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Rushdie stabbed in neck 33 yrs after death threat

PTI ■ NEW YORK

Salman Rushdie, the Mumbai-born controversial author who faced Islamist death threats after writing "The Satanic Verses", was attacked and suffered an apparent stab wound to the neck when a man stormed the stage as he was getting ready to deliver a lecture during an event here on Friday, New York Police said.

Rushdie, 75, who won the Booker Prize for his novel "Midnight's Children", was stabbed by a man on stage while he was being introduced at the event of the Chautauqua Institution in Western New York. He fell through a barrier to the stage and was seen with blood on his hands. The audience tackled the attacker and Rushdie was then treated onstage following the assault.

"State Police are investigating an attack on author Salman Rushdie prior to a speaking event at the Chautauqua Institution in Chautauqua, NY. On August 12, 2022, about 11 am, a male suspect ran up onto the stage and attacked Rushdie and an interviewer," New York Police said in a statement.

"Rushdie suffered an apparent stab wound to the neck, and was transported by helicopter to an area hospital. His condition is not yet known. The interviewer suffered a



People rush to assist author Salman Rushdie after he was stabbed during a literary event in New York on Friday

AP

minor head injury. A State Trooper assigned to the event immediately took the suspect into custody. The Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office assisted at the scene," it said.

Rushdie's fourth book "The Satanic Verses" in 1988 forced him into hiding for nine years.

A year after the book's publication, Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini called for Rushdie's execution for publishing the book for its blasphemous content. Since the 1980s, Rushdie's

writing has led to death threats from Iran, which has offered a USD 3 million reward for anyone who kills him.

"Thank you to the swift response of @nyspolice & first responders following today's attack of author Salman Rushdie. Our thoughts are with Salman & his loved ones following this horrific event. I have directed State Police to further assist however needed in the investigation," said New York State Governor Kathy Hochul.

A leading literary organisation expressed "shock and horror" at the "brutal, premeditated" attack on Rushdie.

"PEN America is reeling from shock and horror at word of a brutal, premeditated attack on our former President and stalwart ally, Salman Rushdie, who was reportedly stabbed multiple times while on stage speaking at the Chautauqua Institute in upstate New York," PEN America CEO Suzanne Nossel said in a statement.

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Not vying for PM chair, will work to unite Opp: Nitish

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI/PATNA

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Friday asserted he was not in the race for Prime Minister's office and said he was looking forward to playing a "positive" role in forging Opposition unity against the ruling NDA at the Centre.

"Please do not ask me such questions, I have said many times that I harbour no such ambitions. I want to serve my State. I say this with folded hands, I have no such thoughts...My work is to work for everyone," Kumar said at a Press conference in Patna when he was asked about his aspirations to be the Prime Ministerial candidate backed by the Opposition.

Asserting that he will make an effort to see that all the Opposition parties work together, he said, "Let all parties stick together for the 2024 polls. All Opposition parties have to come forward."

When asked what role he saw for himself in forging unity among divided Opposition parties, Kumar said, "Our role will be positive. I have been receiving many telephone calls. It is my wish that all come together (against the BJP-led NDA). You will see some action in the days to come."

Even as the certain Opposition quarters seems to back Kumar to lead the show in next general elections in 2024, the Aam Aadmi Party

(AAP) sought to remain equidistant from the BJP-led NDA and the UPA comprising the Congress, saying it is for the JD(U) and its allies to decide if they want Kumar as their PM candidate for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

Kumar received a shot in the arm as leaders from Uttar Pradesh's Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party president Om Prakash Rajbhar said if the Opposition projects Kumar as its PM candidate in the next general election, he would consider supporting him.

Shivpal Yadav from the SP patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav's family said the coming together of Opposition parties in Uttar Pradesh is possible only if their leaders show "maturity" like the one witnessed in Bihar.

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Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar interacts with the media during an event on the occasion of 'Vriksh Suraksha Diwas', in Patna on Friday

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Tejashwi meets Sonia, calls for Bihar model across India

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day after RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav took over as Bihar's Deputy Chief Minister, he called on Congress president Sonia Gandhi and Left leaders in the national Capital on Friday and said Bihar's "unity" model will be replicated across the country.

Tejashwi met Sonia at her residence and also met CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury and CPI general secretary D Raja.

He said the pre-poll constituents of the Mahagathbandhan (grand alliance) have welcomed the decision by Nitish Kumar.

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Jungle raj back in Bihar: BJP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Mounting a fierce attack on Bihar's coalition Government, the BJP on Friday sought to revive the memory of the Lalu era's "jungle raj".

Several people, including journalists, have been killed and a temple priest beheaded since RJD-JD(U) combine came to power, said BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra.

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10 Covid deaths in Delhi; Centre urges States to limit gatherings on I-Day

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

A day after the Delhi Government made the wearing of face masks in all public places mandatory, the national Capital recorded ten deaths and 2,136 new Covid cases, while the positivity rate went up to 15.02 per cent, according to data shared by the health department. This is the tenth consecutive day when the Capital logged more than 2,000 cases in a day.

Delhi reported 2,726 fresh coronavirus cases and six fatalities on Thursday, with a positivity rate of 14.38 per cent.

Reacting to the rise in Covid cases across the country, — on an average of over 15,000 coronavirus cases daily — the Centre has asked States to ensure there are no large gatherings for Independence Day celebrations and that everyone follows Covid protocols.

In a communication, the Union Home Ministry said, "As a precaution against Covid-19, large congregations in the ceremony be avoided. It is imperative that Covid guidelines are followed."

India added 16,561 new coronavirus cases taking the total to 4,42,23,557, while the active cases dipped to 1,23,535, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Friday.

The death toll climbed to 5,26,928 with 49 fatalities which include 10 deaths recorded by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated. The active cases comprise 0.28 per cent of the total infections, while the national Covid-19 recovery rate was recorded at 98.53 per cent, the Union Health Ministry said.

According to the Ministry, 207.47 crore doses of the Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far.

No GST on residential premises if rented out for personal use: Govt

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Friday said GST will not be applicable on residential units if they are rented out to private persons for personal use. The Government dismissed media reports which claimed that there is 18 per cent Goods and Services Tax (GST) on house rent paid by tenants.

In a tweet, the Government said GST would be levied only when the residential unit is rented out to a business entity. "No GST when it is rented to private person for personal use. No GST even if proprietor or partner of firm rents residence for personal use," it clarified. The clarification provided relief to GST-registered proprietors or partners in GST-registered firms who take on rent immovable property for their personal use such as renting a house for family accommodation.

Tenants registered under the GST are now required to pay 18 per cent tax for renting a property but the tax will only



apply to GST-registered tenants. The property owner is not liable to pay the GST. However, a tenant who offers services from a rented residential property will be liable to pay 18 per cent GST tax.

A tenant will be liable to pay tax under the Reverse Charge Mechanism (RCM). The tenant can claim the GST paid under Input Tax Credit as a deduction.

GST-registered tenants include individuals and cor-

porate entities. GST registration is mandatory for persons carrying out business or profession of annual turnover above the threshold limit.

The new GST provision will impact the companies and professionals who have taken residential properties on rent or lease for conduct of business or profession. Earlier, only commercial properties like offices or retail spaces given on rent attracted GST and private properties were out of its ambit.

Man stabbed to death on busy Delhi road, video goes viral

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 25-year-old hotel management student was stabbed to death by some people in full public glare on a road in South Delhi's Malviya Nagar area. The incident was caught on a CCTV camera, footage from which was shared widely on social media.

The deceased has been identified as Mayank Panwar, a resident of Shahpur Jat. In the video, which is doing the rounds on social media, Mayank is seen running to escape his attackers. They caught up with him near a car, and one of the accused stabbed him several times.

DCP (South district) Benita Mary Jaiker said they received a call on Thursday evening about the stabbing of a man near gate number 3 of Begumpur's DDA Market.

The man was rushed to AIIMS Trauma Centre.

Mayank's friend Vikas Panwar told the police that the incident happened around 7 pm on Thursday when they



both were sitting at Qila, Begumpur in Malviya Nagar, where 4-5 men picked an argument with Mayank, the DCP said.

"After the argument they went away, but soon returned and pelted both friends with stones. Vikas and Mayank tried to flee, but the group chased down Mayank near gate number 3 of the DDA Market and stabbed him multiple times," the DCP said.

A case under sections 302 (murder) and 34 (common intention) of the IPC has been registered and an investigation is on, police said.

The accused have been identified and efforts are being made to nab them, Jaiker said.

The motive behind the incident is yet to be ascertained. Mayank had done a course in hotel management and was currently unemployed, police said.

CAPSULE

MONTENEGRO GUNMAN KILLS 11 IN FAMILY FEUD

Cetinje (Montenegro): A man in Montenegro went on a shooting rampage after a family dispute, killing 11 people on the streets of a city before being shot dead in a gun battle.

FM TRYING TO SCARE PEOPLE: DELHI DY CM

New Delhi: Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Friday said Sitharaman was trying to scare the public that the free welfare schemes will destroy the country.

26 JUDGES APPOINTED TO 5 HIGH COURTS

New Delhi: Twenty-six judges were appointed to five High Courts on Friday, bringing the total number of HC judges appointed so far this year to a record 127. The previous record was achieved in 2016 when 126 HC judges were appointed during the first tenure of the Narendra Modi Government, sources said.

Avoid pointed questions to sexual assault victims during hearing: SC to trial courts

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday issued a slew of directions to trial courts across the country to hold in camera proceedings in all sexual harassment cases and said during cross examination inappropriate questions, especially on sexual history of the aggrieved woman, should not be allowed.

Issuing a series of directions to trial courts, Justices DY Chandrachud and JB Pardiwala noted that legal proceedings tend to be more onerous for complainants of sexual assault as they were dealing with trauma and societal shame.

The bench said trial courts have an important responsibility to handle such cases appropriately.

The apex court passed the order in a case filed a Yoga



instructor accusing a Vice Chancellor of sexual abuse and termination of her job for not favouring him. She challenged the trial procedures and witness examinations in the trial court and after approaching in the Bombay High Court.

Allowing her petition, the apex court said proceedings

should be conducted in camera while the victim or witness testifying their experience.

"Allowing installation of a screen to ensure that the aggrieved woman does not have to see the accused while testifying or in the alternative, directing the accused to leave the room while the aggrieved woman's testimony is being recorded," said the bench in the directions.

The apex court also said during cross examination, the trial court must not allow inappropriate questions, especially on sexual history of the aggrieved woman.

The trial judges must

ensure respectful fashion by the advocates of the accused while cross examination and as far as possible cross examination must end in one sitting, said the Supreme Court, adding that the judicial officers must ensure that proceedings must be "onerous for complainants who are potentially dealing with trauma and societal shame due to the unwarranted stigma".

"In cases alleging sexual harassment, sexual assault or any similar allegation wherein the victim has possibly already been traumatised, the courts should not further burden the complainant and should press upon the police to investigate. Due regard must be had to the fact that it is not possible for the complainant to retrieve important evidence regarding her complaint," said the order, directing the magistrate to order police to probe further.

Bihar migrant killed in Valley terror attack



MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

In the run up to the 75th Independence Day celebrations in the Kashmir valley, another migrant labourer from Bihar was killed late on Thursday night in Bandipore while a policeman received bullet injuries when unidentified

fired terrorists attacked a joint "naka" party in Anantnag on Friday.

More than a week ago, a non-local labourer from Bihar was killed and two others were injured in a grenade attack in south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

Detailed Report on P5

Retail inflation eases to annual 6.71% in July

New Delhi:

Retail inflation softened to 6.71 per cent in July, mainly on account of moderation in food prices, Government data showed on Friday.

In June, retail inflation was at 7.01 per cent and it stood at 5.59 per cent in July 2021.

According to the data, food inflation in July 2022 moderated to 6.75 per cent as against 7.75 per cent in June.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) based retail inflation, however, remained above the Reserve Bank of India's upper tolerance level of 6 per cent. It has remained above the 6 per cent mark for the past seven months.

In the first three months of the current fiscal, retail inflation remained above 7 per cent.

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NCR PULSE

GET CBI TO PROBE MCD TOLL TAX SCAM: AAP
New Delhi: The AAP on Friday held a protest near Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena's office against an alleged toll tax scam worth Rs 6,000 crore in the MCD and demanded a CBI probe into it. The party's Delhi unit leaders and workers, including Rajinder Nagar MLA Durgesh Pathak, took part in the protest. Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia had on Wednesday written to the L-G, demanding a CBI probe into the alleged toll tax scam, claiming that money collected from 10 lakh commercial vehicles coming to Delhi everyday was embezzled in connivance.

NORTHEAST STUDENTS' FORUM STAGES PROTEST
New Delhi: The northeast students' forum on delimitation along with various other groups staged a protest in the national Capital on Friday, demanding the Centre to expedite the delimitation exercise in four northeast states. Around 100 to 150 members of various northeastern groups joined the protest at Jantar Mantar, raising slogans like "we want justice", and "we demand delimitation".

PARKING FACILITIES NOT AVAILABLE AT METRO TILL MON
New Delhi: Parking facilities at Delhi Metro stations will not be available from Sunday morning till Monday afternoon in view of security measures adopted for Independence Day, the transporter said. Metro train services will continue to run as per schedule, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) said on Friday. "Parking facilities will not be available at the Delhi Metro stations from 6:00 AM on Sunday that is 14th August, 2022 till 2:00 PM on Monday that is 15th August, 2022 in view of the security measures adopted on the occasion of Independence Day," it said in a notification.

SISODIA MEETS SCHOOL STUDENTS
New Delhi: Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia met with the students of class 11th-12th at Sarvodaya Vidyalaya Inderpuri and Springdales School, Dhaulakuan and learned about their unique business ideas under the Business Blasters programme on Friday. Simultaneously, Sisodia also attended the program organized by Springdales School to commemorate the 75th anniversary of independence as the chief guest. Students presented unique business ideas to the Deputy Chief Minister such as low cost air cooler for autos, insulating bags made from cloth and paddy stubble, stress reducing pen, spoon with a calories meter, solar smart school bags, environment friendly organic paints etc.

SISODIA DISTRIBUTES TIRANGA AMONG STUDENTS
New Delhi: Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Friday distributed the national flags among the students at a government school in Delhi, saying the tricolour represents aspirations of the people of India and "we must work to keep its pride intact". Sisodia interacted with the students of Shaheed Captain Amit Verma SV Inderpuri school and shared the significance of the national flag and details about the Kejriwal government's 'Har Hath Tiranga' campaign, the government said in a statement.

JMI TO ORGANISE TIRANGA RALLY TODAY
New Delhi: Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) will on Saturday organise a 'Tiranga' rally to celebrate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the university said in a statement. To be flagged off by Vice-Chancellor Najma Akhtar, the rally will pass through the campus and nearby areas of the varsity located in south Delhi's Jamia Nagar, it said. Students and staff members will distribute national flags in nearby localities to encourage people to hoist it atop their homes to mark the 75th year of India's Independence on August 15.

SRAS TO TAKE OUT TIRANGA RALLY
New Delhi: Several civil society organisations under the banner of Sanyukt Rojgar Andolan Samiti will take out a Tiranga March in Delhi on August 16, demanding a national policy on employment, Delhi minister Gopal Rai said on Friday. Rai, who is also the founder of 'Desh Ki Baat Foundation', said around 200 organisations from all over the country will participate in the 21 km-march from Nand Nagri to Jantar Mantar.

'GOVT TO INVEST ₹5CR IN DDMA'
New Delhi: Delhi's Revenue Minister, Kailash Gahlot on Friday said that the city government is going to invest more than Rs five crore in Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) for purchasing necessary equipment like rope ladder, searchlight, pickaxe, sledge hammer, spreader battery and so on for all the 11 districts of the city. In addition, five aluminum boats and 10 inflatable rescue boats will also be purchased for distribution to the five flood-prone districts of Delhi including North East, East, North, Central and South East. For operating these boats, 50 CDVs will be trained for operating the boats and also as drivers in the flood-prone districts.

DJB CELEBRATES AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV
New Delhi: Delhi Jal Board has celebrated 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' at Varunajaya – the DJB headquarters – with full vigor and enthusiasm. DJB Vice Chairman Saurabh Bhardwaj led the celebrations with other officials and staff members. The DJB Musical Group then presented the cultural programme where different talents were presented to the audience in the auditorium. Patriotic songs, skits, plays and poems were presented by the talented lot of the DJB.

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"SAVE ELECTRICITY"

Congress slams Centre for tax reliefs, exemptions to the rich

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday attacked the Centre and alleged that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi the "Government's rich friends" are getting 'gajak' through tax reliefs, write-offs and exemptions worth crores while the poor are getting only small assistance as 'revris'.

The party also took a dig on the 18 per cent GST on rent for residential property and called it "asli kaala jaadu", even as the government clarified that GST will not apply on residential units if they are rented out to private persons for personal use.

The 'kaala jaadu' dig was in apparent reference to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's criticism of the Congress for wearing black dresses on August 5 in protest against price rise. Modi had said those who believe in "kaala jaadu" will never be able to win the trust of the people again.

Hitting back at the prime minister, Congress spokesperson Gaurav Vallabh asked why were "bank loans worth Rs 5.8 lakh crore written off in the last five years" and why was "cor-



icism of the Congress for wearing black dresses on August 5 in protest against price rise. Modi had said those who believe in "kaala jaadu" will never be able to win the trust of the people again.



porate tax worth Rs 1.45 lakh crore reduced". He said while small assistance given to the poor and oppressed classes to tide in tough times are 'revris', the "freebies given to the rich" were like 'gajak', which were way more than those given to the needy.

"We are against the 'jhooth ki gathri' (bundle of lies) culture. We are not against holding the hands of citizens during bad times," Vallabh said.

Last month, the prime minister, after inaugurating the Bundelkhand Expressway in Uttar Pradesh, cautioned people against what he called the "revri culture" of offering freebies for garnering votes and said it is "very dangerous" for the development of the country.

"We are not against MSP for farmers, we don't consider that 'muft ki revri' We are against 'muft ki gajak' which the Government of India is giving by way of corporate tax cuts, causing a loss of Rs 5.8 lakh crore to the exchequer when public sector banks transferred Rs 7.27 lakh crore in loans written off. We are against this, not against empowering people," Vallabh said at AICC press briefing.

Govt revisiting elephant corridors, involving stakeholders: Min Yadav

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Human-elephant conflicts are on the rise due to "competition for resources", with around 500 people in the country dying in elephant attacks and 100 jumbos 'killed in retaliation' annually. Similarly, at least 14 elephants were killed by poachers in 2020-21 compared to nine in the previous year and seizures of ivory doubled in the same period.

