good taste and tantamount to lowering the stature of the person on the chair. PM Modi spoke for 20 minutes to praise Naidu but spoke just for five minutes at the farewell of Ansari. The Prime minister had said that Ansari would feel the joy of liberation as he would be no longer tied to the constitutional post and would be able to think, speak and act as his basic nature. That could be construed as that Ansari was at unease with the constitution and harbored anti-nationalism in his heart. Though Ansari did not make a fuss about it the damage was done and it was reflected five years later in the house during the monsoon session when Naidu was given a farewell. But then let bygones be bygones and hopefully the new person in the chair would be more forthcoming and the members more civil.

Belligerent China masks its anxiety

Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan despite China's displeasure with the trip reveals its diplomatic limitations and diminishing influence in the region



PRAFULLA GORADIA

China's failure to intervene during the visit of Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the US House of Representatives, to Taiwan, notwithstanding the threats dished out by the Communist regime, including President Xi Jinping, is a serious diplomatic setback for the country. Beijing's failure to act despite its dire threats—and this included threatening to shoot down the aircraft carrying Pelosi—is easy to understand but difficult for the Communist regime to explain. The Chinese leadership is not mature enough to play on the world stage, leave alone be any sort of world leader.

India and its politicians till recently had been treating the Chinese with far more deference than they deserve. The last war the People's Liberation Army (PLA), as the army in China is called, fought was against Vietnam in 1979, in which it was roundly defeated and chased out of Vietnamese territory. Thereafter, for more than 44 years, the PLA has been untested on the battlefield. On the other hand, the Indian army has participated in many an encounter in different terrains. Unfortunately, the memories of the 1962 humiliation continued to have a disproportionate influence on the Indian psyche all these years.

The PLA belongs to the Communist Party of China (CPC). Its soldiers serve only the party. A soldier can shed his blood in a spirit of patriotism, but to sacrifice his life to please his employer, in this case, the party is a difficult if not impossible proposition. In the early days of the Communist revolution, the men under arms might have been inclined to see class revolution as a cause, but such an outlook cannot be indefinite. This perhaps explains why the party did not expose its army on the battlefield. While India lost territory in the 1962 border war with China, the same Indian army, however, only five years later in 1967, performed admirably against the same enemy, forcibly throwing out the invading Chinese army at Nathu



La. The Nathu La Pass today is India's territory. The critical element was leadership.

We should be focusing on the internal goings-on in China. Noted American columnist and analyst Gordon Chang tell us that China's economy grew by 0.4 percent in the second quarter of 2022. This particular statistic comes from China's National Bureau of Statistics. And according to many independent observers and commentators, China's economy has not only contracted but is also in a free fall. While the Chinese Communist Party claims that trade will lift China towards its goal of "around 5.5% growth" for the year 2022, as announced earlier; the actual growth is on a downward trend. This year's first quarter showed only a 4.8% growth, again China's official statistics.

The country has also seen massive protests over the decision by Chinese authorities to freeze the deposits of banks based in rural areas, the largest such demonstration by depositors demanding their lifetime savings, in Zhengzhou city in the country's Henan province, was violently crushed by the police. Runs on Chinese banks have become more frequent in recent years.



FROM THE US TO TAIWAN, INDIA TO JAPAN, DEMOCRACIES ARE KICKING CHINESE FIRMS OUT OF THEIR MARKETS AND CREATING MULTILATERAL COALITIONS TO CHECK CHINESE EXPANSIONISM

Many banks have been accused of financial improprieties. CNN estimates that as many as four lakh customers across China were unable to access their savings in rural banks in the Henan and Anhui provinces. But these are manifestations on the surface of a much bigger problem.

Its decades of rapid growth, thanks to a single-party dictatorship have enabled China to reach the position of the world's second-largest economy (measured by purchasing power parity). Chinese investments are spread across the globe, and Beijing is pushing hard for obtaining influence in the Asian and African theatre by dangling the carrot of lucrative projects. Some of these countries indeed have fallen for China's ready-currency-no-questions-asked diplomacy, only to rue their haste later, as they have been enmeshed in China's debt trap. Chinese leaders want to absorb Taiwan and make the Western Pacific a Chinese lake.

But a closer look tells us that China's future isn't all that bright. Its growth had already slowed dramatically. Farmland and energy resources are becoming scarce while the country is already grappling with water shortages. Thanks

to its forced one-child policy of the Mao years, China is approaching a demographic catastrophe: It will lose 70 million working-age individuals over the next decade while gaining 120 million senior citizens. From the US to Taiwan, India to Japan, democracies are kicking Chinese firms out of their markets and creating multilateral coalitions to check Chinese expansionism. Also, China cannot ignore the surging anti-Chinese sentiment abroad.

If China's troubles make it less able to fulfill its dreams, the world must prepare for a more dangerous China. History tells us that such powers attempt to reshape the balance of power before the window of opportunity closes. Taiwan is the most likely target of this Chinese anxiety.

Till China was rising, it was content not to force the issue and tried to entice Taiwan through peaceful means. But the Taiwanese do not want to be ruled by a genocidal dictatorship. After all, which freedom-loving people would want to?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NEED THE EX-PRESIDENT'S ADVICE

Sir — Former President of India Mr Ram Nath Kovind in his felicitation program said that "The president is the custodian of society so must treat all sections and religions equally even after retirement from the post." Well said, but all the elected representatives of our country also must follow the said direction which our Constitution guides us.

If we have to survive as a nation we must coexist. Our constitution guarantees rights to each one of us regardless of differences of caste, creed, language, religion etc. A lot of politicians today have found a way to become famous by delivering hateful speeches. That of course helps their political career as they cater to ultras but they damage the social fabric of the country. In this situation Mr Kovind's words can go a long way in restoring unity and integrity of the country.

Because the present atmosphere of our country is such that if the poison of hatred is not checked now it could be detrimental to our democracy and lead us into chaotic times.

SM Arif Hussain | Hyderabad

SPORTS RESEARCH CENTRE A MUST NOW

Sir — India urgently needs a sports research cum coordination cum world-class scientific management center. This is to research and build on our strengths. Which sports suit India in general and also in particular to an individual based on strength, stamina, suitability, skills, and support of all types, (basically aptitude, likes, and ability)? For this India should coordinate regularly with scientifically advanced sports nations such as the USA, Great Britain, China, and Japan. This can greatly improve India's number of medals in international sporting events like Asian games and Olympics etc. When India produced tremendous skills to win a huge 61 medals in a world-class event like CWG-22, improving on it is no big task at all because we are already on the upswing.

NO PERMANENT FRIENDS FOR NITISH

The pendulum has, figuratively speaking, swung to the Mahagathabandhan in Bihar.

For one more time, Nitish Kumar has done political acrobatics, his forte. He seems to have decided to part ways with the BJP to preempt the 'Break the JD(U) plot' orchestrated by the BJP and avert political oblivion more than as a response to the BJP not acceding to his demands for the removal of the Assembly Speaker and a minimum of two berths in the Union cabinet. Given his long association and alliance with the BJP, Nitish Kumar cannot attribute the parting of ways with BJP to any ideological difference with the saffron party. Look at Nitish Kumar's political career, you will readily agree that ideological fidelity is not something for which he is famous for. Nitish Kumar has not entirely damaged his secular credentials and image by explicitly supporting the Hindutva agenda. He could still emerge as the Opposition's PM face and challenger to Narendra Modi in 2024. It is a love-hate relationship between the JD (U) and the BJP to suit their political convenience. In his long political innings, Nitish Kumar has elevated



inconsistency to the status of virtue in the game of politics. Nitish Kumar is a rank political opportunist, a man of multiple U-turns, and a political chameleon of sorts. There is no guarantee that he won't cross over to the BJP again. On their part, the RJD, the Congress, and the Left do not want to be 'prisoners of the past' as the fight against the BJP takes precedence over everything else. The adage, 'There are no permanent friends or permanent enemies in politics' seems true. If the coming together of secular and social justice parties in Bihar can be replicated in the rest of India, the electoral fight in 2024 could well spring a surprise.

G David Milton | Maruthancode

Thus sports are not managed properly in the country. We don't have a dearth of talent. Given a chance, our sports person can perform much better. Of course, for this, they need the research team, diet, coaching, and training facilities at par with the developed countries.

Just look at the medal tally of Australia, and the UK. These countries have achieved a lot in Birmingham CWG-2022.

In the Tokyo-Olympics 2020 USA achieved 118 medals, China 88 medals, Japan 58 medals, Great Britain 65 medals, whereas India got just 7 medals. The above idea can work wonders for India.

Sahasra Nivriti Vislesh | Secunderabad

LEAVE THE INDIA POST ALONE

Sir — It is really unfortunate that a proposal has been made to corporatise various arms of India Post much against the wishes of nearly 5-lakh postal employees.

Indian postal service has lived through the change of times, connecting to the nook and corner of India. For over 150 years, it has been the backbone of the nation's communication network. Even after the advent of the internet, our postal service continues to remain largely relevant and important, and occupies a special place in the hearts of millions of Indians. When the Covid-19 pandemic was at its devastating peak, the department heroically stepped in to deliver medicines and PPE kits to health workers in the absence of private transportation facilities due to the lockdown. This proves how efficient, fast and reliable India Post services were even in trying times. The department's services primarily come under 'social responsibilities' and not under 'commercial services.'

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

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SOUND BITE

Ration card holders are being forced to buy the national flag or denied a share of grains. It is shameful to extract the price of 'Tiranga', by snatching the poor's morsel.



BJP leader —Varun Gandhi

My home has been raided and occupied. Nothing like this has ever happened to a President of the United States before.

US ex-President —Donald Trump

Shah Rukh is a friend, and I told him that I needed someone who could represent what Elvis represented in America and is the biggest iconic star in India, which is why I'm coming to you.



Actor —Aamir Khan

If anyone deserves a break, it's Meg Lanning. After a busy couple of years, I've made the decision to take a step back to enable me to spend time focusing on myself.

Australian cricketer —Meg Lanning

Tejashwi Yadav will play a major role in running this new formation. The people will be able to see how he functions



Election strategist —Prashant Kishor

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ETHICS CANNOT BE SEEN IN BLACK AND WHITE

It is a practice one can learn by acquiring maturity



PRAMOD PATHAK

Defining ethics has never been easy. Understanding it has been even more difficult. And practicing it is a job few will be able to carry out. Yet, it is a subject on which society always debates.

The term, which originated from philosophy, has today become a part of several disciplines and is an important area of study in management theory and practice. This is the reason why the word ethics has acquired several connotations. When it comes to the essence, ethics still remains the science of right and wrong. But essentially it is a practice.

Right and wrong often do not have a clear-cut boundary. It depends on the actor or the observer. How the act or conduct is interpreted. The same act may be interpreted differently by different people. Many times, the same act may be construed differently by the same individual under different conditions.

Theoretical ethics, then, is not always a complete guide to ethical conduct. Time and space, society and culture, religion and country have their own ways to explain what is ethical and what is not. Obviously, because a wide range of determinants go into qualifying an act or behaviour as ethical or unethical.

Over the ages, the Indian philosophical approach to ethics from Satyug through Treta and Dwapaar to Kalyug, i.e., the present times, has metamorphosed considerably, inviting critical opinion and conflicting views. And rightly so, because human beings have their own touchstone in the form of ego that drives logic. And this often clouds the concept of ethics.



The Western idea of ethics is equally fluid, and there are many views and approaches towards understanding the concept and practice of ethics. However, amid all this the important point to note is that despite the so many approaches and stances one can still make out whether an act or conduct is ethical or not, the three critical qualifying attributes being intent, outcome and situation, in the same order of priority. Intent is certainly the most crucial one.

The universal element of what is ethical and what is not, thus, depends to the maximum extent on intent. Another important dimension of ethics is that it is a practice one can learn by acquiring maturity of mind and sensitivity of heart.

The common understanding of an ethical behaviour is that it is something which is beyond the ambit of the ordinary or the mundane and is laced in spirituality, religion and renunciation. But the truth is that ethics can be practiced in day to day life and without much hassle, the best guide being the voice of conscience.

To believe that pays to be good. But goodness has to be defined objectively. Ethics is something that needs to be understood, practiced and carried out on a regular basis. It is the Dharma, one's duty in a given situation, the right action or conduct. It is not about religiosity, but about doing the right things religiously, with purity of intent.

While actions on their own may appear right or wrong to an external observer, it is what goes in the mind of the actor that will determine the ethicality.

