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## SC quashes bail to 4 for framing ISRO scientist

Nambi was acquitted  
in ISRO espionage  
case of 1994PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■  
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday quashed the Kerala High Court order granting anticipatory bail to four senior police officers in a case of framing up of scientist Nambi Narayanan in the sensational ISRO espionage case of 1994. A bench of Justices MR Shah and CT Ravikumar remitted the matter back to the High Court and directed it to decide the issue within four weeks.

The judgment came on the CBI's appeal against the High Court order granting bail to former Gujarat DGP RB Sreekumar, two former police officers of Kerala S Vijayan and Thampi S Durga Dutt, and a retired intelligence official PS Jayaprakash.

Sreekumar was then the Deputy Director of the Intelligence Bureau in Thiruvananthapuram.

"All these appeals allowed impugned orders granting anticipatory bail passed by HC are quashed and set aside. All matters are remitted back to the HC to be decided afresh on its own merits. This court had not observed anything on merits for either of the parties."

"It is ultimately for the HC to pass orders. We request the HC to decide the anticipatory bail applications at the earliest preferably within four



Nambi Narayanan File photo

weeks from date of this order," the bench said. The top court directed the registry of the High Court to notify bail applications before the bench concerned within one week from today.

"Till then by way of an interim arrangement, and without prejudice to rights, it is directed that for a period of five weeks and till the bail applications are finally decided by HC on remand, the respondents may not be arrested subject to cooperation in the investigation," the apex court said.

The Supreme Court had in November last year issued notice on the CBI's plea filed in the matter. The agency had said its probe found that some scientists were tortured and framed in the espionage case

development of the cryogenic engine."

The CBI has registered a case against 18 people for various offences, including criminal conspiracy, in connection with the arrest and detention of Narayanan in the case. The case, which had hit the headlines in 1994, pertained to allegations of transfer of certain confidential documents on India's space programme to foreign countries by two scientists and four others, including two Maldivian women.

Narayanan, who was given a clean chit by the CBI, had earlier alleged that the Kerala Police had "fabricated" the case and the technology he was accused to have stolen and sold in the 1994 case did not even exist at that time.

The CBI had said the then top police officials in Kerala were responsible for Narayanan's illegal arrest. The apex court had on September 14, 2018 appointed a three-member committee while directing the Kerala Government to cough up a ₹50 lakh compensation for compelling Narayanan to undergo "immense humiliation".

Terming the police action against the ex-scientist of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) "psychopathological treatment", the apex court had in September 2018 said his "liberty and dignity", basic to his human rights, were jeopardised as he was taken into custody and, eventually, despite all the glory of the past, was compelled to face "cynical abhorrence".

due to which the development of cryogenic engine was hit, setting back India's space programme by almost one or two decades.

The CBI earlier alleged there was a clear indication that the accused were part of a team which had ulterior motives to torpedo the attempts of the ISRO for manufacturing the cryogenic engine.

While granting anticipatory bail to these four accused on August 13 last year, the HC had said, "There is not even a scintilla of evidence regarding the petitioners' being influenced by any foreign power so as to induce them to hatch a conspiracy to falsely implicate the scientists of the ISRO with the intention to stall the activities of the ISRO with regard to the

## India: Will walk the talk in our UNSC presidency

Country's pillars of  
democracy intact,  
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told what to do on  
democracy: KambojPIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■  
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UNITED NATIONS

As India has assumed the Presidency of the powerful United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for a month, its Permanent Representative to the UN Ruchira Kamboj has said the country does not need to be told what to do on democracy.

"We have all the pillars of democracy that are intact — legislature, executive, judiciary and the fourth estate, the press. And a very vibrant social media. So the country is the world's largest democracy," she said.

On India's approach as the UNSC President towards dealing with the issue of Ukraine, she said, "We will continue to engage with all parties. I think that is one of our strengths and it has been recognised as one of our strengths that we are a voice of moderation, a voice of reason and a bridge-builder. And we will walk the talk in the December presidency."