Concerned at the alarming man-jumbo conflict, the Government is banking on the role of the community in conserving wildlife.

Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav said on Friday that to reach out to the families of the victims affected by elephants, the Centre has increased the ex-gratia from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 5

lakh. "To find a long-term solution, we are revisiting the elephant corridors of the country and have finished more than 50 per cent of the task involving key stakeholders in this endeavour," he said at an event on the World Elephant Day celebrations at the Periyar National Park in Kerala.

Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted, "On World Elephant Day, reiterating our commitment to protect the elephant. You would be happy to know that India houses about 60% of all Asian elephants. The number of elephant reserves has risen in the last 8 years. I also laud all those involved in protecting elephants."

Noting that elephant conservation in the country has done remarkably well despite many challenges, Yadav said India continues to be a leader in ensuring protection to the



largest mammal under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

India has the largest and the most stable population of Asian elephants, the minister said, adding that the country houses more than 60 per cent of wild Asian elephants.

The population of elephants was 29,964 as recorded in the last elephant census conducted in 2017, he said.

This has brought the total

area under Elephant Reserves in India to about 76,508 sq km across 14 states of the country.

"I am very happy to share with you all that later today India is going to witness the establishment of one more Elephant Reserve, the Agasthyamalai in Tamil Nadu, adding another 1,197 sq km of Protected Area dedicated for protection and conservation of elephants in India," said the Union Environment Minister.

Rahul questions PM's silence on Ladakh military standoff

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Questioning the "silence" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the eastern Ladakh military standoff, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Friday said he should address the nation and spell out the reasons for him not taking on China on the border issue. In a Facebook post he asked why the prime minister was not keeping the interests of people supreme, remained silent on China and resorted to import of polyester for the national tricolour after ignoring the pride of India -- the khadi. He also questioned why imports from China were rising at a time when Chinese infiltrations on the border were

on the rise.

"How will the prime minister, who has struck a deal with China on the tricolour, see the infiltration of China! A true patriot is one who does not let any harm come to his country. A true patriot is one who fights to protect every inch of the country. A true servant of the nation is one who is dedicated to uphold the dignity and pride of his motherland," he said.

"China has dared to occupy our country's borders. Before coming to power, the prime minister, who promised to show 'laal aankh' (red eye or stern response) to China, has bowed before China for the last eight years. The prime minister does not even utter the word 'China'," Rahul said in the post.

10 Covid deaths in Delhi, positivity rate now 15.02%

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi on Friday reported 10 deaths due to COVID-19, the highest in six months, and 2,136 cases with a positivity rate of 15.02 per cent, according to data shared by the health department. This is the 10 consecutive day when the city logged more than 2,000 cases in a day. The national capital on February 13 reported 12 deaths due to the viral disease.

The fresh cases on Friday came out of 14,225 COVID-19 tests, according to the latest health bulletin. With the fresh infections and fatalities, Delhi's infection count increased to 19,80,402 and the death toll rose to 26,367.

Delhi on Thursday reported 2,726 fresh COVID-19 cases, the highest in nearly six and a



half months, and six fatalities due to the viral disease, while the positivity rate stood at 14.38 per cent. The day before, it had logged eight fatalities and 2,146 cases with a positivity rate of 17.83 per cent. On Tuesday, Delhi had reported 2,495 coronavirus cases with a positivity rate of 15.41 per cent and seven fatalities.

The national capital saw 1,372 infections and six deaths on Sunday as the case positivity rate rose to 17.85 per cent, the highest since January 21. On January 21, the positivity rate was 18.04 per cent.

Jungle raj back in Bihar...

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He also cited cases of sexual assault against women, loot, and the death of six people in Chhapra after drinking spurious liquor. "Disorder is spreading in the state at a fast pace. It will not be an exaggeration to say that 'jungle raj' returns to Bihar," Patra said.

Patra claimed that the BJP's presence in the state government earlier worked as a restraining influence on crime even though the party did not have home or excise departments.

IIT-B opens 2 micro factories to provide hands-on experience to students

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

As part of its larger Makerspace initiative, the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay on Friday opened its first micro-factories 'Kadayan S. Srinivasan' and 'Harivallabh Nagar' which will expose undergraduate students to state-of-the-art thematic labs and the latest design and manufacturing practices.

The two micro-factories, which were formally inaugu-

rated on the IIT-B campus on Friday, provide advanced facilities on par with those found in real-world industrial setups to enable the students to have hands-on learning and transform their academic experience.

In addition to core academic activities, students will also use these micro-factories for a wide range of co-curricular projects.

The micro-factories are a first-of-its-kind initiative at the undergraduate level by the

Institute and form an integral part of IIT Bombay's overall Makerspace initiative.

The micro-factories are equipped with 3D printers, laser-cutters, forming machines, advanced mechanical tools, electronics setups and the latest modelling software that students can leverage to enhance their research studies.

The two new facilities will be accessible to students, as well as faculty across various departments and will be multi-disciplinary.



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Tejashwi meets Sonia...

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Talking to media after meeting Sonia, the Dy CM of Bihar said Kumar's decision to form the Mahagathbandhan Government is a "slap on the BJP's face" and a similar coming together of Opposition parties will be replicated across the country. Accusing the BJP of working to finish regional parties, Tejashwi asserted that this is nothing but a design to end democracy in the country.

He said he sought support from the Congress to thwart such an unholy design.

"The BJP wanted to finish Kumar, They created a

division in Ram Vilas Paswan's party.

If regional parties are finished, Opposition will be finished, democracy will be finished. If democracy is finished, the country will be run in a dictatorial manner," he said.

In his meeting with Yechury and Raja, the RJD leader is learnt to have discussed the developments in Bihar as well as the way forward. After the meeting, Yadav said in a tweet that he met the two Left leaders and had a positive discussion on the current social, economic and political scenario prevailing in the coun-

try and Bihar.

Yadav said all parties have joined hands against the BJP in the Bihar Assembly, and added now this is going to be replicated across the whole country.

"People are suffering due to inflation. There are those who want to rule by creating Hindu-Muslim tensions, put the Constitution and democracy in danger, they want to break the brotherhood, Bihar has once again given a new direction to the country," he said. "For that we thank the Chief Minister, Sonia Gandhi, Yechury, Dipankar (Bhattacharya, CPI-ML general secretary), Raja

and Lalu (Prasad)," he said.

Claiming that the BJP liked to scare those who get scared and buy those who could be bought , Yadav alleged that Constitutional institutions are being destroyed. "Be it the Enforcement Directorate, Central Bureau of Investigation or Income Tax (Department), their condition is worse than police stations. Who do they want to scare? We, the people of Bihar, are not going to be scared. I have said 'Bihari bikaua nahi, tikaau hota hai' (People of Bihar cannot be bought out, they are reliable)," he said.

Not vying for PM chair, will work to...

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At the media briefing Kumar also made light of apprehensions of "misuse" of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) against the new dispensation in Bihar, which has achieved power after ousting the BJP, and said "those habituated to misuse will face public ire".

"I have no such fears. Remember one thing, even if a habit has been formed of misuse (of agencies), those indulging in the same will be closely watched by the people," said Nitish.

The JD(U) leader was also asked whether he would be going to Gujarat, the home turf of Prime Minister Narendra

Modi, to campaign for the Assembly elections scheduled later this year. "You will get to know about that in due course", Kumar added.

Kumar also said he had decided against the JD(U) joining the Government at the Centre, after the BJP's refusal to his demand for four ministerial berths in 2019. He also asserted that the induction of his former close aide RCP Singh last year did not have his consent.

"I had said in 2019 that we should get at least four berths. We had 16 MPs, they had just one more from Bihar. Agreeing to anything less than that would have sent a bad message in Bihar from where they had

inducted five people. They refused so we did not join," Kumar said. Asked about BJP leaders' contention that his consent was sought before the induction of Singh, the CM said "it is untrue". "He (RCP) was the national president and I did not approve of the development. A reason why I made him step down from the top party post six months later," Kumar said.

Nitish went on to slam the BJP for raising questions about the Z+ security cover granted to the Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav. "Why should they object to it? He is the Deputy CM. Why should he not get it? They speak nonsense, it is all useless," said Nitish.

‘We invest in public, not dostwadi’

Sitharaman should study models of other nations and how they benefit from welfare schemes'

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A day after Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman exchanged heated arguments related to free welfare schemes, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Friday said Sitharaman was trying to scare the public by saying that the free welfare schemes will destroy the country.

He asked Sitharaman to study the models of other countries and how they have become rich economically by providing welfare schemes to the public. At a Press conference at the Delhi Secretariat, he claimed there are two models of governance. One is the "Dostwadi" model and the other is investing in public welfare schemes. "Dostwadi Government" thinks waiving off taxes worth Rs 5 lakh crore



and loans worth Rs 14 lakh crore for super-rich friends would bring development but deprives the common man of facilities like health and education. They do 'Dostwadi' politics (for welfare of friends) and we do politics for the common people," the Deputy Chief Minister and AAP leader said.

Sisodia also said that Sitharaman tried to scare people by claiming that spending Government money on public welfare will destroy India and urged the Centre to invest in citizens. "I want to ask madam to study the schemes/models of other countries and how they have become rich economically by giving free welfare schemes to the public," he added. "UP, Madhya Pradesh

and other States where the BJP is in power have huge fiscal deficiency. But the Delhi Government, despite providing free welfare schemes, has surplus revenue and has increased in the last seven years...we are not only saying this, the CAG is also saying the same," Sisodia added.

Sisodia said, "The BJP terms welfare schemes for the public 'free ki rewari (sweets)' but we call it investing in our people. I urge them to invest in the citizens of the country instead of playing 'Dostwadi' politics."

Addressing a Press conference, AAP MP Sanjay Singh said that the Modi Government has decreased corporate tax from 30 per cent to 22 per cent to help their super-rich friends, if it hadn't done this, then they would not have had to impose GST on daily commodities.

"PM Modi travels in airplanes worth thousands of crores using public money, MLAs-MPs get bungalows & electricity-water for free and when CM Arvind Kejriwal gives free-of-cost electricity-water-education to the public, they call it freebies," he said.

Centre's welfare schemes are empowering poor: BJP

Freebies are not only meant for the poor but for all, explains Sambit Patra

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP continued its attack on Delhi Chief Minister and AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal over his alleged 'freebies', which the saffron party on Friday claimed, are "aimed at gaining political benefits" whereas the Centre's welfare schemes are "making poor economically self-dependent and empowering them."

Addressing a Press conference here, BJP national spokesperson Sambit Patra said the AAP Government's schemes were superficial and did not go anywhere to make a long-term impact. Citing a scheme of the Kejriwal

Government of providing loans to school students without any guarantee, Patra claimed that out of 89 students who applied in 2021-22, only two were given loans and the maximum loan to a student under this scheme can be Rs 10 lakh. He said an RTI query now has revealed that more than Rs 19.50 crore from this scheme was spent on publicity and advertisement, while the loan given to students at maximum could be Rs 20 lakh.

The BJP leader also brushed aside the AAP's charge that the Modi Government let go crores of rupees in the hands of defaulting businessmen, saying Kejriwal should be knowing "difference between 'writing-off' and 'waving off'". He said writing off means that the process of recovery of loan in on and in this context the Government is trying to recover all the money from defaulting businessmen.

L-G asks civil works agencies to submit ATRs of projects by Sept 30

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) Vinai Kumar Saxena has asked agencies involved in civil works to submit an action-taken report (ATR) of ongoing projects in the city by September 30.

According to the official statement released by the L-G's office, Saxena also directed the agencies to thoroughly review the work procedures to improve quality, maintain financial probity and ensure their timely completion.

The L-G also directed officials to create a suitable deterrence mechanism, wherein the defaulters are identified, responsibilities fixed and exemplary action is taken in a time-bound manner to set the tone for efficient and smooth functioning.

"Saxena has been reviewing various ongoing projects of the Delhi Development Authority, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, and the New Delhi Municipal Council

among others," it read. He has observed that the projects are invariably exceeding the deadline resulting in cost escalations, it said.

"It is advised to reduce the number of tenders and contracts by floating a single tender for annual operation and maintenance of various similarly-placed projects.

This will not only reduce paperwork and time overruns but will also bring in economy, besides enabling better monitoring and securing quality output," the statement said.

In the interest of efficiency, this exercise should be undertaken expeditiously and an ATR should be forwarded to the L-G's office, it said.

The L-G also said in many projects, the original financial scope according to the administrative approval invariably gets exceeded due to "poor planning, delay in execution and poor financial probity" resulting in Major Financial Accounting Irregularities (MAFI) or even CVC enquiry.

Noida Authority revises land rates across all categories

NEW DELHI: The Noida Authority has revised land rates across all categories, including residential and group housing, effecting a hike of up to 30 per cent, after a gap of many years.

According to a senior Noida Authority official, the decision was taken during the 205th board meeting of the New Okhla Industrial Development Authority (NOIDA) on Thursday.

The meeting was chaired by Uttar Pradesh industrial development commissioner Arvind Kumar and attended by Noida Authority CEO Ritu Maheshwari, among others.

On determination of land rates for the financial year 2022-23, the Noida Authority said, "The land rate of 'E' category sectors of residential plots is ₹41,250 per square metre, there has been a hike of 20 per cent in 'A' to 'D' category sectors, while those in 'A+' category remained unchanged at ₹1.75 lakh per sq metre." SR

Kite catchers, flyers to be police's eye in the sky on I-Day in Red Fort area

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In view of the 75th Independence Day celebration, the Delhi Police has deployed kite catchers and kite flyers on rooftops and other sensitive locations in the Red Fort area to counter any threats from sub-conventional aerial platforms.

Police said kite catchers, kite flyers and window watchers have been asked to report any flying object in the restricted area from August 13 to August 15. According to police, adequate measures have been taken to prevent kites, balloons, drones, or any manned or unmanned flying objects to reach the area where the Independence Day function will be held on August 15.

Meanwhile, more than 11 cases have been registered for sale and purchase of Chinese 'manjha' or glass-coated thread used largely for kite flying. Dependra Pathak, Special Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) said provisions of Section 144 have been insti-

tuted and anyone seen flying kites, balloons or Chinese lanterns from August 13 to August 15 till the time of the programme at Red Fort ends, will be punished and legal action will be taken.

"Kite catchers have been deployed with necessary equipment on strategic locations who will prevent any kind of kite, balloon and Chinese lanterns from reaching the function area. Radars will be deployed at Red Fort to counter any threats from subconventional aerial platforms and manned or unmanned flying objects," he said.

Officials said kite flyers who organise competitions in the Red Fort area have convinced not to fly kites this time, keeping security in mind. Several meetings were held with them at SHO, ACP and DCPs levels to dissuade them. They will also be patrolling with the police and help the local policemen to prevent people from flying kites. However, kite flying competitions can be held in the early evening hours of August 15.

Cops arrest 6 of gang with 2K bullets ahead of I-Day

NEW DELHI: Ahead of Independence Day, the Delhi Police has busted a syndicate involved in illegal trafficking of ammunition in the national Capital. Police said that they have arrested six people and recovered more than 2,000 cartridges of various brands from their possession.

The accused have been identified as Ajmal Khan, Rashid alias Lallan, Saddam, residents of village Suetha Kalan, District Jaunpur in Uttar Pradesh (UP), Parikshit Negi, a resident of Dehradun, Kamran, a resident of Yamuna Vihar and Nasir, a resident of Roorki, Uttarakhand.

Police said that Nasir and Kamran, used to supply ammu-

nitions to Negi, who also owns a gun house in Dehradun. According to Priyanka Kashyap, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), East district, on August 6, around 6:30 AM, when patrolling team reached near Competent Motors in East district, they spotted two suspects with a trolley bag going towards parking No.-1.

"On seeing police personnel, they got flustered and changed their way and started moving briskly. However, the police personnel acted swiftly and intercepted them. Being suspicious, the police personnel made a thorough search and found 2,251 cartridges of various types," she said.



Yamuna flows over danger mark of 205.33 metres

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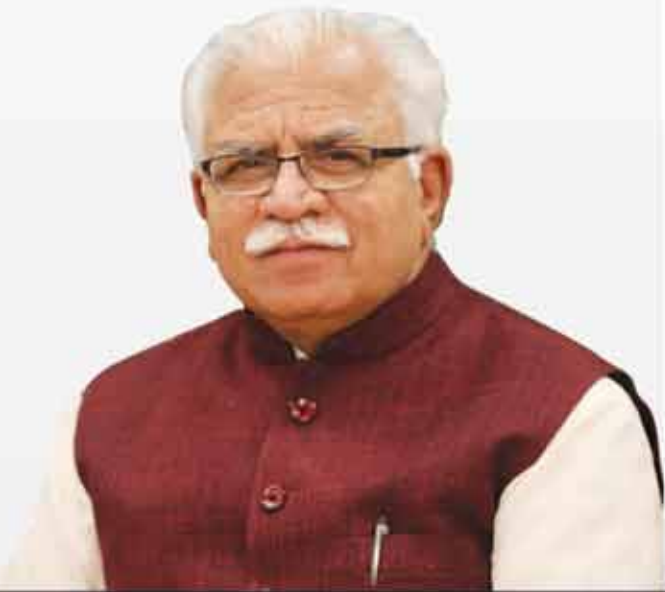


from the Hathnikund Barrage in Haryana's Yamuna Nagar crosses the one lakh-cusecs mark. People living near the floodplains and in flood-prone areas are evacuated then, an official said.

The flood control department on Thursday advised all sector officers to keep a vigil in their respective areas and take necessary action at vulnerable points by deploying the requisite number of quick-reaction teams to warn people residing within river embankments.



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Deputy SP Sandeep Singh Suresh Singh Bhadouria posted in the ACB unit of agency in Gandhinagar received the medal for exposing corruption by a former joint director of DG of Foreign Trade, while Hemanshu Shah, an Inspector in force received award for arresting two senior Enforcement Directorate officers in a bribery case of ₹5 lakh, they said. The only woman medalist in the list is M. Sasirekha, an Inspector in ACB, Chennai, who got medal for solving ₹45 crore Chennai Port Trust scam and arresting Assistant Superintendent of port S Raghu Bernard for scam.

Worker from Bihar killed, cop hurt in twin attacks in Kashmir

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

In the run up to the 75th Independence Day celebrations in the Kashmir valley, another migrant labourer from Bihar was killed late Thursday night in Bandipore while a policeman received bullet injuries when unidentified terrorists attacked a joint 'naka' party in Anantnag on Friday.