The outcome of the act is not the sole determinant. In one word, it is the conscientiousness that is the final arbiter. This is the reason why even the actions of Gods are interpreted differently. Lord Ram's killing of Bali or Lord Krishna's actions in Mahabharata war can all be open to interpretation. Ethics is not something that can be seen in black and white.

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Closing the learning gaps left by Covid

The Covid-19 pandemic caused learning gaps, which are being addressed by Mission Buniyad

AIMAN SIDDIQUI

Now that the children are going to schools, a Delhi Government programme to close the gap that has taken place in learning during the pandemic is helping in more ways than one.

Pooja, a student in a government school in Saket, Delhi had been waiting to return to her school for the past two years. As the classes commenced online during the pandemic, she missed almost all the classes, because she did not have a mobile phone.

"I used to go to my friend's house so that I could attend the online classes. But I mostly stayed and helped at home, while my mother went out to work," she said.

She has recently begun going to the school, and says: "My teachers are helping me a lot. I had missed many classes and some of my friends learnt a lot of things that I had missed during this time. My teachers are now helping me to cope with extra classes that have commenced offline."

Pooja, who has been promoted to class seven this year, says: "I am very happy that I am finally able to go to the school. I am trying to cover most of the missed courses before my new classes start so that I know what my friends learnt." Pooja wants to take up computers when she grows up.

Her school has started classes under 'Mission Buniyad' — a programme to close the learning gap that emerged among primary school students due to the pandemic and subsequent closure of schools. The programme was first launched by the Delhi Government in February 2018 to improve the learning skills of children studying in schools run by the city administration and the municipal corporations. Under this, students are now being provided with extra classes during the summer vacation. Once schools opened up, it was once again put into gear.

Meetu Kumari, a teacher in a government school in Rohini, North-west Delhi, said: "This programme has been started for children of class III to VIII, as many of the students were lagging behind. Some of them had gone back to their villages when the schools closed. In fact, many students missed online classes as their parents could not help them with the necessary gadgets. The parents had not attended schools themselves, and, hence, did not understand how to help their children."

However, she added that most of the students in classes X to XI had somehow attended online schools since those are important years. The students found ways to procure phones with internet connections.

According to Kumari, students of primary sections had incurred a gap of almost two years due to which many "could not form proper sentences in Hindi or do basic operations like addition and subtraction in Maths or sometimes even recognize numbers", which was nec-



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essary and basic for the classes they had been promoted to.

Several teachers and schools adopted different methods to help students cope up with the learning gaps. Teachers in several schools also claimed that they had received training and help from mentor teachers working in 'Mission Buniyad' on how to handle the learning gaps and these strategies were very useful.

Kumari explained how 'Mission Buniyad' was executed. The children were divided into groups according to their level of competence. For example, students who could not recognise numbers or read Hindi words have been put in Level I Group, while those who can recognise numbers but did not know how to multiply were placed in Level II.

Maithili, a teacher at a school in Jamia Nagar, detailed the exercise: "We have made divisions according to old and new students of each class in the primary schools. They sit together as the teacher covers the course of that respective class." She explained that this helps students simultaneously. For example, students who were in class six and have been promoted but need to learn the course (old students) and students that have just reached class six (new students) learn together to bridge the gap.

Another teacher, who did not wish to be named, explained further: "Proper exams could not be conducted during the time when online classes were being held. All the students were promoted on the basis of internal assessments that

they completed at home as that was the only way possible. That could be one of the reasons that the learning gap has emerged."

The classes in Pooja's school under 'Mission Buniyad' have started from April 11 and will go on till June 15, allotting a little more than two months for the students who could not attend online classes. The new session starts from July in which all students, including those who were suffering from a backlog, will continue with their actual classes.

Kumari says that it is hard to judge current improvement as the programme is at an early stage but "the students are showing steady progress."

Many students, owing to different reasons, had faced inevitable discontinuation in their schooling as the schools went online during the pandemic. Pooja's mother Shanti, a single mother and a resident of Neb Sarai Basti, has three daughters. All of them, two girls in class VII and one in class VI, were not able to attend classes, because they did not have a mobile phone. Shanti says: "I am not educated, but I wanted my daughters to get education so that they can fend for themselves." Shanti works as a ragpicker in the area close to her home.

The learning gap obviously occurred during the pandemic due to the inability of several children in accessing classes on smartphones. Netra, a housewife and mother of two girls and a son, who lives in Saidulajab area of Saket, said: "My husband works with

some construction companies. He has to take the phone with him, so we did not have a phone at home."

Rajesh, who irons clothes in Palam Vihar in the NCR region, also faced a similar challenge. He said: "I have two children and there is only one phone at home. Both of them had to either adjust to the timings or miss out on their studies. Most of the time they kept on fighting for the phone."

In fact, even if students could study online, many parents were apprehensive of continuing the education as they felt that they had been burdened with the task of educating the child by themselves. They preferred to skip the year and send their children to schools only when the offline classes commenced. Sarita, a resident of Harijan Basti, Dwarka, said: "When online classes started, I had to sit with my eight-year-old son to make him study. I have not completed my studies; how was I supposed to help him." The burden fell on the parents, and many were not able to cope up with the task.

Network too became an issue for many families. They said that many times either mobiles do not catch the network, electricity was not available or there was no money for internet recharge. However, the good news is that most of the students who could not attend online classes wished to go back to school once offline classes commenced.

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POINT COUNTERPOINT

NITISH KUMAR SIDED WITH CORRUPTION AND CONGRESSISM. CONGRATULATIONS. PEOPLE WILL GIVE YOU REPLY IN ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS. —BJP MP RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD



IT'S NOT ONLY A GOVERNMENT THAT WILL TAKE OATH, IT'S 'GHAR WAPASI' OF 2017-2020 MANDATE. IT'S AN OATH OF PEOPLE OF BIHAR. —RJD RS MP MANOJ JHA



Chennai is appropriate venue for Chess Olympiad

Chennai is the chess capital of India as it has encouraged for decades young talents, including Viswanathan Anand

Chess became a craze after Celebrated Bengali Director Satyajit Ray's movie Shatranj ke Khiladi created a big buzz in 1977. But the recent Netflix release 'Queen's Gambit' took it to a different level worldwide.

The story is about a child prodigy, living in the 1950s orphanage, going on to challenge the reigning international Grandmaster, and winning it. It mesmerised even those ignorant of the chess game and made a massive boom in the US and other countries. Queen's Gambit refers to a chess opening parlance that evolves into a strategic game. This opening is still a favourite for every elite player.

Chess suits people of all ages and can be played anywhere, anytime. After Covid,



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Chess has been transformed into a sport that commands a massive online following across YouTube and Twitch streams. In recent times, artificial intelligence, has been a revolutionary phenomenon, has undoubtedly changed the landscape of chess.

So it is not surprising why Chennai's current international Chess Olympiad has created a global chess craze this year. Already Chennai is the chess capital of India as it has encouraged for decades young talents, including the much celebrated Viswanathan Anand. Of the 73 Grandmasters, Tamil Nadu roughly has 40 per cent of the total Grandmasters in India. Traditionally, Chennai had seen the birth of several chess clubs. The Tamil Nadu government's decision in 2012 to make chess compulsory in all public schools

has also led to the growth of chess in the state.

How did Chennai come into the picture? Russia was to host the 2022 Olympiad, but that changed with the invasion of Ukraine. Then, supported by the All India chess federation, the Tamil Nadu government staked a claim to host the event and won.

About 2,000 players from 188 countries are participating in the current Olympiad in Chennai. The 'who's who of world chess—Magnus Carlsen, Fabiano Caruana, Wesley So, Mariya Muzychuk—are gathered at Mahabalipuram near Chennai. India's top-ranked men's player P Harikrishna, chess wonder R Praggnanandhaa, and top-seed Koneru Humpy are also participating.

In 1961, Manuel Aaron

won the country's first International Master's title. Viswanathan Anand became the first Grandmaster from India, Subbaraman Vijayalakshmi, the first Woman Grandmaster in 2001, and Praggnanandhaa, the second youngest Grandmaster in the world, in 2016.

There are many chess queens in India. In 1974, the federation promoted the Women's National Championship, and the Khadilkar sisters—Vasanti, Jayshree, and Rohini—held sway for the next decade. Koneru Humpy, the country's most accomplished woman player, is the world's number four. The women's A team also has Harika Dronavalli, who is heavily pregnant.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared the Olympiad open last week, pointing out it

was only fitting that Chennai was hosting the event. Tracing history, "In Tamil Nadu, many temples with sculptures portraying different sports... You will even find a temple — Chathurangha Vallabhanathar temple in Tiruvurur — where it is believed that even God played chess with the princess. So it is natural that Tamil Nadu had a strong historical connection with chess."

Chess is a Sanskrit word (chaturanga) that refers to the army's four main sections: chariots, elephants, cavalry, and infantry. Historically, chess came from India and then spread through Europe. Our mythology references date back to Mahabharata and Ramayana.

Legend has it that Lord Shiva called Chaturanga

Vallabhanathar won a chess game after defeating the princess Rajarajeswai (believed to be an incarnation of Parvathi) and married her as his prize. The temple documents show that chess was popular in Tamil Nadu even 1,500 years ago.

Another myth was that King Ravana first invented chess to divert his mind from the war with Rama. He used to play the game with his wife.

The other story is that an unnamed sultan of India was bored and sought new entertainment. Ultimately a poor man came and showed him a game similar to chess. He asked for a grain of rice for each square and eventually became a rich man.

Research shows that the complex game requires planned moves. Chess gives a

big mental boost. It develops perspective, deepens focus, enhances creativity, protects against dementia, and boosts planning skills. Experts also believe chess improves children's thinking skills and concentration. Some studies have even found that chess can help those who have suffered a stroke to recover.

After Covid, many have started playing mind games, and chess is one of them. The chess Olympiad may take it further. In the current Olympiad, India is a serious contender. Seeded second, right behind the US, it is a testament to the country's growing pool of strong, young grandmasters. India has a strong chance in the absence of Russia and China. I hope our chess masters rise to the occasion.



9 Russian warplanes destroyed in Crimea blasts, says Ukraine

AP ■ KYIV (UKRAINE)

Ukraine's air force said Wednesday that nine Russian warplanes were destroyed in massive explosions at an air base in Crimea amid speculation they were the result of a Ukrainian attack that would represent a significant escalation in the war.

Russia denied any aircraft were damaged in Tuesday's blasts — or that any attack took place. Ukrainian officials have stopped short of publicly claiming responsibility for the explosions, while poking fun at Russia's explanation that munitions at the Saki air base caught fire and blew up and also underscoring the importance of the peninsula that Moscow annexed eight years ago.

In his nightly video address several hours after the blasts, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy vowed to retake the peninsula, saying that "this Russian war against Ukraine and against all of free Europe began with Crimea and must end with Crimea — its liberation."

On Wednesday, Russian authorities sought to downplay the blasts, saying all hotels and beaches were unaffected on the peninsula, which is a popular tourist destination for many Russians. The explosions, which killed one person and wounded 13, sent tourists fleeing in panic as plumes of smoke towered over the nearby coastline. They knocked out windows and caused other damage in some apartment buildings.

Russian warplanes have used Saki to strike areas in Ukraine's south on short notice, and Ukrainian social networks were abuzz with speculation that Ukrainian-fired long-range missiles hit the base.

Officials in Moscow have long warned Ukraine that any attack on Crimea would trigger massive retaliation, including strikes on "decision-making centers" in Kyiv.

A Ukrainian presidential adviser, Oleksiy Arestovych, who is more outspoken than other officials, cryptically said Tuesday that the blasts were caused either by a Ukrainian-made long-range weapon or were the work of guerrillas operating in Crimea.

The base on the Black Sea peninsula that dangles off southern Ukraine is at least 200 kilometers (some 125 miles) away from the Ukrainian position — out of the range of the missiles supplied by the U.S. For use in the HIMARS systems.

The Ukrainian military has successfully used those missiles, with a range of 80 kilometers (50 miles), to target ammunition and fuel depots, strategic bridges and other key targets in Russia-occupied territories. HIMARS could also fire longer-range rockets, with a range of up to 300 kilometers (about 185 miles), that Ukraine has asked for.

But U.S. Authorities have refrained from providing them thus far, fearing that it could provoke Russia and widen the conflict. But the explosions in Saki raised speculation on social media that Ukraine might have finally got the weapons.

