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# **Amid uncertainties, Soren** enjoys picnic with MLAs

Guv yet to take call on EC letter for J'khand CM's disqualification from Assembly

With no official communication either from the Election Commission of India (ECI) or the Governor House on the decision to disqualify Iharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren's membership to the Assembly for holding an office of profit in connection with a mining lease case, Soren organised a gala event for four dozen MLAs in Khunti district on Saturday

The ECI has found Jharkhand CM and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) leader Soren violating electoral norms by extending a mining lease to himself following which it recommendated his disqualification as an MLA.

Rajya Sabha member Mahua Maji said MLAs going to picnic together was a simple exercise to keep the flock together in the wake of "Operation Lotus" of the BJP across the country.

"Precautionary measures are being taken by us in the wake of Operation Lotus being carried out all over the coun-



Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren, with Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee (JPCC) president Raiesh Thakur and UPA MI As rides a boat at a resort, amid speculation of his disqualification as an MLA, in Khunti district on Saturday

try. It is very difficult to sit at ed from the State. one place for a long time, therefore, the MLAs have been taken for an outing," said Maji.

However, sources in the ruling coalition hinted that the MLAs may be taken to the Capital of Chhattisgarh, Raipur, where all arrangements have been made for the stay of the legislators in case any adverse situation comes before the Government.

It would stop the BJP from attempting horse trading in Jharkhand, they said.

However, till the time of the paper going to the Press, no such development was reportit appears that the CM and his MLAs are not worried with the

Meanwhile, sources said a notification regarding disqualification of Soren may be issued by Governor Ramesh Bais on Monday

It was on August 25 when, according to media reports, the Governor had received a sealed envelope from the poll body, triggering political speculation in the State

Since then fate of the Soren Government has been hanging in the balance.

But looking at Saturday's development of holding picnic, it appears that the CM and his

latest development putting up a defiant face, saying there is no threat to the Government. The CM along with some

legislators and their kin also enjoyed boating at the lake, which is a picturesque site for locals to organise picnics and get-together.

They did not miss photo opportunities with each other on the occasion. Locals said Khunti Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police were already present at the guest house, where a mutton party was organised for the leg-

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# Sonali's murder: Club owner, drug dealer held

#### Will urge Goa **Govt to order CBI** probe, says **Haryana CM**

PANAJI

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The Goa Police on Saturday said BJP leader Sonali Phogat was given methamphetamine, a recreational drug, by her aides hours before her death, as two more persons were arrested in the case related to her alleged murder.

It took the number of arrests in the case to four. Of those arrested on Saturday Dattaprasad Gaonkar had allegedly provided drugs to Phogat's aides Sudhir Sagwan and Sukhwinder Singh who fed them to her, police said. Edwin Nunes, the other arrested man, is the owner of the Curlies restaurant in North Goa district where Phogat and her aides had partied on the intervening night of August 22 and 23.

Phogat was administered methamphetamine, a kind of recreational drug, and some left-over drug was recovered from the restaurant's washsaid Deputy Superintendent of Police Jivba Sagwan and Sukhwinder Singh, arrested earlier, allegedly told police that they had procured drugs from Gaonkar who worked as a room boy at Hotel Grand Leoney Resort in Anjuna where they were staying.



Gaonkar and Nunes were booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, police said. Videos of CCTV footage from the restaurant also emerged on social media during the day.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar assured Phogat's family members on Saturday that he will write to the Goa Government requesting it to recommend a CBI probe into the murder.

In one video, Phogat can be seen dancing with Sagwan, who is seen forcing her to drink water which she instantly spits out. Another video shows Phogat being escorted out of the restaurant by the accused. She is seen staggering and

almost falling near the staircase on her way out. Phogat, a former TikTok star and contestant on the reality show Big Boss,

died on August 23, a day after arrival in Goa.

On Friday, police had said Sagwan and Singh allegedly mixed some "obnoxious substance" in water and forced Phogat to drink it.

Phogat was brought dead to St Anthony Hospital at Anjuna in North Goa district on August 23 morning from the hotel where she was staying

The doctors said she had had a heart attack, but her brother alleged that Sagwan and Singh, who had arrived in Goa with her, had played a role in her death. The duo were detained and a First Information Report for murder was registered after the autopsy report said there were multiple "blunt force injuries" on her body though it reserved opinion on the cause of death pending chemical analysis.

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#### CAPSULE

## WOMAN'S THROAT SLIT IN OFFICE IN DELHI

New Delhi: A 23-year-old woman was found dead with her throat slit inside an office in northwest Delhi's Azadpur area Saturday evening, police said. On being informed about a woman lying in a pool of blood around 7 pm, a police team rushed to the spot. It was found that the woman was dead and her throat slit, the police said. The woman was a tele-caller in the office of a financial firm in Kewal Park, DCP (Northwest) Usha Rangnani said.

#### INDIAN ENVOY IN LANKA HITS AT CHINA REMARKS

Colombo: The Indian embassy in Sri Lanka on Saturday the Chinese ambassador's recent remarks on the island nation's northern neighbour may be coloured by how his own country behaves. The embassy said the Chinese envoy's violation of basic diplomatic etiquette may be a personal trait or reflection of a larger national

#### COMMISSION ON JAYA'S DEATH SUBMITS REPORT **Chennai:** The much-awaited report of a panel that probed the circumstances surrounding late Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa's death, was on Saturday submitted to the Tamil Nadu government and it will be placed before the state cabinet in its

#### **UKRAINE: RUSSIA FIRES** NEAR NUCLEAR PLANT

August 29 meet

Kviy: Russian forces fired missiles and artillery on Ukrainian-held areas across the river from Europe's largest nuclear power plant, authorities said on Saturday as concern persisted about safety.

# Khadi can help fulfil promise of self-reliant India, says Modi

Gift, promote Khadi in festive seasons, PM exhorts Indians

 $P_{\text{Modi on Saturday appealed}}^{\text{rime Minister Narendra}}$ to the countrymen to give "Khadi gifts" during the upcoming festivals and those going abroad to carry Khadi products to create more awareness about them in foreign countries. "Gift and promote Khadi in the upcoming festive

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season," he said. Modi, for some time, also tried spinning yarn at the "charkha" (wheel). He later said the spinning experience reminded him of his child-

Pointing out that there has been a "four-fold increase in its sale in the last eight years", he said Khadi was virtually destroyed post-Independence



Prime Minister Narendra Modi tries his hand on a spinning wheel during Khadi Utsav in Ahmedabad on Saturday

but was now making a big impact on the global market. He said, "In the last 8 years, the sale of Khadi increased four times and for the first time, the Khadi and Gramodyog turnover crossed

Rs one lakh crore" and that "the

sector created 1.75 crore new

Modi was addressing the gathering, including 7,500

women with "Charkha", at the 'Khadi Utsav" at the Sabarmati River Front, Ahmedabad, where he also inaugurated the "Atal Bridge", named after former PM Atal Behari Vajpayee.

The Prime Minister said, "Like freedom struggle, Khadi can inspire in fulfilling the promise of a developed India and a self-reliant India.

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# to buy desi Tejas

▲ rgentina has shown interdesigned-and-manufactured Tejas light combat aircraft by India, which is about to bag the first export from Malaysia for 18 of them.

While Tejas has evoked interest from some other countries, including the US as well, Argentina has emerged as the first Latin American country to evince interest in the Made-in-India aircraft

Acknowledging Argentine interest in the Tejas, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar highlighted the importance of the proposal in enhancing the "strategic quo-tient of the bilateral relation-

ship".

He had gone there on Friday to take part in the Joint Commission meeting with his

counterpart Santiago Cafiero. Besides the US and Argentina, Australia, Egypt, Indonesia and the Philippines too are keen to buy the aircraft

manufactured by the public sector Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

Incidentally. order with the HAL worth over ₹47,000 crores for 83 Tejas jets for the IAF. Delivery will start from next year. Confident of bagging the contract to export 18 Tejas to Malaysia, the HAL will now set up an office in Kuala Lumpur. Giving details, the HAL said week it inked a Memorandum Understanding(MOU)in this

regard in Bengaluru. The office in Malaysia will help HAL in tapping the new business opportunities for Fighter Lead-in Trainer (FLIT) LCA (Tejas) and other requirements of Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) like Su-30

MKM and Hawk upgrades. It will reinforce the commitment of India in supporting the Malaysian Defence Forces and industry for sustainable aerospace and defence landscape in Malavsia.

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# Argentina planning | CJIs, SC judges to get aides for lifetime

Chief Justice of India will Anow get a domestic help, a chauffeur and a secretarial assistant for lifetime from the day he or she demits office, according to the latest postretirement benefits notified by

In a fresh notification issued on Friday, the Department of Justice in the Union Law Ministry said the Supreme Court Judges Rules

the Government.

extend more post-retirement facilities to retired CJIs and judges of the SC. The rules were amended on August 23 The benefits will be extended to all living former CJIs and retired Supreme Court judges. Continued on Page 2



Justice Uday Umesh Lalit signs the register after his swearing-in ceremony as Chief Justice of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan in

# Satwik, Chirag scoop historic medal at World Badminton Championships

PTI ■ TOKYO

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty capped off a memorable campaign with a historic bases and line the historic bronze medal in the men's doubles competition of the World Badminton Championship after going down narrowly to Malaysia's Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik in the semifinals here on Saturday.

The world number 7 Indian pair, which had claimed the Commonwealth Games men's doubles gold early this month, flattered to deceive as it squandered an opening game advantage to go down 22-20 18-21 16-21 to the Olympic bronze medallists in a pulsat-ing 77-minute clash, bringing an end to the Indian challenge at the prestigious tournament.

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# Twin towers to disappear in seconds

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t 2.30 pm on Sunday, India Awill witness the demolition of the Noida-based Supertech twin towers using the "waterfall implosion" technique that will bring down the tallerthan-Qutub Minar high rises within a matter of seconds like a house of cards — literally. This would be the second such demolition in India after the Maradu flats in Kochi in 2020. Hospitals have been put on alert in case of exigencies.

"Once last minute checks are done and all teams get down from the buildings, the two buildings — Apex and Ceyane — have to be inter-con-nected. After that a 100-metre-long cable would be run from the towers to the exploder to demolish the buildings," Edifice Engineering's project manager Mayur Mehta said explaining

the final process.
"Once we get the clearance

from the police department that the exclusion zone is 100 per cent clear, then at 2.30 pm on Sunday we will press the button," he said, adding only six people, including three foreign experts, Indian blaster Chetan Dutta, a police officer and himself, will remain within the exclusion zone to push the button for the blast.

According to the Noida Authority, on Sunday, one nau-tical mile (1.8 kilometers approximately) of airspace around the demolition site will remain briefly unavailable for flights while roads leading to the twin towers located in Sector 93 will remain diverted Around 600 police officials, including traffic personnel, will be deployed for law and

order duty.

The demolition of the Emerald Court project in Noida will cause a loss of about ₹1,000 crore to Supertech. It also need to pay ₹20 crore for the buildings' demolition. According to officials of the Edifice Engineering, the towers Apex (32 storeys) and Ceyane (29 storeys) will come

"The Noida-Greater Noida Expressway will stay closed between 2 pm and 3 pm," DCP

The police have issued an

(Traffic) Ganesh Saha said.

advisory and even Google maps will be updated for real-

time traffic updates. Green

corridors will be created to

facilitate movement of emer-

gency vehicles.

down in less than 15 seconds literally like a house of cards, while ensuring that no damage is caused to nearby buildings the closest two being just nine Continued on Page 2

# **India slams China** on 'spy ship' issue

Says Lanka needs support, not 'unwanted pressure

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Hitting out at China for its remarks on India's objection to the docking of its high-tech ship at Sri Lanka's Hambantota port, New Delhi on Saturday firmly told Beijing that what Colombo needs now is "support, not unwanted pressure or unnecessary controversies" to serve another country's

"We have noted the remarks of the Chinese Ambassador. His violation of basic diplomatic etiquette may be a personal trait or reflecting a larger national attitude," the High Commission of India in Sri Lankan tweeted. It said the Chinese envoy Qi Zhenhong's view of India may be coloured by how his own country behaves. "India, we assure him, is very different," the Indian mission here said.

Ambassador's imputing a geopolitical context to the visit of a

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Police chief

Dilbag Singh on Saturday said terrorism has

declined in the Union territory in the past few

years due to efforts of police and other security

forces, but there is a need to prepare strategies

for uprooting the terror ecosystem to consolidate

Singh made these remarks while chairing a



vessel is a giveaway, the mission said, adding that "opaqueness and debt driven agendas are now a major challenge, especially for smaller nations. Recent developments are a caution".

"Sri Lanka needs support, not unwanted pressure or unnecessary controversies to serve another country's

nation was grappling with the worst economic crisis since

In a veiled attack on India, China on Friday said that "external obstruction" based on so-called security concerns without any evidence is a "thorough interference" into Sri Lanka's sovereignty and independence.

'Terrorism has declined in J-K' high-level crime review meeting at the police

headquarters here. The Director General of Police (DGP) complimented the police, Army, central armed police forces (CAPFs) for the successful conduct of Amarnath pilgrimmage, Muharram and Independence Day celebrations across Jammu

# India becoming knowledge hub on health: Arif

India is becoming a knowledge hub in the health sector, Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan said on Saturday.

While 'HepCon', inaugurating two-day international medical conference on Liver care and Transplant, Khan said globally, the health sector is being consolidated under one roof.

The medical conference was organised by the Centre for Comprehensive Liver Care, KIMSHEALTH near here.

"India is becoming a knowledge hub in the health sector. Globally, the health sector is being consolidated under one roof. Medical conferences held for this purpose will help the health

sector of the country to leap forward," Khan said.

KIMSHEALTH Chairman and Managing Director Dr M I Sahadulla, who presided over the event said medical services should be made accessible to the common people of the country.

...And for that, the government and the private sector should join hands to organise such medical conferences...40 to 49 per cent of diseases in the country are diagnosed late and it will do miracles if it is diagnosed earlier and treated effectively,'

Sahadulla said in a release. HepCon International Medical Conference aims to raise awareness about the importance of ensuring treatment and protection in situations of liver cancer increasing evidently.

## Akhilesh visits Noida after over two decades

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After over two decades in public life, former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Akhilesh Yaday, visited Noida in Gautam Buddha Nagar district on Saturday. During his tenure as Chief Minister from March 2012 to March 2017, Akhilesh Yadav stayed away from Noida.

As chief minister, he had inaugurated the Agra-Yamuna Expressway passing through Noida in August 2012 through remote from Lucknow.

Akhilesh Yadav, a three term MP and presently MLA from Karhal in Mainpuri district and leader of opposition in UP Assembly, unveiled the statue of a local leader, Raghuveer Singh Pradhan in Noida on Saturday. He was accorded a warm welcome by the party leaders in

## Rajasthan Cabinet approves formation of audit authority to assess performance of depts

The Rajasthan Cabinet on Saturday cleared a proposal to form an audit authority that will assess the performance of government departments and agencies implementing

The Cabinet also gave approval to the Rajasthan Handicrafts Policy-2022 besides the new rules for appointment of dependents

According to a release, the Cabinet approved the formation of the Rajasthan Social and Performance Audit Authority to ensure transparency, public participation and quality

"The performance of government departments and agencies implementing schemes/programmes will be assessed. Benefits of schemes will reach beneficiaries more easily, conveniently and in a time-bound manner," the

Doctors, engineers, architects, economists, information professors. technology specialists and other experts will be part of the authority. The new handicrafts policy will help uplift the condition of artisans, the release said.

"By empowering them, participation in the development of the state will be ensured and new employment opportunities will increase," the release said.

# Yogi Govt intensifies crusade against illicit liquor and drugs trade

Tntensifying a state-wide crusade against illicit liquor and drugs trade by terming it as a "national crime", Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday announced plans to develop a portal that will enable registration of complaints notifying such incidents, resulting in prompt tracking of those indulging in such activities.

Addressing a massive public gathering in Bulandshahr, the chief minister said that the government was working with a policy of zero tolerance to stop the illicit liquor and drugs trade and to safeguard the future of the youths. He said to enable prompt tracking of those indulging in such activities, the government was also working to develop a portal.

On the occasion, the chief minister distributed grant money to 700 self-help groups under the National Rural Livelihood Mission, tablets and smartphones to 1,000 students under Abhyudaya Yojana and Swami Vivekananda Yuva Sashaktikaran Yojana, financial aid under PMEGP and uniforms to Anganwadi workers. Beneficiaries of various other schemes like Awas Yojana, Swamitva Yojana also attended the event.

Expressing gratitude to the people of Bulandshahr for showing their faith in the Bharatiya Janata Party, Yogi said, "I assure you that the

Bulandshahr without stopping, without bowing, without stooping, without getting tired. We will fulfill all the goals for the security, prosperity and bright future of the region."

The chief minister went on to say that the public representatives in Bulandshahr were working dedicatedly for

the development of the region.

"The upcoming new power generation plant, medical college in the name of former Chief Minister Kalyan Singh, projects under Namami Gange, region's ODOP products, as well as the Noida International Airport nearby will give a new thrust to Bulandshahr's progress," the chief minister said.

The medical college, which is being built here in the name of Babuji, will start admissions in the next session and will become a centre for our youth who aspire to become doctors and girls who aspire to do

nursing, Yogi added.

Projects like Film City Medical Device Park, Toy Park in nearby regions and upcoming sports university in Meerut will generate numerous employment opportunities for the youth,

Yogi pointed out.

Highlighting the achievements of his government, Yogi said that so far, as many as 35 lakh families had benefited from the Swamitva scheme, while about nine lakh people had benefited from SVANidhi scheme, and over 15 lakh tablets/smartphones had been given to the youth.

## Argentina mulls to buy desi...

As regards the meeting between Jaishankar and his Argentine counterpart, the two leaders agreed to firm up ties whilst simultaneously agreeing increase engagement in defence and trade. Both countries have also agreed to "request the Central Banks to carry out studies for the development of a payment mechanism in local currencies" so that trade between the two countries can transpire without the use of a third currency. Meanwhile, Argentina

said India has expressed its India, China and South

support for the country's membership in an expanded Brazil, India, Russia, China and South Africa (BRICS) grouping. This has been part of ongoing discussions between the two Foreign Ministers, dating back to the bilateral meeting between the two Ministers on the sidelines of the Bali G20 Foreign Ministers' meet, held earlier this year in July.
Countries like Iran, and

Algeria are also keen to become a member of the over-decade-old grouping which has Brazil, Russia,

The External Affairs Minister was on a visit to South America, during which he visited Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina.

While in Brazil and Argentina, he co-chaired the Joint Commission Meetings (ICM) with his counterparts, in Paraguay he inaugurated the premises of the newly opened Indian Embassy which started functioning in January 2022.

This was Jaishankar's first visit to the South American region as External Affairs Minister.

## Sonali's murder: Club owner, drug dealer...

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Police had said the

"economic interest" could be a motive behind her killing. A local court on Saturday

remanded Sagwan and Singh in police custody for ten days. Nunes had told PTI earlier that Phogat had visited his restaurant 'like any other customer' but he had not met her. Opposition Congress, meanwhile, demanded a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into the

alleged murder, saying the case could be hushed up

"Many politicians said her death was due to a heart attack. But finally it has been revealed as murder. There is more to this murder than meets the eye and every angle needs to be investigated. These kinds of cases need to be investigated by the CBI," Leader of Opposition in Goa Assembly Michael Lobo told

## Two BSF men held on rape charges, TMC attacks Centre the charge of raping the woman

**PTI** KOLKATA

**r**wo BSF personnel were arrested on the charge of raping a woman who was allegedly trying to illegally enter Bangladesh from West Bengal, prompting the ruling TMC to attack Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his Independence Day speech hailing 'Nari Shakti'.

An assistant sub-inspector and a constable of the BSF were arrested late on Friday night on

near Bagda border outpost in North 24 Parganas district, an official of the force said on Saturday. The two were handed over

to West Bengal Police for further legal action. The accused have been

suspended and a court of inquiry has been ordered against them, the official of the Border Security Force's South Bengal frontier said.

The BSF constable

woman trying to illegally enter Bangladesh from India. He dragged the woman to a nearby field and allegedly raped her, while the ASI helped him commit the crime," the official

apprehended a tout and a

The incident came to light after the woman lodged a police complaint. "After earning about the incident, we apprehended the duo and handed them over to the police," the official said.

# Amid uncertainties, Soren...

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After spending about three hours at the guest house, the MLAs returned to the CM residence where another meeting was taking place at the time of filing of this report. State Congress in-charge, Avinash Pandey, has also reached Ranchi and is attending the meeting. Terming the developments

in Jharkhand "unfortunate", Pandey said the UPA fold is intact and there was no threat Government. to the Reinstating faith in the Sorenled Government, he said there were constant efforts to disturb the State Government in today's picnic of MLAs as a confidence building exercise for the legislators.

Earlier in the day, MLAs from the JMM-Congress-RJD combine started gathering at the Chief Minister's official residence in the forenoon on Saturday. Although they tried to do it secretly, the MLAs were spotted with bags in their vehicles, further fuelling suspicion that they were being taken out of State.