Kamboj, India's first woman Permanent Representative to the UN, will sit in the President's seat of the UNSC at the horse-shoe table. On the first day of India's presidency, she addressed reporters in the UN headquarters on the monthly programme of work.



Responding to a question on democracy and freedom of press in India, she said, "We don't need to be told what to do on democracy. India is perhaps the most ancient civilisation in the world as all of you know. In India, democracy had roots going back to 2500 years, we were always a democracy."

She also said every five years we conduct the world's largest democratic exercise and everyone is free to say as they wish and please and that is how our country functions.

"It's rapidly reforming, transforming and changing. And the trajectory has been very impressive. And I don't have to say this, you don't have to listen to me. Others are saying this," she said.

On its role as chief of the UNSC, Kamboj said India is ready to take its place at the global top table as a country that is willing to bring solutions and contribute positively to the global agenda.

Kamboj said in the last two years, as the world went through various crises, India has always been there as a solution provider. "We walk the talk and we have repeatedly emphasised that one of the central tenets of our foreign policy is human centric, people-centric and that will continue to be the case," she said.

To a question on whether the UNSC reform is moving forward, Kamboj said, "I wish I could say yes, yes and yes, but I will definitely say that this is one of the most complex processes in the UN system. But there is a ray of hope."

Kamboj said the case for Security Council reform is "undeniable", asserting that the Council as it is currently configured is an "anachronism." She said India's position on UNSC reform is early reform with comprehensive reform at its core.

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## CAPSULE

LUDHIANA COURT BOMB  
BLAST MASTERMIND HELD

**New Delhi:** A most wanted terrorist and the main conspirator behind the Ludhiana court bomb blast was arrested from Indira Gandhi International Airport here, an official of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) said on Friday.

RUSSIA REJECTS PULLOUT  
FROM UKRAINE FOR TALKS

**Kyiv:** Russia said on Friday that Western demands it should pull out completely from Ukraine as part of any future talks to end the war effectively rule out any such negotiations, as Russian strikes continued and a Ukrainian official set his country's battle losses at up to 13,000 troops. Russian President Vladimir Putin remains open to talks but won't accept demand that Moscow first withdraws its troops from Ukraine, said Dmitry Peskov.

25% COVID-HIT SUFFER  
FROM MENTAL HEALTH

**New Delhi:** Nearly 25 per cent Covid-hit patients suffered from mental health issues across Delhi, Gujarat and Jharkhand — more in the urban areas than the rural settings — even as the pandemic waned which resulted in more gender-based violence the three states, a study said on Friday.

NORA APPEARS BEFORE  
ED IN SUKESH CASE

**New Delhi:** Actor Nora Fatehi appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) here on Friday for a fresh recording of her statement in connection with an ongoing money-laundering probe against alleged conman Suresh Chandrashekhar and his associates.



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## Amarinder in BJP's national executive, Shergill spokesman

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Friday rewarded Congress deserters, including former Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh, ex-Punjab Congress committee president Sunil Jakhar and former Congress spokesperson Jaiveer Shergill, with key posts in the party.

Amarinder and Jakhar have been nominated to the BJP national executive. Both the leaders had joined the BJP quitting the Congress on the eve of Punjab polls this year.

BJP's former Uttar Pradesh president Swatantra Dev Singh has also been nominated in the party's national executive.

The BJP has also appointed Shergill its national spokesperson, the party said in a statement.

Madan Kaushik, Vishnu Deo Sai, its former presidents of Uttarakhand and



Chhattisgarh respectively, Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi, Manoranjan Kalra and Amanjot Kaur Ramoowalia, all three from Punjab, have been made special invitees to the national executive, it said.

After exiting the Congress, Amarinder floated the Punjab Lok Congress (PLC) and contested the February 20 Punjab elections in alliance with the BJP, but none of the PLC candidates could do well in the polls.