Ukrainian military analyst Oleh Zhdanov said that the Ukrainian forces could have struck the Russian air base with a Ukrainian Neptune anti-ship missile that has a range of about 200 kilometers (about 125 miles) and could have been adapted for use against ground targets and could be fired from Ukrainian positions near Mykolaiv northwest of Crimea.

Russian diplomat chides US for rushing nuclear inspections



AP ■ MOSCOW

A senior Russian diplomat said Tuesday that Moscow's decision to declare a freeze on U.S. inspections of its nuclear arsenals under a key arms control treaty was triggered by Washington's push for a quick visit by inspectors.

Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said the U.S. Demand for Russia to immediately allow an inspection trip under the New START treaty looked like an "open provocation" amid the current US-Russian tensions.

"A notice about the U.S. Intention to perform an inspection on our territory in the nearest days became a trigger," Ryabkov said in a statement posted on the Russian Foreign Ministry's website.

The ministry responded Monday by announcing a temporary halt on U.S. inspections.

It argued that the sanctions on Russian flights imposed by the U.S. And its allies, visa restrictions and other obstacles effectively have made it impossible for Russian military experts to visit U.S. Nuclear weapons sites, giving the U.S. "unilateral advantages."

The Biden administration had no immediate public response to the move, which came amid soaring tensions between Moscow and Washington over Russia's military action in Ukraine.

While Russia and the U.S. Have suspended mutual inspections under the New START since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Moscow's move raised new uncertainty about the pact's future.

A spokesperson for the U.S. National Security Council noted a pause in inspections due to the pandemic, adding that the responsible thing to do is to resume them safely.

The spokesperson emphasised that resuming mutually beneficial inspections under New START is a key part of Russia-U.S. Cooperation that must continue even when geopolitical tensions are high.

The Russian Foreign Ministry noted that the freeze is temporary, adding in Monday's statement that Moscow "highly values" the New START and saying inspections could resume after the problems hampering them are solved.

The New START treaty, signed in 2010 by President Barack Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, limits each country to no more than 1,550 deployed nuclear warheads and 700 deployed missiles and bombers, and envisages sweeping on-site inspections to verify compliance.

Just days before the New START was due to expire in February 2021, Russia and the United States agreed to extend it for another five years.

Ryabkov said that Russia has been open to discussions about the resumption of inspections, but emphasised that it should be done on the basis of parity and equality.



Russia targets reporter with raid, probe over war criticism

AP ■ MOSCOW

Russian authorities on Wednesday raided the home of a former state TV journalist who quit after making an on-air protest against Moscow's war in Ukraine, and launched a criminal case against her on the charge of spreading false information about the Russian armed forces, her lawyer said on social media.

The case against Marina Ovsyannikova was launched under a law, enacted after the February 24 invasion of Ukraine, that penalises statements against the military, lawyer Dmitry Zakhvatov said.

A conviction is punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

Zakhvatov told the independent news site Meduza that the case is likely linked to a protest Ovsyannikova staged last month, holding a banner that said "(Russian President Vladimir) Putin is a killer, his soldiers are fascists."

He said on Telegram that after the raid Ovsyannikova is expected to be brought into the Investigative Committee for questioning.

Ovsyannikova used to work as a producer with Russian state-funded Channel One. She made international headlines on March 14, when she appeared behind the anchor of an evening news broadcast holding a poster that said "stop the war, don't believe the propaganda, they are lying to you here."

Patronising bullying to take sides in Ukraine-Russia war is unacceptable: SA Foreign Minister



PTI ■ JOHANNESBURG

Attempts to bully countries into taking sides in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war is unacceptable, a senior South African Minister has said.

South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Naledi Pandor on Monday hosted US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who is on a three-nation Africa tour.

Blinken arrived in South Africa on Sunday, in what analysts describe is an attempt to counter the growing Chinese and Russian influence in the region, after Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov visited Africa last month. This is Blinken's second trip to the continent. Pandor said she was glad that Blinken had confirmed that the US had not asked South Africa to choose sides (between Russia and Ukraine). But she conceded that her government had experienced pressure from certain countries in Europe to align with their policy on Ukraine.

"But in terms of our interaction with some of our partners in Europe and elsewhere, there has been a sense of a patronising bullying of 'you choose this or else'," she said. She also criticised a US bill, which she says could penalise African countries for not towing the line on the Ukraine conflict, known as the "Countering Malign Russian Activities in

Africa Act." "The recent legislation passed in the US House of Representatives we found (to be) a most unfortunate Bill. When we speak about freedom, it's freedom for everybody. You can't say because Africa is doing this, you will then be punished by the US. We hope the other House will not agree to such offensive legislation," Pandor said.

The minister said it was important for all to respect different opinions held by different nations. "We are after all, sovereign nations that are recognised as equal in terms of the UN Charter. We may differ in terms of economic power and economic ability to influence developments in different parts of the world, but what will make the world work is if we respect each other."

"One thing I definitely dislike is being told: 'You choose this or else!'," Pandor reaffirmed. Relations between South Africa and the US have been strained after South Africa remained neutral over Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The minister said Russia was a "very negligible" economic partner for South Africa. "Our trade with Russia is less than four billion dollars annually, compared to the USD 20 billion with the US. So, this fear that we exist under some putsch is a totally an unfounded belief of the relationship that we have with either country," Pandor asserted.

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Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended 30 June 2022					
INR in millions					
Particulars	Quarter ended 30 June 2022 (Unaudited) (refer note 7)	Quarter ended 30 June 2021 (Unaudited) (refer note 7)	Quarter ended 31 March 2022 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 31 March 2022 Audited	
Total Income from Operations	376	395	407	1,447	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	118	136	142	423	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	118	136	142	423	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	87	109	122	346	
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	87	109	122	346	
Paid up Equity Share Capital	133	133	133	133	
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	2,769	2,559	2,682	2,682	
Equity component of compulsory convertible debentures	1,144	1,144	1,144	1,144	
Net worth**	4,046	3,836	3,959	3,959	
Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt*	6,079	6,270	6,079	6,079	
Debt Equity Ratio	2.20	2.51	2.35	2.31	
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)					
1. Basic :	3.82	2.98	4.79	15.17	
2. Diluted :	3.82	2.98	5.35	15.17	
Debt Redemption Reserve *	270	286	270	270	
Debt Service Coverage Ratio *	(0.16)	0.20	(1.35)	0.53	
Interest Service Coverage Ratio *	2.19	1.92	2.31	2.05	
Disclosures pursuant to Regulations 52(4) and 52(7) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.					
Credit Rating : IND AA+ (GE)					
Change in credit rating : No					
Asset Coverage Ratio : 169% (31 March, 2022 : 164%)					
Debt Equity Ratio : mentioned above					
Debt Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above					
Interest Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above					
Previous due date for the payment of interest/ repayment of principal of non convertible debt securities and whether the same has been paid or not (as on 31 March, 2022)					
Previous due date for the payment of interest : 31 March, 2022 and the same was paid					
Previous due date for the payment of principal : 31 March, 2022 and the same was paid					
Next due date for the payment of interest/ repayment of principal of non convertible debt securities (as on 30 September, 2022)					
Next due date for the payment of interest : 30 June, 2022					
Next due date for the payment of principal : 30 September, 2022					
Outstanding redeemable preference shares (Quantity and Value) : Not Applicable					
Net Worth ** (30 June, 2022) : INR 4,046 (31 March, 2022 : INR 3,959)					
Net profit after tax : mentioned above					
Earning per share : mentioned above					
Debt Redemption Reserve (30 June, 2022) : INR 270 (31 March, 2022 : INR 270)					
There are no material deviation in the use of proceeds of issue of Non Convertible Debentures from the objects stated in the offer document (Regulations 52(7))					
Notes :					
1. Ratios have been computed as follows : - Earning per share (Basic & Diluted) = Profit after Tax / Weighted average number of equity shares - Debt Equity Ratio* = Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders) / Equity (Equity share capital + share premium + quasi equity i.e. Short term borrowing but excluding unamortize fees) - Interest Service Coverage Ratio = Profit before interest, prior period items, tax, extraordinary items and depreciation / (Total Interest Expense). - Debt Service Coverage Ratio* = ((PAT based on Project Revenues realised (excluding non-cash adjustment, if any) + Depreciation + Interest (Interest, Guarantee Fees, other financing costs payable under Debenture and Project Documents)) / (Interest + Principal Repayment + Guarantee fee). - Asset Coverage Ratio = (Total Assets) / Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders) *As per Debenture Trust Deed dated 20 September, 2017. ** Network represents issued subscribed and paid up capital plus reserves and surplus. Reserves and Surplus includes Capital reserve, General reserve, Debenture redemption reserve, Securities premium account and Profit and loss account balance.					
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial results filed with the National Stock Exchange (NSE) under regulation 52 of the Listing Regulations. The full format of the quarterly financial results is available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company - http://renewpower.in/renew-akshay-urja-limited/					
3. For the other line items referred in regulation 52(4) of the Listing Regulations, pertinent disclosures have been made to the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and can be accessed on the URL: https://www.nseindia.com/					
4. The company is in the business of development and operation of solar power. There is only one segment (business and/or geographical) in accordance with the requirements of IND AS - 108 "Operating Segments".					
5. The above financial results of the Company for the quarter and for the period ended June 30, 2022 have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at the meeting held on August 10, 2022. The statutory auditors of the company have carried out the limited review of the above unaudited financial results of the Company for the quarter ended June 30, 2022.					
6. The figures of the last quarter are balancing figures between audited figures in respect of the full financial year upto March 31, 2022 and the unaudited published year-to-date figures upto December 31, 2021, being the date of the end of the third quarter of the financial year which were subject to limited review.					
7. The figures of the quarter ended June 30, 2021 are the unaudited and unreviewed management internal reporting figures. However, management has exercised necessary due diligence to ensure that the financial results for the periods provide a true and fair view of the Company's affairs.					
For and on behalf of ReNew Akshay Urja Limited (Sd/-) Rahul Jain Managing Director, DIN : 07641891					
Place : Gurugram Date : 10 August, 2022					

RAMPUR FERTILIZERS LIMITED							
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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED ON 30 JUNE 2022 (Rs. In Lacs)							
S. No.	Particulars	Standalone Results				Consolidated Results	
		Quarter Ended		Year Ended		Quarter ended	Year ended
		30.06.2022	31.03.2022	30.06.2021	31.03.2022	30.06.2022	31.03.2022
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	1375.23	1152.8	761.1	3326.82	1375.23	3326.82
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional items)	175.37	31.58	170.65	217.02	175.37	217.02
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax, after exceptional items	175.37	31.58	170.65	217.02	175.37	217.02
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax	175.37	38.53	170.65	183.97	175.37	183.97
5	Net Profit / (Loss) after Share of Profit/(Loss) of Associates	175.37	38.53	170.65	183.97	176.08	195.15
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	494.82	494.82	494.82	494.82	494.82	494.82
7	Earnings/(loss) per share (of Rs. 10/- each) (not annualised, in Rs.) for continuing and discontinuing operations:						
(i) Basic / Diluted		3.54	0.78	3.45	3.72	3.56	3.94
NOTES: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Financial Results filed with Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results is available on the Company's website at www.rampurfert.com and the same has been also sent to Stock exchanges, i.e. CSE and MSE to upload on website i.e. www.cse-india.com and www.nse.in respectively.							
Place: Rampur Date : 10.08.2022				By order of the Board Sd/- Anshuman Khaitan (Managing Director)			

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Extract of Standalone Unaudited Results for the Quarter Ended 30/06/2022 (Rs in lakhs)				
Particulars	Quarter Ending (30.06.2022)	Peceding 3 months ended (31.03.2022)	Corresponding 3 months ended in the previous year (30/06/2021)	Previous year ended (31.03.2022)
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Total income from operations (net)	2178.88	2151.58	1252.96	9866.13
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax and Exceptional items	(169.34)	(52.69)	(65.68)	(13.17)
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax and after Exceptional items	(169.34)	(52.69)	(65.68)	(13.17)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax and Exceptional items	(165.75)	(25.81)	(63.07)	(5.56)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	(165.75)	(12.62)	(63.07)	7.63
Equity Share Capital (Face value Rs 10 each)	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98
Other equity	-	-	-	-
Earnings per share for discontinued & continuing operations (of Rs. 10/-each):				
(a) Basic	(1.62)	(0.25)	(0.61)	(0.05)
(b) Diluted	(1.62)	(0.25)	(0.61)	(0.05)
Notes:-				
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Unaudited Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Unaudited Financial Results are available on the website of the Stock Exchange (www.bseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.prakashwoollen.com)				
Place : Village Amhera (Amroha) Date : 10-08-2022 By Order of The Board For Prakash Woollen & Synthetic Mills Limited Sd/- Vijay Kumar Gupta Whole Time Director & CFO DIN: 00335325				

Lanka introduces bill to clip presidential powers



AP ■ COLOMBO

A Sri Lankan government minister on Wednesday submitted to Parliament a constitutional amendment bill that would clip the powers of the president, a key demand of protesters calling for political reforms and solutions to the country's worst economic crisis.