CM residence, the MLAs were seen inside three luxury buses that left from the back door of the official residence of Soren.

MLAs were being taken to a resort in Chhattisgarh, but later the convoy with three buses and huge security cover reached Latratu Dam in Khunti district about 35 kilometers from the Capital

tried their best to stop media persons reaching a Government guest house beside the lake, a large number of media persons reached near After a brief meeting at the the guest house. The MLAs and Soren were also seen at the guest house talking to each other and occasionally waving to people and media persons.

Although security persons

# Twin towers to disappear in...

From Page 1 They are "200 per cent" confident that the towers will come down safely and in the direction as envisaged by them, assuring residents of no damage to their homes except for chances of "cosmetic cracks" on outer paint and plasters of some structures.

Over 5,000 residents of Emerald Court and ATS Village — the two closest societies to the twin towers will be evacuated on Sunday by 7 am. The will be allowed to return to their residences only after 4 pm pending safety clearance post demolition by agencies concerned. Flying rubble is a major concern, and to prevent that, the blasting area has been covered with four layers of iron mesh and two layers of blanket. No rubble will fly past, but dust may. Some 2,700 of their vehicles will also be removed from the premises and the residents will have to take away their pets too with them.

An exclusion zone will be created in a radius of up to 500 metres around the twin towers where no human or animal would be allowed except for a team of Indian and foreign blasters engaged in the demolition.

The twin towers are located at Sector 93A in Noida. One of the buildings has an altitude of 103 metres, while another is around 97metre tall. For the demolition, about 3,700 kg of explosives, which have been brought from Palwal (Haryana), will be used. It is a mix of dynamite, emulsions and plastic explosives. Over 9,500 charging holes have been drilled into the buildings, a delayed detonator has also been placed for sequential blasting. In each of the holes, the amount of explosives ranges from 250 gm to one kg.

The twin towers, comprising 850 unfinished flats, are being demolished in pursuance of a Supreme Court order that found their construction within the Emerald Court society premises in violation of norms.

According to officials, there are basically three techniques to safely raze down any structure of such a scale — diamond cutter, use of robots and implosion. The 'diamond cutter' would have taken over two years of time to completely demolish the twin towers safely, and its cost would have been five times of

the implosion method. On using robotics the technique would have caused a lot of noise over a period of 1.5 years to two years and disturbed the residents of nearby Emerald Court and

ATS Village. Mumbai-based Edifice Engineering has roped in South African South African experts Jet Demolitions for the twin towers. The two firms have previously collaborated on taking down the Maradu complexes in Kochi, Kerala, in 2020 which were four residential buildings with 18 to 20

# Khadi can help fulfil promise of self-reliant India, says...

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He said the Khadi industry, which was witnessing a downfall post-Independence was revived by his Government.

"Khadi, which Gandhi made the symbol of the country's self-respect at the time of the freedom movement, was infused with an inferiority complex after Independence. Because of this, Khadi and the village industry associated with Khadi were completely destroyed. This condition of Khadi was very painful, especially for Gujarat," he said.

Modi said he is proud that the task of reviving Khadi took place in the land of Gujarat. The Prime Minister emphasised the Government's pledge of "Khadi for Transformation" to "Khadi for Nation, Khadi for Fashion". He said, "We started spreading the Gujarat success experiences across the country."

"The problems which were related to Khadi across the country were resolved. We encouraged countrymen to buy Khadi products," he said acknowledged the contribution of women in the process of revival of Khadi. "Women power is also a major contributor to the growing strength of India's Khadi industry. The spirit of entrepreneurship is ingrained in our sisters and daughters. The proof of this is also the expansion of Sakhi Mandals in

Gujarat," he added. He said the financial inclusion schemes like Mudra Yojana are boosting entrepreneurship.

"Khadi is an example of sustainable clothing, ecofriendly clothing and it has the least carbon footprint," he said, adding today there is a big global market for it in the backdrop of a debate on

climate change. "There are many countries where the temperature is high, Khadi is also very important from the point of view of health. Hence, Khadi can play a huge role at the global level," he said adding this is in sync with the growing trend of back to basic and sustainable living at the global level.

Looking at the women with the spinning wheel at the "Khadi Utsav", he said, "7,500 sisters and daughters created history by spinning yarn on a spinning wheel together...Your hands, while spinning yarn on Charkha, are weaving the fabric of India." Chief Minister of Gujarat, Bhupendra Patel, Member of Parliament, C R Patil, State Minister Harsh Sanghvi, Jagdish Panchal, Mayor of Ahmedabad, Kiritbhai Parmar and Chairman of KVIC, Manoj Kumar were those present on the occasion.

The Prime Minister also said, "History bears witness that a thread of Khadi became the force of freedom movement, it broke the chains of slavery." He said the same thread of Khadi can become a source of inspiration to fulfil the promise of a developed India and thereby fulfilling the dream of a self-reliant India. "A traditional strength like

Khadi can take us to new

heights", he said. This Khadi

Utsav is an effort to revive the spirit and history of the freedom movement and an inspiration to achieve the resolutions of New India," he He recalled his Panch-

Prans that he proclaimed on 15th August, from the Red "At this holy place, on the

banks of Sabarmati, I want to repeat the Panch-Prans. First the great goal in front of the country, the goal of making a developed India. Second the complete abandonment of the slavery mentality. Third taking pride in our heritage, Fourth- making strong efforts to increase the unity of the nation, and Fifth-civic duty," he said adding today's Khadi Utsav is a beautiful reflection of the

## CJIs, SC judges to get aides for...

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As per the latest changes in the rules, a retired chief justice of India will also be entitled to a security cover round-the-clock at their residence in addition to a 24X7 personal security guard for a period of five years

from the date of retirement. A retired Supreme Court judge will be entitled to 24X7 security cover at his or her residence in addition to a round-the-clock personal security guard for a period of three years from the date of retirement.

If a retired CJI or a retired judge of the top court is already provided a "higher grade" security on the basis of

threat perception, "the higher grade security already provided shall continue"

A retired CJI will be entitled to a rent-free Type-VII accommodation in Delhi (other than the designated official residence) for a period of six months from the date of retirement. Type VII accommodation is usually provided to sitting MPs who have been former Union

ministers. The accommodation facility was extended to retired CJIs earlier this month.

A retired judge of the Supreme Court will get a domestic help and a chauffeur for lifetime from the day of

retirement.

The ceremonial lounge facility at airports extended to retired CJI and retired Supreme Court judges announced earlier this month would also continue.

Retired chief justices of the high courts were also extended the VIP lounge facility by amending the High Court Judges Rules.

A retired CJI or a retired Supreme Court judge will be entitled to a residential telephone "free of cost" and reimbursement of telephone call charges of residential telephone or mobile phone or broadband or mobile data or data card not exceeding Rs 4,200 per month, plus taxes.

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# **NEARBY RESIDENTS VACATE BEFORE TWIN TOWERS' DEMOLITION**

All preparations completed, remaining residents will leave homes by 7 am on Sunday, says a member task force representative

Residents worried about structural safety of towers in their societies close to twin towers

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

As the demolition of Supertech's twin towers in Sector 93-A of Noida clocked near, a large number of residents of Emerald Court and ATS Village societies, which are located adjacent to the skyscrapers, have left their abode temporarily.

According to representatives of a task force made for the successful execution of the demolition exercise, residents have started leaving their homes and have gone either on holidays or shifted to their rel-

Avinash Rai, a member of the task force, said all preparations have almost been completed and the residents will leave their homes by 7 am on Sunday. "The supply of elec-tricity, water and LPG will be disconnected in the societies Sunday morning to avoid any untoward incident. Nearly 35-



already left the societies and the remaining will leave by 7 am Sunday. We are also removing additional cars and other vehicles from the area," Rai said. He said all things are in place and they are ready for the demolition of the twin towers as per the schedule. Taller than Delhi's iconic Qutub Minar, Apex and Ceyane towers are set to be demolished at 2.30 pm.

dent of Emerald Court, said he has decided to go to a nearby hill station for two days. "I am taking my family on a holiday and will return on Monday. I am also taking my pet along

with me as I can't leave it here.

Though we will be out of town

but we will be concerned about

our belongings at home as

they do not get damaged due to the explosion," Kaushik said as

he drove his car out of the soci-

Another resident, Prabhash Maurya, said some of his neighbours have already left and headed for a holiday. "Now, I am also going to my sister's place in Greater Noida and will return here on Monday

We are worried about the structural safety of towers in the society as they are located close to the buildings to be demolished," Maurya said.

Over 5,000 residents of Emerald Court and ATS Village will be evacuated by 7 am on Sunday. Around 2,700 vehicles belonging to them will also be removed from the premises and the residents will take away around 150-200 of

A resident of ATS Village society said teams of some NGOs were seen lifting stray animals, including dogs and cats, in the vicinity of the structures to be demolished.

Residents Welfare Associations of nearby societies have also issued advisories for their residents and made lodging arrangements for them in the club house. Srishti Residents Welfare Association (SRWA) advised its residents to

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Saturday alleged that the Arvind Kejriwal

Government has committed

huge corruption by paying Rs

1315 crore instead of Rs 989

crore for building rooms in

schools in the national Capital.

KejriwalGovernment has also

lied that a total of 6133 toilets

have been built, but after inves-

tigation, their number turned

out a padyatra in all seven par-

liamentary constituencies,

demanding resignation of deputy chief minister Manish

Addressing a press conference jointly with Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta, BJP MLA Vijender Gupta said he had written on July 25, 2019, to the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) to investigate the corruntion behind

tigate the corruption behind the rooms built in the schools,

demanding its investigation.

has sought a report from the

delay of 2.5 years on part of the

Vigilance Department in acting

on CVC inquiry report into the

construction of additional

classrooms in Delhi govern-

Earlier, Delhi Lt Governor

Sisodia in the liquor scam.

Delhi BJP leaders also took

out to be only 4027.

The BJP alleged that the

keep their doors and windows shut during and after the demolition to avoid plume of dust emanating out of the rub-ble. It also advised residents to cover all electronics in balconies and external units of ACs and external units of ACs and washing machines. Switch off ACs during the blast and also try to shift plants from balconies indoors or cover them, it said.

"Housekeeping persons would be available for cleaning dust after the implosion. Guests are not allowed in the premises during the time," it said.

Dushyant Singh, a resident of Silver City Society, which is located in the vicinity, said their RWA has made arrangements for the residents of Emerald Court and ATS village to stay at their community centre. "Lodging arrangements have been made for them.

The RWA has also advised residents to remove any vulnerable wall hangings that may break due to slight vibration, Singh said. The residents will be allowed to return only after 4 pm following safety clearance from officials. Before leaving their societies, they have taken adequate precautions to ensure their home appliances and plants are not damaged.

## BJP MLA writes to Yogi, raises concern about environmental impact of demolition

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NOIDA

BJP MLA Rajeshwar Singh on Friday wrote to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath raising concerns about the possible environ-mental impact of the demoli mental impact of the demolition of twin towers in Noida scheduled to take place on August 28.

The former Enforcement Directorate officer-turnedpolitician suggested measures to mitigate the impact of dust and debris once the nearly-100-metre tall illegal structures have been razed.

In a letter to the CM, Singh sought formation of a team headed by Additional Chief Secretary, Home, comprising Principal Secretary Environment, DO Fire Services, CEO Noida Authority, and Commissioner of Police, Gautam Budhh Nagar, among others.

This team may be directed to immediately take stock of the situation and should ensure

that minimum pollution hazards are there and sufficient steps are taken to mitigate the same," the BJP MLA wrote. Over 3,700 kg of explosives would be used to demolish Supertech's illegal twin towers at 2.30 pm on August 28, leaving behind 35,000 cubic metres of debris and a cloud of dust.

Around 5,000 residents of nearby Emerald Court and ATS Societies would have to vacate their homes from morning till evening on August 28. In his letter, Singh appealed to the CM to ensure that the hazardous materials and chemicals being used for the demolition purposes do not in any way seep into the underground water resources and pollute the same as a large number of people in the neighbouring area relies on the underground water to meet its daily needs.

"To kindly ensure that there are more than sufficient numbers of fire fighting vehicles, anti-smog guns, water tankers, water sprinklers,

sweeping machines deployed so that the dust particles released from the demolition process can be contained as far as possible from spreading in the environment and the air,' he added. "Atleast around 100 fire fighters and water sprinklers should be deployed at the site and the Noida Authoirty should be requested to oversee

An officer of the rank of IG or above should be instructed and deployed at the site for at least one week to oversee the process to assess the damage and takes steps to mitigate it," he said in his letter.

There should be sufficient number of scientific teams at the demolition site for atleast one week with necessary protective gears to carry out environmental assessment after demolition and assess damage to environment and steps required to mitigate the damage caused due to demolition to protect local ecosystem and the environment," he said.

# L-G office returns 47 Kejriwal's unsigned files

A Governor's office has returned 47 files signed by Chief Minister Office (CMO) staff instead of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, a move that is likely to intensify the tussle between the two Constitutional authorities in the Capital. According to Raj Niwas sources, the files returned by the Lt Governor Secretariat included those related to the education department and the waqf board among others.

The move came nearly a week after Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena wrote to Kejriwal, pointing out that the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) was forwarding files seeking opinion and approvals to the LG Secretariat without his signatures.

Sources claimed that the CMO had continued to send files not signed by the chief minister despite the Lt "Some of the files that have been returned back to the CMO were sent without the

CM inaugurates first

city school to train

students for forces

New Delhi: Delhi Chief

Minister Arvind Kejriwal on

Saturday inaugurated the city's

first school which will prepare

students for the armed forces.

The Shaheed Bhagat Singh

Armed Forces Preparatory

School at Jharoda Kalan in

Najafgarh currently has 175

Kejriwal asked the stu-dents to imbibe feeling of liv-

ing and dying for nation. The

state-of-the-art school has an

exclusive services preparatory

wing to inculcate officer-like

qualities (OLQs) in students

through individual and group

tasks, mock interviews, psy-

chometric tests and personal-

ity development workshops.

students.



chief minister's signature even after LG's letter while others were received earlier by LG office," they said. Responding to this, the AAP government said that Lt Governor is acting like a headmaster of a primary school, unfit for the post he is holding.

Saxena had flagged the issue in his letter to Delhi CM on August 22, stressing on the chief minister's signature on files sent by CMO for seeking his approvals and opinion, in the interest of smooth and effective governance, sources said. The Lt Govenor had noted in his letter that files from CMO were being sent for his ings like 'CM has seen and approved' and 'CM has seen' it', but not having his signatures.

Party MLA from Mustafabad

Haji Yunus on Saturday alleged

that some "anti-social elements"

who were in a "drunken state"

attacked his car in which his

son and daughters were trav-

nection and have taken up the

northeast Delhi's Shastri Park

area following which Yunus

took to Twitter to narrate the

incident."My car was attacked

by some anti-social elements, in

which my son and daughters

were sitting. Five youths in a

drunken state were in a white

The incident took place in

investigation.

L-G raps DoE for 'callous' attitude towards a school causing litigation

NEW DELHI: Delhi Kumar Saxena has lambasted the Directorate of Education (DoE) for showing utter lack of consideration and due diligence and acting as an obstructionist rather than facilitator of education related to Ganga International School, Rohini in the national Capital. He has flagged the "irresponsible and callous attitude of officers resulting in unnecessary liti-

gation". Disposing an appeal in favor of an elementary school who's recognition had been denied by the DoE, despite the school having fulfilled all necessary criteria, the LG has observed that the department has shown utter lack of consideration and due diligence'.

observed that 'the department (DoE) which is entrusted with of school education in Delhi

car and misbehaved with the

family members! @CPDelhi

please take cognizance of this @LtGovDelhi," he tweeted in

in a white Scorpio car, had an

argument with a person named

Mohammad Ünesh near Shastri Park chowk.

occurred between both the

parties. At the time of the

incident, MLA Haji Yunus was

not present in the car, police

said. Yunus also posted a video

No scuffle or manhandling

A senior police official said

ment schools. "After which the CVC had sent a notice to the Kejriwal government on 17 February 2020 to introduce the action, but the government kept it suppressed for 30 months without giving any

He said that the architect named 'Babbar of Babbar' who is very close to Satyendra Jain was given this full responsibility and then the three Keiriwal. Sisodia and Satyendra Jain together started looting the treasury of Delhi in the name of education," he alleged.

Gupta said that the Kejriwal government kept refusing to tell about the architect even after being asked repeatedly by the CVC. "The Kejriwal government had identified 194 schools for the construction of classrooms, out of which no work was done in 53 schools, but the tender money increased from Rs 860 crore to Rs 1315 crore.," he said.

He said that there are only 40 children in a school in Najafgarh, but the talk of building 12 rooms there was shown in the paper.

Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta alleged that Kejriwal is running a 'series of corruption' in the city and the CVC report states that Rs 989 crore was sanctioned for the construction of rooms in schools, Rs 860 crore was tendered and Rs 1315 crore was spent.

Gupta said that Kejriwal also got the toilets built in the schools counted in the rooms and got the payment done. "While he also lied that a

total of 6133 toilets have been built, but after investigation, their number turned out to be only 4027. The LG exposed the corrupt politics of Kejriwal and returned 47 files as they did not contain Kejriwal's sig-



After all, how long will Kejriwal escape from his responsibilities. Kejriwal's series of scams is coming out one by one," said Gupta.

"After the excise policy, now scams have come to the fore in the name of making rooms in schools, which tells how long Kejriwal will continue to shine his politics by giving false satisfaction to the people," he added.



## Sisodia slams BJP for 'party of illiterate' slur as war of words continues

Sisodia should resign or he

should be removed: Maken

**STAFF REPORTER** NEW DELHI

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister and AAP leader Manish Sisodia hit out at the BJP alleging that it was a "party of illiterates" that wanted to keep the country "illiterate" as well, as the war of words between the two parties continued on Saturday.

His comments come after Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena sought a report from the chief secretary over the "delay" in action on a Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) report on the construction of classrooms in Delhi government schools.

"The BJP has left the liquor issue now and picked a new jumla of corruption in construction of schools. They raidyears back. Then sent CBI to

excise policy issue.

a debate on the excise policy

issue."I challenge Kejriwal ji for a debate on this and I will tell

him what the scam is," he said.

Maken called for a through

my house in a fake excise policy case, realised they will not find anything. So they've started something new now, on the schools built," Sisodia said at a press conference. The AAP leader said that BJP is terrified of the Delhi model of education and the saffron party and the centre is conspiring to shut down Delhi government's schools.

"Once the nation understands that schools across India can be transformed like Delhi, there'll be an end to BJP's model of opening private schools everywhere;" said Sisodia. His counter-attack came in context of BJP making frivolous allegations on Delhi's education system.

"In the last 7 years, over 72,000 schools have shut in BJP ed CM's office, then mine four ruled states to make way for 12,000 private schools.

# BJP MLAs hold mock House sitting



**STAFF REPORTER** NEW

day after being marshalled Aout from the special session of the Delhi Assembly, BJP MLAs held a mock House sitting on Saturday and slammed the Government over the alleged liquor "scam"

The mock assembly session was held at the Ambedkar International Centre during which BJP members wore masks to impersonate Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his deputy Manish Sisodia

and other ruling party MLAs. Former MLA Barkha Singh played the role of speaker in this mock assembly session. The members also raised the problems of their locality under Rule-280. They were also given a chance to express their point of view in a sar-

During the mock session, the MLAs took turn to ask questions and slam the Kejriwal government over the alleged liquor "scam", which they could not do in the House on Friday.

They asked why Kejriwal government withdrew it's excise policy after a CBI probe was recommended by the Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena."The Kejriwal government did not open a single school or hospital in entire East Delhi but dotted it with liquor stores everywhere," charged Rohtas Nagar MLA

Jitendra Mahajan.
Opposition Chief Whip Ajay Mahawar said Sisodia had claimed that the new excise policy 2021-22 will earn Rs 9,500 crore but it failed to match even Rs 6000 crore it

had earned under old regime. "Kejriwal who took his ILAs to Rajghat which is Mahatma Gandhi's memorial saying he followed in his footsteps yet he is turning Delhi into liquor city, " Mahawar

Apart from this, the education model of Kejriwal government was also discussed in the mock session. Initiating the discussion, Anil Bajpai said that when the BJP delegation visited the schools for reality check about the government claims, it was found that instead of the classrooms, only toilets have been made. Om Prakash Sharma also called the

education model an eyewash. Vijender Gupta, taking part in the discussion, also laid on the Table of the House the 34-page report of the CVC, which states that there is a huge fraud in the classrooms built in Delhi schools.

Vijender Gupta told that 2526 rooms and 160 toilets were to be built in 207 schools, but when the tender was floated, it was for the construction of 8089 classrooms. 160 toilets were made but they were paid for by converting them into 1214 rooms.

The tender was for Rs 860 crore, but the payment was made for Rs 1350 crore. When the CVC sent this report to the Secretary, Vigilance, Delhi Government, he kept the report on hold for two and a half years. Now the Lieutenant Governor has asked the reason in this regard.