More than a week ago, a non-local labourer from Bihar was killed and two others were injured in a grenade attack in south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

Impressive response to the nation wide 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign across Kashmir valley seems to have frustrated the handlers of the terrorist outfits and other hardliners in the Kashmir valley.

These recent incidents of targeted attacks on the security personnel and outside laborers has already prompted the integrated security grid to do a fresh audit of security arrange-

ments and pattern of deployment for security duties to prevent such strikes.

According to police, "A migrant labourer from Bihar was shot at by terrorists at Soadnara Sumbal during the intervening night of Thursday and Friday in Bandipore. The deceased labourer was identified as Mohd Amrez, son of Mohd Jalil and a resident of Bihar's Madhepura. Soon after being shot, he was shifted to the hospital for treatment where he died. A close relative of the deceased laborer, Mohammad Tamheed, who identified himself as Amrez's brother, said they were sleeping when they heard gunshots around 12:20 am.

"We were sleeping and it was 12:20 am when my younger brother woke me up, saying some shots were fired. I told him such things happen, so sleep. But he told me that he will take a look as another brother was not in the room. "He went downstairs and



saw him (Amrez) covered in blood. We called the Army. They came and took him to Hajin. The doctors there told us to take him to Srinagar, but he succumbed on the way," Tamheed said.

Tamheed and Amrez's colleagues appealed to the government to help them take his body back to Bihar.

Meanwhile, a policeman was injured on Friday when terrorists attacked a team of security personnel in Jammu

and Kashmir's Anantnag district. According to a tweet of Kashmir Zone

police, "Terrorists fired upon joint naka party of police/CRPF in Bijbehara area of Anantnag."

A policeman sustained injuries in the attack and was rushed to a hospital for treatment, the police said.

The area was cordoned-off and a search was launched to track down the foot prints of terrorists behind the attack, a police spokesman added.

Mondal's assets in hundreds of crores, CBI tells court

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The Central Bureau of Investigation has submitted before a designated court a property list of arrested Trinamool Congress leader Anubrata Mondal that could run into hundreds of crores, inside sources say.

Mondal a TMC national executive committee member and Birbhum district party president ill-famed for terrorising speeches like publicly asking his party men to bomb police vehicles, torch opposition houses was on Thursday picked up by the CBI officials who raided his Bolpur residence with a posse of one hundred CPF personnel. He has been arrested in connection to multi-crore cattle smuggling case.

According to sources the CBI has submitted before the court a list of 59 documents pertaining to his properties through out Birbhum, Burdwan and other parts of the

State. Many of these properties are in the names of his wife and daughter. This, in excess of the documents of property worth about Rs 100 crore found from his personal security guard and a police constable Shegal Hussein.

Among the properties owned by Mondal are 16 rice mills partially or fully owned by the leader in Burdwan and Birbhum districts sources said adding shares in most of these mills were forcefully extracted from the owners.

CBI sources claim that Mondal also owns six 'Benami' petrol pumps about 30 sand fields. This in excess of about a hundred of illegal sand queries. Apart from sand fields he also owns stone queries and a number of stone crushing units, sources say. The TMC leader known for his proximity to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee also owns about one hundred dumpers (acquired through Benami route) used to transport sand.



According to sources the TMC strongman often called the uncrowned king of Birbhum that also houses Rabindranath Tagore's Shantiniketan (about a stone's throw from his residence) owns a medical college and a number of hotels, bungalows, farm-houses in benami, sources claimed.

The CBI has also informed that cattle money was remitted to Mondal from the prime accused and arrested cattle

trader Enamul Haq through a number of channels. Firstly the Birbhum leader got a fat Rs 20 crore yearly from Haq as protection money. The second channel through which money flowed was manned by Shegal Hussein and the third channel of the ill-gotten money was routed to lesser leaders. A recent raid in three of such leaders' houses fetched Rs 17 lakh, and a number of documents leading to Mondal sources said.

ASEAN Parl team meets Dhankhar

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A delegation of ASEAN Parliamentarians led by Kittisethabindit Cheam Yeap, First Vice-President of the National Assembly of Cambodia and the President of Cambodia AIPA National Group called on the Vice President and Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Jagdeep Dhankhar on Friday.

Welcoming the delegation, Dhankhar said he was delighted to meet the international parliamentary delegation.

Highlighting the importance of ASEAN as 'gateway' into and out of the Indian Ocean region, Dhankhar said that India's relationship with ASEAN is full of promise and potential since it is one of the most economically and politically dynamic regions of the world today. Referring to Speaker of Lok Sabha, Om Birla's visit to Cambodia, Vietnam and Singapore early this year, Dhankhar said that India gives highest priority to bilateral cooperation with the Parliaments of individual ASEAN Member States.

'Being defamed in Tyagi case, want apology from top cop'



PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Samajwadi Party MLC and former minister Swami Prasad Maurya has demanded an unconditional apology from the commissioner of police of Gautam Buddha Nagar for dragging his name in the case of Srikanth Tyagi whose state secretariat entry pass is alleged to have been made on his recommendation.

Maurya said here on Friday that he would file a defamation suit against the police commissioner if he failed to tender an apology.

"I had no role in the secretariat entry pass being issued to Srikanth Tyagi; it is none other than the commissioner of police who is behind the pass being issued to the Bharatiya Janata Party leader. The police commissioner, by taking my name, has deliberately tried to malign my image," Swami Prasad Maurya said here on Friday.

Maurya was a minister in Yogi Adityanath's previous government. He had resigned from the cabinet ahead of the UP Assembly elections held in March this year and had joined the Samajwadi Party.

The SP leader alleged that the police commissioner was acting at the behest of his political masters in the ruling party to malign his image.

"I want to tell the BJP leaders that it is a despicable act to run misinformation campaign against the opposition leaders and they should refrain from this act otherwise people will give a befitting reply to the ruling party," Maurya said.

India to take part in first bilateral air exercise with Malaysia

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Giving a boost to the defence ties between the two countries, India will take part in the first bilateral air exercise with Malaysia. The four-day drill will further enhance defence co-operation and augment security in the region.

A contingent of the Indian Air Force left for Malaysia on Friday to participate in air exercise 'Udarashakti' exercise. The Indian contingent comprise Su-30 MKI frontline fighter jets and C-17 transport aircraft.

The Indian contingent departed from one of its air bases directly for their destination, the Royal Malaysia Air Force (RMAF) base of Kuantan. The Malaysian air force will deploy its SU-30 MKM. The exercise will give an opportunity to IAF contingent members to share and



learn best practices with some of the best professionals from RMAF, while also discussing mutual combat capabilities, the IAF said.

It said the four-day exercise will witness conduct of various aerial combat drills between the two Air Forces. "Exercise Udarashakti will fortify the long standing bond of friendship and enhance the avenues of defence cooperation between the two Air Forces, thereby augmenting security in the region," the IAF said.

Target of 20 cr households hoisting Tricolour on I-Day will be met: BJP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Friday claimed that the target of having 20 crore households hoisting tricolour on Independence Day will be reached and that the government's 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign has seen an "unprecedented response" across the country.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had in his 'mann ki baat' urged people to make 'Har ghar Tiranga' a big success across the country and the BJP has taken upon itself to ensure that 20 crore houses hoist the national flag in their houses.

Addressing a press conference here at the party headquarters, BJP general secretary Arun Singh said that party president J P Nadda will also inaugurate an exhibition in the national Capital on August 13 to mark the 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day', which falls on August 14.

He said he exhibition will highlight the atrocities people faced during the partition. "Silent marches will also be taken out in every district on that day, he added. "It will send out the resolve that everyone is together for national unity and integrity," he said.

On the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, Singh said the exercise which started from August 9 has reached all corners of the country with MPs



and other elected representatives joining it to encourage people to be a part of the initiative. Singh also asked people to take a selfie with the national flag at their homes during the exercise between August 13-15 and post it on the official website for this.

Singh said few years ago no one could think of unfurling tricolor in Kashmir but today it is being hoisted at 'Lal Chowk' and 'Dal Lake'.

NIA make ninth arrest in Udaipur beheading case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested Khan, an alleged conspirator in the Udaipur beheading case, making it the ninth arrest by the agency in the case.

The agency said 41-year old Khan alias Muslim Raza, a resident of Pratapgargh in Rajasthan, played an 'active role' in the conspiracy.

The NIA has made nine arrests in the case since taking over the probe on June 29, with the last arrest made on July 21 when Mohammad Javed, a resident of Sindhli Sarkar Ki Haweli, Kheradiwala, was taken into custody.

The tailor Kanhaiya Lal was killed with a cleaver inside his tailoring shop in Rajasthan's Udaipur on June 28. The gruesome attack by Riaz Akhtari on the tailor was recorded on a mobile phone by Ghouse Mohammad and the video was posted online.

In another video, the duo said they hacked Lal to death to avenge an alleged insult to Islam. Both were arrested within hours of the killing.

The NIA said the two wanted to "strike terror among the masses across the country" through the gruesome act. The duo had posted videos online claiming responsibility for the attack and also issued a threat

to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, it said.

Officials said the agency is looking into the role of "local self-radicalised gangs" and their possible international linkages, even as a preliminary probe suggests that more people could be involved in the conspiracy to murder Lal.

NIA officials said the two prime accused---Riaz Akhtari and Ghouse Mohammad---became members of Pakistan-based Sunni Islamic organisation Dawat-e-Islami via a mobile application and one of them was in touch with some people in Pakistan. They, however, said it was too early to draw any conclusions.

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DECLARATION OF AN INTERIM DIVIDEND AND RECORD DATE

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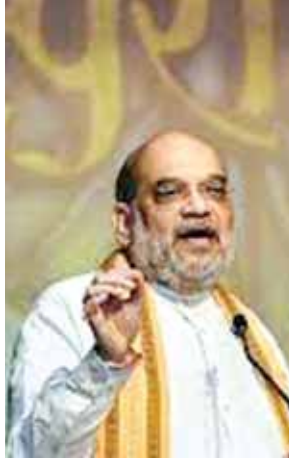
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Expand network of primary agri-credit societies to every panchayat, says Shah

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Union Minister Amit Shah on Friday made a case for expanding the network of primary agriculture credit societies to every 'panchayat' with an aim to increase agri-finance to Rs 10 lakh crore annually through cooperatives.

Addressing a national conference on rural cooperative banks organised by his Ministry of Cooperation and the National Federation of State Cooperative Banks (NAFSCOB), he stressed on increasing the number of primary agriculture credit societies (PACS) from nearly 1 lakh to 3 lakh over the next five years.



"PACS are the soul of our agriculture credit system. Until PACS work in a good manner, our agricultural system cannot work properly. It

is equally important to expand the PACS outreach," Shah said. Minister stated that there are 3 lakh panchayats in the country, while the number of PACS is about 95,000 currently, of which about 65,000 are functional.

"Still there are 2 lakh panchayats that do not have any PACS," Shah said, and exhorted senior officials of State Cooperative Banks (SCBs) and District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) to set a five-year strategy in this regard. Every district cooperative bank should think how to create one single PACS in a panchayat and every state cooperative bank should monitor that strategy while NABARD should verify those strategies, the Minister said.

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2.	Sukhvir Singh/ Manjeet Singh/ LBNOD00004232257	Plot No-331, 3rd Floor, With Roof Rights, Property Bearing No- WZ-93, out of Rectangle No.35, Killa No-2, Village Khayalia, Abadi Knon as Kanhiya Nagar Known as Chand Nagar, Tilak Nagar, Delhi, Delhi, 110018/ Aug 08, 2022	March 25, 2021 Rs. 37,38,981/-	Delhi/ NCR

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China shields terrorist

India and the US wanted Jaish-e-Mohammed deputy chief Abdul Rauf Azhar to be designated as a ‘global terrorist’

A month after Beijing shielded Pakistan-based deputy leader of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) Abdul Rehman Makki, an international terrorist, it has done an encore. It has vetoed a similar joint proposal at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), again by India and the US, to designate Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) deputy chief Abdul Rauf Azhar as a “global terrorist.” He is the younger brother of JeM founder Maulana Masood Azhar, another murderous jihadist. India was understandably incensed at China, castigating it for its “double speak” and “double standards” in the war on terror. China’s perfidy is actually long-standing: as The Pioneer reported, in the last one decade, it has protected violent jihadists half a dozen times; Masood Azhar alone got help four times. On its part, China has deployed typical sophistry to justify its action. A spokesperson for China’s mission to the UN told a news agency that it needs “more time to study the case.” Hiding behind diplomatese and using technical points to shield terrorists—which is same as helping Pakistan, as it supports terrorists—serve the immediate purpose; but it is increasingly exposing China as the biggest rogue state that regularly comes to the rescue of smaller rogue states as Pakistan and North Korea. In fact, China has already emerged as, in the words of the American historian and policy analyst Michael A Ledeen, a mature fascist state. This is arguably the most appropriate description of China.



The American scholar argued that Marxism in China has metamorphosed into fascism. Mao, Ledeen wrote, was unlike traditional communist dictators who disliked traditional culture, replacing it with a sterile Marxism-Leninism. Xi Jinping, the most Maoist of the successors of the Great Helmsman, has embraced the glories of China’s long history most enthusiastically. China’s fascism was never under wraps, but in the last few years the entire world is realising what catastrophes a fascist state can occasion. Especially when its arsenal includes nuclear weapons and hypersonic missiles. It is a well-known fact that China today is the most powerful country in the world, save the US and, to some extent, Russia. Equally well-known is the fact that it is a perpetual, compulsive trouble maker. From brazenly and deliberately spreading the novel coronavirus all over the world to launching a bloody attack on Indian soldiers at Galwan in Ladakh in June 2020 to terrorising Taiwan to intimidating other nations in the vicinity to ensnaring poor nations across continents into a debt trap by means of its notorious Belt & Road Initiative to carrying out genocide of religious and ethnic minorities to defending jihadist terrorists—there is no crime or sin that the Chinese Communist Party is not capable of. India and other democracies should disabuse themselves—if they haven’t already—of any fond notions or hopes about China behaving responsibly. They should chalk out their policies and strategies in recognition of China’s incorrigibility.



Buddhist devotees from Thailand during a special prayer ceremony under the sacred 'Bodhi Tree', in Bodhi Gaya

The great freebies debate

Now that the Supreme Court has taken a stand, the freebies debate should stop for now

Now that the Supreme Court has opined that political parties cannot be derecognised over the issue of disbursing freebies, it should lay to rest the controversy over freebies for now. Of course, the Central Government would be bringing a Bill that would once and for all define and decide what freebies are and who is entitled to give and receive them. Chief Justice of India NV Ramana has acknowledged that the impact of freebies promised by political parties was a serious issue but he was not in favor of derecognising the political parties for it would be “anti-democratic”. To put things in perspective, the whole freebies debate started with the Prime Minister’s ‘revdi’ jibe in which he maintained that we must be warned against it as it was bad for the country and detrimental to development. A couple of days earlier, the Election Commission had also taken a stand on freebies saying that freebies can be a lifesaver in dire times. Indeed, it boils down to making a difference between doling out freebies for electoral gains and giving subsidies and helping the people with cash transfers and other free stuff.



Democracy is meaningless if it is not welfare-oriented. Any welfare State has to be mindful of the needs and conditions of the people. For instance, fertiliser subsidies which is a must to stabilise the prices of farm goods and protect the interests of the farmers. Likewise, old age pension, railway ticket concession for freedom fighters, sportspersons, etc. are welfare measures that are deemed necessary for the welfare of the people. The ‘revdi’ jibe was directed against the Aam Aadmi Party which has championed the doling out of free stuff. But free bus tickets or subsidised electricity and water are nothing new. It has been given by many previous governments. But now since AAP’s fanning out, it is pinching the BJP electorally. Ironically, the BJP itself is distributing free rations in Uttar Pradesh. In the 2020 Delhi election, the BJP ‘Sankalp Patra’, its manifesto, promised several freebies — flour at ₹2 per kg, electric scooters for college girls, and bicycles for girls studying in classes 9-10. Moreover, the Election Commission is a competent authority to check the misuse of freebies as an electoral plank. There is a bar to even announcing new projects and doling out Government money in any form after the code of conduct comes into force. It could be made even more stringent.

Hellfire in Kabul and the aftermath

Ayman al-Zawahiri’s killing has raised many questions and put a question mark on the intent of the Taliban regime in Kabul



HIRANMAY KARLEKAR

The presence in Afghanistan of Ayman al-Zawahiri, who was killed in Kabul on July 31, 2022, by a US drone firing two AGM-114R9X hellfire missiles, was in clear violation of the US-Taliban agreement, signed in Doha on February 29, 2020, as well as assurances by the Taliban themselves. Section one, Part Two, of the agreement, says that the Taliban “will not allow any of its members, other individuals and groups, including al-Qaeda” to use Afghanistan’s soil to threaten the security of the United States and its allies.” The second section says that the Taliban “will send a clear message” that those who threaten the security of the United States and its allies have no place in Afghanistan” and will instruct its members “not to cooperate with groups or individuals threatening the security of the United States and its allies.” The third section states that the “Taliban will prevent any group or individual in Afghanistan from threatening the security of the United States and its allies and will prevent them from recruiting, training, and fundraising and will not host them following the commitments in this agreement.”

Section four commits the Taliban “to deal with those seeking asylum or residence in Afghanistan according to international migration law and the commitments of this agreement so that such persons do not pose a threat to the security of the United States and its allies.” Section five commits it to not providing “visas, passports, travel permits, or other legal documents to those who pose a threat to the security of the United States and its allies to enter Afghanistan.” As for assurances, at their first official news conference in Kabul on 17 August 2021, Zabihullah Mujahid, their spokesman, said that the Taliban wished for peaceful relations with other countries and no group would be allowed to use Afghan territory to attack other nations. He also assured the international community, including the US, that “nobody will be harmed. We don’t want any inter-



nal or external enemies.” Al-Zawahiri had been al-Qaeda’s leader ever since a team of US Navy Seals killed Osama bin-Laden in May 2011. He had played a leading role in organizing the 9/11 terror strikes and several other attacks on the US. He had exhorted Muslims several times to kill Americans. There can be no doubt as to what al-Zawahiri stood for. Not surprisingly, the US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, has said in a statement that al-Zawahiri’s presence in Kabul “grossly violated the Doha agreement and repeated assurances to the world that they [the Taliban] would not allow Afghan territory to be used by terrorists to threaten the security of other countries.” Understandably, the Taliban, who desperately seek global recognition and the release of aid and their funds frozen abroad, have tried to cover their tracks. While condemning the drone attack, they have in a statement issued on August 4, 2022, denied having had any knowledge of al-Zawahiri’s arrival and stay in Kabul. They further said that they had “instructed the investigative and intelligence agencies to conduct a comprehensive and serious investigation into the various aspects of the incident,” and assured that there was “no threat to any country, including America, from the soil of Afghanistan” and that the Islamic Emirate wanted to implement the Doha agreement and violations of it had to end.”The statement was ridiculous.