Justice Minister Wijayadasa Rajapakshe presented the bill, which would transfer some presidential powers - including those to appoint independent election commission members, police and public service officials, and bribery and corruption investigators - into the hands of a constitutional council comprising lawmakers and respected non-political persons. The council would then recommend candidates for these appointments that the president could choose from.

Under the proposed amendments,

the president also would only be able to appoint a chief justice, other senior judges, an attorney general and a central bank governor on the recommendation of the council. The prime minister would recommend appointments to the Cabinet and the president would not be allowed to hold any ministry positions except defense.

The bill, which will undergo debate, must be approved by two-thirds of Sri Lanka's 225-member Parliament to become law.

If passed into law, the amendments would reinstate democratic reforms made in 2015. Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who was ousted as president by angry protests last month, reversed those reforms and concentrated power in himself after being elected to office in 2019.

President Ranil Wickremesinghe, who succeeded Rajapaksa, has promised to limit the powers of the presidency and strengthen Parliament in response to the protesters' demands.

Sri Lankans have staged massive street protests for the past four months demanding democratic reforms and solutions to the country's economic collapse.

Protesters blame the Rajapaksa family's alleged mismanagement and corruption for the economic crisis that has led to serious shortages of essentials like medicines, food and fuel.

Lanka's SC extends overseas travel ban on Mahinda, Basil

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's Supreme Court on Wednesday extended until September 5 the overseas travel ban on former prime minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and his younger brother and former finance minister Basil Rajapaksa, who are widely blamed for the current economic crisis in the island nation.

CHINA REAFFIRMS MILITARY THREAT TO ANNEX TAIWAN



AP ■ BEIJING

China on Wednesday reaffirmed its threat to use military force to bring self-governing Taiwan under its control, amid threatening Chinese military exercises that have raised tensions between the sides to their highest level in years. The statement issued by the Cabinet's Taiwan Affairs Office and its news department followed almost a week of missile firings and incursions into Taiwanese waters and airspace by Chinese warships and air force planes. The actions have disrupted flights and shipping in a region crucial to global supply chains, prompting strong condemnation from the US, Japan and others.

The Chinese statement said Beijing seeks "peaceful unification" with Taiwan but "does not pledge to relinquish the use of military force and retains all necessary options". In an additional response, China said it was cutting off dialogue on issues from maritime security to climate change with the US, Taiwan's chief military and political backer.

China says the threatening moves were prompted by a visit to Taiwan last week by US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, but Taiwan says such visits are routine and that China used that merely as a pretext to up its threats.

Taiwan's foreign minister warned Tuesday that the Chinese military drills reflect ambitions to control large swaths of the western Pacific, while Taipei conducted its own exercises to underscore its readiness to defend itself.

Beijing's strategy would include controlling the East and South China seas via the Taiwan Strait and imposing a blockade to prevent the US and its allies from aiding Taiwan in the event of an attack, Joseph Wu told a news conference in Taipei. Beijing has extended the ongoing exercises without announcing when they will end. Taiwan split with the mainland amid civil war in 1949 and the island's 23 million people overwhelmingly oppose political unification with China, while preferring to maintain close economic links and the status quo of de-facto independence.

Through its maneuvers, China has pushed closer to Taiwan's borders and may be seeking to establish a new normal in which it could eventually control access to the island's ports and airspace. The US, Taipei's main backer, has also shown itself to be willing to face down China's threats. Washington has no formal diplomatic ties with Taiwan in deference to Beijing, but is legally bound to ensure the island can defend itself and to treat all threats against it as matters of grave concern.

Chinese envoy tells Australia to show 'caution' over Taiwan

AP ■ CANBERRA

Australia's recent change of government was a chance to "reset" its troubled relationship with China, but the new administration must "handle the Taiwan question with caution," a Chinese envoy said on Wednesday.

Chinese Ambassador to Australia Xiao Qian said he was "surprised" that Australia had signed a statement with the United States and Japan that condemned China's firing of missiles into Japanese waters in response to US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan last week.

"We hope that the Australian side could take China-Australia relations with serious attitude. Take the One China' principle seriously, handle the Taiwan question with caution," Xiao told the National Press Club.

US veterans health bill marks personal victory for Biden

AP ■ WASHINGTON

As US President Joe Biden rattled off policy proposals in this year's State of the Union address, he hit an emotional note when talking about veterans who suffer from cancer after serving on military bases where toxic smoke billowed from burning trash.

"One of those soldiers was my son Major Beau Biden," he said. The president was careful to avoid drawing a direct line between the burn pits and his son's fatal cancer, but he left no doubt that he believes there was a connection.

The tragic death from seven years ago marks a ceremony on Wednesday, when Biden plans to sign legislation expanding federal health care for veterans, among the most personal moments for him since taking office.

Senator Jon Tester, D-Mont., who chairs the Senate



Committee on Veterans' Affairs, said Biden was a driving force behind the measure, which passed last week.

"He was continually pushing because whether Beau died of this or not, I think Joe thinks that it had some impact, and so he wanted this fixed," Tester said. "And because he thinks it was the right thing to do. So different president, different set of

priorities, this would have probably never happened."

Burn pits were used in Iraq and Afghanistan to dispose of chemicals, cans, tires, plastics, medical equipment, and human waste.

However, 70 per cent of disability claims involving exposure to the pits were denied by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Native Americans urge boycott of tone deaf Pilgrim museum

AP ■ PLYMOUTH (US)

Native Americans in Massachusetts are calling for a boycott of a popular living history museum featuring Colonial re-enactors portraying life in Plymouth, the famous English settlement founded by the Pilgrims who arrived on the Mayflower.

Members of the state's Wampanoag community and their supporters say Plimoth Patuxet Museums has not lived up to its promise of creating a "bi-cultural museum" that equally tells the story of the European and Indigenous peoples that lived there. They say the "Historic Patuxet Homesite," the portion of the mostly outdoor museum focused on traditional Indigenous life, is inadequately small, in need of repairs and staffed by workers who aren't from local tribes.

MONKEYS UNDER ATTACK IN BRAZIL AMID RISING MONKEYPOX FEARS

AP ■ SAO PAULO

The World Health Organisation expressed sorrow on Tuesday for the killing of monkeys in Brazil amid fears of monkeypox contagion.

Brazilian news website G1 reported on Sunday that 10 monkeys had been poisoned in less than a week in the city of Sao Jose do Rio Preto, in Sao Paulo state.

Similar incidents were reported in other cities.

"People have to know that the transmission we see now is among humans," said Margaret Harris, a WHO spokeswoman, during a press conference in Geneva.

Brazil counts more than 1,700 cases of monkeypox, according to the WHO.

The country's health ministry confirmed one death related to the disease on July 29.

The victim was a was a man who had low immunity and comorbidities.

Contagion can take place from animals to humans, but the recent outbreak is related to human only contacts, according to Harris.

"People certainly should not attack the animals," she said.

Brazil has a long register of attacks on monkeys during yellow fever outbreaks too.

Since May, nearly 90 countries have reported more than 29,000 cases of monkeypox. The WHO classified the outbreak of the once-rare disease as an international emergency in July.

In race to win, UK Conservatives accused of ignoring crises

AP ■ LONDON

As Britain swelters through a roasting summer, and braces for a cold financial reckoning in the fall, calls for the Conservative government to act are getting louder.

But the Conservatives are busy choosing a new leader, through a prolonged party election whose priorities often seem remote from the country's growing turmoil.

Britons' energy bills have soared — and further hikes are coming — as the war in Ukraine squeezes global oil and gas supplies. The Bank of England is predicting a long, deep recession later this year alongside 13% inflation. Meanwhile, temperatures in



Britain hit 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit) in July for the first time ever, and millions are facing limits on water use as England's green and pleasant land dries to a desiccated brown.

Security expert warns UN Africa could be future ISIS caliphate

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

The threat from the Islamic State extremist group is growing by the day in Africa and the continent could be "the future of the caliphate," an African security expert warned the U.N. Security Council on Tuesday.

Martin Ewi said the Islamic State "has expanded its influence beyond measure" in Africa, with at least 20 countries directly experiencing the extremist group's activity and more than 20 others "being used for logistics and to mobilise funds and other resources."

"They are now regional hubs, which have become corridors of instability in Africa," said Ewi, who coordinates a transna-



tional organised crime project at the Institute for Security Studies in South Africa's capital Pretoria and was previously in charge of the African Union Commission's counter-terrorism program.

He said the Lake Chad Basin — which borders Chad, Nigeria, Niger and Cameroon — is the extremist group's biggest area of operation, areas in the Sahel are now "ungovernable" and Somalia remains the IS "hotspot" in the Horn of Africa.

Yemen officials say fresh infighting kills 35 in south

AP ■ SANAA (YEMEN)

Infighting among pro-government Yemeni forces has killed 35 troops in a southern province in the past 24 hours, officials said, a development that threatens a ceasefire in the country's wider conflict.

They say that an artillery duel that start in the late hours of Tuesday hit areas around a local airport in the city of Ata, the capital of the southern Shabwa province.

Five civilians were among the dead, they added, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

The fighting comes after months of tensions within the pro-government, Saudi-led

coalition that has been fighting a common enemy — the Houthi rebels — since 2015.

Earlier violence late on Sunday erupted in the area after the province's governor, backed by the United Arab Emirates, decided to sack a police commander known to have an anti-UAE stance, the officials said.

Yemen's civil war erupted in 2014, when the Iran-backed Houthis descended from their northern enclave and took over the capital, forcing the government to flee to the south before its exile in Saudi Arabia.

A Saudi-led coalition — then backed by the US — entered the war in early 2015 to try to restore the government to power.



LANDMARK THE HOMES 81

SECTOR-81, GURUGRAM (HARYANA)

PROJECT APPROVED UNDER HARYANA GOVT. AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY 2013

Online applications are invited from general public for booking and allotment of 74 residential apartments in Affordable Housing Project in the name of "LANDMARK THE HOMES 81" proposed to be developed by M/s SRV Automotives Pvt. Ltd., as per terms and conditions of the policy prescribed by the Town & Country Planning Department, Govt. of Haryana vide notification no. PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 and amendment thereof (details available at the department website i.e. www.tcpharyana.gov.in).

PROJECT DETAILS:

1. Project ID:	113
2. Colonizers/Developers:	M/s SRV Automotives Pvt. Ltd.
3. Project Approvals:	License No. 4 of 2021 Dated: 02.03.2021 Building Plans Sanctioned Vide Memo No. ZP-1466/SD (DK)/2021/12887 DATED 02.06.2021. RERA Registration No: 36 of 2021, Dated: 16.07.2021.
4. Location:	Sector 81, Gurugram, Haryana
5. Project Area:	5.0 Acres comprising a total 694 nos. of apartments out of which remaining/surrender 74 nos. of apartments are available. 4 nos. of apartments are reserved for management quota. Community Facilities: One Community Hall of 2046.83 sq. ft. and One Aanganwadi cum creche of 2023.63 sq. ft.
6. Facilities:	Gated Entry, Security Post, Drop off Zone, Ample Parking, Kids play area, Water body, Badminton Court, Lawn tennis, Commercial Complex

7. Details of Apartments offer for Public:

Unit Type	Unit Carpet Area @ 4200 (Sq.ft)	Unit Balcony Area @ 1000 (Sq.ft)	Total price of Unit (Rs.)	At the time of Online Application (Rs.)	No. of Units
Unit-3 (2bhk)	559.82	179.33	2451264	117562.20	22
Unit-4 (2bhk) (3 units under MQ)	566.61	124.16	2479746	118988.10	9
Unit-6 (1bhk)	348.04	85.34	1547121	73088.40	37
Unit-7 (1bhk)	398.86	85.34	1760552	83760.60	5
Unit-2 (3bhk) (MQ)	644.86	152.34	2808412	135420.60	1

8. Applicable GST and cesses, levies & fees etc. shall be charged over & above the said total price of the unit.

9. **Payment Terms:**

- With online application: Booking amount i.e. 5% of Total Price of unit
- On Allotment: 20% of Total Price of unit
- The balance 75% amount of the flat cost will be recovered as per stages of construction as prescribed in the Agreement for Sale. No interest shall fall due before the due date of payment. Any default in payment will bear penal interest as provided in Rule 15 of the HRERA, rules, 2017.