# Ashram extension flyover to open in Nov

**STAFF REPORTER** NEW DELH

Marred by several delays, the traffic chaos around Ashram Chowk and the Maharani Bagh area, one of the busiest parts of the Ring Road in the national Capital, will continue for at least two more months as the Delhi Government's Public Works Department (PWD) has now fixed November for the opening of the extension of the Ashram flyover up to Delhi-Noida Direct (DND) flyway. According to officials, the fly-over will be completed by

November. The previous deadline of the project was September. Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Saturday conducted an on sight inspection to assess the progress of

- 6 lane Ashram Extension Flyover
- 3 lane ramp going from South Delhi to Sarai Kale Khan
- 3 lane ramp going from ITO and Sarai Kale Khan to South Delhi Subway for pedestrians at the Maharani Bagh traffic light
- LED lights to light up the flyover
- Exquisite artwork on the pillars
- The total length of the flyover including the ramp is 1425 meters.

instructed the engineers to install additional cranes and double the speed of work, so that people are relieved from vehicular traffic in area as soon

construction works. He as possible. The deputy chief minister said that it was a herculean task to build a flyover in middle of such a busy road but PWD engineers undertook challenge and delivered.

# Features of Ashram Flyover Extension

Car attacked by anti-social

people, alleges MLA Yunus

New Delhi: The Aam Aadmi Scorpio car, they stopped my

elling. Police said that they have registered an FIR in this conwhich some people, who were

The total cost of the project is Rs 128.25 crore

#### **STAFF REPORTER/PNS** ■ NEW The Congress on Saturday slammed the Aam Aadmi Party over the alleged excise policy "scam" and demanded that either Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia should resign or he should be removed. Maken challenged

Kejriwal to a debate on the till the minister resigns, there can be no fair investigation. We Congress general secretary Ajay Maken also alleged that remind him of the words he used to say against an honest prime minister like Manmohan Kejriwal was not removing Sisodia as the strings of the matter were attached to him. Singh," he said.

Responding to a question, Maken said, "If Sisodia does not Maken challenged Kejriwal to resign, he should be removed. Kejriwal ji should remove him but he will not do so as it will be exposed that the strings of this matter attached to him."

investigation into the "excise "Ask Kejriwal ji about policy scam". "Kejriwal ji, in his liquor scam, he will talk about earlier avatar, used to say that education and other things.

# Justice UU Lalit sworn in as 49th CJI PIONEER NEWS SERVICE In graph of his family by touching their fast including that of his Court Index in August 2014 Project to Justice Indicated and the Court Index in August 2014 Project to Justice Indicated and the Court Index in August 2014 Project Indicated and the Court Index in August 2014 Project Indicated and the Court Index in August 2014 Project Indicated and the Court Index in August 2014 Project Indicated and Indicated and

Tustice Uday Umesh Lalit was on Saturday sworn in as the 49th Chief Justice of India (CII). President Droupadi Murmu administered the swearing-in oath during a brief ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, former president Ram Nath Kovind, former vice president M Venkaiah Naidu and Union ministers. including Law Minister Kiren Rijiju, were present at the ceremony. Justice Lalit's predecessor, ex-CJI N V Ramana, was also present.

After being sworn in, Chief Justice Lalit sought the bless-

90-year-old father and former Mumbai High Court judge Umesh Ranganath Lalit. As the CJI, Justice Lalit will have a tenure of 74 days and would demit office on November 8 on attaining the age of 65 years. Justice DY Chandrachud, the senior-most judge after Justice Lalit, is next in line to be the Chief Justice of India.

CJI UU Lalit's father Justice UR Lalit who later became a noted criminal lawyer, was not made permanent by Indira Gandhi regime which came back to power in 1980 as Justice UR Lalit was not in good books as he had given so many bails to those arrested during Emergency.

CJI Lalit was selected to

Court Judge in August 2014. Till then he was Special Public Prosecutor appointed by Supreme Court in 2G Scam related trial cases from 2011. Justice Lalit was a noted criminal lawyer handling so many high profile criminal cases for the past two decades.

In 2017, Justice Lalit delivered two land mark judgments against the automatic FIR and arrest in SC/ST Atrocities Prevention Act and Domestic Violence case. The judgment said that Police must probe initially in these cases. In Domestic Violence Act related case, the Judgment said that Police should not intervene in husband and wife related quarrels except in heinous crimes. Judgment further said, Police

tion panel in such cases and after two years of mediation, panel may recommend for police case if needed. But Justice Lalit headed

Bench's Judgment in SC/STC atrocities cases was over ruled by Parliament by passing Amendments to the Act. In Domestic Violence Judgment, then Chief Justice Dipak Misra in an unprecedented way negated Justice Lalit headed bench's Judgments based on protest letters by feminist organization. Speaking at a function organised by the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) to bid farewell to Justice Ramana on Friday, Justice Lalit said he has always believed that the role of the top court is to lay

have larger benches as early as possible, so that the issues get clarified immediately. "So, we will strive hard to say that yes, we will always have at least one Constitution bench functioning all throughout the year," he

Chief Justice Lalit said one of the areas in which he intends to work is about the listing of cases before Constitution benches and matters which are specially referred to three-judge benches. On the issue of listing of matters, he said, "I must assure you that we will strive hard to make the listing as simple, as clear, and as transparent as possible". Regarding mentioning of urgent matters, Justice Lalit said



he would certainly look into it. "I will have a word with all my

bench and we will certainly sort that out and very shortly, you learned colleagues on the will have a clear-cut regime respective courts," he said.

where any urgent matter can freely be mentioned before the

# CWC meeting today to discuss election schedule to pick party's next president

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Against the backdrop of party veteran Ghulam Nabi Azad's shock resignation, the Congress Working Committee (CWC) will meet on Sunday to approve the schedule of dates for the election of the next party president.

AICC sources said besides giving approval to the polls schedule, the members of the CWC, the party's highest decision-making body, could also express confidence in the leadership provided by Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi.

With Sonia abroad for medical checkups and Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra accompanying her, they will join the CWC meeting vir-

The meeting comes amid several leaders, including Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, having publicly exhorted Rahul Gandhi to return as the party chief. However, uncertainty and suspense continue on the issue.

Several party insiders say Rahul Gandhi is persisting with his stance that he will not be the AICC president.
Gehlot on Wednesday had

sought to play down reports about him being the frontrunner for the Congress president's post and said efforts will be made till the last minute to persuade Rahul Gandhi to take over the reins of the party

Gehlot's remarks had come a day after he met Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, triggering the buzz that the two may have discussed the possibility of him being the next party pres-

This would be significant in the context of Azad's resignation and criticism of the leadership. Azad ended his five-decade association with



the party and lashed out at Rahul Gandhi for "demolishing its entire consultative mecha-

The Congress, dealing with the fallout of a series of high profile exits, including that of Kapil Sibal and Ashwani Kumar, attempted to deflect the latest blow by alleging that Azad's DNA had been "Modified" and linking his resignation to the end of his Rajya Sabha

Ahead of the CWC meet-

ing, to be held virtually at 3:30 PM with Sonia Gandhi presiding over it, party sources had said the process of the election of the president will be delayed by a few weeks, not more than that, and the party should have a full-time president in

Congress had announced in October last year that the election of the new party president will be held between August 21 and September 20 this year.

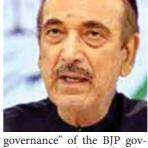
Wrong to hold one person responsible for electoral debacle: Sachin on Azad's attack on Rahul

There was targeted personal vilification of Rahul in Azad's letter, says Pilot

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Aday after Ghulam Nabi Azad blamed the Congress top leadership for the party's successive poll debacles particularly targeting Rahul Gandhi, senior Congress leader Sachin Pilot on Saturday dubbed it as "targeted personal vilification" of the former party chief and said it was wrong to hold one individual responsible for the electoral

Pilot also said the timing of Azad's letter was "very unfortunate", when the party was preparing to take on the "mis-



ernment, and the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister had not fulfilled his responsibility.

"He (Azad) held various osts for over 50 years and now, when there is a need for the country and the party to raise people's issues, this was uncalled for," said Pilot.

Asked about Azad's statement blaming Rahul Gandhi's action of tearing up a government ordinance in "full glare"

of the media for the loss of the Congress in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, Pilot said it was wrong to pin the blame on individuals.

"All of us in the Congress were associated with and part of the UPA government, including Mr Azad. So singling out a person for the defeat in 2014 would not be right," he

In his resignation letter, Azad brought up Rahul Gandhi tearing up a government ordinance during the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance's (UPA) rule and described it as one of the most glaring examples of immaturity".

Pilot said there was "targeted personal vilification" of Rahul Gandhi in Azad's letter.

The former Rajasthan deputy chief minister had spoken out against the criticism of the top Congress leadership in Azad's resignation letter on Friday as well and questioned

# **BSF** foils infiltration bid at Jammu frontier, arrests Pakistani national

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

verting an infiltration bid at the A Jammu frontier, the BSF apprehended a Pakistani national from the international border in RS Pura sector on the intervening night of August 26/27,.

Following the arrest of the Pakistani national, joint interrogation of the suspect ty agencies.
"On the intervening night of August

26/27, alert BSF troops observed movement of one Pak national near the International Border. The intruder crossed over to the Indian side of IB and started moving towards the fence. The troops challenged him but he did not pay any heed and kept moving towards the fence in an aggressive manner," the BSF said in a state-

The intruder was fired upon by the BSF troops but he hid behind the gate. The troops then opened the gate and apprehended him, it said. The apprehended Pakistani national

has been identified as Md Shabad, son of Late Noor, resident of Sialkot in Pakistan. The intruder is aged 45 years.



Through the joint interrogation by the agencies, further details are being obtained from the apprehended person, officials

The agencies are seeking to unravel his motive and the handlers behind his illegal entry into the country through his sustained interrogation, they added.

On Thursday, the Jammu unit of the BSF foiled a major smuggling bid in Samba area when it shot at one Pakistani intruder and injured him. The troops then recovered eight packets of narcotics (Heroin)

The BSF troops noticed a suspicious movement of one person near IB from the Pakistan side carrying one bag. The troops immediately fired on the intruder and injured him

However, the injured smuggler managed to crawl back to the Pak side. Blood stains of injured Pak smuggler was found on the spot where he was injured from BSF



BJP National president JP Nadda shoots an arrow as Union Minister G Kishan Reddy, BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh, Telangana BJP president Bandi Sanjay Kumar and others look on during a meeting organised to mark the end of the third phase of Kumar's Praja Sangrama Yatra, in Warangal, on Saturday

Unabated trafficking of turtles keeps

## Commission on Jaya's death submits report to Govt, Cabinet to take it up on Monday

The much-awaited report of ▲ a panel that probed the circumstances surrounding late Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa's death, was on Saturday submitted to the Tamil Nadu Government and it will be placed before the State Cabinet in its August 29 meet.

Arumughaswamy, who led the probe while hearing over 150 witnesses, submitted the report to chief minister MK Stalin and said it was now up to the government to decide on making it public.

An official release from the state government said the CM has directed that the report be placed before the Cabinet meet on Monday and take "due

action. The ruling DMK had, ahead of the April 2021 Assembly polls in the state, promised a proper inquiry into the circumstances leading to the death of Jayalalithaa and initiation of legal action again

'anyone' found guilty. The Arumughaswamy Commission of Inquiry, con-

stituted by the previous AIADMK government, commenced it's hearing on November 22, 2017. The panel head is a retired judge of the Madras High Court. Justice Arumughaswamy, who later spoke to reporters,

said the 500 page report in

English was prepared after hearing about 150 witnesses. The Tamil version ran up to 608 pages. Only the government can decide on publishing the report," he said, adding, all concerned aspects have been

mentioned in the report and said it was a "satisfying" outing for him. Aspects including Jayalalithaa's ailments and

habits were looked into, while the report has "reference in two parts," including her being admitted to the Apollo Hospital here on September 22, 2016 for treatment. She died on December 5 the same year,

after 75 days of hospitalisation. Asked if there were "doubts on anyone," he said "that is the report," even as he repeatedly refused to divulge into the specifics, as it would amount to



revealing the contents.

"I have written less, but mentioned the depositions of witnesses," running to many pages, he said.

"I have said everything, answered everything," he said in response to a query. He also said AIIMS, Delhi

gave its report on Jayalalithaa's death three months after her

Many felt the commission 'worked like a court," he added. He thanked Stalin and the state government for allowing the commission to continue.

Among the witnesses who

have deposed before the com-

leader O Panneerselvam Jayalalithaa's niece Deepa and nephew Deepak, doctors, top officials and the party's C Vijayabaskar (former health minister), M Thambi Durai, C Ponnaiyan and Manoj Pandian. Deepa and Deepak had

raised suspicions over circumstances surrounding their aunt's death. V K Sasikala, confidante of the late Chief Minister had filed an affidavit through her counsel in 2018. Her affidavit was related to, among other points, the cir-

Jayalalithaa's hospitalisation.

mission are AIADMK top livelihood. For a long time, the Kanjar community in the region have been smuggling the endangered species which has a huge demand as pets and meat in the international market. Lately, sleuths from the

Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB), the country's top wildlife crime control agency under the Union Environment Ministry have found the emergence of trade in calipee, a fatty substance present over the lower shell of the turtles to China and other Southeast cumstances leading to Asian countries (via the Indo-Bangla border) misinformed by

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

law enforcement on toes in UP carriers as trees Bark being used for making local herbs.

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sitisation and rehabilitation of of arrests of criminals. this community for a dignified Since 2018 to 2021, as per available inputs, 565 Kgs of dried Turtle Calipee was seized across the country with a major chunk recovered from Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal at Railway Stations or inside the

trains. "A consignment of 9 Kgs of tortoise shells enroute to Bangladesh was seized near Border Post under police station Gangarampur of Dakshin Dinajpur district, West Bengal. In December 2021, 80 Kgs of turtle calipee were seized from Sultanpur, UP. This year, three cases of smuggling of turtle calipee were detected. All such seizures indicate that the



Calipee is collected from UP and then transported from UP to West Bengal by carriers mostly from the Kanjar Community by trains to be finally smuggled to Bangladesh," said the officials about their modus operandi and extent of poaching.

Most traders are from West Bengal who pay a petty amount to fishermen and members of the Kanjar. The turtle meat is consumed or sold locally while their calipees are removed, boiled and dried for further transportation. The calipee is

sacks or carries bags mostly through passenger trains. The trains are usually boarded by the carriers at various halting points before the main station or junction to avoid luggage checking. Railway tickets are booked online or arranged by associates at stations. "A recent trend of using women carriers by the calipee traders has been observed. The consignment is carried by women carriers being accompanied by male counterparts," revealed the offi-

# Trump search: What may come next in enquiry with legal peril

**AP** WASHINGTON

newly released FBI docu-Ament helps flesh out the contours of an investigation into classified material at former President Donald Trump's Florida estate. But plenty of questions remain, especially because half the affidavit, which spelled out the FBI's rationale for searching the property, was blacked out.

That document, which the FBI submitted so it could get a warrant to search Trump's winter home, provides new details about the volume and top secret nature of what was retrieved from Mar-a-Lago in

It shows how Justice Department officials had raised concerns months before the search that closely held govillegally stored and before they returned in August with a



located even more classified records at the property.

sunday pioneer

It all raises questions whether a crime was committed and, if so, by whom. Answers may not come quickly. A department official this month described the investigation as in its early stages, sug-

gesting more work is ahead as investigators review the documents they removed and continue interviewing witnesses. At a minimum, the investigation presents a political distraction for Trump as he lays the groundwork for a potential presidential run. Then there's the obvious legal peril.

A look at what's next: WHAT IS THE FBI **INVESTIGATING?** 

None of the government's legal filings released so far singles out Trump - or anyone else as a potential target of the investigation. But the warrant and accompanying affidavit make clear the investigation is

The department is investigating potential violations of multiple laws, including an Espionage Act statute that governs gathering, transmitting or losing national defense information.

The other laws deal with the mutilation and removal of records as well as well as the destruction, alteration or falsification of records in federal investigations.

The enquiry began quietwith a referral from the National Archives and Records Administration, which retrieved 15 boxes of records from Mar-a-Lago in January -14 of which were found to contain classified information.

All told, the FBI affidavit said, officials found 184 documents bearing classification markings, including some suggesting they contained information from highly sensitive

what appeared to be Trump's handwritten notes, the affidavit says. The FBI has spent months investigating how the documents made their way from the White House to Mara-Lago, whether any other classified records might exist at the property.

The bureau also has tried to identify the person or people "who may have removed or retained classified information without authorisation and/or in an unauthorised space," the affidavit states.

So far the FBI has interviewed a "significant number of civilian witnesses," according to a Justice Department brief unsealed Friday, and is seeking "further information" from them. The FBI has not identified all "potential criminal confederates nor located all evidence related to its investigaCHARGED?

It's hard to say at this point. To get a search warrant, federal agents must persuade a judge that probable cause exists to believe there's evidence of a crime at the location they want to search. But search warrants aren't automatic precursors to a criminal prosecution and they certainly don't signal that

charges are imminent. The laws at issue are felonies that carry prison sentences. One law, involving the mishandling of national defence information, has been used in recent years in the prosecution of a government contractor who stowed reams of sensitive records at his Maryland home (he was sentenced to nine years in prison) and a National Security Agency employee who transmitted classified information to someone who was not authorised to

Attorney General Merrick Garland hasn't revealed his thinking on the matter. Asked last month about Trump in the context of a separate investigation into the Jan 6, 2021, riot at the Capitol, he responded that "no person is above the

WHAT HAS TRUMP ARGUED?

Trump, irate over the records investigation, issued a statement Friday saying that he and his team have cooperated with the Justice Department and that his representatives "GAVE THEM MUCH".

That's at odds with the portrayal of the Trump team in the affidavit and the fact that the FBI search occurred despite warnings months earlier that the documents were not being properly stored and that there was no safe location for them

# Lanka continues to suffer economic crisis

Staple foods unaffordable, severe malnutrition among highest in region: UNICEF on Srilanka's economic crisis

**PTIN** ■ NEW YORK

As Sri Lanka continues to suffer its worst financial slump, staple foods have become unaffordable, severe malnutrition is among the highest in the region and it is the poorest, most vulnerable girls and boys who are paying the steepest price, UNICEF

UNICEF Regional Director for South Asia, George Laryea-Adjei said nascent food insecurity has compounded the social issues already plaguing the island nation.

"Families are skipping reg-ular meals as staple foods become unaffordable. Children are going to bed hungry, unsure of where their next meal will come from," he said in a state-

ment on Friday. Noting that more steps should be taken to help Sri Lankan children affected by the economic crisis, Laryea-Adjei said: "children need to be placed squarely at heart of the solution as country works to resolve the crisis.'

Mass food insecurity will only further promote malnutrition, poverty, disease and death in region, he said, adding that severe malnutrition in crisis-wracked Sri Lanka was already among highest in region. "As economic crisis continues to rattle Sri Lanka, it is poorest, most vulnerable girls and boys who are paying the steepest price," UNICEF tweeted on Friday.

The UN estimates that half of kids already require emergency assistance. Education, one sector slammed by economic crisis, has seen decreased student enrollment and a deficit in resources, in addition to commute made dangerous by outdated infra-

a gunshot, the spokesman said

adding that the death toll could

were unable to reach many

were wounded in the clashes

that erupted overnight and were

still underway Saturday after-

noon. He said emergency ser-

vices were still trying to evacu-

ate wounded and civilians

a statement hospitals and med-

ical centers in the capital were

shelled, and ambulance teams

were barred from evacuating

civilians, in acts that "amount to

The municipal council of Tripoli blamed the ruling polit-

ical class for the deteriorating

situation in the capital, and

urged the international com-

munity to "protect civilians in

The Health Ministry said in

trapped in the fighting.

war crimes."

Merset said many civilians

areas because of the clashes.

# Ukraine: Russia fires on cities not far from nuclear plant

 $R^{ussian \ forces \ fired \ missiles}_{and \ artillery \ on \ Ukrainian}$ held areas across the river from Europe's largest nuclear power plant, authorities said on Saturday as concern persisted about safety at the Russian-controlled plant after it was temporarily knocked offline.

Grad missiles and artillery shells hit the cities of Nikopol and Marhanets, each about 10 kilometers (6 miles) and across the Dnieper River from the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, said Valentyn Reznichenko, governor of Ukraine's Dnipropetrovsk

Russian forces occupied the nuclear plant complex early in the war in Ukraine, and Ukrainian workers have kept it running. Each side has repeatedly accused the other of shelling the complex, raising



fears that the fighting could trigger a catastrophe.

Authorities began distributing iodine tablets Friday to residents who live near the plant in case of a radiation leak. The move came a day after the plant was temporarily knocked offline because of what officials said was fire damage to a transmission line.

Recent satellite images from Planet Labs showed fires burning around complex over the last several days. The UNs atomic energy agency has been trying to send a team in to inspect and help secure plant.