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## C'garh CM's Dy Secy held in PMLA case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday arrested Deputy Secretary to Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel in connection with a money laundering investigation into an alleged coal levy scam in the State.

Saumya Chaurasia is considered a powerful bureaucrat in the Baghel Government. ED arrested her under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) after questioning her in the case in Raipur.

Chaurasia is also a "close adviser" to Chhattisgarh CM and assists him in the secretarial works, according to the Income Tax Department.

The officer was taken for a health checkup after the arrest even as the local media followed her along with the ED team, escorted by CRPF personnel, to the court.

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## MCD campaign ends; garbage hills, parking crises poll clincher

SAURAV GUPTA ■ NEW DELHI

As the campaign for the Almost high-profile Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) election came to an end on Friday, all the three major contenders — AAP, BJP, and Congress — put all-out efforts to win the hearts and minds of voters in the national Capital.

A total of 1,461 candidates are contesting in the civic polls, out of which 674 men and 742 women got validation from the State Election Commission (SEC). The main issues in the polls are long-standing problem of vehicle parking, health facilities, sanitation, encroachment, and repairing of streets, etc. On the last day of the campaigning, the BJP conducted around 210 programmes during which the big names of the party including Union Ministers Anurag Thakur .



Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur, with Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta, holds an election campaign for the MCD elections, in New Delhi on Friday

PTI

Piyush Goyal, Hardeep Singh Puri, etc, along with Chief Ministers and Deputy CMs of Uttarakhand and Uttia Pradesh respectively, Pushkar Singh Dhami, Keshav Prasad Maurya held roadshows, public meetings, and padayatra at several areas in the Capital.

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## None of China's business to object to joint exercise near LAC, says US

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■  
NEW DELHI

China has no business objecting to US-India military exercise "Yudh Abhyas" near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Uttarakhand, the senior-most American diplomat in India said on Friday.

Ambassador Elizabeth Jones, Charge d'Affaires in the Embassy of the United States, said military exercises by India and the US are none of China's business and Washington will continue to support New Delhi's efforts to develop its capabilities to face regional challenges.

She said, "I think I would point it to the kind of statement that we heard from our Indian colleagues to the effect that it is none of their business."

On Wednesday, the Chinese Foreign Ministry opposed the "Yudh Abhyas" exercise at Auli in Uttarakhand, claiming that it violates border



agreements signed by China and India in 1993 and 1996.

External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said at a weekly media briefing on Thursday, "Military exercise in Auli has got nothing to do with the 1993 and 1996 agreements." He also said, "India exercises with whomsoever it chooses to and it does not give a veto to third countries on this issue."

The US diplomat also said India and the United States have been holding "frank discussions" on "social challenges" for a "long time".

"India-US relation permits us to have frank discussions regarding social challenges. In the United States, treatment of ethnic, racial, and religious minorities attracts a lot of attention—just as it does here."

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## CBI arrests Asola sextortionist for blackmailing US-based Prof

**New Delhi:** The CBI has busted a racket of "sextortionists", arresting one who allegedly blackmailed an economics professor at California University into shelling out USD 48,000 threatening him with making public his sexually explicit video chats with a female gang member, officials said.

Based on information received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the US, the CBI arrested Rahul Kumar, a resident of Delhi's Asola, while the search for his purported girlfriend who lured the professor into sending explicit videos on Facebook chat is going on, they said.

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## Train passenger impaled by iron rod of track work

PTI ■ NEW DELHI/ALIGARH

A passenger on board the Delhi-Kanpur Neelachal Express died on Friday after being impaled by an iron rod that broke through a glass window of the coach and struck him in the neck, an official said.

The freak accident took place around 8.45 am between Danwar and Sonma in the Prayagraj division of the North Central Railway, the railway spokesperson said.

"One person died in the general coach by an external object (iron rod) which damaged the window. The train was stopped at the Aligarh junction at 09.23 hrs," the railway spokesperson said.