10. **Parking:** Two wheeler parking with each apartment.

11. **Broad Specification of Apartment:**

Flooring: Vitrified/Ceramic Tiles, Wall Finish: Oil Bound distemper, Kitchen Details: SS Single bowl Sink, Granite top platform, Balcony Flooring: Anti Skid Tiles, Railing: M.S Steel, Window/External Door: UPVC/MS/Aluminum or equivalent, Door: Flush Doors, Bathroom Fittings: Chinaware or equivalent, C. P. Fittings: Modern & elegant, Electrical: ISI marked products for wirings, switches & circuits.

12. **Application Timelines:** Application will be filled online by registration on <https://edraw.tcpharyana.gov.in/tcp-dms/home> starting from **04th August 2022** and last date of submission of online application form is **27th August 2022**.

13. **ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Any person can apply but an applicant in a specific colony shall make only one application. 2. Any Person can apply, however, the PMAY beneficiaries, which include their spouse or dependent children, identified by the Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana under "Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna - Housing for all programme shall be granted preference in allotment. First Priority shall be given to the identified beneficiaries of the said town followed by other PMAY beneficiaries of the state of Haryana. Thereafter, for the remaining flats, Persons which include their spouse or dependent children who do not own any flat/plot in any HUDA developed colony/sector or any licensed colony in any of the urban areas in Haryana, UT of Chandigarh and NCT Delhi shall be given next Preference in allotment of flats. Any successful applicant under this policy shall not be eligible for allotment of any other flat under this policy in any other colony. In case he/she is successful in more than one colony, he/she will have choice to retain only one flat. All such applicants shall submit an affidavit to this effect. 3. PAN Card & Aadhaar Card is mandatory.

14. **ALLOTMENT CRITERIA:**

1. The allotment of apartments shall be done through online draw in the presence of Committee consisting Deputy Commissioner or his representative (at least of the cadre of Haryana Civil Services), Senior Town Planner (Circle office), DTP of the concerned District and the representative of concerned colonizer. 2. After fixation of date for online draw, an advertisement shall be issued by the Developer informing the applicant about the details regarding date/time and venue of the online draw in the same newspaper in which the original advertisement was issued. For detailed criteria and time frame to be adopted for scrutiny and allotment, the applicant may also refer to the details in the affordable housing policy 2013 notified by No. PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 (available at the department website i.e., www.tcpharyana.gov.in)

2. In the event the purchaser(s) wants to avail a loan facility from any bank, financial Institution or his/her employer to facilitate the purchase of the flat, the developer shall facilitate the process but shall not be held liable for any delay in payment or refusal to grant the loan to purchaser(s).

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EXTRACT OF THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30.06.2022

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Year Ended
		30.06.2022 Unaudited	30.06.2021 Unaudited	
1	Total Income from Operations	19.41	131.84	210.89
2	Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Activities for the Period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	16.10	128.17	198.90
3	Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Activities for the Period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	16.10	128.17	198.90
4	Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Activities for the Period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	36.51	120.29	180.95
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	(2,061.77)	2,816.79	7,376.43
6	Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Rs.10/-)	222.39	222.39	222.39
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the Balance sheet of previous year)			10,330.98
8	Earning Per Share (EPS) Face value of Rs 10/- each. (for Continuing and discontinuing operations) Basic & Diluted:-	1.64	5.41	8.14

Notes: 1. The Unaudited financial results of the Company for the Quarter ended 30th June, 2022 have been reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on August 10, 2022. The financial results have been subjected to Limited Review by Statutory Auditors of the Company.

2. The above is the extract of the detailed format of the quarterly Financial filed with the Stock Exchanges under regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing and other disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website i.e. www.bseindia.com and Company's website: <http://www.ownmahar.com/kovalam/investor.php>

For Kovalam Investment and Trading Co. Ltd.
Sd/-
(Jaikaran Singh)
Manager

Date: 10.08.2022
Place: Ludhiana

PERFECTPAC LIMITED

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CIN No.: L72100DL1972PLC005971

EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

(₹ In lakhs except EPS)

PARTICULARS	Quarter Ended		Year Ended	
	30.06.2022 Un-audited	31.03.2022 Audited	30.06.2021 Un-audited	31.03.2022 Audited
Total Revenue from operations	2528.47	2518.23	1749.56	8849.73
Net Profit/(Loss) for the year/period (before Exceptional items and Tax)	40.41	78.51	(12.13)	158.95
Net Profit / (Loss) for the year/period before tax (after Exceptional items)	40.41	78.51	(12.13)	158.95
Net Profit/(Loss) for the year/period after tax and Exceptional items	36.79	52.13	(6.92)	103.01
Total Comprehensive Income for the year/period (Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the year/period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	36.79	57.66	(6.92)	108.54
Equity Share Capital	133.26	133.26	133.26	133.26
Earnings Per Share of ₹10/- each				
1. Basic (₹)	2.76	3.91	(0.52)	7.73
2. Diluted (₹)	2.76	3.91	(0.52)	7.73
	Not Annualised	Not Annualised	Not Annualised	Annualised

NOTES:

1. The above unaudited financial results were, subjected to limited review by the Statutory Auditors of the Company, reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved and taken on record by the Board of Directors at its Meeting held on August 10, 2022.

2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of unaudited financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2022, filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the unaudited financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2022 is available under the investor section of Company's website at www.perfectpac.com and on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.bseindia.com.

For Perfectpac Limited
Sanjay Rajgarhia
(Managing Director)
DIN: 00154167

Place : New Delhi
Date : 10.08.2022

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CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com

Letter No. 511 **TENDER NOTICE** Dated : 10.08.2022

Office of the Executive Engineer (G), ChillaPower House invites bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tenders are given below :

NITNo.- 07/EE(G)/2022-23.

Name of work/supply/services etc.:Supply and Installation of Heavy Duty Exhaust Fans at Chilla Power House.

Estimated cost :-Rs.9,38,000/- Plus GST extra .

Date of availability of bid document on website:10.08.2022 from 16:00 Hrs. Last date for submission of bids :31.08.2022 up to 11:00 Hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from Nigam's website www.ujvnl.com

Executive Engineer (G)

"Avoid Wasteful use of Electricity"

CUBICAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED

Regd. Office-456, Aggarwal Metro Height, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034
CIN-L65993DL1990PLC040101
website:- www.cubical90.com E-mail:- cubfinser@yahoo.com

Extract of the statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter ended June 30, 2022

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended	Year Ended
		6/30/2022	6/30/2021	31-03-2022
		(UN-Audited)	(UN-Audited)	(Audited)
1.	Total Income from operations	34.37	22.54	216.36
2.	Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax	-9.61	24.97	81.73
3.	Net Profit / Loss for the period after tax	-10.68	24.01	67.53
4.	Equity Share Capital	1303.4	1303.40	1303.40
5.	Reserves excluding Revaluation Reserve	-	-	82.49
6.	Earnings Per Share (EPS) (of Rs. 2/- each)			
	Basic	-0.02	0.04	0.10
	Diluted	-0.02	0.04	0.10

Note:- The above is an Extract of the Detailed Format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The Full Format of the Quarterly Financial Results is available on the Website of Bombay Stock Exchange at www.bseindia.com & on Company website at www.cubicalrealtors.com.

By Order of the Board of Directors
for Cubical Financial Services Limited
Ashawani Kumar Gupta
Managing Director
DIN-00348616

Dated:- 10th August, 2022
Place:- Delhi

Edelweiss EDELWEISS ASSET RECONSTRUCTION CO. LTD.

CIN : U67100MH2007PLC174759
Registered Office: Edelweiss House, Off CST Road, Kalina, Mumbai 400098

APPENDIX-IV POSSESSION NOTICE [rule- 8(1)]

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited, acting in its capacity as a trustee of EARC Trust SC-406 ("EARC"), being the assignee of ECL Finance Limited, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) ("the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) of the Act read with rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("the Rules"), had issued a demand notice dated November 11th, 2020 under section 13(2) of the Act calling upon Magpie India Private Limited, Golden Lotus Investments Private Limited, Mr. Kailash Chand Jain, Mr. Suresh Jain, Ms. Anuradha Jain, Ms. Rani Jain and Mr. Manish Bhaskar, to repay the aggregate amount being Rs. 25,82,45,538/- (Rupees Twenty Five Crore Eighty Two Lacs Forty Five Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Eight Only) due as on October 31st, 2020, together with further, interest, costs and expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

That Magpie India Private Limited, Golden Lotus Investments Private Limited, Mr. Kailash Chand Jain, Mr. Suresh Jain, Ms. Anuradha Jain, Ms. Rani Jain And Mr. Manish Bhaskar having failed to repay the aforesaid amount, notice is hereby given to Magpie India Private Limited, Golden Lotus Investments Private Limited, Mr. Kailash Chand Jain, Mr. Suresh Jain, Ms. Anuradha Jain, Ms. Rani Jain, Mr. Manish Bhaskar and Magpie International Limited and the public in general that by virtue of the order dated March 3rd, 2022, passed by the Hon'ble DM, Sonapat, the physical possession of the immovable and movable properties, more particularly described herein below ("Secured Assets") has been taken by the Naib Tehsildar (Rai cum Executive Magistrate) and the same has been handed over to the undersigned. The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of EARC, has taken possession of the Secured Assets , in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 9th day of August, 2022.

Magpie India Private Limited, Golden Lotus Investments Private Limited, Mr. Kailash Chand Jain, Mr. Suresh Jain, Ms. Anuradha Jain, Ms. Rani Jain, Mr. Manish Bhaskar and Magpie International Limited in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the Secured Asset and any dealings with the said property will be subject to inter-alia the charge of the EARC for an amount of Rs. 25,82,45,538/- (Rupees Twenty Five Crore Eighty Two Lacs Forty Five Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Eight Only), being due as on October 31st, 2020, together with further interest, costs and expenses thereon.

Magpie India Private Limited, Golden Lotus Investments Private Limited, Mr. Kailash Chand Jain, Mr. Suresh Jain, Ms. Anuradha Jain, Ms. Rani Jain, Mr. Manish Bhaskar and Magpie International Limited's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (1) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the Secured Assets.

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Plot No. TP-4, admeasuring 16011.60 square meters and situated in Sector-38, Phase-I, HSIDCO Industrial Estate Rai, Sonapat, Haryana-131001

Along with all the buildings, structures, machineries, furniture, fixtures and other movable secured assets thereon.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Date: 09.08.2022 (Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd.)
Place: Sonapat, Haryana (Acting in its capacity as a trustee of EARC Trust SC-406)

₹50K cr forex saved by blending ethanol with petrol in 7-8 years: PM



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates a 2G ethanol plant at Panipat Refinery in Haryana, through a video conference, in New Delhi on Wednesday

Panipat: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said the country saved ₹50,000 crore in foreign exchange by blending ethanol with petrol in the last seven-eight years.

Dedicating the second-generation ethanol plant of India Oil Corporation to the nation here, Modi said that the same amount of ₹50,000 crore has gone to farmers.

Modi, who addressed the gathering through video-conferencing, said the ethanol plant worth ₹900 crore will provide a permanent solution to the problem of stubble burning in farms. Besides, stubble will become a source of income for farmers, Modi said, adding that ethanol production has increased from 40

core litres to 400 crore litres in eight years.

He said that the second-generation ethanol plant at Panipat will help reduce pollution in Haryana and Delhi. Second-generation ethanol plant uses non-food biomass as feedstock for the production of biofuel. The project will utilise 2 lakh tonnes of rice straw to generate around 3 crore litres of ethanol annually. It will also result in a reduction in the emission of greenhouse gases. The plant will strengthen the efforts to boost production and usage of biofuels and will immensely help our farmers, the Prime Minister said. On clean fuels, Modi said that 75 per cent of households will get piped gas supply in a few years.

Sensex, Nifty close almost flat

Mumbai: Benchmark BSE Sensex and Nifty closed on a flat note on Wednesday as profit booking in IT and realty shares negated gains in metal and oil & gas stocks.