## Ukraine, Russia trade more blame on threats to N-plant

oncern about the potential Ofor a radiation leak at Europe's largest nuclear power plant persisted as Ukrainian authorities said on Saturday that Russian forces fired on areas just across the river and Russia claimed Ukrainian shelling hit a building where nuclear fuel is

Authorities were distributing iodine tablets to residents who live near the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant in case of radiation exposure, which can cause health problems depending on the amount a person

Much of the concern centers on the cooling systems for the plant's nuclear reactors. The systems require power to run, and plant was temporarily knocked offline Thursday because of what officials said was fire damage to a transmission line. A cooling system failure could cause a nuclear meltdown. Russian forces occupied nuclear plant complex plant from Marhanets.

early in the 6-month-old war in Ukraine, and Ukrainian workers have kept it running. The Ukrainian and Russian governments have repeatedly accused the other of shelling the complex and nearby areas, raising fears of a possible catastro-

aged the power station's infrastructure, Ukraine's nuclear power operator, Energoatom, said Saturday. "There are risks of hydrogen leakage and sputtering of radioactive substances, and the fire hazard is high," it

## Floods to cause \$4 bn loss to Pakistan's economy: Report

PTI KARACHI

The unusual heavy mon-soon rains and devastating flash floods are estimated to cost cash-strapped Pakistan's economy over USD 4 billion in the current fiscal year as the calamity has badly hurt agricultural activities in Sindh and Balochistan, according to a research report. While it is early to assess

the actual impact, Pakistan, where agriculture has a 23 per cent share in gross domestic product (GDP), can remain highly vulnerable in the aftermath of the floods that have killed nearly 1,000 people and injured and displaced thousands more since mid-June. The monsoon season,

which began in June, has lashed Pakistan with particularly heavy rains this year and rescuers have struggled to evacuate thousands of marooned people from flood-hit areas. The crisis has forced the government to declare a state of emergency in parts of the

The repercussions of flash floods may include higher imports, compromise on exports and rising inflation, which will undermine efforts of the government to tackle the macro headwinds, The Express Tribune newspaper reported. "Based on our preliminary

estimates, the current account deficit may increase by USD 4.4 billion (1 per cent of GDP) assuming no counter-measures are taken, while around 30 per cent of the CPI (Consumer Price Index) basket is exposed to the threat of higher prices," the daily reported, citing a report by JS Global Research. PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf

of our client that Mr. Nadeem Khan is the owner of Built up Property bearing No. B-50, area measuring 50 Sq.,

Yds., out of Rect. No. 26. Killa No. 6. Situated in the abadi

of Gali No. I, New Gobind Pura, Parwana Road, in the area of Village Khureji Khas, Illaqa Shahdara, Delhi. All

persons are hereby informed that above mentioned

owner wants to mortgage the said property and inten our client against the said property, if anybody has any objection/s upon the ownership of above owners over

the said property, its mortgage/litigation, and any other

objections, kindly inform the undersigned in writing o

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

#### **Deadly clashes shake** Libya's capital, killing 2 civilians

Deadly clashes broke out between militias backed by its two rival administrations, portending a return to violence amid a long political stalemate. At least two civilians were killed and many others wounded, authorities in Tripoli said.

The escalation threatens to shatter the relative calm Libya has enjoyed for most of the past two years. The oil-rich nation plunged into chaos following a NATO-backed uprising that toppled and killed longtime autocrat Moammar Gadhafi in 2011.

Among the two fatalities was Mustafa Baraka, a comedian known for his social media videos mocking militias and corruption. Baraka died after he was shot in his chest, according to Malek Merset, an emergency services spokesman.

#### African Health Ministers adopt new regional strategy to transform health security Another civilian also died of

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frican health ministers participating in a (WHO) Regional Committee for Africa have adopted a new eight-year strategy to transform health security and emergency response in the

The Regional Strategy for Health Security and Emergencies 2022-2030 was endorsed on Friday during the 72nd session of the Committee in Lomé, Togo.

The strategy, inspired by the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on fragile health systems on the continent, aims to reduce the health and socio-economic impacts of public health emergencies. "COVID-19 is a wake-up call for the

African region to prioritise building resilient health systems capable of providing quality healthcare while coping with public health emergencies," said Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa.

There is a growing recognition of the mounting threat public health emergencies pose to global economies and societies, underlining the need for a One-Health approach and investing in prevention and preparedness.

# airspace as MiGs retired

pen in 2024. The agreement was signed at a Slovak airbase by defense ministers Mariusz Blaszczak of Poland, Jana Cernochova of

Slovakia has a fleet of 11 MiG-29 jets, and last month Nad said Slovakia may consider donating them to Ukraine under certain conditions. Since the start of the Russian invasion on Feb. 24, Ukraine has urged Western allies to provide it with warplanes to challenge Russia's air superiority.

This is to inform general public that Mr. Satish kumar Agarwal has acquired the One Shop bearing Pvt. No. 3, on ground floor withcroof rights, area measuring 22.57 sq. mtsr. "Soil Shop" part of property no. 75, out of khasra no. 463, situated at abadi of New Vijay Nagar no. 1, known as Vijay Block, laxmi Nagar, in the area o village Mandawali Fazalpur, Illaqa Shahdara, Delh 110092 by way of two separate Sale Deeds both dated 29.05.2009 Doc nos. 6177 & 6178. Now, Mr. Satist kumar Agarwal is mortgaging the above said property with Fullerton India Credit Company Limited & in case anyone has any objection, the same may be raised within 07 days of this publication to Mr. Muneesh Dhawan/ Mr. Sudhir Jain (Advocates), Law Veritas North, Unit no 907. 9th Floor, GD-ITL Tower, (B-08), Netaji Subhash Place

elhi-110034 orcontactat 9066707172/9818228636 (M

of Village Khyala, abadi know as Vishnu Garden Extension No.2, New Delhi; having purchased Extension No.2, New Delhi; having purchased the same from Mrs. Kamlesh Rani vide Sale Deed dated 17.08.2016, registered vide Document No.7973, at Sub-Registrar, II, Basai Darapur, New Delhi and same to be finance & mortgage by Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited. That, Original Regd. General Power of Attorney dated 13.12.1971 executed by Mr. Yad Ram, Mrs. Sona Devi & Mrs. Jai Devi in favour of Mr. Jai Narain in respect of aforesaid property arefis not available. Devi & Mrs. Jai Devi in favour of Mr. Jai Narain in respect of aforesaid property are/is not available. To comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any Person having any type of claim / right / title / interest / creating mortgage over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 7 days from today, falling which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc.

Lucem Legal LLP 269, Rama House, Ground Floor, Masjid Moth, Opp. Uday Park, South Ext.-II, New Delhi-110049 Contact # 011- 40046316

#### e below mentioned address within 07 days of the preser Kumar & Associates (Advocates & Consultants) 200, IInd Floor, 23, Shivaji Marg, Moti Nagar, N. Delh Ph: 011-41112527-28 kumarassociates.advocate@gmail.

who is purchasing the Right-Side Portion of Second Floor of Property No.16/478-I, area admeasuring 65 Sq. Yds., situated at Militarry Road Bagh, New Delon; from Mrs Phochadt, who is purposed the adventigation and the second state. Phoolwali, who is owner of the aforesaid property vide Notarized General Power of Attorney, Specia Power of Attorney, Agreement to sell & WILL dated 06.02.2019 and same to be finance & mortgage by 06.02.2019 and same to be finance & mortgage by Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited. That, 1) Original notarized General Power of Attorney cated 20.03.2015, 2) Original notarized Mutual Agreement dated 20.03.2015 is 7 Original notarized WILL dated 20.03.2015 in favour of Mr. Harvinder Pal Singh, who execute above said POA documents on 06.02.2019 are/s not available/lost/ misplaced. To uo.0.2.2.019 areis not availablenosty misplaced. Io comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if anyone found and any Person having any type of claim / right / title / inlerest / creating mortgage over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 7 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the evidence of the property of the programment of the the evidence of the property of the programment of the progr

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PUBLIC NOTICE It is known to all that the allottee of Residential Single Storey EWS House No.177, Situated in Block-G. Sector-20, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. SHRI DHARAM PAL S/O SHRI SHER SINGH, R/O VILLAGE-BAKHTAWARPUR, TEHSIL-DADRI, DISTI. GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR, U.P. has sold the above flat on GPA basis as under . A. G.P.A. was executed on dt.11.11.1999 in favou

of SHRI RAGHVENDRA KUMAR GUPTA S/C LATE SHRI RAM PRASAD GUPTA R/O G-180, Sector-20, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. which is regd. in the office of S.R. Noida, and the Agreement to Sell was not executed in favour of ecause the Agreement to Sell was not

executed/regd., so with the help of this notice, it is informed that the transfer of the above said Flat on the basis of GPA goes to transfer in favour of SHRI RAM SINGH YADAV S/O LATE SHRI PYARE LAL YADAV R/O SK-45B, SECTOR-66, NOIDA, U.P. which is regd. in the office of S.R. Noida. If anyone has any bjection, he/she will submit his/her objection in the Residential (Housing) Deptt. of Noida Authori

UJVN Ltd.

RO No. 577 **TENDER NOTICE** The office of Executive Engineer (E&M), Pashulok Barrage, Rishikesh

invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tenders s given below:-

Date of availability of bid document on website: 29/08/2022 from

Executive Engineer (E&M)

#### Iragi PM: Political crisis undermining security achievements

**Baghdad:** Iraq's caretaker Prime Minister Mustafa Al-Kadhimi warned Saturday that the political crisis in the country is threatening security achievements made in past

Al-Kadhimi's warning is a clear indication of the dangers of one of Iraq's worst political crises since the 2003 US-led invasion of Iraq. It is the result of disagreements between followers of influential Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and rival Iran-backed groups since last year's parliamentary elections. Al-Sadr won the largest

share of seats in the October elections but failed to form a majority government, leading to what has become one of the worst political crises in Iraq in recent years. His bloc later resigned from parliament and his sup-

porters last month stormed

the parliament building in



#### Philippines: All 85 people from burned ferry safely rescued

Manila: All 85 passengers and crew of an inter-island ferry that caught fire near its port destination south of Manila have been safely rescued and a search effort has been terminated, Philippine officials said Saturday.

The last two passengers unaccounted for on M/V Ăsia Philippines, which was carrying 47 passengers and 38 crewmembers, turned out to have taken a different ferry. They were earlier believed to be onboard cargo and passenger vessel that was hit by fire on Friday as it approached the port in Batangas province, coast guard officials said.

#### Diplomacy, business, break-dancing: Macron visits Algeria AP ORAN (ALGERIA)

The leaders of France and Algeria took an relations scarred by disputes over migration and the legacy of colonial crimes, agreeing to cooperate on energy, security and reassessing their joint French President Emmanuel Macron wrapped

up a three-day visit to Algeria with a raft of accords that France hopes will smooth ties with Africa's largest country, a major gas and oil supplier to Europe and an influential regional military player. Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune hailed "a very successful visit" and credited Macron's personal efforts toward rapprochement. The two were chummy at their final meeting Saturday, smiling, embracing and holding hands Tebboune specifically praised their meetings on security, without elaborating. But the joint accords released by Macron's office were thin on specifics, and stop far short of an official apology for France's colonial-era wrongdoing, which Algerians have long clamoured for. They included agreements on gas and hydrogen research, medical research, sports cooperation and a joint commission to examine archives from the 130 years when Algeria was the crown jewel in France's empire.

# Poles, Czechs vow to protect Slovak

 ${f P}$ oland and Czechia signed an agreement on Saturday to protect Slovak airspace as Slovakia gives up its old Soviet-mad MiG-29 jets.The protection is to last until Slovakia receives new F-16s from

Czechia and Jaroslav Nad of Slovakia.

#### UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PWD (R&B) JAMMU-KATHUA CIRCLE JAMMU

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. SEJ/02 of 2022-23 Dated 20-08-2022

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders are invited on percentage rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K/CPWD / BRO Railways/ MES and other State/ Central Government for the work

S.No. 1 Name of Work: - Construction of 60.00 Mtrs (20x30 Mtrs) Spar RCC Double lane Bridge (7.50 Mtrs Carriageway width) along footpath 1.20 Mtr on both side including construction of approaches on both sides length of 90 Mtrs upto BT status (45 Mtrs each side) by way of RCC R/Wall (4x45 Mtrs), Crash barriers, Solar lights with site investigation as per IRC/Morth specifications (complete job) from Bidipur to Layian Km 1st RD (800 to 900) Under NABARD, RIDF-XXVII).

Advertised Cost: - Rs. 420.00 lacs, Cost of document (in Rs.): - 6000 Earnest Money Deposit in the form of CDR/FDR/BG :- 2% OF THE ADVERTISED COST Time Allowed for completion: - 09 MONTHS. Time and date of opening of tender :- AT OR AFTER 1400 HRS ON 02.09.2022, Class of Contractor: 'A' CLASS

Accorded

Position of funds **Available** Position of Tech. Sanction Accorded Head of Account NABRAD The Bidding documents Consist of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the

1. Date of Issue of Tender Notice: - 20-08-2022 2. Period of downloading of bidding documents: - From 22-08-2022 1800 Hrs to 01-09-2022, 1800 Hrs

departmental website http://jktenders.gov.in as per below schedule :

3. Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting: - 26.08.2022 at 1400 hours in the Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle Jammu-Samba-Kathua Circle, Jammu. 4. Bid submission Start Date: - 22-08-2022 From 1800 Hrs

**5. Bid Submission End Date :-** 01-09-2022 up to 1800 Hrs

1400 hours in the Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle Jammu-Samba-Kathua Circle, Jammu. 7. Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online): - To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

6. Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online) :- 02-08-2022 at

No. DIP/J-7571/22 Dated: 26.08.2022

Position of AAA

Sd/- (Er. K.S. Nathyal) Superintending Engineer

. Periodic shelling has dam-

In the latest conflicting attack reports, the governor of Ukraine's Dnipropetrovsk region, Valentyn Reznichenko, said Saturday that Grad missiles and artillery shells hit cities of Nikopol and Marhanets, each located about 10 kilometers (6 miles) and across the Dnieper River from the plant, But Russian Defence Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov said Ukrainian forces fired on

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf of our client that Mr. Suresh Kumar is the owner of Built up Property No. B-2/3 as per water bill Plot No. 2, area measuring 50 Sq., yds., out of Khasra No. 486, Situated in the area of Village Nawada mazra Hastsal, colony Lennew as Mohan Garden Dasse I. Ultiam Nagar. New known as Mohan Garden phase I, Utlam Nagar, New Delhi vide a GPA, ATS and Will dated 28.11.2006. All persons are hereby informed that above mentioned owner wants to sell the said property to a person who intends to obtain loan from our client against the said property, if anybody has any objection/s upon the property, if anybody has any objection/s upon the wnership of above owner over the said floor, its sale/ mortgage/litigation, and any other objections, kindly nform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Jitender Yadav who is owner of the Property bearing No.RZ-15-A, New No.RZ-387, area admeasuring 150 Sq. Yds. (75 + 75 Sq. Yds.), carved out of Khasra No. 12/6, situated in the area of Villack News as Vietney as Vietney Square.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform all concerned that Sh. Ranjit Singh S/o Late S. Uttarn Singh, R/o B-7/101, 2nd Floor, Safdarjung Enclave Extension, New Delhi, had executed a WILL in respect of Industrial Factory Situated at Plot No. 25, Block-F, Sector-8, NOIDA, Dist. Gautarn Budh Nagar-U.P., in our favour which is registered in the office of Sub-Registrar-VIIA, Sarojini Nagar, Delhi, in Book No.3, Volume No.95, on pages 70 to 72, as Document No.33 dt.26.06.2021. And whereas Sh. Ranjit Singh died on 07.11.2021 and after his death We, (1). Smt. Simi Kaur W/o Late Jagjeet Paul Singh (2). Sh. Harshdeep Singh & (3). Sh. Tanveer Singh, both sons of Late Jagjeet Paul Singh, All R/o B-7/101, 2nd Floor, Safdarjung Enclave Extension, New Delhi, want to get mutation of the said property in our favour. If anyone has any objection, he/she will submit his/her objection in the Industrial Deptt. of Noida Authority within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Simi Kaur, Harshdeep Singh & Tanveer Singh



NIT No. 09/EE(E&M)/PB/2022-23 Name of work/supply/services etc.: Supply, laying & fixing of power & distribution cables at Virbhadra Barrage, Pashulok, Rishikesh Estimated cost: Rs. 1250214/-+ GST Extra

Last date for submission of tender: 19/09/2022 Up to 15.00 Hrs For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documen can be downloaded from the Nigam's website www.ujvnl.com.

"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

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The general public is informed that the cars with the following car numbers which

Years Diesel Cars 10 Years. The MCD drive was confiscated by Pine View Technology

Pvt Ltd and has not been claimed b anyone till now. All these vehicle owners are informed to come to the company's

office and claim the scrap value of the vehicle. Otherwise, all these vehicles will be scrapped in the next three days.

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DL3SQ9364,

DL8SR5396

DL4SAY1993

DL8SM0106

DL2SD6574,

DL8SY1788

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DL9CF8919, DL3CAF6869

DL8CG8790, DL3CAZ1056

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# 'Need to diversify agriculture towards power, energy sectors'

rith India being energy deficient, there is a need for the country to diversify agriculture into energy and power sectors, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said on Saturday.

"We already have energy shortage. We are making an expenditure of Rs 15 lakh crore every year for importing petrol, diesel and other petroleum products. So, this is the time we can diversify agriculture towards the energy and power sector," Gadkari said while addressing the felicitation programme of National Cogeneration Awards 2022 in

He urged the industry to focus on alternative fuels with the help of futuristic tech-

While 65-70 per cent of our population depends on that the country's requirement

This is to inform to all concern that Sh. Amarnath Passi S/o Sh. Wadhawa Ram R/o Sector-60, Noida whose the original allottee of plot no 03, Block-C, Sector-108, Noida G.B. Nagar (U.P) had sold the said Plot on General power of attorney basis to the following person (s). GPA was executed on in favour of Sh. Gaurav Gaba S/o Sh. Ravinder Gaba R/o A-201, Lajpat Nagar-1, New Delhi. Which is registered Sub Registrar Gwalior (M.P) on dated 08.12.2004. The agreement to sell was not registered or not executed. So it is informed to all concern that the said plot is going to be transferred in favour of Kiran Gaba informed to all concern that the said plot is going to be transferred in favour of Kiran Caba W/o Sh. Ravinder Gaba R/o A-201, Lajpa Nagar-1, South Delhi-24, if any one has/have any objection he/she may file his/he objection along with the sufficient proof in the



agriculture, our agricultural growth rate is only 12-13 per cent. And the next move should be cogeneration to increase revenue from sugar. The industry should produce less sugar and more byproducts, embracing the vision for futuristic technologies and using the power of leadership to convert knowledge into wealth. This will enable the farmers to become not only food growers but energy pro-

ducers as well," he added. The minister further said

nereby given to the General public that Mrs owner of through REGISTERED GIFT DEED of

for sugar was 280 lakh tonnes this year, while the production was more than 360 lakh tonnes. "However, we need to

divert production towards ethanol as the ethanol requirement is very high. Last year's capacity was 400 crore litres of ethanol and the government has taken a lot of initiatives to increase ethanol production. Now is the time for the industry to plan demand for ethanol using technologies such as power generators run by bioethanol," he noted. Gadkari told the industry

ed to launch flex fuel engines in the country. "Bajaj, Hero and TVS are already making flex engines, many car manufacturers too have promised to launch their models on flex engines," he added. The minister informed that even auto-rickshaws can be run on bio-ethanol, in the con-

that the government has decid-

"Germany has proven technology to run trains on bioethanol. A highly purified version of ethanol can also be used in the aviation industry, the aeronautical sector is doing research on how this can be done," he added.

struction equipment industry

too, alternative fuels can be

# Central PSUs should hold regular meetings with MSMEs: Official

**PTI** BHUBANESWAR

Central public sector under-takings should conduct meetings regularly for the micro, small and medium enterprises to make the procurement process simpler for local enterprises, an official

The plant-level advisory committee (PLAC) meetings will enable the enterprises to understand specific requirements of big industrial houses, P K Gupta, director of the MSME Development and Facilitation Office, Cuttack said on Friday.

The traders can prepare products that are suitable to the big firms and it would increase chances for getting orders, Gupta said at a seminar in Bhubaneswar on public procurement policy for the MSMEs and the role of the

"If a meeting is held at regular intervals, entrepreneurs will get a chance to interact with decision makers and can understand specific require-



from the packaging and food

processing sector are partici-

pating in the four-day expo.

Over 100 SMEs from across

Odisha are also taking part in

new business and networking

opportunities to the state

MSMEs and support the cre-

ation of new markets and busi-

ness channels for exhibitors.

The expo aims to showcase

Indian proptech firm

platform for Dubai

launches 3D Metaverse

the exhibition.

ments of the organization," he

Gupta urged the CPSUs to organise the PLAC meetings as early as possible.

The seminar is a part of the Propack Odisha, which is being organised by the Odisha Association of Small and Medium Enterprises at the Ianata Maidan.