IF THE US COULD LOCATE AND KILL AL-ZAWAHIRI, THE TALIBAN COULD NOT HAVE BEEN UNAWARE OF HIS ARRIVAL AND STAY IN KABUL

If the US could locate and killed al-Zawahiri, the Taliban could not have been unaware of his arrival and stay in Kabul. As the 13th report of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team (ASSMT) of the UN Security Council, submitted on May 25, 2022, states, the relationship between al-Qaeda and the Taliban remains close and is underscored by the presence, both in Afghanistan and the region, of al-Qaeda core leadership and affiliated groups, such as Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS). As it so happens, Al-Zawahiri was living in a house belonging to a top aide of Sirajuddin Haqqani, Deputy leader of the Taliban and interior minister in the latter’s government, who heads the Haqqani terrorist network, which has always had close ties with al-Qaeda. The 13th report clearly

states that the Taliban have also been harboring the Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Tayyiba. The argument that they are allowing these to stay in Afghanistan but have kept them on short leashes, does not wash. As the 13th report of the ASSMT says, neither the Islamic State in Khorasan Province (ISKP) — with whom the Taliban are at war—nor al-Qaeda “is believed to be capable of mounting international attacks before 2023 at the earliest, regardless of their intent or of whether the Taliban acts to restrain them.” Hence, the argument that their inaction suggests that the Taliban have defanged them, does not wash. The contention that these groups remain in Afghanistan because of support from Taliban factions, raises the question: will factional support also prevent action to restrain them from launching large-scale terror strikes abroad in pursuit of jihad to establish Sharia rule globally? By the look of things, the answer is “yes.” The world is set to witness a wave of terror strikes in a couple of years. (The author is Consulting Editor, The Pioneer. The views expressed are personal.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BIHAR’S POLITICAL PHOENIX

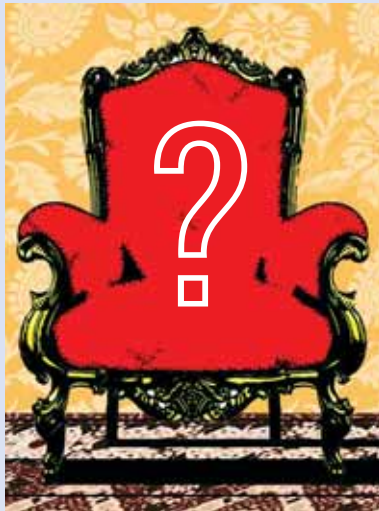
Sir — With the country ready to witness at least seven state elections in the run-up to Lok Sabha polls in 2024, the astonishing yet probable conjecture game played by Bihar CM Nitish Kumar has opened the doors of possibilities for the Opposition, which for the longest time, has been running in a vacuum that could also have been harmful to the democratic ethos of India. The real political weather forecasting agency of Bihar lies with Nitish Kumar and he has proven it once again, while earlier this degree was coronated to Late Ram Vilas Paswan. The rumblings in the JD(U)-BJP alliance was out in open for the last six months but even the Bihar BJP unit was caught napping by the political somersault championed by Nitish. However, it won’t be a smooth ride for Mahagathabandhan 2.0 due to the credibility deficit of JD(U) and the rose of RJD by becoming the single largest party in the Bihar assembly. There seems to be churning in the NDA as well, since 2014, BJP has only seen its alliance partners deserting the political umbrella and the saffron party focusing on stitching a multi-class alliance and a multi-caste alliance rather than upending the regional forces. Till the 2025 Bihar assembly polls arrive, the BJP will try and forge new equations in the state and create a multiple identities dilemma in the conscience of citizens, who might remain in conundrum during 2024 General elections, ‘Are they Biharis first or are they Hindu first’. But the ‘Sushan Babu’ endeavour to be the collective face of the Opposition in 2024 for PM candidature is still a distant dream but surely, the road to Delhi will now tread through Patna. Nischai Vats | Sultanpur

SHIFT IN CHINA’S TAIWAN POLICY

Sir — Rakshabandhan is a major festival in India celebrated widely all over the country. One of the fastest growing economies in the world, India possesses a rich cultural heritage too. A hugely diverse

PRIME MINISTERS-IN-WAITING

Every political party chief, whether it’s Rahul Gandhi, Arvind Kejriwal, or Nitish Kumar, they all wants to become the next Prime Minister in 2024. We have seen a lot of alliance breakage during 2014 till now. Punjab NDA’s oldest alliance partner Shiromani Akali Dal broke its ties and from Maharashtra Shiv Sena, one of the trusted and oldest allies of Bhartiya Janta Party broke ties for a power tussle. BJP have a charismatic leader in Mr Narendra Modi. The past decade is undoubtedly the decade of the political monopoly of the BJP. But future is wide open. But the dream of the next PM may be quite ambiguous at this stage. If Modi bows out, which is probably undesirable, we can see Amit Shah succeeding him in leadership. Becoming PM is not an easy task. Public confidence has to be won by the opposition leaders if they really want to be the next Prime Minister. Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur



group of people celebrating different festivals throughout the year. We can see the markets and sweet shops overcrowded in festival seasons. We can also see a huge divide between the incomes of people across India. As one section enjoys overwhelming options of food rich in taste and energy, contradictory to that other section is hardly able to survive and enjoy the festival. Surprisingly, One section of Indians (around 40%) are struggling with obesity. On the other hand, one section faces a lack of proper nutrition-rich diet and malnutrition throughout the year. Instead of overconsuming food and materials this festival season, let’s try to fill the gap and make sure every section of society enjoys it with the same joy.’ CK Subramanian | Mumbai

STOP BRIBING THE VOTERS

Sir — No taxpayer, would like his or her money put to misuse by politicians for the cause of purchasing votes. There could also be no two opinions on helping the poor and the have-nots by the government.

However, it must be noted that giving or receiving of freebies is nothing short of bribe. The politicians are using it to use the exchequer’s money to fund their electoral campaigns. Freebies are against democratic norms and equality. If at all the politicians want to help the masses to banish inequalities in society, then they should give the people good free education, quality, and cheap health care and employment. More and more employment avenues should be created for our youth to stimulate growth and development. Freebies otherwise in the form of mixies, grinders, rice, wheat, TVs, cycle and scooters, etc would make people lazier. Indeed we have to make a distinction between welfare measures and election sops. If the political class wants to please the people, they should do it from their party or own funds. Paying the taxpayers to woo the voter amounts to bribing them. Sravana Ramachandran | Chennai

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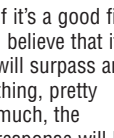
It is right. We are making efforts and we will try our best...What he has said is right. All efforts will be made for it.



Bihar Chief Minister —Nitish Kumar



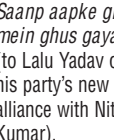
I strongly condemn the physical violence done to Shahbaz Gill. Under whose orders is he being persecuted? Ex-Pakistan Prime Minister —Imran Khan



If it’s a good film, I believe that it will surpass anything, pretty much, the response will be good. I think that good films will surpass anything. Actor —Kareena Kapoor



I met with CM Kejriwal in 2017 after winning a medal in Asia, assured me of help if I gave him a letter in writing. I did, but he never got back to me. He didn’t help me in any way. Wrestler —Diviya Kakran




Saap aapke ghar mein ghus gaya hai (to Lalu Yadav over his party’s new alliance with Nitish Kumar). BJP leader —Giriraj Singh

FIRST COLUMN

SHRIKANT TYAGI CASE HAS MORAL LESSONS

Shrikant Tyagi episode reveals the moral strength of our society




PRADEEP **BAJPAI**

Immediately after the shocking episode at Max Apartments in Noida, Uttar Pradesh, on August 5, where a local goon Shrikant Tyagi misbehaved with a fellow resident, vested interests in the media went to town with the allegation that he was a BJP functionary. Within hours, the party was being criticised for protecting him and questions were raised as to why he had not been arrested yet.

The video of a woman being insulted by a supposed BJP worker went viral immediately on social media with stinging remarks on the party's propensity to shield criminal elements in its fold. For an issue-starved Opposition, it was a delicious opportunity to run down the BJP-led Government in UP.

For the notorious mafia of the state, which under previous regimes had wilfully evaded the law and had been on the run ever since the BJP romped home in the 2017 polls, it was time for vengeance. They smacked their lips and got down to trolling Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister of UP, and the BJP viciously in the media.

Social activists, ignored and sidelined by the state government, readied their arsenal, burnishing the traditional charge of misogyny at the party. The BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra had to explain at length on national TV that Shrikant Tyagi had no connection absolutely with the BJP. Few believed him, least of all the media. The consensus was that after the brouhaha settled down, the case would be forgotten and buried in the police files, because it involved a BJP supporter.



Four days later, the UP Police held a press conference at Noida to announce that Tyagi had been apprehended in Meerut after a massive manhunt involving as many as 12 specially constituted police teams which worked 24x4 on the case.

The culprit was paraded before the press and a detailed account was given by the Police Commissioner of how, despite all odds, he had been nabbed through brilliant tech-savvy surveillance and precise inputs from the intelligence agencies.

He had tried to evade the police by changing mobile phones, locations and cars, one of which ironically carried the sticker of an MLA of the State's Legislative Assembly. It turned out, contrary to the narrative so far, that Tyagi had got the MLA car sticker from Swamy Prasad Maurya, a prominent SP leader.

His interrogation also revealed that he had paid substantial sums in order to get the VIP registration numbers for his many vehicles.

In a touching and heart-warming gesture, Tyagi's sister, Rashmika, refused to defend him, stating on TV that her brother's actions were unjustifiable. Tyagi himself appeared stupidly and arrogantly unrepentant with an air of braggadocio over his right to a preventative mask and a swagger even when he got down from the police vehicle.

The case has important lessons for our society. First, it is wrong to jump to premature conclusions especially when they are crafted by vested political interests. Secondly, public opinion is a powerful force, provided it is directed towards a worthy cause. Thirdly, notwithstanding the supposed decline in values, Indian society even now values ethical propriety and abjures violence towards women, both verbal and physical. Fourthly, India's police and intelligence agencies have maintained their high standards, comparable to the rest of the world, despite the decline elsewhere.

Lastly, and crucially, the present government in UP, being ideologically driven, means business, irrespective of electoral considerations, when it tackles mafia, long established and cultivated by previous regimes for electoral and monetary gains. All's well that ends well.

(A former banker, the writer's love for words and ideas has turned him towards writing columns. The views expressed are personal.)

NITI Aayog has failed cooperative federalism

Excessive centralisation at the Centre runs against the stated aim of cooperative federalism of Niti Aayog

VANAM JWALA
NARASIMHA RAO

India is commemorating 75 years of Independence as 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav'. Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the seventh Governing Council meeting of the Niti Aayog on August 7, 2022 at Rashtrapathi Bhawan Cultural Centre in the national capital. This meeting was the first in-person meeting of the Council since July 2019. Six earlier meetings of the Council were held on February 8, 2015; July 15, 2015; April 23, 2017; June 17, 2018; June 15, 2019; 20 February 2021. What were the outcomes in these meetings to strengthen cooperative federalism in the country remains a million-dollar question.

National Education Policy, crop diversification, urban governance were the agenda items for the recently concluded meeting. PM in his inaugural address said that India's shared vision and cooperative federalism emerged as a model for the world during the Covid crisis for which he gave the credit to the states. Suman K Bery, Vice Chairman, Niti Ayog, in his tweet reiterated support in assisting states and UTs to achieve their development goals through cooperation and coordination. He stressed that the Centre and the states together can accomplish the shared vision for the country's 'Amrit Kaal'. Time and again the same words are repeated.

Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar preferred to stay away from the meeting. A day before the meeting, Telangana CM KCR addressed a strongly-worded open letter to PM Modi, specifying reasons for boycotting the meeting. Later, at a crowded press meet, he explained in detail the origin, concept and evolution of NITI Aayog in place of Planning Commission, and how in the process, the institution became absolutely inefficient and ineffective in upholding and strengthening cooperative federalism in the country as enunciated in its objectives.

As a mark of strong protest against the present trend of the Central Government to discriminate against states and not treating them as equal partners in the collective efforts to make India a strong and developed country, KCR said that he was boycotting the meeting. He cited several examples of gross injustice done to Telangana, as the Centre turned a Nelson's eye even to the recommendations of Niti Ayog too.

The federal structure of India is being systematically eroded by some deliberate actions by the Central Government and, needless to say, these developments are very much discouraging to trailblazing states like Telangana, added KCR.

Niti Aayog, formed on January 1, 2015, has in its top body, the Governing Council consisting of all the Chief Ministers, the Lieutenant Governors of Union Territories and several Union ministers. The members were described as 'Team India'. The Governing Council is supposed to be tasked with evolving a shared vision of national priorities and strategies, with the



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(The author is Chief PRO of the Telangana Chief Minister.)



active involvement of States, in shaping the development narrative with the spirit of cooperative federalism. Unfortunately, in all the meetings held so far, the Chief Ministers were seldom allowed to speak for a reasonably considerable amount of time to explain the problems faced by them.

Niti Ayog's predecessor Planning Commission was set up in March 1950 in pursuance of declared objectives of the Government to promote a rapid rise in the standard of living of the people by efficient exploitation of the resources of the country, increasing production and offering opportunities to all for employment. Also, it was tasked to formulate plans for the most effective and balanced utilization of resources and determining priorities. Jawaharlal Nehru as PM was the first Chairman of the Planning Commission. Eminent Persons like Gulzari Lal Nanda, Ashok Mehta, Gadgil, C Subramaniam, PN Haksar, PV Narasimha Rao, Manmohan Singh, Madhu Dandavate, Pranab Mukherjee, Montek Singh Ahluwalia, etc., headed the Planning Commission as Deputy Chairman.

In his first Independence Day speech in 2014, PM Narendra Modi announced his intention to dissolve the Planning Commission, which was in existence for nearly 65 years having done a marvelous job in consultation with Chief Ministers. It has since been replaced by Niti Ayog. Initially everyone in the country thought that Niti Ayog would be a better replacement to the Planning Commission, but in effect it proved otherwise.

In the very first meeting, the Prime Minister laid down the key mandates of Niti Aayog such as fostering cooperative federalism and

addressing national issues through active participation of the States. But as the years passed, the concept and practice of cooperative federalism became a rude joke. Keeping this in view, KCR in his letter in the very first paragraph pointed out that "Niti Ayog was started as a new institution with the lofty objective of bringing the States on the same page with the Centre for ensuring the equitable development of our country in the true spirit of cooperative federalism". The underlying principle was that cooperative federalism was the adhesive that would bind the States and Centre together as 'Team India' and help India emerge as a strong nation, wrote KCR, adding that the other idea behind the initiative of Niti Aayog was the realization that only strong States can make a strong nation".

KCR went on detailing how the federal structure was systematically eroded by the present Government at the Center. According to KCR, in the beginning, Niti Ayog had constituted a group of Chief Ministers to give recommendations on developmental issues. A major recommendation of the group was that in respect of the Central sector schemes, States should be given flexibility to design or modify the schemes based on their needs and conditions to ensure maximum benefit to the people. Such an important recommendation has been kept aside and on the contrary, micro-managing the schemes was done by the Centre, giving a complete go by to State-specific needs which are best if left to individual States, pointed out KCR.

He affirmed that Niti Ayog, which was started with an objective of cooperative federalism recognizing that strong states make a strong

nation, was observed more in breach of the objectives. The Centre's actions show that the initiative has gone astray as States are not included as equal partners in the national development agenda.

At a time when Centre has been increasingly intruding into state subjects by running numerous Centrally sponsored schemes, shifting subjects from the State List to the Concurrent List and introducing new schemes in State subjects without any prior consultation with states, setting up of the Niti Aayog generated hopes of building Team India making states equal partners in nation's development and promoting cooperative fiscal federalism.

However, the Niti Aayog which was mandated with fostering cooperative federalism through structured support initiatives and mechanisms with the states on a continuous basis, recognizing that strong states make a strong nation has not been successful in its objective. Though it seeks to design and assist the implementation of strategic, long-term policy frameworks and program initiatives of state governments, it never gives any proper directive to the Union Government to realize this. The Governing Council, which is supposed to embody the objective of cooperative federalism, seldom adheres to it except in formal speeches of the Prime Minister.

KCR displayed statesmanship by boycotting the seventh Governing Council Meeting of Niti Ayog. Let there be a nationwide discussion on the efficacy of Niti Ayog, which has been constituted to actualize the important goal of cooperative federalism but now shirks its responsibility.

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PRALHAD JOSHI

Russian invading army battles loss of morale

The Russian invasion of Ukraine may prolong, but the invading army is fast losing morale



PK **VASUDEVA**

Mood in Moscow indicates that Russian public support for the country's invasion of Ukraine is growing. But, as the war is in its sixth month, there is hardly any sign of similar enthusiasm within the ranks of Vladimir Putin's invading army.

Instead, much of the available evidence points to mounting demoralization among the Russian troops, currently fighting in Ukraine and a large number of them are in prisons for refusing to fight.

The latest monthly opinion overview from Russia's only internationally respected independent pollster, the Levada Centre, has identified a slight rise in the number of Russians who back their country's war against Ukraine.

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(The author is a defence analyst.)

based on research conducted in late July, the statistical data found that 76 per cent of Russians currently support the war effort in Ukraine. This represents a 1 per cent increase compared to the figure for June 2022. A single percentage point obviously does not represent a major shift in public opinion. But the consistently high levels of support registered over the past five months along with the slight upward trend in this latest poll indeed suggest that Russian backing for the war remains solid and strong.

It appears that the vast majority of Russians have acclimated to the new wartime reality despite the worsening economic climate in their own country and mounting revelations of war crimes being committed in their name across the

border in Ukraine.

There has been much debate over the true level of pro-war sentiment in Russia since the invasion began on February 24, with critics arguing that opinion polls cannot be regarded as trustworthy measures of the public mood in authoritarian societies such as Putin's Russia. It is also important to note that the Kremlin introduced draconian measures at the start of the war that effectively banned any public criticism of the invasion and imposed long prison sentences for displays of opposition.