The 30-share BSE Sensex ended 35.78 points or 0.06 per cent lower at 58,817.29 in a volatile session. As many as 17 of its components ended in the red while 13 advanced.

The broader NSE Nifty inched up 9.65 points or 0.06 per cent to close at 17,534.75.

The market remained range-bound for the most part of the session as investors kept their exposure low due to weak global cues, traders said.

"Investors were in a cautious mode in anticipation of the release of US inflation statistics, which will set the tone for the next FED policy meeting," Vinod Nair, Head Of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said.

"The US CPI inflation during July is projected to remain high, in line with June inflation levels. This, along with strong job data, will compel the Fed to keep taking a tough approach to rein in high

inflation levels," Nair added.

Bajaj Finance was the top loser in the Sensex pack, shedding 2.66 per cent, followed by NTPC, HCL Tech, Wipro, Asian Paints, Ultra Cement and SBI. On the other hand, Tata Steel, Bharti Airtel, ICICI Bank, L&T and IndusInd Bank were among the gainers.

Among sectors, metals and capital goods gained the most while IT and realty fell the most. Midcap and Smallcap indexes mildly underperformed the Nifty even as the advance-decline ratio remained below 1:1 at 0.8, Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities, said.

Asian markets slipped on Wednesday after weak inflation readings from China raised concerns over sluggish demand in China, with the focus now turning to key US inflation data to be released later in the day.

Markets traded in a narrow range with a negative bias for the most part of the trading session, as traders followed global direction and exhibited caution ahead of the key US inflation data.

Digital loans must be credited directly in bank accounts: RBI

Mumbai: The RBI on Wednesday mandated that digital loans must be credited directly in the bank accounts of borrowers and not through any third party, as it put in place strict norms to curb rising malpractice in digital lending space.

Besides, the Reserve Bank of India said digital lending entities and not the borrowers should pay fees or charges payable to Lending Service Providers (LSPs) in the credit intermediation process.

Issuing a detailed set of guidelines for digital lending, the RBI mentioned about the concerns primarily related to unbridled engagement of third parties, mis-selling, breach of data privacy, unfair business conduct, charging of exorbitant interest rates, and unethical recovery practices.

The RBI had constituted a Working Group on 'digital lending including lending through online platforms and mobile applications' (WGDL) on January 13, 2021.

It further said regulatory framework to support orderly growth of credit delivery through digital lending meth-

ods while mitigating the regulatory concerns has been firmed up. "This regulatory framework is based on the principle that lending business can be carried out only by entities that are either regulated by the Reserve Bank or entities permitted to do so under any other law," it said.

The Reserve Bank's regulatory framework is focused on the digital lending ecosystem of RBI's Regulated Entities (REs) and the LSPs engaged by them to extend various permissible credit facilitation services.

"All loan disburseals and repayments are required to be executed only between the bank accounts of borrower and the RE without any pass-through/ pool account of the LSP or any third party," the RBI said. Also, any fees, charges, payable to LSPs in the credit intermediation process shall be paid directly by RE and not by the borrower, it added.

It further said a standardized Key Fact Statement (KFS) must be provided to the borrower before executing the loan contract.

This has been mandated to be followed by REs, their LSPs,

and Digital Lending Apps (DLAs) of REs, among others.


If any complaint lodged by the borrower is not resolved by the RE within the stipulated period (currently 30 days), he/she can lodge a complaint under the Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (RB-IOS).

The RBI further said data collected by DLAs should be need- based, have clear audit trails and only done with prior explicit consent of the borrower. Option may be provided for borrowers to accept or deny consent for use of specific data, including option to revoke previously granted consent, besides option to delete the data collected from borrowers by DLAs/ LSPs.


RBI also said certain recommendations of the working group have been accepted in-principle, but they require further examination.

Also, there are recommendations which require wider engagement with the central government and other stakeholders in view of the technical complexities, setting up of institutional mechanism and legislative interventions.

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2022					
(Rs. in lakhs)					
Sl. No.	Particulars	For the Quarter Ended June 30, 2022	For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2022	For the Quarter Ended March 30, 2021	For the Year Ended March 31, 2022
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations (Net)	7,375.30	7,703.85	4,895.05	26,232.22
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	209.12	211.89	306.96	1,206.50
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	209.12	207.44	306.96	1,202.05
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	156.84	138.46	238.47	895.54
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	156.84	138.46	238.47	895.54
6	Paid Up Equity Share Capital	1,273.95	1,273.95	1,273.95	1,273.95
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	3,775.58	-	3,775.58
8	Securities Premium Account	240.00	240.00	240.00	240.00
9	Net Worth	5,206.42	5,049.54	4,392.48	5,049.54
10	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	11,994.70	12,114.70	8,562.46	12,114.70
11	Outstanding Redeemable Perferences Shares	-	-	-	-
12	Debt Equity Ratio	2.20	2.40	1.81	2.40
13	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (before and after extraordinary items)				
	1. Basic:	1.23	1.09	1.87	7.02
	2. Diluted:	1.23	1.09	1.87	7.02
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.06	3.48	4.28	4.56
17	Interest Service coverage Ratio	2.53	5.99	4.98	5.91
Notes: 1 The above standalone financial result for the quarter ended June 30, 2022 are prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standard (IND-AS) as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Amendment Rules, 2016. 2 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Bombay Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results as on June 30, 2022 are available on the website of the Bombay Stock Exchange i.e. www.bseindia.in and on web site of the Company i.e. www.ashnoortex.com					
By Order of the Board of Directors For Ashnoor Textile Mills Limited Sd/- Suneel Gupta Managing Director DIN - 00052084					
Place : Gurugram, Haryana Date : 09/08/2022					



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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS
FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2022

Sl. No.	PARTICULARS	Quarter Ended			Year Ended
		30.06.2022 Unaudited	31.03.2022 Audited	30.06.2021 Unaudited	
1.	Total Income from operations	252.46	275.81	123.77	784.27
2.	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items)	14.69	5.79	22.47	61.83
3.	Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	14.69	5.79	22.47	61.83
4.	Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	10.93	4.54	16.64	45.89
5.	Total comprehensive income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)	10.99	4.47	16.75	46.05
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs.10/-)	89.14	89.14	89.14	89.14
7.	Other Equity (excluding Revaluation Reserve)				190.38
8.	Earnings Per Share (Rs.10/- each)				
	Basic :	1.23	0.51	1.87	5.15
	Diluted :	1.23	0.51	1.87	5.15

NOTE : The above is an extract of the detailed format of Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results are available on the Company's Website (www.pasupatiacrylon.com) and website of stock exchanges www.bseindia.com & www.nseindia.com.

for Pasupati Acrylon Ltd.
(Sd/-)
Vineet Jain
Managing Director

Place : New Delhi
Date : 10th August, 2022

<div> SUPERIOR FINLEASE LIMITED </div> <div> CIN: L74899DL1994PLC061995 Regd. Off: NS-92, Khasra No-33/21, Ranaji Enclave, Najafgarh, Near Arjun Park Bus Stand New Delhi -110043 Email id : superiorfinlease@gmail.com; Website: www.superiorfinlease.com </div>				
Extract of Statement of Un-Audited Financial Results for the first quarter ended June 30, 2022				
(Rupees in lacs)				
Sl No.	Particulars	Quarter ended 31-03-22 Un-Audited	31-03-22 Un-Audited	Year ended 31-03-22 Audited
1	Total Income from operations	50.17	85.18	17.16
2	Net Profit for the period (Before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	12.29	-12.68	11.13
3	Net Profit for the period Before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	12.29	-12.68	11.13
4	Net Profit for the period After Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	12.29	-12.68	11.13
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit] for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	12.29	-12.68	11.13
6	Equity Share Capital	300.10	300.10	300.10
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet as shown in the previous year	3.31	3.31	3.31
8	Earning Per Share (of Rs.1/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)			
	(a) Basic (in Rs.)	0.04	-0.04	0.04
	(b)Diluted (in Rs.)	0.04	-0.04	0.04
Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly and Year Ended Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange Website (www.mse.in and www.bseindia.com) and Company's website www.superiorfinlease.com.				
For Superior Finlease Limited Sd/- Sd/- (RAJNEESH KUMAR) Director DIN: 02463693				
Date : 10.08.2022 Place : New Delhi				

<div> ReNew Wind Energy (Jath) Limited </div> <div> CIN No. U40101DL2012PLC236227 Regd. Office : 138, Ansal Chambers II, Bikaji Cama Place, Delhi-110066 Corporate Office : ReNew.hub, Commercial Block-1, Zone-6, Golf Course Road, DLF City Phase-V, Gurugram, 122009, Haryana, Phone – 0124-4896 670/ 80 </div>					
Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended June 2022					
(Amounts in INR thousand, except share and per share data, unless otherwise stated)					
Particulars	3 months ended 30 June 2022 (Unaudited)	3 months ended 30 June 2021 (Unaudited) (refer note 6)	3 months ended 31 March 2022 (Unaudited) (refer note 5)	Year ended 31 March 2022 Audited	
Total Income from Operations	2,14,468	2,23,705	85,332	7,21,768	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the year (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	73,448	74,812	(39,077)	2,09,121	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the year before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	73,448	74,812	(39,077)	2,09,121	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the year after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	54,685	54,536	(20,156)	1,71,265	
Total Comprehensive Income for the year [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	54,685	54,536	(20,156)	1,71,265	
Paid up Equity Share Capital	1,52,967	1,52,967	1,52,967	1,52,967	
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	16,32,146	14,60,971	15,77,462	15,77,462	
Secutities premium	13,66,029	13,66,029	13,66,029	13,66,029	
Net worth	17,85,143	16,13,938	17,30,429	17,30,429	
Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	30,04,045	33,40,334	30,02,418	30,02,418	
Debt Equity Ratio	1.77	2.02	1.77		
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)					
1. Basic :	3.57	3.57	(1.32)	11.20	
2. Diluted :	3.57	3.57	(1.32)	11.20	
Debenture Redemption Reserve	2,96,035	2,96,035	2,96,035	2,96,035	
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	3.12	(0.57)	0.09	0.98	
Interest Service Coverage Ratio	2.33	2.27	0.98	2.00	

Notes :

- For the other line items referred in Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to the National Stock Exchange of India Limited and can be accessed on the URL (<https://www.nseindia.com>).
- The statement has been prepared in accordance with recognition and measurement principles laid down in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" ("Ind AS 34") as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and relevant rules issued thereunder and other recognized accounting practices and policies.
- The company is in the business of development and operation of wind power. There is only one segment (business and/or geographical) in accordance with the requirements of IND AS - 108 "Operating Segments".
- The financial results for the the period ended June 30, 2022 have been approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 10-August-2022.
- The figures of the last quarter are balancing figures between audited figures in respect of the full financial year upto March 31, 2022 and the unaudited published year-to-date figures upto December 31, 2021, being the date of the end of the third quarter of the financial year which were subject to limited review.
- The figures of the quarter ended June 30, 2021 are the unaudited and unreviewed management internal reporting figures . However, management has exercised necessary due diligence to ensure that the financial results for the periods provide a true and fair view of the Company's affairs.
- India Ratings and Care Ratings has assigned long term issue rating and rating for the outstanding non-convertible debentures of the Company to "IND AA (CE)" with negative outlook and "CARE AA (CE)" with stable outlook, respectively.
- Previous period figures have been re-grouped / re-classified wherever necessary, to conform to current period's classification in order to comply with the requirements of the amended Schedule III to the Companies Act, 2013 effective from 1 April 2021.

For and on behalf of the
ReNew Wind Energy (Jath) Limited
 (Sd/-) **Balram Mehta**
 Managing Director, DIN : 06902711

Place : Gurugram
 Date : 10 August, 2022

Rupee rises 15 paise to close at 79.48 against US dollar

Mumbai: The rupee appreciated by 15 paise to close at 79.48 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday, tracking foreign fund inflows and easing crude oil prices.

At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 79.59 against the greenback and finally settled at 79.48 (provisional), registering a rise of 15 paise over its previous close.

During the session, the local unit witnessed an intra-day high of 79.41 and a low of 79.59 against the American currency. In the previous ses-

sion on Monday, the rupee had closed at 79.63 against the US dollar.

The dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was down 0.18 per cent at 106.18. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, fell 1.10 per cent to USD 95.25 per barrel.