More than 40 industries

Housing.com to invest ₹40 cr on TV, digital advertising campaign

PTI NEW DELHI

Realty portal Housing.Com will invest Rs 40 crore in one year on a TV and digital advertising campaign, as it seeks to increase user base at its platform and simplify buy-sale and renting journey of consumers.

'We have launched our nev ad campaign that captures the ethos on which Housing.Com has been built -- to facilitate the search and discovery for everyone till they find their perfect home," said Dhruv Agarwala, Group CEO, Housing.Com, PropTiger.Com Makaan.Com.

Housing.Com seeks to provide consumers maximum options so that they don't have to settle for anything less than perfect, he added.

The company would invest about Rs 40 crore on this campaign over the next 12 months, Agarwala said. The ad campaign will be run on TV, digital and OTT platforms, Housing.Com said, adding that the target is to reach over 100 million impressions. Australian proptech firm REA Group, which owns three portals in India including Housing.Com, has invested nearly 300 million Australian dollars in the country in the last

# OFFICE THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PWD (R&B) JAMMU-KATHUA CIRCLE JAMMU

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. SEJ/04 of 2022-23 Dated 20-08-2022

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over Jallapar Nallah at Jallapar Village on Samba Sumb road (Under Advertised Cost: - Rs. 503.05 lacs, Cost of document (in Rs.): - 6000

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4. Bid submission Start Date: - 22-08-2022 From 1800 Hrs 5. Bid Submission End Date :- 01-09-2022 up to 1800 Hrs

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8, 47, 9, 37, 11, 48, 23, 5,	7	Bid Submission : End Date	13.09.2022 at 17:00 hrs.
	8	Offline submission of documents (Cost of bidding document, Bid Security, Original Affidavits & all the Supporting Documents in support of qualification)	14.09.2022 upto 17:00 hrs.
	9	Date of Technical Bid Opening	15.09.2022 at 11:00 hrs
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Other Terms & Conditions of bidding contained in bid documents can be seen on the

# Eyeing dominant position in SUV segment, Tata Motors plans to keep driving in new models, trims

Global fund PAG invests

₹425 cr in realty firm

PTI NEW DELHI

ata Motors plans to bring in new I products, expand existing model lineups as it aims to retain dominant position in the SUV segment amid increasing competition from competing brands, according to a senior company official. The auto major, which currently

sells models like Punch, Nexon, Harrier and Safari, also plans to bring in additional trims and variants with feature enhancements in order to cater to the evolving customer requirements. "We plan to further expand the

SUV space by adding new name-plates/variants at regular intervals and expanding our consumer base. We plan on retaining the leading SUV brand position in India," Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Vice President (Sales, Marketing and Customer Care) Rajan Amba told PTI in an interac-

Currently, the company has a strong presence in the SUV space with Punch, Nexon, Harrier and the new flagship Safari doing well in their

lobal alternative investment firm

PAG has invested Rs 425 crore in

real estate firm Elan Ltd. which will

utilise the fund for the development of

Gurugram-based Elan Group has

In January, the group bought 40

bought two land parcels this year to

expand its commercial real estate

business and make a foray into the lux-

acres land in Gurugram from Indiabulls Real Estate Ltd (IBREL) for

Rs 580 crore for the development of

housing and commercial projects.

This month, it acquired another prime

commercial land parcel of 7.65 acres

their upcoming projects.

ury residential segment.

PTI NEW DELHI



respective segments, he noted.

terms of competitiveness, and a comprehensive set of powertrain and technology options, Amba said.

Besides, the company plans to

continue to differentiate on design, safety and driving pleasure, keeping the customer excited in its products, he added. With these interventions, the automaker plans to sell more SUVs this fiscal as compared with 2.22 lakh units it dispatched in FY21, he noted.

bution to Tata Motors' sales in April-June quarter this fiscal stood at 67 per cent, higher than the industry penetration of 40 per cent, Amba said.

from Ambience Group in Sector 82,

Elan Group, said in a statement that

"PAG has invested over USD 50 mil-

towards growth capital for their

upcoming projects, it added.
"This deal assumes great signifi-

cance for the Elan Group with a glob-

al fund like PAG reposing confidence

in the group's management and estab-

lished development track," said

Sandeep Agarwal, CFO, Elan Group.

prime locations in Gurugram and

New Delhi having a total saleable area of approximately 15 million sq ft.

Elan Group has 12 projects across

lion or Rs 425 crores in Elan Ltd".

Elan Ltd, the flagship company of

The investment will be used

Gurugram for over Rs 200 crore.

# The company aims to further strengthen its product portfolio in

PTI DUBAI

Δ n Indian company, one of proptech platforms globally, has launched a 3D Metaverse platform to showcase the future of real estate search and discovery through a high-end 3D digital twin of the city of Dubai.

Announcing the programme on Friday, Gurgaonbased company Square Yards said it will use cutting-edge technologies such as 3D, AI, VR, and AR and interactive visualisation of real estate.

The company claims the platform is the first of its kind to introduce high-definition 3D maps for a high-fidelity real estate visualisation. Short for property technology, proptech is the intersection of the real estate industry with technology and software. Proptech is an innovative approach to real estate in which technology optimises the way people research, rent, buy, sell, and manage a property.

"With this solution, users can search from over 2000+ potential real estate projects across Dubai through its interactive 3D interface, get com-

plete details of the project, and enter into the project metaverse as an Avatar," the company said.

"Imagine searching for across Dubai in high-quality 3D at true scale, visit the project building in VR, walk around the amenities and interiors, and interact with residents and salespeople virtually," said Tanuj Shori, the company's Co-founder and CEO.

According to Shori, with the launch of its 3D Metaverse platform, the company is transposing real estate to a virtual realm, making it more experiential, immersive, and yet, eas-

ily accessible for the masses. "Users can enjoy 3D virtual tours remotely and perceive accurate depictions of the property, that will create an emotional anchor to the space and encourage them to seal a deal at the end of the day," he said.

This hi-tech 3D visualisa tion platform is currently being tested among a closed group of users and real estate developers. The company aims to work with developers in Dubai to integrate their upcoming launches into this ecosystem so that customers can buy, rent and sell properties digitally.

# Trust on pvt sector way forward for India's growth: Bhargava

**PTI** GANDHINAGAR

 $T^{\text{he way forward for India on the}}_{\text{road to growth and develop-}}$ ment is to rely on private sector, Maruti Suzuki India Chairman RC Bhargava said on Saturday.

He credited the current government at the Centre for trusting the private sector and encouraging industry to be at the forefront of economic and industrial growth and job creation

"After all these 60-65 years of going through government and public sector, I have no doubt in my mind that the way forward for India is to rely on the private sector," he told reporters here.

query on how he saw the road ahead for the industry, specially the auto industry, in India in the next 10-20 years, in the backdrop of Maruti Suzuki completing 40 years of successful operations. He, however, said the private

sector has its own faults and is not without blemishes.

"I'm not for a moment saying that private sector is perfect. If you balance the negatives and the positives of both private sector and public sector, the balance comes up far more in favour of the private sector than the public sector," Bhargava

The public sector, by its constisystem as a whole, the public sector,

tutional restrictions, legal structure and the way the controls and

supervision happen, hasn't been efficient, he added. "Irrespective of the kind of people you put in the public sector, and I'm not talking about individual exceptions, I'm talking about

is so handicapped by the entire environment...," Bhargava added. He welcomed the government's privatisation programme, including that of Air India, while also lauding

other reform measures such as ease of doing business, insolvency and bankruptcy code, GST implementation and lowering corporate taxes. "All these things suddenly made me think that look, India's chang-

ing, India's become different again, there's hope for the future," Bhargava said. Few years ago, he said, "I had become quite pessimistic about any kind of industrial growth in India. Various things used to be said, but nothing would happen on the ground.'

# SATWIK-CHIRAG SIGN OFF WITH A MAIDEN **BRONZE MEDAL AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty signed off with a maiden bronze medal in the men's doubles competition of the World Championships after going down narrowly to Malaysia's Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik in the semifinals here on Saturday.

The world number 7 Indian pair flattered to deceive as it squandered an opening game advantage to go down 22-20 18-21 16-21 in a pulsating 77-minute clash to bring an end to the Indian

Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra

believes India is "gradually" making a mark at the global stage of track and field and

foresees a bright future for the

nation's athletes in prestigious events like the Diamond

League. The 24-year-old Chopra,

considered the trailblazer of

Indian athletics' unprecedent-

ed success in recent years,

returned from an injury to

become the first from the

country to clinch title in a

Diamond League meet by

winning the Lausanne leg on

see more Indian athletes tak-

ing part in these competitions

and I will be delighted to par-

ticipate along with my fellow

Indian athletes at a stage like

this," Chopra said after his

Sreeshankar also participated

in the Diamond League this

year, so gradually our coun-

try is reaching this level and

if we will perform better here,

then it will help Indian athletics do well at bigger stages."

Recently, long jumper

"Avinash Sable and

historic feat.

"I will be very happy to

I want to see more Indians

doing well in top global events

like Diamond League: Neeraj



A fghanistan in a stunning performance outplayed

Sri Lanka to win opening match of the Asia Cup, at

Dubai International Stadium on Saturday. Afghanistan won by 10 wickets in a match

which saw sterling performances by their team. After

Afghanistan chose to bowl, Left-arm pacer Fazalhaq

Farooqi with a spell of three

for 11 did the damage at the

top before the spin duo of

Mujeeb-ur Rahman with s spell of 2 for 24 and

Mohammad Nabi 2 for 14 in

the middle overs bundled out

the Lankans on 105 runs in

runs, Afghanistan completed

smashed an 18-ball 40 to put

the match beyond the reach of

the Lankans. Fellow opener

Hazratullah Zazai stuck

Sri Lanka in their inning were pushed onto the back-

foot in the very first over of

the match, when opener Kusal

Mendis and Charith Asalanka

fell to left-arm pacer Fazalhaq

around to finish the job.

it in 10.1 overs.

Rahmanullah

Chasing the target of 106

19.4 overs.

tournament.

It was the sixth successive defeat against the Malaysian pair for Satwik and Chirag, who had lost to the same combination at the mixed team final of the Commonwealth Games early this month.

Despite the loss, it was a creditable show by the young Indian pair as it ensured India continued to return with a medal from the World Championships since 2011, the year the country won its first doubles medal with Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponnappa returning with a bronze.

Najibullah Zadran, Rashid

Khan, Azmatullah Omarzai,

Naveen-ul-Haq, Mujeeb Ur

Dasun Shanaka (c), Danushka

Nissanka, Kusal Mendis(w),

Charith Asalanka, Bhanuka

Madushanka, Matheesha

Wanindu

Chamika

Maheesh

Dilshan

Rahman and

SRI LÂNKA:

Gunathilaka,

Rajapaksa,

Hasaranga,

Karunaratne,

Theekshana,



# Asia Cup: India's old guard ready with new approach against 'unfamiliar' foes Pakistan

captain with a new batting Acaptain with a new patting philosophy and a master batter standing at the crossroads, trying to reinvent himself, will aim to create a new narrative when India get ready to settle scores with Pakistan in the marquee Asia Cup match here on Sunday.

Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli have been the two pillars of India's white-ball team for the past decade but having received a rude jolt at this very venue 10 months back during the T20 World Cup, the duo exactly know where it stands and what it need to do to turn the tables

While Rohit will be eagar to test his ultra aggressive batting template against the Asian giants, for Kohli it will be the perfect platform to return to form after enduring a tough phase in the last few years.

There would be a bigger picture also and that is to set the core combination for the T20 World Cup in Australia in order by the end of this tour-

With no bilateral contests between the cross-border neighbours for 10 years now and nothing on the anvil in near future, the geo-political tension does always make for a heady build-up.

But the lack of regular games mean that Indo-Pak rivalries are rather held INDIA: Rohit Sharma (c), KL Rahul, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant, Deepak Hooda, Dinesh Karthik, Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, R Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Ravi Bishnoi, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Arshdeep Singh, Avesh Khan.

Pakistan: Babar Azam (c), Shadab Khan, Asif Ali, Fakhar Zaman, Haider Ali, Haris Rauf, Iftikhar Ahmed, Khushdil Shah, Mohammad Nawaz, Mohammad Rizwan, Naseem Shah, Shahnawaz Dahani, Usman Qadir, Mohammed Hasnain, Hasan Ali. MATCH START: 7:30 pm

between unfamiliar foes rather than familiar ones.

One can't plan a lot against an opposition whom a team plays once or twice a year, while one has to expect the unexpected.

The last meeting India played Pakistan, they didn't have any idea how much Shaheen Shah Afridi had improved. The result was a 10wicket defeat.

A lot was said after Afridi's two-over opening spell send jitters in the Indian camp during the last T20 World Cup opener and India's erstwhile team management did cop a lot of flak for its archaic batting approach in shortest format of

Questions were raised whether the sameness in the top-order with three righthanders make it easy for a good left-arm paceman to set the alarm bells ringing.

However on Sunday, there will be no Afridi (due to knee injury) to bend it back into the top three India right-handers but the fact remains that despite all the experimentations done by coach Rahul Dravid, the top-order remains exactly the same after that debacle in Dubai.

Rishabh Pant-Rohit pair showed a lot of promise with its gung-ho approach and Suryakumar Yadav at the top looked menacing with his allround strokes.

Deepak Hooda, although against Ireland, was audacious as an opener but with Kohli and KL Rahul available, it will be experience that will get first preference going into a highrofile game.

In the new set-up, KL Rahul is coming back up after a surgery and COVD-19 related lay-off. He hasn't played a single international T20 game in 2022. In case of Kohli, the number stands at four with a half-century against a sub-

Rohit, in the interim, has played some attractive little knocks but more importantly has tweaked his batting philosophy as per the needs of the

par West Indies attack.

#### **Ministry invites** online applications for Sports Awards, **Sept 20 deadline**

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Sports Ministry on Saturday set September 20 as the deadline for submitting online applications for National Sports Awards 2022. The notification inviting

applications for the sports awards for the year 2022 has been uploaded on the website www.Yas.Nic.In. In a statement, the ministry said that the Indian Olympic Association/Sports Authority of India/recognized National Sports Federations/Sports Promotion Boards/ State and UT Govts were intimated accordingly. This year onwards, applications are being invited only in online mode through a dedicated portal. Those eligible in accordance with the award guidelines are permitted to self-apply, without the recommendation of the authorities/persons, online

only at the portal dbtyas

sports.Gov.In.

# Durand Cup: Mohammedan SC beat Indian Air Force 2-0 to book QF berth

PTI KOLKATA

olkata KMohammedan Sporting became the first team to qualify for the quarterfinals of the Durand Cup after registering a 2-0 win over Indian Air Force 2-0 here on Saturday.

Murali Sreeshankar and

3000m steeplechaser Avinash

Sable participated in the Diamond League though they

did not finish in top three. Sreeshankar had finished

sixth in Monaco earlier this month while Sable ended fifth

in Rabat, Morocco in June.

tant for our country. I feel we

shouldn't be only focusing on

the events that happen after

four or two years. Competitions like Diamond

League Meet or Continental

Tour are really good opportu-

and it gives us opportunities to do well. It really helps pre-

pare well for the major tour-

naments because world-class

athletes participate here.

Performing well in these tour-

naments will also help Indian athletics," said Chopra, who

claimed the title with a first

round throw of 89.08m -- his

third career-best effort.

"It happens every year,

nities for athletes.

This win is very impor-

Goals from Senegalese defender Ousmane Ndiaye (33rd minute) and young forward Rahul Paswan (87th minute) helped the Black Panthers secure their spot in the last eight stage and also register their third win in the tournament from as many matches. Mohammedan had their

first attempt in the sixth minute when a long-ranger by Tajik midfielder Nuriddin Davronov missed the target.

In the 20th minute, Pritam Singh was played on by Trinidadian talisman Marcus Joseph but the former's shot was too weak and was easily kept out by IAF custodian



Just over 20 minutes into the game, the Airmen had their only shot on goal but Saurav Sadhukhan's effort from distance did not cause much trouble to the MSC keeper, Sankar Roy. Mohammedan's long

search for goals finally paid off when Ndaye headed the ball in off a cross from Faslu in the 33rd minute.

Mohammedan could have

fumbled from one-on-one with Airmen keeper Subhajit

**Afghanistan beat Sri Lanka by** 

8 wickets in Asia Cup opener

Farooqi. For Sri Lanka

Bhanuka Rajapaksa top-

scored with a 29-ball 38, while

Chamika Karunaratne made

Afghanistan bowled out a

team without Rashid Khan

taking a wicket. Nevertheless,

Rashid bowled at crucial junc-

tures to stifle Sri Lanka's

Mohammad Nabi (c),

Rahmanullah Gurbaz (wk),

Zazai,

TEAMŚ:

AFGHANISTAN:

Hazratullah

This was the first time

After the restart, MSC continued their authority and it was in the 57th minute, Rahul Paswan had a golden chance to double the lead when he intercepted a backpass, rounded the keeper but shot into the side-netting of an open goal.

Marcus was at it again in the 65th, this time driving into the box and laying it off beautifully for Paswan, but the latter ballooned his shot way

over Subhajit's goal.

Mohammedan continued with their attacks in search of the all-important second goal and it was in the 81st minute, Marcus found substitute Kenya Lewis out on the left wing, who neatly dodged his marker to drive in and crossed for Pritam, but his volley across the goal just missed the

# It's time to change system: Bhutia welcoming FIFA decision to lift ban

PTI NEW DELHI

Tt's time to change the system," said ■ Indian football legend Bhaichung Bhutia on Saturday after world football governing body FÍFA lifted the ban imposed on

The lifting of the ban on All India Football Federation (AIFF) late on Friday after the Supreme Court terminated the mandate of the Committee of Administrators (CoA) has cleared the decks for India to host the FIFA Women's U-17 World Cup in October.

"It's a wonderful news. I welcome the decision of the FIFA to lift the suspension on AIFF. It's a win for Indian football, nothing else," Bhutia told PTI.

"I am extremely happy for our young players as they will now be able to play against the best in the business in their age group in the Women's U-17 World Cup.'

FIFA had suspended the AIFF on August 15 for "undue influence from third parties" and had said the U-17 Women's World Cup "cannot currently be held in India as planned."

The suspension, the first time in AIFF's 85-year history, lasted just 11 days after the Supreme Court on Monday dis-



solved the three-member CoA, constituted by it in May, while modifying its earlier orders to ensure that India hosts the FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup from October 11-30.

The 45-year-old Bhutia, who has also filed nomination papers for the post of AIFF president in the September 2 elections, said it's time to bring changes in the country's football administration to avoid another suspension in future.

#### AIFF apologises to **Gokulam Kerala, owner** says federation's **'inefficiency'** costs club lakhs

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

🖪 okulam Kerala owner V C GPraveen on Saturday said that the AIFF's "inefficiency" cost the club lakhs of rupees after the national federation apologised to the team for its removal from the AFC Women's Club Championship owing to the 11-day ban by

Gokulam Kerala, the reigning Indian Women's League champions, were the worst affected by the FIFA ban on the AIFF as the Kozhikode-based team was not allowed to compete in the top-tier AFC club competition in Uzbekistan.

"It is like pinching the baby and rocking the cradle. Because of their inefficiency we lost lakhs," Praveen told PTI, hours after the ban on AIFF was lift-

The lifting of the ban on Friday will allow Indian national teams and clubs to play in competitions under the aegis of AFC and FIFA, but it was a huge loss for Gokulam Kerala as they missed out a chance to rub shoulders with the best sides in Asia. They had finished third in the last edition in

The 23-member team was left stranded in Tashkent after arriving on August 16 ahead of its opening match against home side Sogdiana-W in Qarshi on August 23 and against Bam Khatoon FC of Iran in its next round-robin match on August 26. Gokulam Kerala have written to the AFC to reimburse the money spent on the travel of the players and support staff and on their their accommodation but yet to hear from the continental body.

"We have sent mail requesting (for reimbursement) but no response yet (from the AFC)," Praveen said. The AIFF, on its part, apologised to Gokulam Kerala. "#IndianFootball is back on track again after FIFA lifted its suspension on AIFF on August 26," the AIFF.

# Serena's opponent Kovinic 'honoured' to face her at US Open

PTI ■ SARAJEVO, (BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA)

'Incredible feeling' but

teenage Judoka Linthoi

sets her sight on 'Paris '24'

As a martial arts nation at the global level, India haven't had a lot to write home about save a few medals at the Commonwealth level. But a look at 16-year-old

Manipuri teenager Linthoi Chanambam does provide hope. Hope of a better future in the combat sport like martial arts.

Linthoi, all of 16, landed etched her name in the history books as she became the first Indian judoka to clinch the country's first-ever gold across any age-group in the Cadet World Championships

held in Sarajevo. The Manipuri judoka

scripted history by defeating Brazilian Bianca Reis in the women's 57kg category

"I feel absolutely great. It is an incredible feeling. I feel like I did something from the bottom of my heart and here is the result," a beaming Linthoi told during a virtual media interaction.

"I started Judo from 2014 and I came to Inspired Institute of Sports (IIS) in Bellari in October, 2017.

The last five years, with so much of support from everyone, my life has really changed," she added.