At the same time, it must also be said that this tough stance has not been authentically verified and tested. There has been virtually no sign of an anti-war movement emerging inside Russia since a brief wave of

small-scale anti-war protests, which fizzled out in the early weeks of the conflict. Despite widespread initial reports of horror and alarm within the Russian establishment over Putin's decision to invade Ukraine, the country's political, business and cultural elites have since largely mobilised support of the Kremlin. There have been very few resignations, with the relatively few who have preferred to leave the country generally choosing to remain silent.

If Russian society as a whole seems to have accepted the war, the same cannot be said for the country's military. Reports of demoralisation among Putin's invasion force have become a common feature of the invasion over the past five months as Russian casualties have continued to mount at an alarming rate.

While the exact number of Russians killed or wounded in Ukraine remains a closely guarded secret, US officials believe the figure is already above 75,000 and rising. Other calculations are slightly lower, but all serious sources outside of Russia itself acknowledge that Russian losses now number in the tens of thousands.

Meanwhile, Moscow's increasingly desperate recruitment efforts hint at the scale of the manpower crisis facing the Kremlin. Across Russia, potential army recruits are being enticed with mouth-watering salaries five or six times higher than the national average along with the promise of short-term contracts. In May, the Kremlin scrapped the age limit on newly enlisted men in an apparent bid to fill gaps created by heavy losses in Ukraine. More recently, recruiters have begun scouring Russian prisons and offering convicts the chance to sign up in exchange for an amnesty.

Russia's current troop shortages are in large part due to Putin's reluctance to officially declare war on Ukraine. Instead, he has branded the invasion as a "Special Military Operation". As a consequence, Russian contract soldiers are not legally obliged to fight in Ukraine and can theoretically resign from the army at any moment. Thousands are believed to have already

done so, leading to increasingly desperate measures as the Russian authorities seek to prevent more soldiers from quitting.

Reports claimed that their own commanders in the east Ukrainian conflict zone have illegally imprisoned hundreds of Russian soldiers after refusing to take any further part in the war. In one written testimony republished by the Guardian, a Russian soldier claimed he was jailed after deciding to stop fighting "as a result of what I believe were the tactical and strategic mistakes of my commanders and their total disregard for human life".

Low morale among Russian troops represents a serious challenge for the Kremlin as both Russia and Ukraine prepare for what many now fear will be a long war.

UN SEEKS END TO MILITARY ACTIVITY AT UKRAINE NUKE PLANT

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

The UN nuclear chief warned on Thursday that "very alarming" military activity at Europe's largest nuclear plant in southeastern Ukraine could lead to dangerous consequences for the region and called for an end to combat actions there.

Rafael Grossi urged Russia and Ukraine, who blame each other for the attacks at the plant, to immediately allow nuclear experts to assess damage and evaluate safety at the Zaporizhzhia facility.

Grossi demanded a halt to military actions "that have even the smallest potential to jeopardise nuclear safety" at such an important installation.

His appeal echoed UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' call earlier on Thursday for an end to all military activity around the Zaporizhzhia plant, warning that any damage could lead to "catastrophic consequences" in the vicinity, the region and beyond.

Grossi, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), gave a virtual briefing to the UN Security Council at a meeting called by Russia to discuss what Moscow claims were Ukrainian attacks on the plant.

While the plant is controlled by Russia, its Ukrainian staff continues to run the nuclear operations. It is in Enerhodar, a city seized by Russian troops in early March soon after they invaded Ukraine.

Grossi said statements received from Russia and Ukraine "are frequently contradicted" and the IAEA cannot corroborate important facts unless its experts visit Zaporizhzhia.

Russian Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia told the council that "Kyiv's criminal attacks on nuclear infrastructure are pushing the world to the brink of nuclear catastrophe".

He accused Ukrainian armed forces in recent days of repeatedly using heavy artillery and multiple-launch rocket systems to shell the Zaporizhzhia plant, including on Thursday.

"The background radiation at the nuclear power plant at the moment is within limits, but if the strikes continue, it is only a question of time," Nebenzia warned. "We call on states that support the Kyiv regime to bring their proxies into check to compel them to immediately and once and for all stop attacks."

Ukraine's UN ambassador, Sergiy Kyslytsya, accused Russia of using "elaborate plans of deceit, sabotage and cover-



ups" to stage the shelling at Zaporizhzhia, including on Thursday, which poses "an unprecedented threat to nuclear security for Ukraine, to Europe and the world as a whole".

The Ukrainian state company operating the plant, Enerhoatom, said there was renewed Russian shelling of the Zaporizhzhia facility and nearby buildings on Thursday.

"Five (hits) were recorded near the plant management's office — right next to the welding site and the storage facility for radiation sources," Enerhoatom said in a post on its official Telegram channel. "The grass caught fire over a small area, but fortunately, no one was hurt."

Ukraine's ambassador told the council the only way to remove the nuclear threats is by withdrawing Russian troops and returning the plant to Ukraine's control.

Nebenzia said Russia supported an IAEA visit in June to Zaporizhzhia, which was given "a red light" at the last minute by UN security experts. Moscow is ready to provide "all possible assistance" to resolve any issues for a visit "even before the end of August", he said.

Yevhen Balytsky, the Kremlin-installed temporary head of the

Zaporizhzhia region, said on Thursday that the Russia-backed administration there stood ready to ensure the safety and security of any IAEA delegation sent to investigate conditions. He said in an interview on Russian state TV that the Kremlin-backed authorities had prepared armoured vehicles for the international envoys.

Kyslytsya blamed Russia's "unjustified conditions" for the delay in getting IAEA experts to Zaporizhzhia, and said Ukraine stands ready to provide "all necessary assistance" to facilitate the nuclear team's travels through Ukrainian-controlled territory, which is just five miles from the plant across the Dnieper River.

Guterres appealed in a statement "for common sense and reason" to avoid any actions "that might endanger the physical integrity, safety or security of the nuclear plant", and for the withdrawal of all military personnel and equipment.

The Russian capture of Zaporizhzhia renewed fears that the largest of Ukraine's 15 nuclear reactors could be damaged, setting off another emergency like the 1986 Chernobyl accident, the world's worst nuclear disaster, which happened about 110 kilometres (65 miles) north of the capital Kyiv.

Ship heads to Ukraine to get grain for food-starved Africa

AP ■ KIVY

A ship approached Ukraine on Friday to pick up wheat for hungry people in Ethiopia, in the first food delivery to Africa under a UN-brokered plan to unblock grain trapped by Russia's war and bring relief to some of the millions worldwide on the brink of starvation.

For months, fighting and a Russian blockade meant grain produced in Ukraine, known as the world's breadbasket, piled up in silos, sending food prices sky-high and leading to hunger in Africa, the Middle East and parts of Asia.

In recent days, several ships carrying grain have left



Ukrainian ports under the new deal — but most of the shipments were of animal feed and went to Turkey or Western Europe.

But on Friday, European Council President Charles Michel announced that the first World Food Program transport of humanitarian aid for Africa would soon load and

then depart. In the afternoon, Marine Traffic, a tracking website, showed the ship headed toward southern Ukraine.

Michel said the ship would bring grain to Ethiopia, saying "cooperation of all involved actors is key" to alleviating food shortages and hunger around the world. The Brave

Commander was expected to carry take more than 23,000 metric tons, according to Ukraine's Infrastructure Ministry — only a tiny portion of the some 20 million tons of grain that has languished in Ukraine. The ship was expected to dock in Horn of Africa nation of Djibouti.

Ethiopia, along with neighbouring Somalia and Kenya, is in the grips of the driest drought in four decades in the Horn of Africa. Thousands of people across the region have died from hunger or illness this year. Forecasts for the coming weeks indicate that for the first time, a fifth straight rainy season will fail to materialize. Millions of livestock, the basis of many families' wealth and food security, have died.

"Millions of households will struggle to cope with these shocks" in Ethiopia, according to a new assessment by the Famine Early Warning Systems Network. "Food assistance needs are at record levels, with up to 15 million people in need of food assistance."

While one shipment won't have any major effect on the crisis, the World Food Program still heralded it as an "important step" in getting Ukrainian grain out of the country to the worst-affected countries.

Dairy farm in Ukraine's Donbas region struggles to survive

AP ■ DMYTRIVKA (UKRAINE)

One of the last working dairy farms on Ukrainian-controlled territory in the eastern Donbas region is doing everything it can to stay afloat in a place where neither workers nor animals are safe from Russia's devastating war.

Only around 200 head of cattle remain of the nearly 1,300 kept at the farm before Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24. The 8,000-acre (3,200-hectare) farm, set amid rolling hills in embattled Donetsk province, is producing two tons of milk a day compared to 11 tons daily before the war, its managers say.

While a significant proportion of the KramAgroSvit farm's revenues also came from cultivating wheat, continuing that work comes with risks. As a farm employee harvested wheat with a grain combine on Sunday, the machine hit two land mines, resulting in a fire that burned more than 60% of the worker's body.

The worker survived, but is in critical condition as doctors tend to an infection.

An inspection by an emergency services team found 19 additional mines in the field, said Ihor Kriuchenko, the farm's senior livestock technician, adding that going out to harvest now is "very dangerous" due to the shelling and mines. Farmhands drive combines around visible artillery fragments to avoid them.

Such realities of war have created a cascading series of complications that coalesced to drive the farm's business down dramatically. In the nearby city of Kramatorsk, the provisional capital of Donetsk province, Russia's attacks and a lack of gas for heating and cooking have caused most residents to evacuate, creat-



ing less demand for dairy products and, consequently, falling profits.

Business also took a hit as Russian forces captured several other cities where the farm had distributed its milk and those markets disappeared behind the front line.

Such conditions — disrupted demand and supply chains along with danger from shelling and mines — have made the prospect of farming in eastern Ukraine fraught with risks that threaten the future of the KramAgroSvit farm, which has been in business since 2003.

"This farm was hit (by a rocket), and 38 cows were killed, plus some of our farming equipment and vehicles were destroyed. Investors decided it was too risky to keep so many cows here, so they were sold abroad," Kriuchenko said.

The farm's owner had all the pigs and rabbits once raised there slaughtered and sold amid the uncertainty, he said.

Anna Lavrenyuk, general director of


Ukraine's Association of Milk Producers, said at the end of June that Ukrainian dairy farms lost at least 50,000 head of cattle worth an estimated \$136 million during the first three months of the war.

Approximately 800 industrial dairy farms lost assets that included animals, barns, farming equipment and animal feed, Lavrenyuk said, while milk yields in front-line and Russian-occupied territories dropped by more than half since the war began.

Ukrainian milk production was likely to fall to 2 million tons for the year, down by 750,000 tons since 2021, she said.

Only around a third of the KramAgroSvit farm's previous staff of 63 employees remains, Kriuchenko said, and revenues have dropped six-fold since Russian forces launched their offensive to seize the Donbas, an industrial region made up of Donetsk and neighboring Luhansk province.

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Date of availability of bid document on website : 13-08-2022
Last Date for submission of bids: 05-09-2022. For fuller & further details, kindly visit "e-procurement portal" <http://uktenders.gov.in>
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SECTION-IV
Notice of Lodgement of Petition of Appeal to the Respondent (RULE 8(1) & (iii) OF ORDER XIX, S.C.R. 2013) IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION CIVIL APPEAL No. 1161 OF 2006
(Appeal by Special Leave granted by this Court's Order dated the 10th February, 2006 in Petition for SLP(C) No. 3555 of 2004 from the Judgment and Order dated the 09th April, 2003 of the HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH in RSA No.353 1998) RAN SINGH (D) BY LRS.
VERSUS ... Appellant(s)
KESHAR BAI (D) BY LR. AND OTHERS ...Respondent(s)
To,
SMT. NEHA, W/O SHRI RAJ SINGH, DECEASED S/O KANWAL SINGH VILLAGE KHERI SADH, TEHSIL SAMPLA, DISTRICT ROHTAK , HARYANA (PROCESS ID:95686/2022) C. A. NO.1161/2006/ IV
TAKE NOTICE that the Appellant above-named has on the **27th October, 2003** filed in the Registry of the Supreme Court, Petition for **SLP(C) No.3555 of 2004** from the Judgment and Order of the High Court above mentioned and pursuant to this Court's order dated granting Special Leave to Appeal the case has been registered as **CIVIL APPEAL No. 1161 of 2006**. The matter above-mentioned was listed before the Ld. Registrar on 01.08.2022, when following order was passed
"**Counter affidavit has already been filed on behalf of respondent no. 7. Learned counsel for petitioner has filed an application for substituted service for effecting service upon proposed Lr. No. 4(3). Same is allowed. Registry to proceed. Despite due service, none appears on behalf of other respondents List again on 14.09.2022.**"
NOTICE IS HEREBY given to you that if you wish to contest the appeal, you may appear before this Court within thirty days of the receipt of this Notice either in person or by an Advocate-on-Record of this Court appointed by you in that behalf and take such part in the proceedings as you may be advised.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in default of your appearance within the time prescribed, the appeal will be proceeded with and determined in your absence and no further notice in relation thereto shall be given to you.
Dated :**04th August, 2022**
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'Ousted Lankan Prez staying at Bangkok hotel, told not to come out for security reasons'



PTI ■ BANGKOK

Gotabaya Rajapaksa is staying at a hotel here in the heart of Thailand's capital, where police have advised the ousted Sri Lankan president to remain indoors for security reasons, according to a media report on Friday.

Rajapaksa arrived in Thailand with three other people on a chartered flight from Singapore at Wing 6 of the military airport adjacent to Don Mueang International Airport around 8 pm local time on Thursday.

The group had planned to land in Phuket but concerns about a possible information leak resulted in the flight being redirected to the military airport in Bangkok, the Bangkok Post newspaper reported, citing a source.

At the hotel, the location of which was not disclosed, plainclothes police officers from the Special Branch Bureau have been deployed to ensure safety of Rajapaksa. Officials have asked the embattled former Sri Lankan president to remain within the hotel during his stay in the country, the report said. Rajapaksa arrived in

Bangkok on the same day that his visa in Singapore expired. He arrived here for a temporary stay before seeking permanent asylum in another country.

Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha on Wednesday confirmed a temporary visit to Thailand by the 73-year-old Sri Lankan leader for humanitarian reasons, and said he promised not to conduct political activities in the kingdom during his search for permanent asylum in another country.

After fleeing to the Maldives on July 13, Rajapaksa then flew to Singapore, where he announced his resignation a day later after months of protests over Sri Lanka's unprecedented economic crisis.

"This is a humanitarian issue. We have made a promise that it's a temporary stay. No (political) activities are allowed, and this will help him find a country to take refuge in," Prayut was quoted as saying by the Bangkok Post newspaper on Wednesday.

Foreign Minister Don Pramudwinai said the ousted president can stay in Thailand for 90 days as he is still a diplomatic passport holder, the report said.



In Biden’s big bill: Climate, health care, deficit reduction

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The biggest investment ever in the U.S. to fight climate change. A hard-fought cap on out-of-pocket prescription drug costs for seniors in the Medicare program. A new corporate minimum tax to ensure big businesses pay their share.

And billions left over to pay down federal deficits.

All told, the Democrats' "Inflation Reduction Act" may not do much to immediately tame inflationary price hikes. But the package heading toward final passage in Congress and to the White House for President Joe Biden's signature will touch countless American lives with longtime party proposals.

Not as robust as Biden's initial ideas to rebuild America's public infrastructure and family support systems, the compromise of health care, climate change and deficit-reduction strategies is also a stunning election year turnaround, a smaller but not



unsubstantial product brought back to political life after having collapsed last year.

Democrats alone support the package, with all Republicans expected to vote against it. Republicans deride the 730-page bill as big government overreach and point particular criticism at its \$80 billion investment in the Internal Revenue Service to hire new employees and go after tax scofflaws.

Voters will be left to sort it out in the November elections, when control of Congress will be decided.

Here's what's in the estimated \$740 billion package — made up of \$440 billion in new spending and \$300 billion toward easing deficits— that is up for final approval Friday in the House.

LOWER PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS

Launching a long-sought goal, the bill would allow the Medicare program to negotiate prescription some drug prices with pharmaceutical companies, saving the federal government some \$288 billion over the 10-year budget window.

The result is expected to lower costs for seniors on medications, including a \$2,000 out-of-pocket cap for older adults buying prescriptions from pharmacies.

The revenue raised would also be used to provide free vaccinations for seniors, who now are among the few not guaranteed free access, according to a summary document.

Seniors would also have insulin prices capped at \$35 a month.

HELP PAYING FOR HEALTH INSURANCE

The bill would extend the subsidies provided during the COVID-19 pandemic to help some Americans who buy health insurance on their own.

Under earlier pandemic relief, the extra help was set to expire this year. But the bill would allow the assistance to keep going for three more years, lowering insurance premiums for some 13 million people who are purchasing their own health care policies through the Affordable Care Act.

Trump hires prominent Atlanta attorney for election probe

AP ■ ATLANTA

Donald Trump has hired a prominent Atlanta criminal defence attorney known for defending famous rappers to represent him in matters related to the special grand jury that is investigating whether the former president illegally tried to interfere with the 2020 election in Georgia.

Drew Findling's clients have included Cardi B, Migos and Gucci Mane, as well as comedian Katt Williams. His Twitter bio includes the hashtag #BillionDollarLawyer and his Instagram feed is filled with photos of him posing with his well-known clients.

His most recent Instagram post, dated two days after the US Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in late June, says his firm is committed to "fighting to restore a woman's right to choose, which has been destroyed by the Supreme Court," suggesting his personal views do not align with those of Trump's Republican Party. He offered to defend anyone charged under Georgia's restrictive abortion law free of charge.

After Trump insulted basketball star LeBron James's intelligence in an August 2018 tweet, Findling called Trump the "racist architect of fraudulent Trump University" in a tweet and ended the post with "POTUS pathetic once again!"

The Findling Law Firm said in a statement released Thursday that it has been hired, along with attorneys Jennifer Little and Dwight Thomas, to represent Trump.

"We are committed to fighting this misuse



of the law and taxpayer resources. The team is confident that there have been no violations of Georgia law. The focus on President Trump may be newsworthy, but this investigation is wholly misdirected and politically driven," the statement says.

Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis opened the investigation early last year, and the special grand jury was seated in May at her request.

Willis has confirmed since the early days of the investigation that she is interested in a January 2021 phone call between Trump and Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger. During that conversation, Trump suggested Raffensperger could "find" the votes needed to overturn his narrow loss in the state.

"All I want to do is this. I just want to find 11,780 votes, which is one more than we have," Trump said during that call. "Because we won the state."