"The Indian rupee outperforms among Asian currencies amid corporate dollar inflows and lacklustre global cues ahead of US inflation data," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities. **PTI**

Apparel retailers to stitch 21-23% revenue growth this fiscal: Report

Mumbai: Elevated inflation will cap operating margin of apparel retailers to below pre-pandemic level, even though they are on course to stitch a 21-23 per cent revenue growth this fiscal, says a report.

Strong same-store sales, new store launches and higher contribution from online channels will sew a 21-23 per cent revenue growth for apparel retailers this fiscal, or 500

percentage points over the pre-pandemic (fiscal 2020) levels, despite elevated inflation impacting discretionary demand, a Crisil report said on Wednesday. The agency expects large apparel retailers to grow faster at 25-30 per cent this fiscal, compared with 10-15 per cent by small and mid-sized players. However, the agency said though operating margins will improve by 175-

200 bps to 7.75-8 per cent boosted by increase in scale leading to better fixed-cost absorption, price hikes, and greater share of private labels, higher input prices will cap margin by 50-70 bps below fiscal 2020 level.

Among the key inputs, domestic cotton prices almost doubled between April 2020 and May 2022.

The report is based on a

study of 46 apparel retailers, which account for over a third of the revenue of organised players, who net ₹90,000 crore in annual sales, according to Naveen Vaidyanathan, a director at the agency.

The agency expects large apparel retailers will clip at 25-30 per cent, while small and mid-sized players will see their top lines growing by 10-15 per cent this fiscal.

Gold prices fall by ₹60, silver declines ₹575

New Delhi: Gold prices eased by ₹60 to ₹52,811 per 10 grams in the national capital on Wednesday in line with losses in the precious metal in the global markets, according to HDFC Securities.

The precious metal had closed at ₹52,871 per 10 grams in the previous trade.

Silver declined by ₹575 to ₹58,985 per kg from ₹59,560 per kg in the previous trade. The rupee appreciated by 11 paise to 79.52 against the US dollar in afternoon trade on Wednesday on easing crude oil prices and foreign fund inflows.

In the international market, gold was quoting lower at USD 1,789 per ounce while silver was flat at USD 20.35 per ounce.



Bank of Baroda to hike MCLR rates by up to 0.2% from August 12



New Delhi: Bank of Baroda on Wednesday said it will raise the marginal cost of fund-based lending rates (MCLR) by up to 0.20 per cent across tenors from August 12.

The bank has approved the revision in MCLR with effect from August 12, 2022, Bank of Baroda said in a regulatory filing. The benchmark one-year MCLR, which forms the basis for most consumer and personal loans, will be priced at 7.70 per cent, as against 7.65 per cent presently.

Among other tenor loans, the one-month MCLR has been raised by 0.20 per cent to 7.40 per cent, while the three and six month MCLR loans will be up by 0.10 per cent each at 7.45

QATAR WC TO START A DAY EARLY ON NOV 20: SOURCES

AP ■ DOHA

The opening match for this year's World Cup, between hosts Qatar and Ecuador, will be brought forward by one day to November 20, World Cup sources said on Wednesday.

The move, which should be approved by the FIFA Council before the 100-day countdown starts this week, will retain the tradition of the first match featuring the host country.

Under the existing arrangement, Senegal and the Netherlands play the first game on November 21, followed by the official inauguration match between Qatar and Ecuador later that day.

The World Cup sources said that confirmation of the change was expected soon. FIFA and the Qatari organising committee declined to comment.



"There were discussions and agreement between the two respective teams and there was a request from CON-MEBOL -- the South American confederation," one World Cup source said, speaking on condition of anonymity as no official decision has been announced.

"We wanted to follow the tradition that either the reigning champions or the host country be involved in the opening match," the source added.

For fans who have tickets for the November 21 game, "any disruption will be dealt with so impact is minimal", another tournament source said.

Under the change, Netherlands v Senegal would be moved from 1:00pm (1000 GMT) on November 21 to a 7:00pm start. "It is a better slot for both teams for television and other areas," said the World Cup source.

I had kept his trophies safely wrapped in half-torn saree: Achinta's mother

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Achinta Sheuli's mother has kept his trophies and medals wrapped in a half-torn saree under the only bed in their two-room residence in Howrah district's Deulpur, around 20 km from here.

On Monday morning she arranged them on a small stool when Achinta Sheuli returned home after bagging gold in the 73kg weightlifting event at the recently concluded Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

A seemingly happy Purnima Sheuli has requested her younger son to purchase a cupboard to showcase the medals and trophies he has won so far.

"I knew that reporters and photographers would be coming to our house when Achinta came back. So, I kept the medals and trophies on a stool so that they could understand how talented Achinta is. I never dreamt that he would win gold for the country," Purnima Sheuli told PTI.

She remembers how tough it was for her to bring up her sons -- Alok and Achinta -- following the death of her husband Jagat Sheuli. He died of sunstroke in 2013.

"Today, I believe God has started showering blessings on us. The number of people who gathered in front of our house shows that times have changed. Nobody will be able to realise how tough it was for me to bring up my two sons.

"I could not even provide them with their meals every day. There were days when they fell asleep without eating. I don't know how to express myself and what to say," she said.

Both Achinta and his elder brother Alok, also a weightlifter, had to load and unload goods besides doing zari work on sarees at a local manufacturing unit, she recalled. "I had no other option than sending my sons to work. Or it would have been difficult for us to survive," she said remembering how both Alok and Achinta continued weightlifting against all odds.

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Hard to digest defeat but need to move on: Harmanpreet

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The bitter loss to Australia in the Commonwealth Games final is "hard to digest" but the Indian hockey team will have to move on, said star drag-flicker Harmanpreet Singh, promising a thread-bare analyse of the side's performance in Birmingham.

In one of its worst performances in recent times, India suffered an embarrassing 0-7 drubbing at the hands of defending champions Australia to settle for a silver medal on Sunday.

"It is hard to digest a loss by such a big margin," the India vice-captain said in a Hockey India (HI) release after returning to the country early on Wednesday morning.

"Definitely the entire team is disappointed by the way we played but it's important we move on from this bitter outing. Like Chief Coach mentioned, we lacked the energy and tempo required to match-up to a team like Australia."

While the final was a forgettable experience, India marched into the summit clash on the back of some fine performances in the group stage as they beat Ghana 11-0, drew against England 4-4, beat Canada 8-0 and Wales 4-1 followed by a 3-2 win against South Africa in the semifinal.

"There are many lessons



from this campaign that we can work on and improve upon. Every match we played will be analyzed thoroughly when we return to camp after a two week break and we will be starting from scratch," said Harmanpreet.

The 26-year-old from Amritsar was in sublime form through out the tournament as he scored nine goals and was the second highest goal scorer along with Wales' Gareth Furlong.

"This was a memorable outing for me personally despite the final not going our way. For the first time after the pandemic, we were playing in front of such a big crowds and many Indian fans had turned up," he said.

"My wife travelled to Birmingham to watch our matches, and this was the first time she was watching

me play a big tournament live. This is my first Commonwealth Games medal, so in all it was a special outing for me on a personal note," he said.

Furlong scored nine goals from penalty corners, while Harmanpreet scored eight from PCs and one from a penalty stroke. He also scored a hat-trick, in India's 4-1 win against Wales. England's Nicholas Bandurak remained the highest goal-scorer of the tournament with 11 goals.

India will now prepare for the upcoming FIH Hockey Pro League season 2022/23 which begins in October.

India is scheduled to play New Zealand and Spain at home. The team will return to the national coaching camp in Bengaluru on August 29.

Suarez's Nacional knocked out of Copa Sudamericana

AP ■ SAO PAULO

Veteran Uruguay striker Luis Suarez and his new club Nacional of Uruguay crashed out of the Copa Sudamericana.

Atletico Goianiense of Brazil won 3-0 at home in Goiania to clinch the quarter-finals series 4-0 on aggregate.

Winning the Copa Sudamericana, the second most prestigious club soccer tournament in South America, was a major goal for 35-year-old Suarez ahead of the World Cup in Qatar.

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Suarez went on as a substitute in the second half and had few opportunities to score.

He netted his first goal for Nacional on Friday in a Uruguayan championship win over Rentistas. His contract runs through December, which coincides with the World Cup in Qatar.

Uruguay is in Group H with Portugal, South Korea and Ghana at the World Cup.

Gen Pande felicitates Army sportspersons

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

General Manoj Pande on Wednesday felicitated the Indian Army's sportspersons who participated in the Commonwealth Games in the UK from July 28 to August 8.

The Indian Army's sportspersons performed exceedingly well at this year's games by clinching four gold, one silver and three bronze medals, according to a statement.

"It is indeed a commendable feat that out of 18 participants from the Indian Army in the Commonwealth Games squad, eight sportspersons have earned medals for India," the Army stated.

These medals are the result of a carefully planned and sustained "Mission Olympic Programme", conceived and implemented by the Indian Army since 2001, it noted.

On return of the team to India, General Pande and senior officers of the Army headquarter congratulated and interacted with the sportspersons at an exclusive function organised at Delhi Cantonment on Wednesday, it mentioned.

"Addressing the sportspersons, the Army Chief acknowledged their superlative performance and remarked that the Indian Army participants are the real role models for the nation. The COAS (Chief of Army Staff) said their individual performances have made the Indian Army and the entire nation proud," it noted.



Indian golfers eye strong start in Northern Ireland Open

PTI ■ GALGORM (NORTHERN IRELAND)

The Indian trio of Aditi Ashok, Diksha Dagar, and Tvesa Malik will once again attempt to find their form this season as they tee up at the star-studded Northern Ireland Open also known as ISPS Handa World Invitational.

This has been a modest year so far for the Indians. While Dagar has had two Top-20 finishes, Tvesa is yet to have even one.

Aditi, on the other hand, has played mostly on the LPGA and a few events on LET, where her best was T-20 at Jabra Ladies. She had two Top-15 finishes right at the start of the season on LPGA.

The cut will be top 60 and ties after 36 holes, with a second cut to the top 35 and ties after 54 holes in each of the tournaments. For the first two rounds, all players will play one round on each course.

Defending champion Pajaree Anannarukarn returns to the site of her maiden LPGA Tour title, where she defeated Emma Talley with a par on the second playoff hole.

Anannarukarn rallied after recording a triple bogey early in the final day on No. 6, but grinded to record a final-round 70 to force extra



holes and become the season's then fifth Rolex First-Time Winner of 2021.

One of the stars of the event will be the LPGA Hall of Fame member Laura Davies as well as major champion Georgia Hall, who finished in a tie for 14th in last year's event.

The field also includes Four-time LET winner Maja Stark, who leads in the Race to Costa del Sol, along with fellow countrywoman Linn Grant, the first woman to

win a DP World Tour event at the co-sanctioned Volvo Car Scandinavian Mixed, will also tee it up this week.

This is the second edition of the tournament and is co-sanctioned by the Ladies European Tour and the Ladies

PGA. The event also sees the men from the DP World Tour also playing alongside.

A total of 132 men and 132 women will compete in two separate 72-hole stroke play tournaments (one for men and one for women).

In-form Bhullar, Rashid to lead Indian challenge

Gaganjeet Bhullar and Rashid Khan, the winner and runner-up last week on the Asian Tour, will lead a strong Indian challenge at the International Series

Singapore.

The USD 1.5 million event has five players inside the world's top 100 and it also includes former Masters champion Patrick Reed.

Bhullar ended a long Indian title drought on the Asian Tour by winning the Mandiri Indonesia Open, even as Rashid finished tied second.

Bhullar will be hoping to maintain the momentum and Rashid will be looking to win his third Asian Tour title, and

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the first since the 2014 season when he won two times.

The Indian group of 16 is a mix of young and experienced players. Apart from Bhullar and Rashid, the others include Shubhankar Sharma, Shiv Kapur, Viraj Madappa, SSP Chawrasia, Chiragh Kumar, Aman Raj, Ajeetesh Sandhu, S Chikkarangappa, Rahil Gangjee, Honey Baisoya, and Veer Ahlawat.

There are also two legends of Indian golf. One is Jeev Milkha Singh, who this year is a rookie on the Senior's Tour and has had some good finishes including a Top-3 in Germany, with the other being Jyoti Randhawa.

Both Jeev and Randhawa have tasted success in Singapore. Amateur Yash Majumdar also finds a place.

Jeev said, "I am getting a feel of the game once again and am excited as I did well in some of the Senior events. At the end of the day it is a question of putting together a good round and a good week. Singapore has great memories for me and I love the city."