Linthoi, however, is forthright with the fact that had it been her father, she would not have reached where she is

Someone, of course, will end up in the history books as the last opponent of Serena Williams' stellar career. It could be Danka Kovinic, a 27-year-old from Montenegro who is "honored" to be the first-round U.S. Open foe of someone she remembers watching on TV as a child.

Their match - scheduled for Arthur Ashe Stadium at 7 p.M. On Monday night, Day 1 of the Grand Slam tournament that Williams has indicated will mark her farewell - is the first time the two women have shared a court. Kovinic's reaction when she heard about the matchup from her coach: "I was happy; I won't lie." "It's a privilege to share the court with Serena," Kovinic said in an interview at Flushing Meadows on Friday. "I just really hope that I can show my good game. Maybe my best

They've crossed paths in tour locker rooms over the years, but Kovinic said she never got up the nerve to request a joint

"I was like, OK, that's Serena and I am



reaching the third round at the Australian Open in January and French Open in May before losing at each to a major champion (Iga Swiatek in Melbourne; Simona Halep in Paris).

"I didn't feel like I could approach her to ask." Other topics are, or will be, of interest over the coming two weeks, from renewed questions about whether it makes sense for women to use slightly different tennis balls than the men do at Flushing Meadows - this is the only Grand Slam tournament that does that - to Novak Djokovic's absence due to being unvaccinated against COVID-19.

## AHF CEO Ikram, Belgium's Coudron files nominations for FIH president's post

PTI LAUSANNE

Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) CEO Mohammad Tayyab Ikram and Belgium's Marc Coudron have filed their nominations for the Hockey International Federation's president's post, the elections for which will be held during the 48th FIH Congress November 5

Egypt's Seif Ahmed is currently the acting president of FIH following Narinder Batra's resignation from the top post last month.

Batra, who became FIH president in 2016, resigned last month and also quit as Indian Olympic Association (IOA) chief.

He also gave up his ernational Olympic International Committee (IOC) membership which was directly linked with his IOA position.

The FIH said in a statement that four positions in the FIH Executive Board will be elected at the Congress, or five if current Board Member Mohammad Tayyab Ikram is elected as president.

"The mandates of the EB members who will be elected on November 5 will run until the 2026 FIH Congress. If there is a fifth position as

EB Member to be elected, the term of office of that member will be of two years to take over the remaining two years Mohammad Tayyab Ikram as an EB Member," the world body said.

#### SHEEZAN KHAN

The actor, who is playing a protagonist in &TV's Alibaba: Dastaan-E-Kabul, made his television debut with Zee TV's show Jodha Akbar and followed it up with Silsila Pyaar Ka, Prithvi Vallabh- Itihaas Bhi, Rahasya Bhi and Pavitraa Bharose Ka Safar. He speaks with SUPRIYA RAMESH about the show, his role, his experience learning horse riding and more

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■What is unique about the show Alibaba: Dastaan-e-

We have all heard of Alibaba's story at some point in our lives. However, we don't bring you the regular Alibaba Aur 40 Chor story of a cave replete with treasure. In fact, our story is packed with intense twists and dramatic

From larger-thanlife locales that will leave you gobsmacked to a riveting narrative packed with mystique, the show promises viewers the opulence and grandeur that has never been witnessed before on Indian TV. Set against the backdrop of the enchanting city of Kabul, the show matches the splendour and glory of big-screen

■What intrigued you towards the show? What was that one thing that pushed you to be a part of the show?

I am immensely delighted to be a part of this show. Actually, there's not just one thing that pushed me to be a part of this amazing project. Alibaba: Dastaan-E-Kabul is certainly a grand show which will transport the viewers to a magical world. Along with an interesting storyline, the show offers an extra dose of entertainment with breathtaking visual effects and locations brimming with action, romance, and drama. I felt drawn to the character of Alibaba the moment I was narrated the story and I really feel blessed to portray the protagonist in the show.

#### ■ How is your chemistry with your co-star Tunisha?

Tunisha and I share a wonderful bond, and our friendship has blossomed in the short time we've spent together. The strength of our on-screen chemistry is mirrored in real life too—from helping each other out to building an unspoken understanding. We've seen it all! She's an incredibly talented and hardworking co-actor. In fact, I was in awe of her work based on the mock shoot itself. I'm glad that she essays the role of Mariam, for she's the perfect fit.

RELENTLESS PRACTISE IS THE **KEY TO MY NOW EFFORTLESS HORSE** RIDING SKILLS AND **VIEWERS GET TO** WITNESS THIS IN THE SHOW. I CAN SAFELY SAY THAT IT

#### ■ How was the experience of

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shooting in Ladakh? It was surreal! Viewers will catch a glimpse of the breathtaking mountains and chilly deserts. Almost all of us faced minor health issues due to the extreme weather conditions at higher altitudes, but our unflinching team spirit, motivation, and genuine care towards one another kept us going. Having seen the output, we

are certain that it was all worth it.

You have added 'Baba' to your Instagram handle. That is one interesting thing that we have noticed. Can you tell us more about it?

The show will unfold the story behind why Alibaba is called Alibaba in the first place. He is the custodian of five kids, who mean the world to him. I am quite sentimental about the relationship they share, and especially the name 'Baba' always gets me. Since I want to imbibe every aspect and emo-tion of this character as part of my identity, I found it befitting to add *Baba* to my Instagram handle.

#### ■ Viewers have seen you riding horse in the promo, how was that experience?

I can safely say that horse riding is now a piece of cake for me. It was challenging in the beginning but as they say, 'Practise makes a man perfect'. So yes, relentless practise is the key to my now effortless horse riding skills and viewers get to witness this in the show. Learning it and performing the same in a larger-than-life show like Alibaba: Dastaan-E-Kabul is a lifetime experience for me.

## Plan Your Day



DCC (Dogs Cats & Companions) Animal Hospital-a multi-speciality stateof-the-art pet care chain-has joined hands with Doggie Bazaar for its Indie-pendence Doggie Pool Party in association with Friendicoes & People for

The veterinary partner for the event, DCC Animal Hospital will have a number of their highly experienced veterinarians

Sound of.

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week that will lift up your

Here are the top 10 songs of the

Teri Galliyon Se (Jubin Nautiyal, Meet Bros)

Dhoke Pyaar Ke (Rochak Kohli, B Praak)

Animals (PFA). While all kinds of

dogs from every breed and of

every age are invited, the event

especially aims to promote and

encourage indie breeds.

weekend

Bollywood vibes

Halki Si Barsaat (Saaj Bhatt)

Tauba (Badshah, Payal Dev)

Barishon Mein (Drashan Raval)

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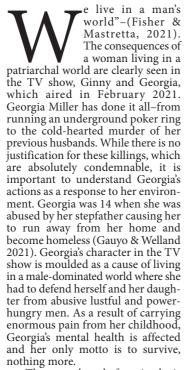
present on spot for any medical needs. It is also bringing a caricature artist who will entertain and engage with dogs and dog owners alike, besides handing out service vouchers to

With a brunch session from 12 pm to 4 pm and a sundowner session from 5 pm to 9 pm, guests can choose to attend any one slot with their canine companions. The tickets for pet parents start at ₹349, but the entry for all doggies is free. Along with a range of fun games and exciting prizes to be won. there will be a complimentary doggie buffet, complimentary grooming and doggie massage sessions and free ice creams and desserts for all doggies.

What: Doggie pool party When: August 28, 2022 Where: Ambassador Hotel New Delhi- IHCL SeleQtions

# IN A MAN'S WORLD

The challenges and hardships that women experience in their daily lives are well-known facts. As a community, it is high time that we understand, acknowledge and take urgent measures to deal with this ever-growing problem, without continuing to turn a blind eye



The same thread of patriarchy is movie-"Bulbul", which was released in June 2020. In the movie, Bulbul is molested and abused by her brotherin-law. After this brutality, Bulbul, much like the character of Georgia transforms from a child into a fierce woman. Bulbul carries psychological trauma after the abuse- both from her husband and her brother-in-law (Sharma & Guptan, 2020). The script follows the common horror trope in Hindi cinema-wherein the woman who is wronged turns into an evil entity. However, the storyline focuses on the consequence of that evil rather than on the cause of it. The responsibility of inflicting trauma and deep-seated psychological impact on

It is modak time

Bringing Bappa idols to our homes. performing aartis, and making delicious

The most awaited and vibrant festival of Ganesh Chaturthi is around the corner.

of us. &TV artists, Neha Joshi (Yashodha,

Baal Shiv), Kamna Pathak (Rajesh Singh,

Doosri Maa), Shivya Pathania (Devi Parvati,

Happu Ki Ultan Paltan), and Rohitashv Gour

(Manmohan Tiwari, Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai) are

super excited as they gear to celebrate the

modaks make this festival a favourite for many



the female protagonist by the male characters is ignored. These two shows do their part in showcasing how a male-dominated world affects the mental health of women, the patriarchal undercurrents of which construct the realities of women,

boundaries. The character of Rani from the Hindi movie "Queen", echoed the dangers of being a woman, and the societal response to it when her mother insisted that she should take her brother everywhere because albeit the age difference, he was a man and she a woman (Kashyap & Bahl,

According to the United Nations Office on Drugs Control report of 2014, the main perpetrators of sexual and physical violence against women are men. It is important to note that as many as thirty-eight per cent of female homicides are committed by their male partners, and

one in every five girls are victims of sexual abuse in their childhood. This violence transcends from a physical form to a more verbal one through language. The reproduction of sexism and misogyny is commonly done through the lexical choices of everythrough gendered positions, actions, and language that the supremacy of man is reinstated every day in this patriarchal society (Menegatti &

Rubini, 2017). The pressure to occupy a space in a patriarchal world, fear of not being able to protect themselves against brute patriarchal force, and the sheer trauma which is inflicted through the aftermath of abuse, domestic violence, and harassment have contributed majorly to the poor mental health status of women. This fear leads to hypervigilance, anxiety, and a lack of self-confidence in them. When a woman goes out of the house, she prepares for the worst while carrying

with herself tools that might protect her. Things like pepper sprays have become household names and everyone is so keen to tell a woman the consequences of laxity that the damage of consistent fear and anxiety is overlooked. Common mental health and clinical depression in India and the world are firmly linked with gender differences, with them being more prevalent in women (Malhotra & Shah, 2015).

Marriage is another patriarchal structure that negatively impacts women's mental health and is advantageous to men (Vaus, 2002). "More good women have been lost to marriage than to war, famine, disease and disaster. You have talent, darling, don't squander it" (Herek, 1996). Nothing could have explained marriages better than Cruella De Vi, who saw marriages as an unmovable burden on women which killed their independence and talent. As a branch

of patriarchy, marriages are based on unequal and oppressive ideals which cannot be feminist in nature (Desai,

Á study done in 2018, which tried to understand the relationship between depression and the institution of marriage, concluded that out of one hundred and fifty-two women almost twelve per cent of them reported symptoms of depression after marriage Scott & Stafford, 2018). This study corroborates De Vi's

idea of the mental harm that marriages do to women. Marriage is an institute borne out of patriarchy, which stands firm in the vices of sexism, misogyny and inequality (Desai, 2019).

The stark differences in the mental health of women pre and postmarriage are due to the gender roles and functions that a marriage is based on. Marriages reinforce the division of labour which is based on gender-where the woman is the caregiver and does unpaid labour in the house while the man does the work outside and is tended to by the woman. Even when the woman works outside, she is still expected to do housework which is considered soleproprietorship and entitlement, men in marital relationships use domestic violence as a means of re-asserting and re-instating the presence of political hierarchical differences between a man and a woman (Chambers, 2013).

Ergo, the male-dominated world has impacted the mental health of women negatively. It is time for the mental health community to raise their voice and call out the effects of patriarchy on women.

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#### **English Vinglish** 29 (Demi Lovato)

Make You Say (Zedd) Lobby (Missy Elliott) Super Freaky Girl (Nicki Minaj) Bad Decisions (Benny Blanco)

#### Vlasterstroke

Dyson unveiled its best-performing and most efficient Airwrap yet - the Dyson AirwrapTM multi-styler today for the Indian market. Relentlessly dissatisfied. Dyson engineers challenged their own design to miniaturise and multiply the Coanda effect. pioneering a fully customisable styling too to deliver a range of styles for all Indian hair types, without extreme



versatility: Led by Dyson's continued dedication to better

understand hair damage and hair types, the new multi-styler now caters to more hair types and styles

Engineering in a simulated world: Iterating virtually through

advanced computational fluid dynamics, machine learning and intelligent digital design software allowed for fewer physical prototypes and more sustainable development practices in Dyson's R&D process.

#### Cocoa mystery

the year to have Ukadiche Modak.

 $T^{\text{he moment we hear 'chocolate'}}, \text{ our eyes light up and there is a bright smile on our faces. The main ingredient of this magic food}$ item is cocoa which has now become one of the most beloved and staple ingredients that chefs and bakers use.

festival with their family and friends. Newly married, Neha Joshi, who

will be soon seen as Yashodha in &TV's upcoming show, Doosri Maa

and enthusiasm. I live in Mumbai, and the eleven days of Bappa make

this city even more vibrant and colourful. Also, I wait for this time of

shares: "In Maharashtra, Ganesh Utsav is celebrated with great zeal

To bake and prepare cocoa-based products, Chef Tariq Jacob Rego, Assistant Pastry Chef at APCA Bangalore, shares a few tips: Use the right quantity as a few spoons of it can transform the dish and add a burst of flavor to the dish.

Store it in an airtight container in a cool, dry place and it is always safe to use cocoa powder instead of chopping a chocolate bar and melting it into the batter.

Use the right variant as per your requirement and the dish that you want to create and the right equipment like measuring spoon and cup, temperature probe, spatula, piping bags, etc are must-haves and coconut oil is the perfect companion to thin out the mixture.

### RKYTAL Nothing is impossible:

**Chander Parkash Kathuria** 

t is said that nothing is difficult for the one who is determined to do something. A similar story is of Chander Parkash Kathuria. He saw many ups and downs in life. Kathuria was born in a Punjabi Khatri family of Shekhpura Suhana, a small village in district Karnal, Haryana. His father, Shankar Das Kathuria, was a farmer by profession and used to do zamindari work. Kathuria has a total of seven

siblings. One day they came to know that the youngest Mukesh has a hole in his heart, Kathuria's father kept on taking loans for his treatment, and despite getting treatment in many big hospitals, they were unable to save him.

His father had to sell the land to pay off the debt. To help the family, Kathuria started working as a labourer at a young age. While working, he became a mason in a year and within three-four months he became popular with his work. Later, being happy with his work, he was made a supervisor.

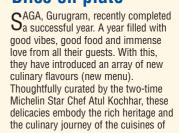
He also found a firm, Karna Construction. Kathuria has always been at the forefront of helping people with noble ideas. No matter what kind of pain he had inflicted on himself.



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#### Bliss on plate



SAGA showcases progressive Indian cuisine by complementing the

flavours and traditions of India with global and local ingredients and techniques. It is a collection of stories with unique recipes and traditional ingredients; every element of Saga is carefully chosen to tell a tale of its own. It's an amalgamation of founder Vishal Anand's vision and delectable thoughtfully curated by Chef Kochhar and his



It is a particularly strong example of how to change circumstances into unique opportunities. When it comes to its food and drink offerings from the wide-ranging exclusively curated menu by none other than Chef Kochhar, nothing beats the traditional Garhwali Kulth Ki Kachori, Paneer Pide, Nadru Ki Chaat, Chicken Tikka Pie, Ayam Tikka, Kundan Qali, Dal Moradabadi and many more. Add Chocolate Delice, Agra ka Petha, Caramel Bhapa Doi to the list and the day is

New Delhi, August 28, 2022

# the pioneer

I'm someone that likes to not think





## Critics say Rahul Gandhi considers himself as God who would not give "darshan" to even senior leaders waiting at his door for weeks and months, writes DEEPAK KUMAR JHA

Jitin Prasada, Jyotiraditya Scindia, and

Sushmita Dev- all children of former and

heavyweights Congressmen. Big leaders like

Birender Singh, Rao Inderjit Singh, Himanta

Biswa Sarma, S M Krishna, Jayanti Natarajan,

Sanjay Sinh, Narayan Rane, Bhubaneswar

Kalita, Manipur N Biren Singh, Pema Khandu,

Rita Bahuguna Joshi, Khushboo Sundar, for-

mer Congress spokesperson Tom Vadakkan

and many more have left the party in recent

have suggested that the 'interim' chief Sonia

Ashok Gehlot to lead the party in the 2024 gen-

eral elections, but there is no clarity on this

issue. The argument in favour of Gehlot is that

he is the OBC face of the Congress; his eleva-

tion could make way for Sachin Pilot to take

over as Rajasthan Chief minister and end the

infighting Rajasthan Congress, and he is a

account the fact that beyond Rajasthan Gehlot

has hardly any influence, and he is singularly

incapable of matching Narendra Modi's gift of

ident after the party suffered its second con-

secutive defeat in Parliamentary elections in

2019. Sonia Gandhi, who took over the reins

of the party again as interim president, had also

offered to quit in August 2020 after an open

revolt by a section of leaders, referred to as G-

23, but the CWC had urged her to continue.

(CWC) held in October 2021, the party had

announced the election schedule for its pres-

In its Congress Working Committee

Rahul Gandhi resigned as Congress pres-

Of course, no one is ready to take into

hardcore loyalist of the Gandhi family.

Media reports and filtered information

"desires" Rajasthan Chief Minister

ike a rudderless ship in a turbulent sea, Congress sinks every day—bit by bit—desperately looking for a captain to perform the miraculous rescue act. Gandhis have undoubtedly failed to fight the hostile political tides unleashed by the BJP, helped in good measures by Congress dissidents. Compelled to look beyond the Gandhis as the party narrowed its search to some trusted stewards, veteran Ghulam Nabi Azad has fired another torpedo.

Azad termed the ongoing organizational elections a mere farce and complete fake with no voting done and a list of office bearers prepared by a handful of coterie or High Command's security guards and personal

Azad may have his own reasons to sever his five-decade-old association with a party that rewarded him with the top posts both in the organization and in the government. Congress leaders feel that Azad had drifted to the BJP camp long ago and he was just waiting for the green signal from the saffron camp to jump the ship. The timing of his resignation is crucial. It gives him enough time to mobilize resources and organize his new party to harm the Congress prospect in Jammu when the elections are held.

But the points he had raised in his five-page letter to Sonia Gandhi do capture the essence of what ails the Congress: That a coterie rules the party and Rahul Gandhi considers himself as God who would not give "darshan" to even senior leaders waiting at his door for weeks and months,

In this background, it looks doubtful if the election process will throw a new president who would independently act beyond the shadow of the Gandhis. A puppet in the hands of a puppeteer is not what Congress needs at this juncture, but a leader who can restore the dignity of the cadre and establish inner-party democracy, and feel the party a will to fight.

The Gandhis have failed to stem the exodus of leaders despite the promise of reforms, including structural changes and prominence to youngsters, at its brainstorming session in Rajasthan's Udaipur in May.

Congress is seen making little effort to reach out to dissidents. For them, anyone who raised a voice against the Gandhis is an "agent" of the BJP. Rahul Gandhi has repeatedly said that anyone who succumbs to the pressure of the BJP in this "fight for ideology"

is free to leave. The list of deserters includes RPN Singh,

MEDIA REPORTS AND FILTERED INFORMATION HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE 'INTERIM' CHIEF **SONIA GANDHI** "DESIRES" RAJASTHAN CHIEF MINISTER ASHOK GEHLOT TO LEAD THE PARTY IN THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTIONS BUT THERE IS NO CLARITY ON THIS ISSUE. THE ARGUMENT IN FAVOUR OF GEHLOT IS THAT HE IS THE OBC FACE OF THE CONGRESS: HIS ELEVATION COULD MAKE WAY FOR SACHIN PILOT TO TAKE OVER AS

idential elections that included a massive membership drive for the polls that eventually started on November 1, 2021 and went on till March 31, 2022. It announced the new Congress president will be held between August 21 and September 20, 2022. The elections election State unit PCC presidents, vice RAJASTHAN CONGRESS. presidents, treasurers, PCC executives and AICC members by PCC general body was con-AND HE IS A HARDCORE ducted as per its schedule between July 21-LOYALIST OF THE August 20, 2022. But, uncertainty and suspense continue on **GANDHI FAMILY** 

the issue yet again. Several party insiders say Rahul Gandhi is persisting with his stance that he will not be the AICC president. Gehlot has sought to play down reports about him being the frontrunner for the Congress president's post and said efforts will be made till the last minute to persuade Rahul Gandhi to take over

the reins of the party again.

"Congress is the only pan India base alternate, rather the first one, to counter the largest party BJP. Though the number in legislatures may not be in its favour, it still has a broad base and is often talked about resurrecting itself. Now the issue of heading a party by a Gandhi member or a non-Gandhi is very instrumental. While anointing a veteran like Gehlot as is being talked about in the media may be welcome but the core issue remains about the legitimacy, legacy, and sacrifice. The Gandhis have all the credentials hence the party looks only for a Gandhi family member to head it. We have looked in the past at the rise and decimation of Sitaram Kesari which is still etched in the minds of Congress workers. Either a Gandhi member (be it Sonia continues or Rahul makes a comeback or a new face Priyanka) takes over or they name anyone to boost the sagging morale of party," says political scientist, Prof Pushpendra Kumar, retired from Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS).