Several parts of England officially declared as drought-hit

PTI ■ LONDON

Amid prolonged heatwave conditions, large parts of England were on Friday officially declared as being drought-hit, which means restrictions will be placed on domestic and commercial water use for residents in those areas.

The affected regions are parts of southwest, southern and central England and all of eastern England. The National Drought Group, made up of senior decision makers from the Environment Agency, government, water companies and key representative groups, met earlier on Friday before announcing drought status.

"We are currently experiencing a second heatwave after what was the driest July on record for parts of the country," said UK Water Minister Steve Double.

"We are better prepared than ever before for periods of dry weather, but we will continue to closely monitor the situation, including impacts on farmers and the environment, and take further action as needed," he said.

Residents and businesses in the affected areas have been urged to be "very mindful" of the pressures on resources and told they should use water wisely.

Unsurprisingly, Boris has not returned my calls: Sunak

PTI ■ LONDON

Rishi Sunak has revealed that his former boss, Boris Johnson, has not returned any of his messages and calls since his resignation from the UK Cabinet as Chancellor last month set in motion the current leadership contest for a new Conservative Party leader.

The British Indian former minister, who is going head-to-head with Foreign Secretary Liz Truss in the race to succeed Boris Johnson as British Prime Minister, was asked if he had spoken to the outgoing PM in recent weeks at a Tory members hustings at Cheltenham in the south-west of England on Thursday night.

During a questions session with each candidate separately, 'The Daily Telegraph' associate editor Camilla Tominey as the moderator asked Sunak his views on the ongoing parliamentary investigation into whether Johnson misled Parliament over the partygate scandal of COVID rule-break-



ing parties at Downing Street.

"It's a parliamentary process, not a government process and I fully respect the MPs on the committee [Commons Privileges Committee] to make the right decisions," Sunak replied.

"I personally believe very strongly in high standards. One of the things I would do immediately as Prime Minister is reinstate an independent adviser for ministerial interests

because everyone needs to know that trust, integrity and decency belong at the heart of politics and I will lead from the front," he said, to applause from the audience made up of many of those who will be voting in the election to elect a new Tory leader.

Tominey followed that up to ask if he had spoken to Johnson since, to which he replied: "I have messaged and called but, unsurprisingly, he hasn't returned my calls."

Sunak had quit his role as finance minister in early July,

citing standards and integrity as the reason as well as differences of opinion on the direction of the economy. It set in motion a series of other resignations from Cabinet which eventually forced Johnson to announce his own resignation as Tory leader and Prime Minister, launching the party's leadership election.

Public Notice

SARV PRIYA MAHAJAN CO-OPERATIVE GROUP HOUSING SOCIETY LTD 202, Vardhaman Avon Shopping Plaza, LSC, C-Block Market, Saraswati Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-110034

In pursuance to rule 19(2) of DCS rules, 2007, applications are invited from general public of Delhi who fulfill the conditions laid down in rule-19 & 20 of DCS Rules, 2007 for filling up three vacancy in Sarv Priya Mahajan CGHS Ltd. (Regd. No. 1384-CH) for three bedroom flat (Tentative cost of flat 1.5 Crore) (having Approximate 90.88 meter carpet area, which has arisen due to resignation of members, interested persons can collect the application form in person from society office i.e. 202, Vardhaman Avon Shopping Plaza, LSC, Saraswati Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-34 between 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. free of cost and the same have to deposited along with the amount of Rs. 61,00,360/-which includes Share money, admission fee,land & Construction money through Pay order/ Demand Draft within 15 days of issue of this notice in favour of Sarv Priya Mahajan Co-operative Group Housing Society Ltd. Further at the time of applying membership, applicant has to deposit the Equalization charges as prescribed in the DCS Act & Rules.

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RAMPUR FERTILIZERS LIMITED

Regd. Off.: Judges Bareilly Road, Rampur-244901 U.P. CIN: L15136UP1988PLC010084, Email id: info@rampurft.com

NOTICE

In view of the continuing Covid-19 Pandemic, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has vide its Circular Nos. 14/2020, 17/2020, 20/2020, 02/2021, 19/2021, 21/2021 and 02/2022 dated April 8, 2020, April 13, 2020, May 5, 2020, January 13, 2021, December 08, 2021, December 14, 2021 and May 05, 2022 respectively issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and Circular Nos. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/ P/2020/79, SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/ CIR/P/2021/11 and SEBI/HODHSP/CIR/2022/0063 dated May 12, 2020, January 15, 2021 and May 13, 2022, respectively issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India and all other relevant circulars issued from time to time) permitted the holding of AGM through Video Conference or Other Audio-Visual Means (OAVM). In compliance with these Circulars and the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the upcoming AGM of the Company will be held on 21/09/2022 at 1.0 p.m. through VC/OAVM.

As per aforesaid circulars, the Notice of AGM along with the Annual Report for FY 2021-22 has to be sent only by electronic mode to those Members whose E-mail Id are already registered with the Company's Depositories. The Company is also providing e-voting and remote e-voting facility to all its Members similar to earlier practices.

If your email ID is already registered with the Company's Depository, Notice of AGM along with annual report for FY 2021-22 and login details for e-voting shall be sent to your registered email address. In case you have not registered your email ID with the Company's Depository, please follow below instructions to register your email ID for obtaining annual report for FY 2021-22 and login details for e-voting.

Physical Holding Send a request to Registrar and Transfer Agents of the Company, MAS Services Limited at info@maserv.com providing Folio number, Name of the shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (Front and Back), PAN (Self attested scanned copy of PAN Card), AADHAR (Self attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) for registering email address. Please send your bank detail with original cancelled cheque to your RTA (i.e. MAS Services Limited, T-34 2nd Floor, Okhla Industrial Area Phase-II, New Delhi 110020 alongwith letter mentioning folio no. if not registered already)

Demat Holding Please contact your Depository Participant (DP) and register your email address as per the process advised by DP. Please also update your bank detail with your DP for dividend payment by NACH if declare by company. PLEASE UPDATE THE SAME ON OR BEFORE 28/08/2022

The Notice of AGM and Annual Report for FY 2021-22 will also be available on Company's website www.rampurft.com and website of MSe Limited at www.mse.in. Members attending the meeting through VCI OAVM shall be counted for the purpose of Quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.

For Rampur Fertilizers Limited
Anshuman Khaitan
Managing Director

Place: Rampur

Date: 12.08.2022

SANEH INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS LIMITED

Regd. Office : Delton House, 4801, Bharat Ram Road, 24 Daryaganj, New Delhi -110002 (India) Phone No. 91-11-23273907, CIN: L74899DL1980PL060079

STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30th JUNE 2022

(Rs.In Lakhs)

Sr No	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter Ended	Year Ended		Quarter Ended	Year Ended	
		30.06.2022 (Unaudited)	30.06.2021 (Unaudited)	31.03.2022 Audited	30.06.2022 (Unaudited)	30.06.2021 (Unaudited)	31.03.2022 Audited
1	Income						
	Total Income from Operation (net)	-	0.15	0.20	-	0.33	0.50
2	Net Profit for the period (before tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(1.07)	0.00	(5.05)	(1.48)	(0.08)	(7.52)
3	Net Profit for the period before tax (after tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(1.07)	0.00	(5.05)	(1.48)	(0.08)	(7.52)
4	Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items and after minority interest)	-	-	-	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
5	Total Other Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising profit for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)]	1.45	37.98	26.14	(1.74)	143.48	107.41
6	Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs.10/- Per Share)	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
7	Earning Per Share (EPS) (not annualised)						
	Basic	(0.45)	0.00	(2.10)	(0.61)	(0.03)	(3.13)
	Diluted	(0.45)	0.00	(2.10)	(0.61)	(0.03)	(3.13)

Notes:

- 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 above result have been prepared in accordance with principle and procedures of Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as notified under the companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as specified under section 133 of Companies Act, 2013.
- The above Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results were reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on 10th August, 2022, results, and have expressed an unmodified audit opinion these results.

For and on behalf of Board of Directors of Saneh Industrial Investment Limited
Sd/-
Vivek Gupta
(Director)
DIN : 00035916

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Members of Hughes Communications India Limited Employees Provident Fund Trust ("Hughes PF Trust"), i.e. Ex-employees of Hughes Communications India Private Limited and Participating Companies HCIL, Comtel Private Limited and Hughes Global Education India Private Limited ("Hughes Group") It is hereby notified and brought to the attention of Members of Hughes PF Trust, who were employed and spread across India that Hughes PF Trust, a trust which manages the provident fund contributions of the employees of Hughes Group, will be surrendered to Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Regional Office, DELHI (WEST), EPFO Complex, Plot No. 23, Sector-23, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110077 ("RPFC Delhi"). The process of surrendering will commence effective July 01, 2022.

Pursuant to such surrender, it is found from the PF Trust Records that till date you have not withdrawn or transferred the Provident Funds accumulations from Hughes PF Trust. Therefore, requesting such Former/Ex-Employees of Hughes Group to correspond with RPFC Delhi, post completion of transition process which may minimum take one year from the cut-off date.

Sd/-
Chairman of the Hughes PF Trust

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for notice of the general public that a political party is proposed to be registered by the name of Lokhit Adhikar Party. The office of the party is located at 94 HIG Duplex Brj Vihar Ghaziabad -201011. This Party has submitted application to the Election Commission of India, New Delhi for its registration as Political Party under Section 29A of the Representation of People Act, 1951 - Names/address of the office bearers of the Party are as follows:

President / Chairman: Mr Roshan Lal Gupta, Add: 94 JHIG Duplex ,Brj Vihar, Ghaziabad , UP -201011

General Secretary/Secretary: Shekhar Sahu, Add: H.no- 548/777, Sarfarajganj - 1, Lucknow, UP - 226003

Treasurer: Gaurav Gupta , Add : 94, HIG Duplex, Brj Vihar, Ghaziabad, UP -201011

If any one has any objection to the registration of Lokhit Adhikar Party, they may send their Objection with reasons thereof, to the Secretary (Political Party) Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110001 within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

SIDH AUTOMOBILES LIMITED			
Registered Office: R-13, S/F GREATER KAILASH-I NEW DELHI, DELHI - 110048, INDIA			
CIN : L34102DL1985PLC020156			
Email: sidhindia1985@gmail.com, website: www.sidhgroup.in			
Statement of Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the Quarter Ended on 30 th June, 2022 (Amount in Rs. Lakh)			
Statement of Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the Quarter Ended on 30 th June, 2022			
Particulars	Quarter Ended 30.06.2022 (Unaudited)	Quarter Ended 30.06.2021 (Unaudited)	Year Ended 31.03.2022 (Audited)
Total income from operations (net)	3.75	-	13.02
Net Profit / (Loss) from ordinary activities after tax	0.39	(7.17)	(4.27)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Extraordinary items)	0.39	(7.17)	(4.27)
Equity Share Capital	296.23	296.23	296.23
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)			
Earnings Per Share (before extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each)			
Basic :	0.01	(0.24)	(0.14)
Diluted:			
Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each)			
Basic :	0.01	(0.24)	(0.14)
Diluted :			

- Notes:**
- The above result was taken on record by the Board of Directors in the meeting held on 10th day of August, 2022.
 - The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the Quarter Ended on 30th June, 2022 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.
 - The full format of the Un-audited Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.bseindia.com) and Company's website i.e. www.sidhgroup.in.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
SIDH AUTOMOBILES LIMITED
Sd/-
(HARI MOHAN GUPTA)
Director
DIN: 03158551

Date : 10.08.2022
Place : Delhi

MODI RUBBER LIMITED

CIN: L25199UP1971PLC003392, **Registered Office:** Modinagar - 201204 Dist. Ghaziabad (U.P.), **Corporate Office:** 4-7C, DDA Shopping Centre, New Friends Colony, New Delhi 110025
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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

(Amount in Lacs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	QUARTER ENDED						YEAR ENDED	
		STANDALONE			CONSOLIDATED			STANDALONE	CONSOLIDATED
		June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	March 31, 2022	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2022
		Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Audited	Audited
1	Total Income from operations (Net)	56.08	26.50	51.63	50.08	20.50	181.82	215.57	512.69
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	(387.99)	(221.93)	28.62	934.41	655.05	326.43	720.47	2,754.38
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	(387.99)	(221.93)	28.62	934.41	655.05	326.10	720.47	2,754.05
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	(341.59)	(221.93)	42.96	979.20	655.05	352.26	523.10	2,563.14
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (after tax)	(880.66)	218.48	250.57	(235.41)	723.08	704.70	16,202.45	18,519.40
6	Equity Share Capital (Face value of share is Rs. 10/- each)	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A
8	Earnings per share (EPS) (of Rs. 10/- each) (Not Annualised)								
	(a) Basic and Diluted EPS (before exceptional Items) (in Rs.)	(1.36)	(0.89)	0.17	3.91	2.62	1.41	2.09	10.24
	(b) Basic and Diluted EPS (after exceptional Items) (in Rs.)	(1.36)	(0.89)	0.17	3.91	2.62	1.41	2.09	10.24

NOTES:

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/ Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/ Annual Financial Results are available on the stock exchange website, www.nseindia.com, www.bseindia.com and on the Company website www.modirubberlimited.com.
- The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their respective meeting held on August 12, 2022. The Statutory Auditors of the Company have carried out a limited review of the aforesaid results.

By order of the Board

Sd/-

Alok Kumar Modi

Managing Director

Place : New Delhi

Date : August 12, 2022

By order of the Board
Sd/-
Alok Kumar Modi
Managing Director

Sensex, Nifty extend gains as oil & gas, metal stocks shine

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark BSE Sensex rose by 130 points while Nifty extended gains for a fifth straight session in a range-bound trade on Friday as oil and gas, metal and power shares advanced.

Recovering from its early losses, the 30-share BSE index ended 130.18 points or 0.22 per cent higher at 59,462.78 as 13 of its constituents ended in the green.

The barometer opened lower and fell by over 200 points to a day's low of 59,113.01 due to profit booking in IT, auto and pharma stocks.

The broader NSE Nifty advanced 39.15 points or 0.22 per cent to close at 17,698.15, marking its fifth straight session of gains. Oil & gas, metal and power stocks ended with gains whereas healthcare and IT stocks declined.

The key indices also registered their



fourth straight week of gains as Sensex rose by 1,074 per cent or 1.83 per cent and Nifty by 300 points or 1.95 per cent on weekly basis. A largely positive trend in global equities and foreign capital inflows also supported the domestic equity markets, traders said. However, IT and healthcare stocks remained a drag on the indices, they added.

Brokers said investors picked up fundamentally strong stocks ahead of the Index of Industrial Production and the consumer inflation data to be released

after market hours. NTPC was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, climbing 3.26 per cent, followed by Tata Steel, PowerGrid, ICICI Bank, SBI and ITC.

Reliance Industries rose by 1.64 per cent as oil prices recovered. On the other hand, Infosys, Maruti, L&T, Tech Mahindra, Sun Pharma and HUL were among the laggards. Infosys fell the most by 1.56 per cent among Sensex shares. "Return of FIIs and declining dollar index aided the market rally. While metals and oil & gas garnered buying interest, IT and pharma weighed on sentiments. Oil and gas stocks were in focus as the government diverted some natural gas from industries to city gas operators in an effort to moderate the prices of CNG and piped cooking gas," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said.

Amol Athawale, Deputy Vice President — Technical Research, Kotak

Securities, said that benchmark indices settled higher for the fourth straight week ahead of India's retail inflation data.

In an extremely volatile trading session, metal and private banks indices outperformed. The metal index rallied over 4.5 per cent and Private Banks rallied over 3.5 per cent, Athawale said.

"Markets consolidated in a narrow range and ended marginally higher, taking a breather after the recent surge. After the flat start, the tone was positive for most of the session however profit taking in the last two hours trimmed the gains, Ajit Mishra, VP - Research, Religare Broking Ltd said.

World stocks headed for a fourth straight week of gains as investors scaled back views on how far U.S. Interest rates and inflation can climb, while oil recouped some of the previous week's losses, Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities, said.

Rupee falls 4 paise to close at 79.66 against US dollar

Mumbai: The rupee depreciated 4 paise to close at 79.66 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday, tracking a strong American currency in the overseas market and rising crude oil prices.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened at 79.67 and saw an intra-day high of 79.63 and a low of 79.72 against the American currency.

It finally ended at 79.66, down 4 paise over its previous close. On Thursday, the rupee depreciated by 37 paise to close at 79.62 against the US dollar.

Traders said the rupee traded in a narrow range as

investors awaited key domestic macroeconomic data points like index of industrial production (IIP) and consumer price index (CPI) for further cues. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.26 per cent to 105.36.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, advanced 0.55 per cent to USD 100.15 per barrel.

On the domestic equity market front, the BSE Sensex ended 130.18 points or 0.22 per cent higher at 59,462.78 points, while the broader NSE Nifty advanced 39.15 points or 0.22 per cent to 17,698.15 points. *PTI*

Gold declines ₹90; silver falls ₹374

New Delhi:

Gold price in the national capital on Friday declined by ₹90 to ₹52,915 per 10 grams, according to HDFC Securities. The precious metal had closed at ₹53,005 per 10 grams in the previous trade. Silver also dipped by ₹374 to ₹59,166 per kg from ₹59,540 per kg in the previous trade. In the international market, both gold and silver were trading flat at USD 1,789 per ounce and USD 20.37 per ounce, respectively. "Gold prices are stuck in range over hawkish US Fed and soft inflation numbers while the weaker dollar has capped downside," said Tapan Patel, Senior Analyst (Commodities) at HDFC Securities. *PTI*



Nano urea sales reach 1.12 cr bottles so far this fiscal: Govt

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Nano urea is now being widely accepted by farmers across the country as 1.12 crore bottles of 500 ml each have been sold so far in this fiscal, Fertiliser Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Friday.

Mandaviya, who reviewed the progress of nano urea production and sales, directed his officials to include this product in the monthly supply plan of

the states to reach more farmers. He also asked the officials to take steps to promote this product so that farmers harness its benefits besides sensitising retailers, an official statement said.

A total of 2.15 crore bottles of nano urea in liquid form were sold during 2021-22 fiscal.

However in the ongoing fiscal till August 10, 1.12 crore bottles of nano urea have been sold.

India's exports rise by 2.14% to USD 36.27 bn in July

New Delhi: India's exports rose by 2.14 per cent to USD 36.27 billion in July while the trade deficit almost tripled to USD 30 billion during the month, according to official data released on Friday.

Imports shot up by 43.61 per cent to USD 66.27 billion in the month compared to July 2021, the data showed.

The trade deficit was USD 10.63 billion in July 2021.