Bhullar has 10 wins on the Asian Tour including one co-sanctioned with Europe.

"A win is always great and I am feeling very confident," said Bhullar, one of the current standard bearers of Indian golf.

KOHLI HAS ALL TOOLS TO COME OUT OF BATTING SLUMP: JAYAWARDENE

PTI ■ DUBAI

Star India batter Virat Kohli is a quality player and has all the tools needed to come out of his prolonged dip in form, said former Sri Lanka skipper Mahela Jayawardene. Kohli and a fit-again KL Rahul on Monday returned to a 15-member Indian squad for the Asia Cup scheduled to be held in Dubai and Sharjah from August 27 to September 11. Kohli is enduring his worst slump in form and has not scored a century in international cricket since November 2019.

His last assignment was the England tour where he could manage just 76 runs from six innings across formats, which included the rescheduled fifth Test, two ODIs and as many T20s in July. The former skipper was rested for limited over West Indies tour and the upcoming ODIs against Zimbabwe. "It is unfortunate what Virat is going through right now at the moment, but he is a quality player," said Jayawardene in the latest episode of The ICC Review show. "I believe Virat has the tools to come out of it (the form slump). He has done that in the past as well and I'm sure he'll come through this. Class is permanent and form is temporary."



Rahul, who did not feature in the T20 series against the West Indies due to COVID-19 and then underwent a sports hernia surgery, will be back as vice-captain during the Asia Cup. Jayawardene feels lack of game time could be a problem for Rahul as he gears up for the tournament. "That (Rahul's lack of cricket) would be a concern for India. He has been out for a little while since the IPL, so having game time is quite crucial especially out there in the middle. The sooner he can get some game time and get that confidence back, the better. It will help him, as well as the national team." The former Sri Lankan skipper feels India should go with a left-handed opener, preferably Rishabh Pant, with the right-handed Rohit Sharma in case Rahul doesn't make an impressive return to the game. Pant had opened twice in T20Is against England in July. "Even though he (Pant) hasn't done that (open the batting) much in domestic cricket, he has the capacity to do that. Wherever he bats, you're not going to change his game. He is going to be a very natural player so yes, it is an option (for Pant to open)."



Boult released from NZ Cricket contract

PTI ■ WELLINGTON

Leading New Zealand fast bowler Trent Boult has been released from his contract with New Zealand Cricket to spend more time with his young family. Boult has taken 317 wickets in tests and 169 in one-day internationals and with his new ball partner Tim Southee has played a major role in the recent successes of a New Zealand team which won the inaugural World Test Championship and reached the finals of the last two ODI World Cups. The 33-year-old left-arm paceman recently has been in discussions with national cricket officials about the increasing burden of touring overseas with a young family at home. "We respect Trent's position," NZC chief executive David White said Wednesday. "He's been completely honest and up-front with us about his reasoning and, while we're sad to be losing him as a fully-contracted player, he leaves with our best wishes and our sincere thanks. "Trent has made a massive contribution to the Black Caps since his test debut in late 2011 and is now considered one of the best multi-format cricketers in the world. We're very proud of what he's achieved." Boult will still be eligible to be selected for New Zealand, though it is likely priority would be given to contracted players.

Lanning takes indefinite break from cricket



PTI ■ SYDNEY

World Cup-winning captain Meg Lanning is unlikely to lead Australia in the tour of India later this year as the skipper is taking an indefinite break from the game to "focus on myself." Australia are slated to tour India mid-December for five

port of CA and my teammates and ask that my privacy is respected during this time," she added. The announcement comes days after Lanning led Australia to a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. "We're proud of Meg for acknowledging that she needs a break and will continue to support her during this time," Cricket Australia's head of performance, women's cricket, Shawn Flegler said. "She's been an incredible contributor to Australian cricket over the last decade, achieving remarkable feats both individually and as part of the team, and has been a brilliant role model for young kids. "The welfare of our players is always our number one priority, and we'll continue to work with Meg to ensure she gets the support and space she needs." The 30-year-old had made her international debut in 2010 and was named captain in 2014. She has led Australia 171 times. In the past two years, she has led the team to a T20 and a 50-over World Cup titles alongside an Ashes series win.



Ireland beat Afghanistan by 7 wickets

AP ■ BELFAST

Ireland clinched their first Thome T20 International win of the season by beating Afghanistan by seven wickets in Belfast. George Dockrell hit the winning boundary off the penultimate ball to lift Ireland onto 171-3 after they were set a target of 169. Afghanistan's total of 168-7 had been boosted by 30 runs off the final two overs, with Ibrahim Zadran clubbing 29 not out off 18 balls. But Ireland openers Paul Stirling (31 off 29 balls) and skipper Andrew Balbirnie (51 off 38) set their side on their way, putting on 61 off 7.3 overs for the first wicket. Wicketkeeper Lorcan Tucker kept Ireland on course with 50 off 32 deliveries and it was left to Harry Tector (25 not out) and Dockrell (10 not out) to carry them home. Earlier, Dockrell took 2-7 and Barry McCarthy 3-34 while the Afghans' top-scorer, opener Usman Ghani, struck two sixes and six fours in his 59 off 42 balls. The two sides will meet again on Thursday at the same Civil Services Cricket Club venue in Stormont for the second time in their five-match series.

Yadav stays No. 2, Iyer moves up in ICC T20 ranking

PTI ■ DUBAI

Indian batter Suryakumar Yadav held on to his second position while compatriot Shreyas Iyer moved up six places to 19th in the latest ICC T20 rankings released on Wednesday. Yadav is the best-placed Indian with 805 points in the batting list headed by Pakistan's Babar Azam. Iyer, who had hit a 40-ball 64 in the final T20 after a subdued show in the first four matches of the recently-concluded series against West Indies, has 578 points. Among bowlers, spinners Ravi Bishnoi and Kuldeep Yadav also made massive gains in the rankings. The 21-year-old Bishnoi, who scalped six wickets in two matches in the T20I series against the Windies, galloped 50 places to take 44th position, while Kuldeep, who had a three-wicket haul in the last game, leapt 58 places to 87th. However, senior pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar dropped a spot to 9th despite having had a good outing in West Indies. South Africa's Reeza Hendricks is the main gainer in



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the T20 rankings, moving up to 13th position with knocks of 74 and 42 in a 2-0 series win over Ireland. South African spinner Keshav Maharaj is up 10 places to 18th among bowlers, while fast bowlers Lungi Ngidi (23rd) of South Africa and Lockie Ferguson of New Zealand (31st) are others to move up the chart. Pakistan captain Babar Azam has managed to hang on to his mantle as the No.1 ranked T20I batter while Australian Josh Hazlewood and Afghanistan's Mohammad Nabi continue to top the chart as the best bowler and all-rounder respectively.

MI Emirates, MI Cape Town franchises unveiled

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The owners of Mumbai Indians, Reliance Industries Limited on Wednesday unveiled the name and brand identity of its franchises for the UAE's International League T20 and Cricket South Africa T20 League. The two franchises will be known as MI Emirates and MI Cape Town, the corporate house said in a press release. While MI Emirates will be a part of the UAE's International League T20, MI Cape Town will feature in the Cricket South Africa T20 League. Nita M. Ambani, Director of Reliance Industries, said, "It gives me great pleasure to welcome 'MI Emirates' & 'MI Cape Town', the newest additions to our #Onefamily. "For us, MI goes beyond cricket. It embodies the ability to dream, be fearless and foster a positive attitude in life. I am sure that both MI Emirates and MI Cape Town will embrace the same ethos".

CoA files contempt petition against Patel

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Committee of Administrators (CoA) currently running football in the country has filed a contempt petition against ousted AIFF president Praful Patel for "interfering with the proceedings" of the Supreme Court which last week ordered elections to the national federation. In the contempt petition, the CoA said Patel "conducted a meeting of the 35 Intervening Member Associations (state associations of the AIFF) with the express purpose of interfering with the proceedings of this Hon'ble Court..." The petition also attached transcripts of the said meeting, which was conducted over Zoom at 11 am on August 8. It said the contemnors have "interfered with the administration of justice by committing gross contempt of the orders" passed by the top court. The petition made the plea to bar Patel "from participating in and holding any football related posts forthwith, including and not limited to positions in FIFA and AFC". It also requested the top court to initiate proceedings for contempt of court against the alleged contemnors "for interference in the administration of justice, and the willful and flagrant disobedience of orders... And punish them with maximum penalty in accordance with law". Along with Patel, the virtual meeting was attended by IFA (Bengal football body) chairman Subrata Dutta, Delhi Football chief Shaji Prabhakaran and five others, who form the seven-member committee to represent the state associations of the AIFF in the negotiations for the drafting of new constitution. All seven of them have also been



made contemnors along with Patel. If the contents of the transcripts submitted to the top court are proved, it will bring out in the open the murky dealings of Indian football, which have long been talked about in hushed tones. "...In the said meeting he has impliedly admitted to having arranged for the 05.08.2022 letter from FIFA-AFC," the contempt petition filed by former Chief Election Commissioner S Y Quraishi, on the behalf of the three-member CoA, said. "Mr Praful Patel with the State Associations clearly shows the foul intention to interfere and obstruct the elections that are to be held as per the timeline and direction of this Hon'ble Court." World football governing body FIFA had on August 5, in a letter to the All India Football Federation, threatened to ban India for third party interference and take away the U-17 Women's World Cup after the Supreme Court ordered elections to the AIFF by including 36 former players in the electoral college. The elections are to be held on August 28 and the CoA has already appointed the Returning Officer for the polls. Patel is currently a member of the powerful FIFA Council. Referring to the transcripts of the proceedings of the meeting, the CoA said "some government officials have had discussions with the State Associations that they would file a Review Petition supporting the State Associations and then the Associations could follow." "Exactly as discussed in the Meeting, the Union of India has now filed an Application for Modification before this Hon'ble Court and which it seeks to mention before the Court on 10.08.2022 followed by the States who have filed their application," it said. The petition also said that the "government has been misled by the state associations, as have FIFA-AFC who are ignorant of the duplicitous role being played by Mr Patel". "CoA has come to learn that the very State Associations who were before this

Hon'ble Court had given their consent in fact approached some individuals in the Union Ministry with a copy of the FIFA-AFC letter (threatening India of ban) and created a fear of AIFF being suspended because of non compliances. "There was no consultation with the CoA (although extensive meetings had been held earlier with ASG Mr Sanjay Jain and the Officials of the Ministry) on the response to the FIFA-AFC letter, but at the behest of the State Associations, some members of the Ministry were convinced that the Supreme Court's order ought to be modified." On Tuesday, the sports ministry had moved the Supreme Court seeking modification of its August 3 order concerning elections for the executive committee of the AIFF and inclusion of ex-players in the electoral college saying FIFA and AFC have "strong reservations in the member structure of AIFF". Further referring to the transcripts, the CoA said in the petition: "All directions and decisions, including about convening the next meeting, are by Mr Praful Patel. "The repeated admission by Mr Patel that 'the purpose of the letter was to help the State Associations' reveals that it had been arranged at his behest to interfere with this Hon'ble Court's orders," the petition said. "The statement by Mr Patel that 'I will come to know what FIFA is thinking also ... And what AFC is thinking' reiterates his active role to push India towards a suspension by hiding the true facts from FIFA and AFC," it said. "The seven authorized representatives of the State Associations who have sworn affidavits in this Hon'ble Court have played a critical part in the meeting and have been dispatched to do the bidding of Mr Patel."



Lanka Premier League to be played from December 6 to 23

PTI ■ COLOMBO

The postponed Lanka Premier League (LPL) will now be held from December 6 to 23, the organisers have announced. The T20 League which was originally slated to be played from August 1 to 21, had been rescheduled last month due to the economic crisis engulfing the island nation. "It's my pleasure to announce that the LPL will be held from 6th to 23rd December," LPL tournament organiser Samantha Dodanwela was quoted as saying by ESPNcricinfo. The league's promoters, IPG, also confirmed the news

on Twitter. Despite the economic crisis and political unrest, Sri Lanka had successfully hosted Australia for a month-long series in July. However, the Asia Cup, to be played from August 27 to September 11 in the island nation, was moved to UAE. A decision on the re-draft is yet to be taken. "It is understood that the tournament organisers are deciding between two options: either holding a fresh draft, or going ahead with as many of the available players as possible with only the slots taken up by any unavailable foreign players being re-drafted," the report read.