According to Pushpendra Kumar if the party goes with a non-Gandhi leader then it has to be actively involved in party affairs including reconciling the leaders in case of resentment or just giving a feel-good factor to the over century-old party. "No one will want such a huge party that participated in the freedom struggle with its leaders spending years in prison and sacrifices in independent India to decimate. It will never decimate itself and as a political scientist, I can vouch for it. A strategy has to be put in place to address the grievances and allegations made by all its best leaders who quit the party in the last eight years. Gehlot or Azad is ok intermittently but the party has to have a strategy for the next 30 years and empower such leaders who will play a longer inning," the TISS academician added.

Some other names like those of Mallikarjun Kharge and Kumari Selja (both Dalit leaders) are doing the rounds, but, surprisingly, nondescript figures like Mukul Wasnik and KC Venugopal are reported to be in the race.

A section in the party feels that someone like Sachin Pilot, who has the essential political background and personality and also can match the best of BJP leaders in articulation, will be the best bet to revive the party. However, many within the party feel that Sachin Pilot could be a threat to Rahul Gandhi, and point out to the unpleasant experience of the past by citing the examples of Jyotiraditya Scindia, RPN Singh, Himanta Biswa, Sushmita Dev, and others who vowed

to be die-hard Congressmen and devoted Gandhi loyalists but failed the test miserably. Then there are others like Anand Sharma, P Chidambaram, Jairam Ramesh, and many other Congress leaders who have often said that the Gandhis are the glue that binds the party together.

In case of a non-Gandhi pick, the party also wants to make sure that they don't have to deal with another Sitaram Kesari, who sidelined many Gandhi loyalists on becoming Congress president.

Gehlot has been batting for Rahul Gandhi to lead the show from 2022. While his name is being speculated as the likely pick for the top Congress post after he met with Sonia Gandhi last week, he has not opened his cards. Gehlot met Sonia Gandhi just a day after he asserted Rahul Gandhi remains the party's unanimous leader. Till now, Gehlot has not shared in public what transpired in the meeting.

"If Rahul Gandhi does not become the president, many people will be disappointed and will sit at home," Gehlot had remarked.

Congress is expected to announce the schedule of the election of the party president soon after the Congress Working Committee meeting to be addressed by Sonia Gandhi on a virtual mode as she is abroad for a medical check-up and is reported to be reluctant just like Rahul to return as full-time party president for another year.

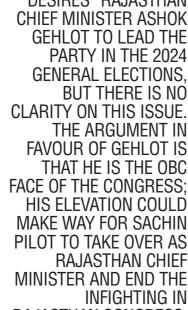
In all probability, a section of insiders feels that the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' has been advanced and timed accordingly to suit the ongoing process of the election of the party president by September 20. The success of this journey and the scheduled rally in Delhi on September 4 will be credited to Rahul Gandhi, who can then be 'emotionally' persuaded to take up the reins once again.

While Rahul Gandhi has failed to live up to the task in the past, his sister Priyanka Gandhi has done little to stake claim for the top office after her poor show in the Uttar Pradesh assembly polls.

Though Gehlot comes with many credentials, his unassuming self may make him acceptable to even other aspirants for the PM's office, who cannot come under the leadership Gandhis.

Unless Congress picks up a fighting fit Captain, there is little hope that this Titanic of Indian politics can hope to challenge to hos-

> ( The writer is a Special Correspondent of The Pioneer)



# DENGUE MENACE

Climate change-induced extreme weather causing erratic precipitation patterns, severe rainfall events, and seasonal changes are all known to proliferate mosquito population and disease outbreak. This means, once isolated to a few areas in the tropics, higher number of mosquitos available for transmission of infection. In addition, higher temperatures also lead to shortening of the time of maturing of mosquito larvae and also shorten the time taken for female mosquitos to mature. The HEALTH PIONEER brings a report on the most rapidly spreading mosquito-borne disease in the world

here are an estimated 100-400 million yearly dengue infections, with cases quickly on the rise, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO).

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Rajeev Vaidyanathan, PhD, entomologist at Oxitec, a US-owned biotech company developing genetically modified insects to assist in insect control, however points out that reported numbers largely underestimate the global prevalence of mosquito-bourne illnesses.

Many cases are underreported and, in the case of dengue fever, more than 80 per cent of cases are asymptomatic, a report quotes him. Situation is no good in India. Several parts of the States have reported an uptick in dengue cases.

Across the country, 10,172 persons have tested positive for dengue from January 1 to May 31, 2022 as per the website of the National Vector-Borne Disease

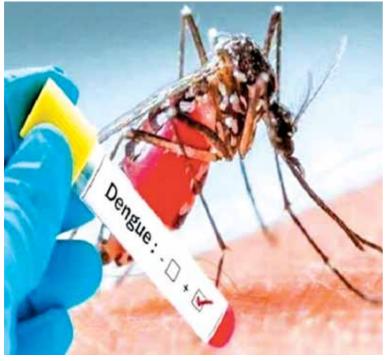
Control Programme.

Last year, during the same period, the country had reported only 6,837 dengue cases. Health experts say that since India is witnessing erratic environmental impacts induced by climate change, numbers are likely to be increased. Climate change has created warmer cities and increased reliance on artificial water storage, which makes them more hospitable to mosquitoes, say experts.

And since, they say, the DENV-2, or the strain D2 of the four serotypes of dengue virus, is what is causing the sudden rise in the number of cases and also leading to severity, deaths will also

Apart from being more virulent, experts believe that the new strain can trigger high grade fever, vomiting, joint pains, altered sensorium and may even lead to lethal complications resulting in dengue hemorrhagic fever and dengue shock syndrome.

According to the WHO, between 2030 and 2050, climate change will cause 250,000 additional deaths per year from heat stress, malnutrition, dengue, and malaria alone. In fact, Dengue cases have increased by 85 per



cent in 30 years. Rising temperatures have led to increased survival and reproduction of the mosquitoes which carry the disease. The number of people at risk of dengue is predicted to reach 60% of the world's population by 2080.

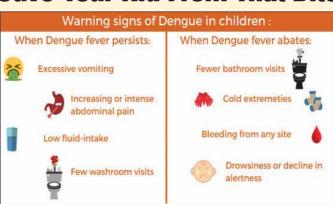
The modelling of vector transmission rates due to climate change have shown that Aedes species are likely to be more abundant and expand in the current circulating geographical locations. It is likely to result in more intense transmission of many Aedes transmitted viruses in the dengue endemic countries.

Studies have shown that climatic changes leading to higher temperatures and differences in rainfall, results in higher mosquito abundance. Due to the increase in the mosquito populations, there would be higher number of mosquitos available for transmission of infection. In addition, higher temperatures also lead to shortening of the time of maturing of mosquito larvae and also shorten the time taken for female mosquitos to mature.

For instance, the time for mosquito larvae to mature at 15 C was 39.5 days, while at 35 C, it only took 7.5 days. This in turn leads to longer duration of time available for female mosquitos to transmit infection. Therefore, climate change would lead to an exponential increase in the current burden of dengue, as per

Clearly, as climate change is likely to make the existing dengue burden much worse, it is crucial that all efforts are concentrated to develop drugs, upgrade health infrastructure besides taking measures to curb Green House Gas (GHG) emissions that will reduce the burden of dengue and its severity and hospitalizations.

## **Save Your Kid From That Bite**



According to the National Library of Medicine, dengue presents more aggressively among younger age groups as compared to adults. The incubation period may range from 4 days-2 weeks and the duration of the disease could be between 2-7 days, say doctors.

The vast majority of dengue cases are kids under 15 years of age. Infants and kids with secondary heterologous dengue infections are most at risk for severe dengue disease. Mosquitoes are highly active early in the morning or evening, so ensure your kid wears long pants and shirts to cover his/her skin surfaces to reduce the chances of

If diagnosed with dengue, doctors recommend a couple of ways in which you can help your child reduce the discomfort and speed up recovery from this illness.

\*Måke sure your child is drinking enough fluids and water along with healthy meals.

\*Ensure that your child sleeps

\*A healthy diet Including gen-

erous amounts of immunity building foods in your child's diet, like citrus fruits, almonds, turmeric, garlic, etc will help in strengthening your little ones' immunity and aid in quick recovery.

\*Pain relievers like acetaminophen may be prescribed if your child is experiencing unbearable muscle and joint aches associated with dengue fever.

\*Also, pain relievers like aspirin or ibuprofen should be avoided, as they can make bleeding happen, say

\*To treat severe cases of dengue fever, doctors will give intravenous fluids and electrolytes to replace fluids lost through vomiting or diarrhea. If administered on time, this is sufficient to treat the disease in severe cases of dengue fever.

\*However, in some advanced cases, a blood transfusion may be

\*Lastly, efforts must be made to keep the infected child from being bitten by any mosquitoes as this will help in preventing the spread of dengue fever to others.

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tus is also effective, but it is not

Is dengue becoming resistant to

resistance to household repel-

isms try to protect their survival

by changing their genetic make-

up. There are many natural

repellents such as citronella,

lemongrass, and marigold plants

that have mosquito repellent

activities if they are kept in and

around the house but it should

There are few results on

household repellents?

#### **AYURVEDA** REMEDY

What can we expect from Ayurveda Approach to Management of Dengue?

Ayurveda has an elaborate description of JWARA (Fever)- with its natural history, clinical manifestation, types, diagnosis, differential diagnosis, management with ahara (diet), vihara (lifestyle measures), Aushadha (medicines) and kriyas (Panchakarma therapies). Various types of AyurVAID Hospitals, Domlur, Jwara that are caused by Bangalore, Karnataka external agents like dengue



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with insect/repellent bites are called AgantukaJwara An effective vector control method- Dhoopana (fumigation) with Rakshoghnaganadravyas (antimicrobial drugs) is very effective to control mosquito infestation.

Although infection with the dengue virus (DENV) causes severe dengue, it causes a mild selflimiting illness in the majority of individuals. There is emerging evidence that an aberrant immune response in the initial stages of infection lead to severe disease. Many inflammatory biomarkers are significantly higher in patients with severe dengue compared to those who develop mild infection, during febrile phase of illness.

Ayurveda system of medicine helps to identify the level of inflammation and the risk of developing dengue complications.

The larger objective is to alter the extra-cel-

lular or host environment so that the rate of multiplication of the viral load, i.e., increase in number of copies of the virus in one's body, is reduced and eventually ensure that there will not be enough viral growth.

#### Scope of Ayurveda Management

• Early management: Prevention/ Prophylaxis-Vector Control Methods.

• Institutional management: which means that patient diagnosed with Dengue fever is admitted in Ayurveda inpatient facility and monitored closely on clinical signs and observation of platelet counts and other necessary blood parameters. These patients are then provided whole person care with a comprehensive prescription that entails Ayurveda diet, medicines and panchakarma therapies as appropriate.

• Recovery- follow-up with privileged physicians at accredited Ayurveda institutions.

• It is advised to have freshly prepared easily digestible vegetarian food like rice gruel(Kanji)/Khichdi, moong water etc to keep digestion easy. In case of non-vegetarian food, ensure that it is well cooked, not too spicy. • Dinner should be the lightest meal.

Avoid curds, oily and deep fried items, maida, left over meals, processed and packaged food items, oats and millets, cheese, cold and aerated drinks as far as possible. Avoid Bengal Gram/Beans and difficult to digest Vata/gas causing food items.

• Include: warm water, broken wheat, green and

yellow moong/green gram, ghee, rice

Eat vegetables like all gourd vegetablesbottle/bitter/ridge/ash/snake gourdthat reduces pitta.

• Minimize use of gas causing items like cabbage and cauliflower while include fruitslikeamla,

 Include bitter and pungent and astringent taste while choosing your food items as these items are light and easy and pacify pitta

 Maintain Adequate Hydration with around 6 to 8 glasses of water daily and avoid coffee, cocoa, tea, caffeinated, alcoholic and carbon-

 Avoid day sleep to prevent Kapha accumulation/to reduce further impairment of metab-

• Having sips of hot water to aid minimise the signs of bloating, belching and flatulence. Avoid cold water bath. Ensure good hygiene with good air and sunlight.

#### What does Ayurveda not cover?

Dengue patients who are younger than 5 years or older and frail, pregnant women, patients with serious comorbidities (cardiac, renal, for e.g.) and patients in or near hemorraghic emergencies, with deviated vital parameters should be advised to seek conventional Dengue management.

#### What is dengue fever?

Dengue fever is a viral disease caused by a virus called DENV which could be of four types namely DENV1 to DENV4. It is transmitted by the bite of the infected female Aedes mosquitoes.

#### dengue fever?

Dengue fever symptoms are fever which can go up to 104 degree F. Severe headache, pain behind the eyes, muscle and joint pains, nausea vomiting, and sometimes rashes.

#### How is dengue fever caused and spread?

Bite of the infected mosquitoes mainly female Aedes aegypti and in some cases albopictus transmit the dengue virus to new non-infected persons and cause disease. One such infected mosquito can transmit the infection to many persons and further transmit the dengue virus to new mosquitoes in a propagated manner. In a short period, a large number of persons get the infection which may cause an epidemic.

#### dengue fever?

The majority of the time dengue is mild in nature but a small number of cases may be affected by complications and less than 1 percent may turn into deaths. Complications start on 3-7 days after the onset of sympsides. Platelet counts start decreasing which resulted in plasma leakage, fluid accumulation, and bleeding. Therefore, bleeding from the nose or gum, blood in stool or vomitus, severe abdominal pain, respiratory distress, or subcutaneous bleeding appearing as petechiae are the warning sign of fatality and should be managed at the hos-

#### What are the complications of

Q&A WITH DR JUGAL KISHORE

#### How do you diagnose dengue

Although clinical presentation is commonly picked up by doctors the diagnosis should always be made by the blood test to detect the virus, NS1 protein, or antibodies. When the Aedes mosquito population is high, particularly in the rainy season

any fever should be suspected and a blood test for dengue should be done.

do you treat dengue fever? As we don't have any drugs

against dengue viruses, sympto matic treatment is the only solution. For fever, cold sponging and paracetamol are advised. Aspirin or its derivative drugs are contraindicated as they cause inhibition of platelet functions. It is better to get the advice of your famy doctor in case of suspicion of dengue. The first dengue vaccine, Dengvaxia(CYD-TDV) has been approved for human use and is commercially available in India. It can be used in those who have previously been infected with

#### How do you prevent dengue fever?

dengue fever at least once.

As we know that prevention is better than cure, preventive measures, particularly against



mosquitoes are best. Breeding of mosquitoes occurs in water accumulated in any storage anywhere extending from large water bodies to a small bucket, mud pot, discarded containers, used tyres, rooftop water tank, container, flower pot, leave, plastics, cistern, tree, etc. Once a female has laid her eggs, these eggs can remain viable for several months in dry conditions and will hatch when

they are in contact with water. All but is not harmful to the envisuch breeding sites need to be eliminated by physical and engineering methods. Larva, pupas, and mosquitoes can be killed by various environment-friendly insecticides. This mosquito is usually a day biter. Bite of mosquito can be prevented by covercloths, using repellents and mosquito bed nets. Housing windows should be covered with wire

#### Which type of doctor should one consult for dengue fever?

General physicians may be consulted for dengue fever. However, specialists are required when complications set in.

#### Can I be infected with dengue a second or more times?

Yes, dengue can occur a minimum of 4 times due to the presence of 4 types of dengue

\*What kind of mosquito repellents are safe?

Picaridin is a good alternative to DEET because it is just as effective at repelling mosquitoes

#### Is the number of dengue cases

on the increase? Dengue fever has increased in recent decades due to unregulated urbanization, population mobilization, and climatic

(Dr Jugal Kishore is

#### be remembered that they should not be holding water which can be a potential site of breeding.

Professor and Head of Community Medicine Department Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi)

# 'It's Time We Found Therapeutic Solutions'

Compared to the funds and research carried out on Covid-19 during the past two years, only a fraction of that has been invested to develop dengue vaccine and drugs, despite the disease being around for decades and wreaking havoc every year across countries. Given that the rise in climate change-induced temperature is predicted to fasten viral amplification of the disease, it's time all the stakeholders ie the Government, pharma firms, researchers and non-profit organisations come together to find specific treatment for the menace, DR KAVITA SINGH, Director, Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi South Asia) tells ARCHANA JYOTI

#### dengue are needed? Presently the doctors man-

age symptoms as there is no recommended treatment. Dengue-specific treatments are needed to treat the disease at different stages and to reduce the risk of an infection progressing to severe disease.

#### Why there has been no treatment yet?

Because it has been a neglected infection. It causes a huge disease burden in endemic countries, which are developing countries, with limited resources for R&D. There have been efforts from developed countries and large Pharma and NIH, USA for research on immunology and vaccine development, but very

What new treatments for limited efforts to develop

One of the most important aspects in developing drugs is understanding the disease pathogenesis. Compared to the research carried out on Covid-19 during the past 2 years, only a fraction of that has been carried out in dengue, despite it being around for decades and causing high mortality in countries such as India (even upto2.6%).

#### What are the difficulties in developing the drugs for viral diseases?

There are many challenges which viruses pose and therefore unlike broad-spectrum antibiotics we do not have broad-spectrum antivirals. Challenges likeviruses multiply

evolve to become resistant to some antiviral drugsor they have fewer proteins to target drug against. The DNDi approach for repurposing drugs to treat dengue includes exploring potential antivirals and host directed therapy, which is likely to be more successful than, only investigating antiviral drugs for treating dengue. However, for any of these approaches, more funding is required to make these efforts successful

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#### Are we ready to take on the challenge?

DNDi is therefore investing in bringinginstitutes in dengue endemic countriestogether through a Denguealliance with a common objective to find a



Director, Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi South Asia)

safe, affordable, and effective treatment for dengue. Through this Dengue alliance we are presently pursuing joint scientific strategies to advance the

pre-clinical development of existing candidates with the intent to repurpose and plan to run clinical trials to test the most promising ones.

We initially aim to screen existing drugs used for other illnesses, to see if they are likely to have satisfactory antiviral effects against the dengue virus and also drugs that could inhibit host pathways involved in progression of illness to severe disease in cell culture models and animal models. This would be the preclinical phase of the studies.

Since we already know the safety profiles of such drugs, this would enable us to directly go into phase 2 and then phase 3 clinical trials. As a long term strategy, we will also explore new drug molecules,

which could also be beneficial for treatment for dengue.. We will be starting clinical trials aiming to deliver an affordable, effective, safe and accessible treatment within five years. We are also working together with diverse partners on diagnostics, regulatory and access strategies, as well as jointly raising funds and mobilizing resources.

Indonesia has approved Japanese firm Takeda's dengue vaccine, QDENGA (Dengue Tetravalent Vaccine [Live, Attenuated]) (TAK-003) for the prevention of dengue disease caused by any serotype in individuals. Why in India, dengue vaccine still not a part of the preventive mea-

Although there is a dengue vaccine called Dengvaxia (CYD-TDV), which is the first vaccine against dengue, licensed in 2015 and available in some countries for people aged 9 to 45 years, the WHO recommends that the vaccine be given only to people with confirmed previous dengue virus infection. As per the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, "The vaccine manufacturer, Sanofi Pasteur, announced in 2017 that people who receive the vaccine and have not been previously infected with a dengue virus may be at risk of developing

severe dengue if they get

dengue after being vaccinat-

ed." We also wait to see more

details on the recently

approved Takeda's QDENGA for use regardless of prior dengue exposure.

Kindly tell us about DNDi's recent collaboration with the **Translational Health Science** and Technology Institute (THSTI), an autonomous body of the Department of Biotechnology? DNDi India Foundation

signed a pact with THSTI in February 2022 under which we both aimto develop a safe, affordable, and effective treatment for dengue. The partnership will conduct preclinical studies with several existing drugs to evaluate their efficacy in lab and animal modelsbefore implementing Proof-ofconcept clinical trials for the most promising compounds.

# Even at 75, Pakistan's siege mentality intact

Independent India and Pakistan have turned 75. The hard-earned independence from the clutches of the British rule that lasted for more than three hundred years came with a cost as India had to suffer its bitter division, with Islamic State of Pakistan carved out of the newborn nation-state. The partition was followed by the trail of horror as millions were killed, and displaced from their

The sordid affairs in Pakistan and the growing intolerance in India are the result of scornful defiance of both Jinnah and Nehru to a great extent. When Jinnah addressed the people of Pakistan in his historical speech, he believed the Partition was inevitable. But for him, each Pakistani needed to correct the wrongs of the past without religious or ethnic prejudice. For Jinnah, corruption, bribery, black-marketing and the ills of nepotism were the real enemies of the citizens of Pakistan. On the other hand, when Nehru addressed the famous "Tryst with Destiny", he urged the fellow Indians to defeat poverty, ignorance and inequality that had spread like cancer all over the country. For him, the new India must follow Gandhi's vision of "wiping every single tear from every single eye". For Nehru, the challenge was big which would not have been overcome as long as there were tears of suffering in the eyes of Indians.