Preliminary data released earlier this month had shown a 0.76 per cent contraction in exports at USD 35.24 billion for July against USD 35.51 billion in July 2021. The trade deficit was pegged at a record USD 31 billion in the month fuelled by over 70 per cent rise in crude oil imports. *PTI*

Sebi extends time till Aug 31 to auction properties of Mega Mould, Remac Realty

New Delhi: Sebi has extended the time till August 31 to auction properties of two companies — Mega Mould India and Remac Realty India — to recover money that was illegally raised by them.

Earlier, the auction was scheduled for August 18.

However, considering the interests of the bidders expressed for inspection of the properties through site visit and submission of bids, it has been decided to extend the last date of e-auction to August 31, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in a notice on Thursday.

The regulator will auction a total of four properties of these two firms for a reserve price totalling ₹4.05 crore. The auction will be conducted

Edible oil imports rise 31% to 12.05 lakh tonnes in July

New Delhi: Edible oil imports rose 31 per cent to 12.05 lakh tonnes in July amid a fall in global prices of palm, soyabean and sunflower oils since June, according to industry data.

The import of edible oils stood at 9.17 lakh tonnes in the same month last year.

In a statement on Friday, the Solvent Extractors' Association of India (SEA) said the import of vegetable oils, comprising edible and non-edible oils, in July this year rose 24 per cent to 1,214,353 tonnes.

In the year-ago period, it stood at 9,80,624 tonnes in July 2021.

Oil marketing year runs from November to October.

During November 2021 to July 2022 period, the imports of edible oils rose to 96,95,305 tonnes from 93,70,147 tonnes in the year-ago period.

Out of the total imports, the quantity of refined palm oil stood at 11,44,496 tonnes, crude palm oil at 36,59,699 tonnes, crude soyabean oil at 33,30,556 tonnes and crude sunflower oil at 15,03,627 tonnes.

In the first nine months of 2021-22 oil marketing year, the import of refined palm oil jumped to 11,44,496 tonnes from 43,271 tonnes in the year-ago period.

During the same period, the import of non-edible oils fell 2 per cent to 2,79,688 tonnes compared to 2,84,489 tonnes in the year-ago period.



"The overall import of vegetable oils during first nine months of oil year 2021-22, November 2021-July 2022 reported at 99,74,993 tonnes compared to 96,54,636 tonnes during the same period of last year," it said.

As on August 1, 2022, the total stock of edible oils increased by 48,000 tonnes to 23.04 lakh tonnes from 22.56 lakh tonnes as on July 1.

SEA highlighted that the international prices of edible oils has fallen sharply in the last two months. Palm oil rates are down by USD 625 per tonne while soybean oil prices have come down by USD 370 per tonne and sunflower oil by USD 450 per tonne.

"The local price also

moved in downward tandem in the last two months. RBD palmolein wholesale price reduced by over Rs 25,000 per tonne while refined soybean oil was down by Rs 24,000 per tonne and sunflower oil by nearly Rs 20,000 per tonne," SEA said.

According to the association, rupee depreciation since March and high freight for palm oil shipments partially restricted the passing on of full cost reduction benefit to importers and consumers.

Indonesia and Malaysia are the major suppliers of palm oil to India. Russia, Ukraine and Argentina are major suppliers of sunflower oil to the country while soyabean oil comes from Brazil and Argentina. *PTI*

BUSINESS BRIEF

PFC RECORDS ₹2,110 CR PROFIT FOR Q1'23

New Delhi: PFC registered a stand-alone profit of ₹2,110 cr. for Q1' 23. On consolidated basis, the PAT for Q1'23 is at ₹4, 580 cr. Interim Dividend of ₹2.25 per share has been proposed by Board in Q1'23. "Healthy CRAR quarter on quarter. CRAR as on 30.06.2022 is 24.33% with Tier I capital of 20.95% and Tier II capital of 3.38%." "Sustained resolution efforts has resulted in Stand Alone Net NPA levels to drop below 2% - the lowest in 5 years - Net NPA ratio at 1.73% for Q1'23 viz-a-viz 2% in Q1' 22. 23 bps reduction in Consolidated Net NPA ratio from 1.80% in Q1'22 to 1.57% in Q1'23 due to resolution of stressed assets has been registered.



HARTEK SOLAR IN TOP 10 ROOFTOP SOLAR POWER COS

New Delhi: Hartek Solar Private Limited, the roof top solar division of Hartek Group, has been named in the list of Top 10 Rooftop Solar companies in India. Hartek features at no. 6th position in the Leader board FY2022 in the Rooftop/Onsite category of the Annual India Solar Report for FY 2022 compiled by JMK Research & Analytics. The Rooftop/Onsite category includes all installations on open ground spaces, roofs, parking lot or any other area within the premises. The company has been maintaining its leadership positions for many years now.

2-DAY ICCIDE-2022 PROGRAMME ORGANISED

Amravati: The two-day "5th International Conference on Computational Intelligence and Data Engineering (ICCID-2022) organised by the School of Computer Science and Engineering was inaugurated at VIT-AP University on Friday. Chief Guest Anupam Sharma (Outstanding Scientist & Associate Director, Directorate of Special Projects - DRDO, Hyderabad) and Guest of Honour Caleb Andrews (Associate General Manager, HCL Technologies, Chennai) of the session shared their knowledge, experiences, research observations and the challenges related to data engineering, IoT, privacy and security related issues in computational intelligence.



KINETIC ENGINEERING TO GROW EV BUSINESS

New Delhi: Kinetic Engineering Ltd on Friday announced plans to grow its electric vehicles business through a newly formed subsidiary. The company will own more than 51 per cent stake in the new subsidiary, which will have an authorised capital of up to ₹25 crore, Kinetic Engineering Ltd (KEL) said in a regulatory filing. KEL has decided to form this subsidiary so that dedicated resources and funds can be deployed to evolve the correct strategy for a long term.

INDIABULLS RURAL FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED (CIN :U7140MH1993PTC074596)				
Extract of the unaudited financial results for the quarter ended 30 June 2022				
(Rs. In crores)				
Particulars	Quarter ended 30 June 2022	Quarter ended 31 March 2022	Year ended 31 March 2022	
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
Total income from operations	4.91	4.95	21.01	
Net profit for the period (before tax, exceptional and extraordinary items)	1.82	2.20	7.37	
Net profit for the period before tax (after exceptional and/ or extraordinary items)	1.82	2.20	7.37	
Net profit for the period after tax(after exceptional and/ or extraordinary items)	1.57	1.65	5.34	
Total comprehensive income for the period [Comprising profit for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)]	1.58	1.66	5.36	
Paid-up equity share capital	41.80	41.80	41.80	
Reserves (excluding revaluation reserve)	26.24	24.66	24.66	
Securities premium account	74.83	74.83	74.83	
Net worth	142.87	141.29	141.29	
Outstanding debt	49.79	49.75	49.75	
Debt equity ratio	0.35	0.35	0.35	
Earnings per share before extraordinary items (Face Value of Rs. 10 per Equity Share) (EPS for the half year are not annualised)				
- Basic (Rs)	*0.38	*0.39	1.28	
- Diluted (Rs)	*0.38	*0.39	1.28	
Note to financial results:				
1) The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 12 August 2022.				
2) The above presentation is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly/ annual financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and other disclosure requirements) regulations, 2015. The full format of quarterly / annual financial results are available on the company's website (http://indiabullsruralfinance.com) and on the website of BSE (http://www.bseindia.com).				
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Date : 12 August 2022			Vijay Kumar Agrawal	
Place : Gurugram			Whole Time Director	

Yaari Digital Integrated Services Limited (Formerly "Yaari Digital Integrated Services Limited" & "Indiabulls Integrated Services Limited") (CIN: L51101HR2007PLC077999)				
Extract of Consolidated Audited Financial Results for the quarter and year ended 30 June 2022				
Particulars	Quarter ended 30-Jun-22	Quarter ended 31-Mar-22	Quarter ended 30-Jun-21	(Rs. in crores) Year ended 31-Mar-22
	Unaudited	(Refer Note 3)	Unaudited	Audited
Total Income from Operations	157.75	5.01	16.38	22.50
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Minority interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associate, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	150.73	(39.00)	(7.33)	(131.66)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Minority Interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associate (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items))	150.73	(39.00)	(7.33)	(131.66)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax, Minority Interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associate (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	150.52	(53.01)	(7.33)	(145.67)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	129.96	(132.92)	112.07	(154.78)
Equity Share Capital	17.51	17.51	17.51	17.51
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the audited Balance Sheet				(313.75)
Earnings per Share (EPS) before extraordinary items				
-Basic (Amount in Rs.)	14.99	(5.28)	(0.73)	(14.50)
-Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	14.99	(5.28)	(0.73)	(14.50)
Earnings per Share (EPS) after extraordinary items				
-Basic (Amount in Rs.)	14.99	(5.28)	(0.73)	(14.50)
-Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	14.99	(5.28)	(0.73)	(14.50)
Notes:				
1) The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 12 August 2022.				
2) Key Standalone Financial Information:				
Particulars	Quarter ended 30-Jun-22	Quarter ended 31-Mar-22	Quarter ended 30-Jun-21	(Rs. in crores) Year ended 31-Mar-22
	Unaudited	(Refer Note 3)	Unaudited	Audited
Total Income	421.56	4.50	15.23	20.79
Profit/(Loss) before Tax	414.19	(43.59)	(18.44)	(170.15)
Net Profit/(Loss) after Tax	414.19	(43.59)	(18.44)	(170.15)
3) Figures for the quarters ended 31 March 2022 represent the balancing figures between the audited figures for the full financial year and published reviewed year to date figures upto third quarter of the respective financial year.				
4) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Annual 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 / Annual Financial Results are available on the Company's website (https://www.yaari.com) and on the website of BSE (https://www.bseindia.com) and NSE (https://www.nseindia.com).				
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STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	STANDALONE			CONSOLIDATED		
		QUARTER ENDED		YEAR ENDED	QUARTER ENDED		YEAR ENDED
		30-6-2022	30-6-2021	31-03-2022	30-6-2022	30-6-2021	31-03-2022
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Total Income from Operations	0.22	0.07	10742.97	391093.31	272115.88	1250241.17
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax	(21.81)	(50.04)	7075.96	84501.41	53712.89	259314.72
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax	(22.38)	(49.94)	7026.94	60957.08	39618.27	188885.87
4	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period]	(22.78)	(50.17)	7027.15	42382.32	39063.09	197235.02
5	Paid up Equity Share Capital	645.26	645.26	645.26	645.26	645.26	645.26
6	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each)						
(a) Basic :		(0.35)	(0.77)	108.90	480.03	312.10	1,483.68
(b) Diluted:		(0.35)	(0.77)	108.90	480.03	312.10	1,483.68

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 and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financials Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites (www.bseindia.com) and the Company's website (www.kamaholdings.com).

For and on behalf of the Board

Kartik Bharat Ram

Chairman

(DIN:00008557)

IGA SUFFERS SHOCK EXIT

World No.1 Swiatek ambushed by Brazil's Haddad Maia in Toronto

AP ■ TORONTO

Brazilian outsider Beatriz Haddad Maia toppled world number one Iga Swiatek 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 on Thursday to reach the quarter-finals of the WTA Toronto Masters.

The South American ranked 24th in the world beat her third top-10 opponent this season, but notched her first career win over a world number one as she clawed out the victory in three hours.

Haddad Maia, who won titles at Nottingham and Birmingham in June, became the first Brazilian to reach the quarters at a WTA 1000 tournament.

She was the first from her country even to face a number one since Telian Pereira lost to Serena Williams at Roland Garros in 2016.

Swiatek, whose six titles this season include the French Open, missed her chance at a 50th match win this season.

Her run of 23 straight wins at the Masters 1000 level was snapped.

Haddad Maia put Swiatek on the defensive, forcing her to save 15 of 19 break points while committing nine double-faults.

She limited her own unforced errors to a dozen, backed up by 23 winners while Swiatek ended with 33 winners and 28 unforced errors.

In other third-round action, Coco Gauff survived 15 double-



faults to squeeze out a 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (7/4) win over Aryna Sabalenka.

The American teenager contributed just under half of the miscues in the error-strewn affair, with her opponent accounting for 18 additional

double-faults.

Tenth seed Gauff, who fell to Swiatek at Roland Garros in her first Grand Slam final this year, battled for three and a quarter hours against sixth-seeded Sabalenka.

Gauff finished with nine

aces and saved 10 of 14 break points that she faced.

"It was a difficult match for both of us," Gauff said. "We were both struggling with the serve."

"The conditions weren't easy today, a lot of wind. I think I hung in there mentally and

that's what I'm most proud of."

Victory for the 18-year-old came a day after she beat Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina in the third round in a match that took two and three-quarter hours.

The American admitted

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that trailing 3-0 in the final set, she had to give herself a serious talking-to.

"I said if I was going to lose, I'm not going to lose like this. I had to change, and that's what I did."

"I was being too negative on myself. She is frustrating to play. She plays big tennis — sometimes you hit a good shot and she hits a winner."

Gauff added: "There's a reason why she was number two in the world."

Gauff will face off on Friday against two-time Grand Slam winner Simona Halep after the former number one from Romania defeated Switzerland's Jil Teichmann 6-2, 7-5 in 91 minutes.

Seventh-seeded American Jessica Pegula advanced, beating defending champion Camila Giorgi of Italy 3-6, 6-0, 7-5.



Kyrgios reaches Montreals QFs

AP ■ MONTREAL

Nick Kyrgios crushed fellow Australian Alex de Minaur 6-2, 6-3 on Thursday to reach the quarter-finals of the ATP Montreal Masters.

Kyrgios carried on constant backchat with his player box, giving almost a running commentary of his state of mind on court in a display that seems second nature to him. Nevertheless, the Wimbledon runner-up dominated in the all-Aussie match, winning the opening set at a clip of three minutes per game in a contest which took just 64 minutes.

The second-set pace was just as torrid, with Kyrgios breaking in the opening game.

He failed to serve out the win leading 5-2, missing on a drop shot and sending a forehand into the net.

But de Minaur lost the next game to love as Kyrgios prevailed in front of a

packed-out stadium.

The winner of last week's Washington 500 series title suffered his only recent loss to Novak Djokovic in the Wimbledon final. Victory means he'll be in the top 30 next week, meaning a seeding at the US Open which starts on August 29. "That was my goal, so I didn't have to play one of the (tennis) gods in the first round," Kyrgios said.

"Today was a tough one. There was a lot on the line. I'm happy with the performance today."

"After beating (world number one Daniil) Medvedev yesterday, my confidence is incredibly high."

"It's never easy to play a friend, but against Alex I went out and got the job done, I played how I had to play," said Kyrgios who next faces eighth-seeded Hubert Hurkacz, a 6-7 (6/8), 6-2, 7-6 (7/3) winner over Albert .



Benzema, Courtois and De Bruyne nominated for UEFA award

AP ■ NYON

Real Madrid pair Karim Benzema and Thibaut Courtois and Manchester City's Kevin De Bruyne were on Friday shortlisted for the UEFA Men's Player of the Year award.

The European body of football said that a jury made up of journalists and representatives of clubs playing in European competitions voted for the trio from a list of 15.

Polish striker Robert Lewandowski was fourth on the ballot and just missed out. The award will be presented on August 25 during the draw for the Champions League group stage.

Real won the Spanish Liga and the Champions League.

Benzema was named Champions League Player of the Season after scoring 15 goals in the competition, including three in Real's semi-final victory over Manchester

City.

When he scored Real's second goal against Frankfurt on Wednesday in the European Supercup.

Benzema became the club's second-highest scorer in history with 324 goals, behind Cristiano Ronaldo.

Courtois was spectacular as Real edged Liverpool 1-0 in the final and was named player of the match.

De Bruyne made the shortlist for the third straight year after inspiring City to the Premier League title.

Jorginho won the title last year after winning the Champions League with Chelsea and the delayed Euro 2020 with Italy.

UEFA also announced the three nominees for coach of the year

They are Real Madrid's Carlo Ancelotti, Man City's Josep Guardiola and the man they had to beat to win their biggest titles last season: Liverpool's Juergen Klopp.

FIFA officially advances World Cup by a day

AP ■ DOHA

FIFA on Thursday officially brought forward the opening match of this year's World Cup by one day to November 20 in a rare schedule change so that hosts Qatar feature in the gala game.

Football's ruling executive universally approved the decision, FIFA said in a statement while Qatar said it would give unspecified help to fans affected by the change.

On the old schedule Qatar against Ecuador was to be the official inauguration match on November 21 but Senegal against Netherlands would be the first match of the day. England against Iran would have been second.

"Host country Qatar will now play Ecuador on Sunday 20 November as part of a stand-alone event," said FIFA. "The opening match and ceremo-

ny of this year's tournament at Al Bayt Stadium have been brought forward one day following a unanimous decision taken by the bureau of the FIFA Council today."

"The change ensures the continuity of a long-standing tradition of marking the start of the World Cup with an opening ceremony on the occasion of the first match featuring either the hosts or the defending champions," added FIFA.

Under the new plan, the Group A game between Senegal and the Netherlands has been shifted from 1:00pm (1000 GMT) on November 21 to a 7:00pm start. There is no change to England's opening Group B clash against Iran.

Qatari organisers, who have spent billions of dollars preparing for the event, immediately welcomed FIFA's gesture.



"Opening the first FIFA World Cup to be held in the Middle East and Arab world is a once-in-a-lifetime

opportunity for Qatar," said the organising committee in a statement. "The world will be watching as

Ten Hag doesn't want to lose PSG-linked Rashford at United

AP ■ MANCHESTER

Erik ten Hag expects Marcus Rashford to remain at Manchester United despite rumours this week that Paris Saint-Germain have made contact with the forward's representatives.

Rashford's form dipped dramatically last season as he scored just four goals in 25 Premier League games, which has led to him being dropped from the England squad just months before the World Cup.

The 24-year-old, who has one year left on his contract with a club option for a further year, has twice scored in wins against PSG in the Champions League at the Parc des Princes.

But Ten Hag said he is too important to lose despite his struggle for form, which continued in a 2-1 defeat at home to Brighton in the Dutch coach's first



match in charge last weekend.

"He's really important," Ten Hag said. "You have seen from the first day I'm here, I'm really happy with him, I don't want to lose him."

"He's definitely in our plans at Manchester United."

Kostic moves to Juve from Frankfurt

AP ■ TURIN

Filip Kostic completed his transfer to Juventus from Eintracht Frankfurt on Friday after signing a four-year deal with the Serie A club.