After 75 years, there are mixed emotions. The idea of "Naya Pakistan" or "riyasat-e-Medina" evoking a sense of beautiful dream is far from the reality as the political class capitalised on the growing idea of Islamist philosophy. India, despite long strides in all spheres of life, has failed to fulfill the dream of the common man with poverty refusing to



Pakistan's then Minister Noor-UI-Haq Qadri (far right) and Hafiz Saeed (3-R) at a conference in Islamabad

go away. Both India and which has more Muslims as her citizens.

> The Pakistan Army is the de-facto state in the name of securing its sovereignty and seeks more power to sustain its legitimacy. It will never help Pakistan grow in its full potential until it eschews its dogmatic ideological goals, including its obsession with India.

Jinnah died early and Nehru followed him in 1964. India and Pakistan fought four major wars that didn't solve the ty towards "Hindu India", purpose of co-existence as

civilised nations. Zia-ul-Haq's Pakistan lingers on and the culture of religious and ethnic violence has taken deep roots. Pakistan still struggles to embody a sense of resilient state with an identity of its own. The draconian blasphemy laws and the rise of non-state actors have given birth to many Frankensteins there.

For India, much before the rise of the Hindutva nationalism, Nehruvian vision was failed by his own family; first by Indira Gandhi in her role in

Punjab that aggravated the Khalistan movement hurting many generations, and later by Rajiv Gandhi who succumbed to religious fundamentalists in the Shah Bano case and Salman Rushdie case to please "Muslim fear mongers", and later by allowing to open gates of Ram Janmabhumi in Ayodhya to compensate Hindu feelings. He failed not only Nehru and Gandhi's India, but the hallmark that India always took pride in its secular credentials was also challenged. The polit-

ical growth for religious nationalism started growing from that point in Indian political history

The current phase is a testimony to how both nations have failed their founding fathers. The causality in both Pakistan and India has been society and people. The wrath of fanatics and phony nationalism has resurfaced in different avatars in both India and Pakistan. Frankenstein has now become more powerful and the backyard is no safer. Places in India-Pak relations)

image of fire and fury. It is no surprise that Pakistan has lost thousands in terrorism but still it uses Islamic terrorism as a policy for its own madness. In India, while we are proud of the achievements in science and technology with glowing examples like ISRO, mistrust and religious hate are thriving in its underbelly.

The consequences are abominable. India and Pakistan can't cope with the major challenges they face. Education and health are gasping for better treatment. Modern challenges need a progressive political mindset, unfortunately both India and Pakistan are still rooted in past. Both nations have become the republics of fear. While Pakistan secretly espouses the cause of "Gazbae-Hind", BJP's dream of "Akhand Bharat" has become stumbling blocks in the progress of the nation.

Long back Jinnah responded to the question, "Whether partition was wrong". He replied, "Maybe that view is correct; maybe it is not; that remains to be seen". Jinnah must be feeling sorry about what his 'Citizen Elites' have done to his vision.

In "Tryst with Destiny", Nehru said, "We are citizens of a great country, on the verge of bold advance, and we have to live up to that high standard. All of us, to whatever religion we may belong, are equally the children of India with equal rights, privileges and obligations. We cannot encourage communalism or narrowmindedness, for no nation can be great whose people are narrow in thought or action." Today's India is the worst nightmare of Nehruvian vision.

(The writer is an expert on

While Pakistan has failed as a state, with its Army usurping the democratic space and diverting people's attention from their plight in the name of keeping 'Hindu' India in check; India has not been so successful in realising the dreams of her freedom fighters



PREM ANAND MISHRA

#### **PERSPECTIVE**

# Student loan debt plan pits GOP against Dems

For Democrats, it was the longawaited delivery of one of **President Joe** Biden's campaign promises; Republicans rue that waiving debt for those already on a trajectory to financial security sends the wrong message to the millions of people without a degree working just as hard to

make ends

meet.

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Pakistan have defeated a few ills

but have embraced new ene-

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state was long fulfilled; but cor-

ruption, communalism, bigotry

and hatred have found new

civilian governments to be the

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es, and the legitimacy to the

Pakistan Army has remained

intact as the country has failed

to get rid of its siege mentali-

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safe-havens.

To Republicans — and even some in the President's own party - it was an illadvised move that was unfair to those who had diligently paid back their loans or decid-

ed not to go to college.

In the student debt relief plan, both parties see an opportunity to boost their own political message ahead of the critical November midterm elections. While Democrats contended that the loan forgiveness would provide a lifeline for struggling working-class families, Republicans charged that it's a giveaway to the "elites."

For the midterms, the elitist rhetoric tactic "plays right in line with the GOP's current brand of grievance and victimisation politics," conservative strategist Chip Felkel said, "giving them another rallying point to fire up their base and maybe attract some like-minded independents who see this action as 'unfair."

Both the White House and some of Biden's top allies argued that it was instead Republicans who were focused on the elite and that the potential beneficiaries of the student loan debt relief include more than just the wealthy.

Who paid the piper?" asked US House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn, one of Biden's top congressional allies, pointing to Republican-passed tax cuts for the wealthy and big corporations in 2017 under the Trump administration as the real iniquity. "I think a lot of low-income people that we are trying to help today, those families paid for that tax cut while rich people and big corporations got off tax-free.... This is an attempt on the part of this administration to once again help working families."



Biden's plan will erase \$10,000 in federal student loan debt for those with incomes below \$125,000 a year, or households that earn less than \$250,000. It will also cancel an additional \$10,000 for those who received federal Pell Grants to attend college, and it will pause federal student loan

The rhetoric from both parties over the student debt loan relief also likely reflects the education levels of their core constituencies, though plenty of people who attended college classes and took out student loans did not end up graduating from college. Forty-four per cent of

Biden voters in the 2020 presidential election had college degrees, compared with 34 per cent of Trump voters, according to AP VoteCast, an extensive survey of the electorate. Fifty-six per cent of Biden voters did not have a college degree, compared with 66 per cent of Trump voters.

Initially hesitant to endorse broad cancellation of student loan debt, Biden gradually embraced deeper tactics to alleviate the burden during the 2020 campaign, even expressing support for some

proposals from Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, who made broad-based student loan debt cancellation a hallmark of her

This week, Warren applauded Biden's plan, saying she would "keep pushing for more because I think it's the right thing to do" but noting the significance of "what it means for the President of the United States to touch so many hard-working middle-class families so directly." Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, who also campaigned in 2020 to "cancel all student debt," called

the plan "an important step forward" but said "we've got to do more.

Speaking at a White House briefing on Friday, deputy director of the National Economic Council Bharat Ramamurti said student loan forgiveness would help "teachers, nurses, firefighters, police, members of the military and

But not all Democrats were enthusiastic about the student debt loan relief, particularly those candidates facing tough races in November.

Democratic Rep. Tim Ryan, facing off in a US Senate

battle in Ohio against Republican JD Vance, criticised Biden's order as unnecessary for some people and unfair to others. Saying he's

paying off his family's own loans, Ryan said that "waiving debt for those already on a trajectory to financial security sends the wrong message to the millions of Ohioans without a degree working just as hard to make ends meet."

Colorado Senator Michael Bennet, in a tough reelection of his own, said the administration should have "proposed a way to pay for this plan," adding that "one-time debt cancellation does not solve the underlying problem."

Republicans, meanwhile, focused on the higher-end income bracket on Biden's student loan plan, excoriating it as

a boon for the wealthy. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., called the plan "student loan socialism" that is "astonishingly unfair." He said inflation is "crushing working families" and decried Biden's proposed fix "to give away even more government money to elites with higher salaries.

Senator Ron Johnson, R-Wis., who is seeking reelection, said it was "grossly unfair to families who didn't send their kids to college or managed to pay off their student debt."

Mike Berg, spokesperson for the National Republican Congressional Committee, said, "Democrats know robbing middle-class taxpayers to give a bailout to Harvard Law graduates is an indefensible policy."

In Florida, Governor Ron DeSantis — campaigning for his reelection this year, in addition to laying the groundwork for a possible 2024 presidential challenge to Biden - posted on his social media accounts that "It's unfair to force a truck driver to pay a loan for someone that got a PhD in gender

The contention that recipients of the relief plan were gender studies majors was a popular refrain among Republicans, though only a small number of students nationwide study in that field.

Largely driven by comments from conservative pundits and politicians, including DeSantis and Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves, Facebook and Instagram posts mentioning the term "gender studies" received more than half a million mentions, comments and likes in the 48 hours after Biden's announcement, according to data from social insights media CrowdTangle.

The posts highlight how conservatives plan to campaign off potential frustration from millions of blue-collar workers who skipped college and might not see a benefit from Biden's student loan debt relief order. Some of the critical Republicans, including DeSantis, hold multiple Ivy League degrees. Aneesa McMillan, deputy

executive director of Priorities USA, a Democratic super PAC, said student loan forgiveness would help drive support for Democrats in the midterms. 'This is one of the reasons

we saw historic turnout for Joe Biden," McMillan said. "And he has consistently delivered on those promises that he made to voters.

Felkel, though, doubted the order's ultimate weight for Biden's party, given Democrats' challenges to satisfy internal factions. "While progressives on the left have been pushing this for a while, I don't think this will give them a boost in the November elections like they might hope," he said. 'Those pushing were voting for Democrats already. Attempts to satisfy the progressives will hurt some Democrats in tough







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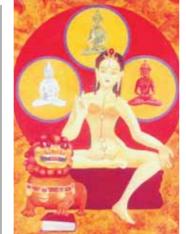




#### ARIES March 21-April 19

This week happiness and prosperity are on the card. Good news awaits you, and you will have reasons to feel good and enjoy life. You will have a sense of contentment in the material and spiritual world which makes you feel enthusiastic about life. You will be full of energy and will enjoy good health. On the work front, you will have a healthy bond. Your colleague or a close friend will need your attention. By the end of the week, you may ponder over your accomplishments and bring some improvement to your schedule. On the personal front, settlement in a property, or support and encouragement from the spouse is indicated on the card. Singles, you need to be clear about what you want from a relationship before moving ahead.

Lucky number 17 Lucky colour Brown Lucky day Monday



#### **LEO** July 23-Aug 22

This week you are letting your sentiments and emotions rule your heart and mind. Initially, the mind and thoughts are taking the charge, which is contradicting your personality. Surrender yourself to the higher wisdom, conquer material temptation and give up something to gain something better are on the card. Workwise, your patience and endurance will be put to test. On the personal front, you are likely to help or make amends with your family. Irrespective of negotiation, one must stay in balance. There will be times when you need to spend time alone to reevaluate your life and situation, the four-fold process that is experienced on all four levels of consciousness, mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical,

Lucky number 20 Lucky colour Golden Lucky day Sunday



#### **SAGITTARIUS** Nov 22-Dec 21

This week your luck shall favour you in getting good opportunities and you may make more profits than you initially calculated. You are likely to have an abundance of prosperity and growth in your health, wealth, and family happiness. This is the time when all you females will feel full of creativity and be productive. On the career front, your work will be acknowledged and recognized by the senior authority. Remarkable success is indicated. Chances are there that your company may select you for a course or training. On the personal front, you are likely to feel stability and a sense of security on both mental and physical levels. The knowledge and the experience you possess are invaluable and will be best utilized this week. You are going to support and motivate others.

Lucky number 8 Lucky colour Indigo Lucky day Saturday



#### **TAURUS** April 20-May 20

This week you will prove the best of your capabilities and genius and creativity will be your forte. You will have the ability to manage multiple tasks at a time. Your versatility and expertise will be acknowledged by others. On the work front, the week will be quite busy. There will be a time when you must take important decisions related to your professional and personal life. This decision will activate you and you be able to handle many issues. By midweek, a new job opportunity will come your way. You will have a tempting job offer with a higher salary and rewards. On the personal front, you will be high on emotions, hence, making you a home bird. It is recommended to spend time on artistic

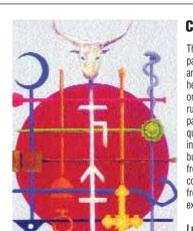
Lucky number 22 Lucky colour Yellow Lucky day Thursday



#### VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week the focus shall be on ways to increase wealth. Doors will open to new financial opportunities and money inflow will be good. Amidst financial gain, innovative ideas to make the best use of finances will take place. Investing the money in buying/selling property is indicated. A new spiritual spark or guidance will boost your confidence. Work and business will keep you busy and the efforts you put in now will show in the time to come. Meditation, self-examination, and re-evaluation of life's goals are also on the card. You are likely to be very choosy and calculative, in all the matters of life. It is important to restrict your finances and spend wisely. Money investment, and getting a loan are all looking positive if you start the process this week. This week emotions have taken the back seat. You will be tough at heart and completely dedicated to your work.

Lucky number 14 Lucky colour Sky Blue Lucky day Friday



#### CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week your search for a mentor who will open pathways to wisdom and insight for others will come to an end. This person will provide you with the comfort and help, you require. You are likely to experience mental grief or agony. On the career front, trust yourself and follow the rules and regulations of the company. The dreams of the past will sink in and new ones will arise. Stay calm and quiet and allow things to take their own course without intervention or control. Those related to the transport business will have reasons to smile. On the personal front, you will put your family in focus than usual and conditions all around will not be at their best. Some help from a male friend or relative is indicated. You will experience high energy and vitality in your daily life.

Lucky number 7 Lucky colour Turquoise **Lucky day** Friday



#### **GEMINI** May 21-June 20

This week you will face a state of confusion. You will have a tough time finding a solution to the problem which arrived unexpectedly. Your mind will be ruled by the two most powerful emotions - apprehension and fear and this will not allow you to sleep at night. This is a challenging situation for everyone in the family. Workloads will keep you stressed. Your professional life will see you on the fiery side of your  $\,$ personality. It is particularly important to take time off from the busy schedule and have fun out with friends and family. Delegate your duties and try to balance between work & emotions, this is the best way for stress buster. As the week comes to an end, you will gain enough confidence to control situations that were making you agitated. Couples may plan for relaxation and better bonding

Lucky number 19 Lucky colour Navy Blue Lucky day Friday



#### LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

A hyperactive nature in communication is not good for you. Also, this week you will keep yourself busy as you can't sit idle. Due to your busy schedule, it may be difficult for you to spend time with your family. This is the time to take a break from your work and relax for some time to regain your energy and resources. In midweek, a sudden change in the situation may surprise you. Using your wisdom and diplomacy, you will be able to solve the problem. Your knowledge will help you to face the challenging situation. Those who are facing a legal hassle will come out as a winner without any charges. This week you need to keep your emotions in check. Your mind will take charge of your heart to hold back many subtle feelings. You will gain a position of trust and authority.

Lucky number 10 Lucky colour White **Lucky day** Sunday



#### **AQUARIUS** Jan 20-Feb 18

This week you will enjoy good family life and happiness. The beginning of a happy relationship is on the card. The children in the family are happiness in disguise. You are likely to have a positive feeling throughout the week. Career-wise, a tough decision in your work area will demand your attention. You are bound to follow the company's system and discipline. By the end of the week you must balance work and pleasure. Your passion, greed and desires will rise high making you lazy. There are chances of last-minute changes and if you are not caught off guard, you can manage everything. Opportunities to make guick money are indicated. It is likely that you may some misunderstandings with the elders. So, take efforts to keep away from conflicts.

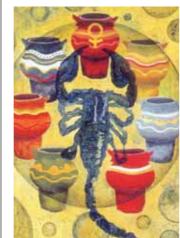
Lucky number 11 Lucky colour Silver **Lucky day** Tuesday



#### **CANCER** June 21-July 22

This week all your efforts and challenging work will pay off. You have toiled a lot, now is the time to reap the fruits. You will experience the power and authority in your thoughts and actions. On the work front, promotion or assigning an important designation is on the card. For those who are in the field of politics, this is the time to act selflessly and speak the truth. Your image as an influential businessperson or as a high-profile officer will make a mark. On the personal front, you will see the results of your previous Karmas or deeds. Due to your misdeeds that will be scrutinized, the possibility of a negative situation arising is likely. So, mind your action and do not do anything which you might regret later.

Lucky number 13 Lucky colour Orange Lucky day Wednesday



#### SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week core issues like finances, personal awareness, self-worth etc. will draw your attention Good news from a woman source is indicated. This week you are likely to be health-conscious and may visit a doctor for medical check-ups. On the work front, innovative ideas will enable you to make better decisions like whether to invest time or money in a new enterprise. You will be financially secure with strong investments. On the relationship front, money will be spent on love and entertainment, and you shall be in a romantic state of mind. Grooming yourself, and going to the spa or saloon for relaxation are on the card. Stay away from possessiveness and an overly cautious approach to life.

Lucky number 3 Lucky colour Peach Lucky day Wednesday



#### PISCES Feb 19-March 20

The week you will chase your dreams of finances, love, and work. You will enjoy the journey of achieving your dreams and get fruitful results. At the start of the week, you will have sudden earnings and profits, making you financially stable. A person of the opposite gender will help promote your professional work. The initial days will be dedicated to all your work, and you will meet with success. In the midweek a marriage proposal or strengthening of bonding with someone you love is indicated. With this, the focus will shift from creative ventures to romantic interests. Love is surely on the rise, but do not flirt with too many, as you may end up in trouble Overall, the week is favourable.

Lucky number 16 Lucky colour Parrot Green Lucky day Thursday

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ind is the prime mover of a being. The 'power of knowing' it facilitates, drives us through in life. It holds the key to all human functionalities, with related bearing far beyond the individual self. All doings on our part, before coming into play, originate in mind - arousal of desire and thereby related thoughts, ideation, articulation, and the will to act upon. How we engage with the world around, or the way we react or respond to external stimuli, is again directed by the mind. It also attends to emotional stimuli from within and beyond.

The most striking feature of human mind is it capacity to guide our actions by choice and discrimination. But whenever there is choice, the probability of its use and misuse becomes equal. That turns mind into a double-edged weapon, which could act either way. It could lead us conduct rightfully and turn life into a pleasant experience. In the same vein, it could act a trickster, delude us, and lay down the ground for self-invited pains and sufferings in life. Even more, because of unique character of each being, which varies from person-to-person, coming as it may as

Karmic carryover from the past. The unique character of a being is what makes one perceive things a particular way, and accordingly pursue the journey of life. Owing to this indwelling sense of duality, mind often gets trapped into self-excited conflicting thoughts as well. This human vulnerability makes a being an enigma by oneself. No wonder, both creative as well devilish streaks are in evidence all across. This riddle needs to be resolved for a smooth run of life, individually and collectively.

What further complicates the mind function is its wandering nature. Mind keeps breeding thoughts every moment. Also, gets caught up in external promptings of the seeming world. And then randomly flirts with them, as a monkey unmindfully jumping from one branch of a tree to the other. Caught up in such a self-created web, mind is not left with enough of space to objectively process the thoughts playing within. The sense of discriminating ability then takes a back seat, and with obvious consequences.

The beauty of mind as an instrument, however, is that it is also armed

with the capacity to self-reflect upon thought-trends playing within. That helps every unitary mind explore its own strengths and vulnerabilities. One could identity and acknowledge the

through fresh educative inputs, and expand the vision. Also, identify one's indwelling potential, hone them further, and come out with one's best.

Provided one remains conscious of this empowerment mechanism, which majority, caught up in the usual mills of life, seldom seem to care.

The paradox, however, is that ordinarily one's sense of Ego-consciousness identifying itself with inherent mindtrends, as if that would be its end game, doesn't let you have a dispassionate look at your own-self, and the least of all acknowledging own weaknesses. Here comes astrology to one's aid, which helps analyse one's personality trends by looking into the energy signature of a being. And energy knows no bias. Here is the case of a young man, who even in his late thirties, caught up in his inconsequential illusionary perceptions, has not been able move forward in life, despite having immense potential.

The two luminaries, the Sun and Moon, are beautifully aligned. That helped get things easy in life. Benevolent Jupiter over the head when born, he enjoyed strong parental support. But Moon is placed adverse to Saturn, Mercury, mischievous Neptune and Uranus. This, in the first place, brought in a negative mindset, and

would be suspicious of others. He will avoid taking challenges and keep delaying his initiatives. He will be critical of others. He remains vulnerable to being subject to limitations and hardships of his own making. Second, it speaks of his worrisome nature. He will be indecisive, lacks focus, and would be resentful of others. Third, he would be an escapist, stuck to his illusionary thoughts, distanced from ground reality. He may not acknowledge truth in its first appearance, and rather prefer pursuing his ideas on hope against hope, till pushed to the wall. Fourth, he has a mercurial temperament often showing signs of eccentricity. Mercury also placed adverse to Saturn and Neptune accounts for his fixated one-track mind, as well as his insensible reasoning and judgement. The result is there to see. I wish he works upon himself as suggested to come out of his negative bind, when his potential side will begin playing out unhindered.

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# Watch your thought-trends



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