Serbia winger Kostic arrives in Turin in a transfer worth "12 million (\$12.3m) euros payable in three financial years", Juventus said, with further costs and

potential bonuses pushing the value up to 16.5 million euros.

"Juventus and the player have signed a contract of employment until 30 June 2026," Juve added.

The 29-year-old, who has 48 caps for his country, was crucial in Frankfurt's run to the Europa League title last season, and he was named the best player in the competition.

The speculation around Rashford comes as United continue to struggle to bring in signings of their own.

A prolonged chase of Barcelona midfielder Frenkie de Jong has proved fruitless, while

United reportedly abandoned a move for Marko Arnautovic this week due to a fan backlash.

The potential arrival of Juventus midfielder Adrien Rabiot has also been criticised by supporters for lacking ambition.

Tuchel reveals 'bond' with Aubameyang amid Chelsea rumours

AP ■ LONDON

Chelsea boss Thomas Tuchel said he will always have a "close bond" with Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang as speculation links the Barcelona forward with a move to Stamford Bridge.

The Blues are looking to reinforce their forward line after the departures of Romelu Lukaku and Timo Werner.

Aubameyang, who only joined Barcelona in January, would appear to fit the bill with both Premier League experience from four years at Arsenal and the time he spent under Tuchel at Borussia Dortmund.

The Gabon international

scored 79 goals in 95 appearances under Tuchel.

"This is totally separate from anything that is happening now, but I enjoyed a lot working with Auba while I was at Dortmund," said Tuchel on Friday at his pre-match press conference ahead of Sunday's visit of Tottenham.

"Some players stay your players because you were very, very close, and Auba is one of those players."

"There was always straight away this close bond. They always stay your players in a way."

A behind-the-scenes documentary on Arsenal's 2021/22 season has revealed the scale of



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disciplinary breaches that saw Mikel Arteta freeze Aubameyang out of the Gunners' first-team squad.

However, Tuchel said "there was never an issue" with Aubameyang's discipline during their time in Germany.

Chelsea have also been linked with big money moves for Leicester defender Wesley Fofana and Barcelona's Frenkie de Jong as new owner Todd Boehly looks to put his stamp on the club.

"You don't always get what you wish for, that's why we're calm and ambitious at the same time," added Tuchel. "It needs to be possible, we're looking for top quality, personality and good characters."



Liverpool will not panic buy despite Thiago injury: Klopp

AP ■ LIVERPOOL

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp does not envisage the Reds dipping into the transfer market to reinforce their midfield before the end of the summer window despite a hamstring injury to Thiago Alcantara.

The Spanish international is expected to be out for four to six weeks, leaving Liverpool light on midfield options with Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain and Curtis Jones also sidelined.

Midfield was already arguably the weakest area of a Liverpool squad that came within two games of winning an unprecedented quadruple of trophies last season. But Klopp said the club would already have added in that area if they thought it necessary.

"I am happy with the strength, size and quality of my squad. We have injuries. Now it is the question how long the players will be out and there are different solutions," Klopp said on Friday at his pre-match press conference for Monday's clash with Crystal Palace.

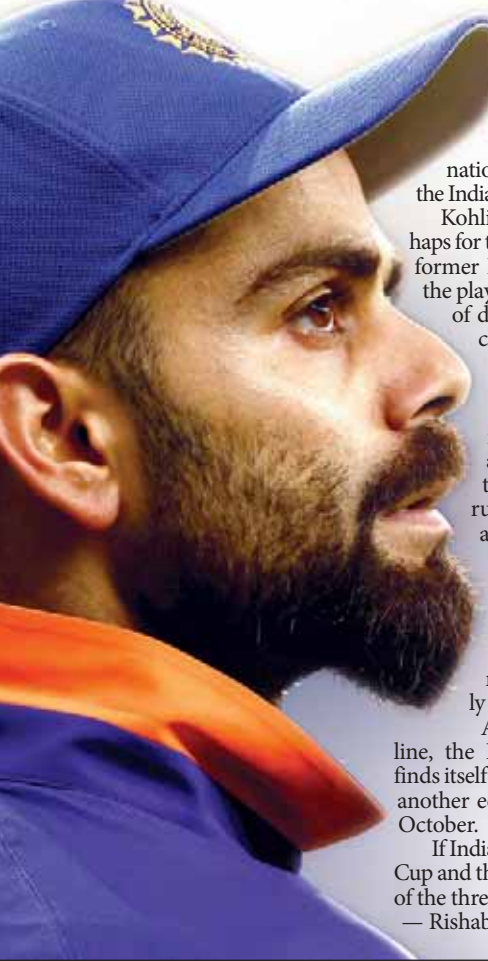
"One - and there are plenty - is the transfer market but the transfer market only makes sense if you can bring in the right player, not a player."

"If there was the right solution out there then we would already have done it. We're not stubborn and say 'no way, we don't bring in anybody'."

"If there would be the right player we would have done it, we would do it, but I don't see it because we had a lot of conversations already and it doesn't look like something will happen." Klopp turned to 36-year-old James Milner off the bench to inject some life into the Liverpool midfield in a disappointing 2-2 draw at newly-promoted Fulham to start their Premier League campaign last weekend.

Afterwards, Klopp was scathing about his side's performance, claiming they were lucky to escape Craven Cottage with a point after twice coming from behind.

IF KL OPENS, VIRAT BATS @ 3, THEN WHO'LL DROP FROM MIDDLE ORDER?



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Even one year back it was beyond imagination that Virat Kohli's place in the Indian team could be questioned. Kohli is fit and available but perhaps for the first time in a decade, the former India captain's presence in the playing eleven could be a point of discussion in cricketing circle.

The T20 World Cup in the UAE last year was an unmitigated disaster and it was largely due to India's archaic batting philosophy at the top of the order. The runs scored did not come at a good pace.

It was debated if KL Rahul, Rohit and Kohli are the ideal No. 1, 2, and 3 in the shortest format and the answer received from most quarters wasn't exactly in the affirmative.

A good 10 months down line, the Indian team management finds itself at the same crossroads with another edition set to commence in October.

If India repeats its top three in Asia Cup and the T20 World Cup, then one of the three other top T20 performers — Rishabh Pant, Suryakumar Yadav

and Dinesh Karthik — would find it tough to stay inside playing XI.

Pant has that 'x-factor', Suryakumar has a bonafide 360 degree hitter and Karthik is a designated finisher.

Can India ill-afford to drop any one of the three if Kohli or Rahul has to be slotted? It is an important question and till now there hasn't been any definitive answer.

Hardik Pandya and Ravindra Jadeja's positions as all-rounders seem non-negotiable and at least four specialist bowlers are required in the line-up. That leaves India with the option of only five specialist batters and hence the big question — who to drop?

NUMBERS

Rahul and Kohli are back in the side to claim their positions which they have owned for years but a big question looming in the horizon is whether their positions in the first XI in T20Is have become untenable?

After the T20 World Cup last year, Kohli has played only four shortest format matches spread across nine months, scoring 17, 52, 1 and 11.

For Chetan Sharma's selection committee, despite the champion batter's indifferent form, this was too small a sample size to take a definitive step.

The bigger question is whether the team management will let Kohli play his own game which is to build the

innings and accelerate after getting set.

But across formats, Kohli is getting out before getting set though he keeps hitting those delectable boundaries.

The team's philosophy has now changed completely and even skipper Rohit has tweaked his game upfront to suit the needs of Powerplay batting in the slam-bang format.

He has during the same phase played 16 T20Is and scored nearly 450 runs at an impressive strike-rate of 145.

THE 'KL' CONUNDRUM

KL Rahul seems to have rushed himself for the Zimbabwe tour, declaring that he is available after attaining fitness.

If sources close to selection committee are to be believed, Rahul will open in Asia Cup but he is a bit jittery going into high stakes game against Pakistan on August 28 in Asia Cup without any tangible game time.

Hence, he has rushed himself (medical team announced he is now fit although earlier it was said his recovery would take more time) into the Zimbabwe ODI series, where he would get to bat for lengthy time to be ready for the tournament.

But Rahul despite his stupendous T20 numbers has always been an accumulator, who plays at a certain pace in the first 10 overs and only ups the ante in the final five overs.

He has been a phenomenal run-

machine for years at the IPL and has an international strike-rate of 142.

The overall numbers look good but the team's philosophy has now changed.

PANT OR SKY OR DK?

Rishabh Pant's T20I strike-rate across 54 games is 126 plus. If cricket would have been a game of pure statistics, Pant would have been under the sledgehammer for the underwhelming numbers.

But big tournaments are often as much about consistency as it is about that one piece of magic that can turn the table on a big day.

In case of Suryakumar, after that innings in Nottingham where he pulled off a near miraculous chase, no one can question his inclusion.

He can play the ramp shot, change the position of his wrists at the last moment to hit a square driven six or play the 'pick-up pull-shot' behind square — all with equal finesse.

This brings us to Dinesh karthik, who has hardly set a foot wrong since he is back in the mix.

As Karthik himself said, he is playing a high-risk game which will look good when it comes off but there will be days when it won't come off.

On Australian tracks with less lateral movement and even bounce, Karthik will surely have his good days.



1st edition of Women's IPL to be held in March 2023

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The much-awaited Women's IPL will be starting from March 2023 to be held in a one-month window and in all likelihood with five teams, a senior BCCI official confirmed the development on Friday.

The BCCI bigwigs have discussed the issue and a March window has been found for the tournament after the Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa.

"Yes, the WIPL will start in the first week of March and we have earmarked a four-week window for the first year. The T20 World Cup in South Africa is from February 9 to 26 and immediately after that we plan to hold the WIPL," a senior BCCI official privy to development said.

"As of now, we are going ahead with five

teams but it could be six as there is a lot of interest among potential investors. In due course of time, the process of auctioning of teams will be announced," he added.

Both BCCI president Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah in separate interviews had earlier confirmed that 2023 is the year when WIPL would start.

A lot of cricket lovers believe that WIPL will bring in a revolution and the standard of women's cricket in India will have a quantum leap.

It is understood that teams like Mumbai Indians, Rajasthan Royals, Chennai Super Kings have all expressed their interest in buying teams. Even UTV big boss Ronnie Screwvala had tweeted that he would be interested in buying a WIPL franchise.

WFI not happy with women wrestlers' show at CWG 2022



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The national federation is not pleased that four Indian women wrestlers could not take advantage of a weak field at the recently concluded Commonwealth Games and missed out on Gold medals.

All 12 Indian wrestlers won medals at the Games, returning with six Gold, a Silver and five Bronze. From among women, only Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik won Gold while Anshu Malik, who was also a Gold medal favourite, returned with Silver in 57kg category.

Pooja Gehlot (50kg), Divya Kakran (68kg) and Pooja Sihag (76kg) settled for Bronze despite a thin and weak field.

In the 50kg category, only six wrestlers competed. Pooja lost her bout to Canada's Madison Bianca Parks before winning the Bronze play-off.

The 76kg category had eight wrestlers while the 68kg class featured nine wrestlers, where minnows like Bangladesh, Mauritius, Cameroon, Tonga and New Zealand were part of the field.

The only worthy competitor for Divya was Nigeria's Blessing Oborududu, the Tokyo Olympics Silver medalist.

Divya could hardly pose a

challenge to her, failing to score a single point and later overpowered poor Blandine Nyeh Ngiri from Cameroon to claim a Bronze.

Interestingly, Divya has been demanding respect and support from the Delhi government, though she began to represent Uttar Pradesh from 2018 onwards. However, the biggest disappointment for the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) is that talented Anshu Malik could not win Gold in 57kg. Anshu had a good final opponent in African champion Odunayo Folasade Adekuoroye, who is seven years older than the Nidani woman.

"It was not a great show by our women wrestlers. If you are not winning such a weak field, what it reflects on your performance," said one official of the WFI. "We are going to sit with the wrestlers and review the performance. Anshu could not even launch a proper attack against a much older opponent. Wrestlers must think about it."

"India is certainly a powerhouse in CWG but I don't think it reflected properly in our results," the official added.

However, there is little WFI can do about it. All the wrestlers earned their places in the Indian squad after winning the trials.

VVS will be head coach in Zimbabwe

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National Cricket Academy head VVS Laxman will be India's acting head coach for the upcoming tour of Zimbabwe as there is only a short turnaround time between the series and the Asia Cup starting on August 27 in the UAE, BCCI secretary Jay Shah said on Friday.

"Yes, VVS Laxman will be in charge of the Indian team in Zimbabwe for the three-match ODI series. It's not like Rahul Dravid is taking a break. The ODI series in Zimbabwe finishes on August 22 and Dravid along with Indian team will reach the UAE on August 23. Since there is little gap between the two events, Laxman will be in charge of the Indian squad in Zimbabwe," BCCI secretary Shah said on Friday.

"Since only KL and Hooda are there with the ODI squad in Zimbabwe, it was only logical that the head coach would be with the T20 squad."

The three ODIs in Zimbabwe will be played in Harare on August 18, 20 and 22.

Shah also informed that KL Rahul and Deepak Hooda will directly fly from Dubai to



Harare as they are part of the Asia Cup squad.

The convention in BCCI has been that second string or A teams have always been monitored by the head of the NCA and hence Laxman will be with the Indian squad when the first team is on assignment elsewhere.

When the Indian team was in UK in June-July, Laxman was with the T20 squad in Ireland when Dravid was with the Test squad in England.

Have to improve as team before Hockey WC next year: Abhishek

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Young forward Abhishek, who had a memorable outing in the recently-concluded Commonwealth Games, said the focus of the Indian hockey team is to stay in the best shape and form in the run-up to next year's World Cup.

"We all are really eager to return to training and prepare ourselves for the upcoming competitions," Abhishek, who scored two goals in six games in Birmingham, said.

"We all want to improve as a team, and with the World Cup next year, everyone wants to be in the best shape and form in the coming months."

The 22-year-old featured in all six games at the CWG, helping India bag a silver medal, after going down to Australia in the summit clash.

"It was quite a memorable experience for me to perform



on such a big stage. I learned a lot about my game during the tournament, and understood areas where I can improve upon," Abhishek said.

"We performed as a team throughout the competition, despite facing tough opponents. Every match had a new challenge for us, and we were able to face it head-on. Even though the final against Australia did not go our way,

we learned a lot from the match and have to improve upon in training."

Abhishek made his debut for India against South Africa at the FIH Pro League earlier this year and played 14 games and performed consistently, based on which he was picked for the CWG squad.

And, the Haryana forward praised and thanked current coach Graham Reid

for his advices and suggestions.

"Our Chief Coach Graham Reid had already told me before in training sessions to enjoy the games and to not take too much pressure. This advice really helped me at Commonwealth Games 2022 as I was able to focus on my natural game and was able to play freely," Abhishek said.

"My teammates and coaches told me I performed well considering it was my first major tournament of such scale. There are still a few areas where I have to improve upon, and the Commonwealth Games 2022 experience has motivated me to work even harder to fulfill those shortcomings."

The team will return to the National Coaching Camp in Bengaluru on August 29 and will begin preparation for the upcoming FIH Hockey Pro League season which is scheduled to begin in October.

LLC's 2nd edition to kick off with special match at Eden Gardens

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The iconic Eden Gardens in Kolkata will be hosting the first game of the second edition of the Legends League Cricket (LLC) on September 16, the organisers said on Friday.

The match between the India Maharajas vs World Giants will be dedicated to the 75th year celebration of Indian Independence.

"This is a proud moment for us that we are celebrating 75th year of our independence. As a proud Indian, it gives me immense satisfaction to share that we have decided to dedicate this year league to the 75th year of Independence celebration," said Ravi Shastri, Commissioner, LLC, said in a release.

The Indian Maharajas will be led by former Indian captain and BCCI President Sourav Ganguly, while the World Giants will be captained by England's 2019 World Cup winning captain, Eoin Morgan.

towards the peak of success during Amrit Kaal, he said.

"In Amrit Kaal, the youth must set Amrit goals and discharge their duties with responsibility to achieve these Goals. Youth have to make largest contribution to nation building and make the country Vishwaguru," he added. Thakur further said that the department of Youth Affairs will organize 750 Yuva Samvad programmes across the country right down to the grass root level to give them a platform to express their views on various issues of national and international importance and to share their thoughts.

The Minister said that four Es are central for growth and development of the youth in the country i.e. Education, Employment, Entrepreneurship

In Amrit Kaal, the youth must set Amrit Goals: Thakur

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Union Minister of Education and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan and Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur addressed Yuva Samvad "India@2047" in New Delhi on Friday. Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports Nisith Pramanik was also present on the occasion.

Boxer Nikhat Zareen, race-walker Priyanka Goswami, Indian hockey team star P.R.Sreejesh, mountaineer Arunima Sinha and Motivational speaker Abha Maryada Banerjee also graced the event. Secretary, Youth Affairs, Sanjay Kumar and

other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion Pradhan said that in the thousands of years of our history, our Yuva Shakti have taken lead in shaping the destiny of our country. Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Shaheed Baji Rout, Rani Gaidinliu and countless others like them inspired us and led from the front during their prime youth, he added.

The Minister said that India is blessed with rich civilisational roots. The onus of taking this legacy ahead is on our spirited young demography.

He stated that in the 21st century, the responsibility of taking Indian values, ethos, knowledge and models to the world rests upon our youth. The spirit and sincerity with which our

freedom fighters fought for our freedom, our youth today must also inculcate the same spirit and sincerity to take India to greater heights, especially in these 25 years of the Amrit Kaal. The world looks at India with great hope, he added.

Pradhan urged youth of the country that while they should be aware of their rights, they must also be mindful of their duties and responsibilities towards the nation. They must assume greater responsibilities for solving global problems, he added.

Pradhan said that the talent, tenacity and spirit of our youth is inspiring and encouraging. He appreciated Sports and Youth Affairs Ministry for organising Yuva Samvad, especially at such an important time when we are



celebrating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and the 75th year of our independence. He hoped that these dialogues will create

a positive vibe in the country.

Speaking on the occasion, Anurag Thakur said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi always

says youth is the engine which drives the nation towards success. Now it is the duty of our youth to guide the country

Empowerment. Highlighting the importance of volunteerism, the Minister said that every youth can render yeoman's service to the nation through volunteerism. Areas like energy and environment conservation, Fit India, swachh bharat, campaign against drug addiction, poshan abhiyan are some of the key areas in which the youth can make their valuable contribution.

Urging the youth to take part in Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign, Thakur said Tiranga is a symbol of unity of 130 crore Indians. He added that freedom fighters sacrificed their lives during the freedom struggle but what is now required from youth is "Yogdaan not Balidaan" to make the country Vishwaguru.