The deceased was identified as Hrisheekesh Dubey (34), a native of Sultanpur who was



living in Delhi. He was sitting by the window when the iron rod pierced his neck.

Sources said some work was underway on the tracks when the incident happened.

"He is survived by his parents, wife Shalini and two children, daughter Arya (7) and son Ayansh (4)," Rajeev said.

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## Moosewala murder mastermind Goldy Brar 'detained' in California

PTI ■ CHANDIGARH

Gangster Goldy Brar, the mastermind behind the brutal murder of singer Sidhu Moosewala, is learnt to have been detained in California by the US authorities.

However, there is no official confirmation on Brar's detention yet, Punjab Police officials said on Friday.

Sidhu Moosewala was shot dead in Punjab's Mansa district on May 29.

Meanwhile, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said here on Friday that Goldy Brar will "definitely be brought to India" and be in the custody of the Punjab Police "very soon" and the process is on.

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## Stéphanie Frappart makes history as 1st female World Cup referee

AP ■ QATAR

French referee Stéphanie Frappart became the first woman to take charge of a men's World Cup game on Thursday as she blew her whistle to start Germany's game against Costa Rica.

Frappart also had two women as assistants — Neuza Back of Brazil and Karen Diaz Medina of Mexico — to complete an all-female refereeing team on the field. Kathryn Nesbitt of the United States was also working at the Al Bayt Stadium as the offside specialist in the video review team.

FIFA has two other women, Salima Mukansanga of Rwanda and Yoshimi Yamashita of Japan, on its list to referee games at the tournament in Qatar.

Frappart had been picked previously for duties as the fourth official. The 38-year-old Frenchwoman was promoted in the men's game by European soccer body UEFA and in her home country and she has already refereed men's games in World Cup qualifying and the Champions League.

She also took charge of this year's men's French Cup final and the 2019 Women's World Cup final for FIFA.



Referee Stéphanie Frappart, centre, assistant referees Neuza Back, left, and Karen Diaz warm up prior to the World Cup group E soccer match between Costa Rica and Germany at the Al Bayt Stadium in Al Khor in Qatar on Thursday

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# ‘Elite understanding’ of democratic process must be rejected: CJI

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud said on Friday every form of "elite understanding" of the democratic process that educated people are better decision-makers must be rejected.

He said the concept of universal adult franchise is linked to the idea of participatory democracy and individuals, whom the society has "despised" as being uneducated, have shown tremendous political acumen and awareness of local problems, which even the educated may not understand.

He was delivering the 8th Dr L M Singhvi Memorial Lecture on the theme "Universal Adult Franchise: Translating India's Political Transformation into a Social Transformation" here at an event where Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar was the



chief guest.

The CJI said the introduction of universal adult franchise was a revolutionary act at a time when such a right had only recently been extended to women, people of colour, and the working-class in supposedly "mature" western democracies.

"In this sense, our Constitution was a feminist document, as well as an egalitarian socially transformative document. It was a break from the colonial and pre-colonial legacy, the boldest move adopted by the Constitution that was

truly a product of Indian imagination," he said.

Besides Dhankhar and the CJI, Rajya Sabha MP and senior advocate A M Singhvi, Founding Vice Chancellor of O P Jindal Global University Prof C Raj Kumar also addressed the gathering.

The CJI said universal adult franchise was a solid determination of India's founding leaders to create a democratic state, however, the translation of the right to vote being bestowed upon citizens and its realisation has not been a simple journey.

He said preparation of the first electoral roll was also a "momentous task", as the majority of the population (86 per cent) was illiterate and the new Republic of India was grappling with the horrors of partition, war and famine.

Justice Chandrachud said the Election Commission of India at that time had innovated with outreach campaigns

and the poll panel now has, on multiple occasions, set up polling booths for a single voter.

"In the same vein, the plight of the migrant workers must be considered, who most often are unable to effectively cast their vote in their constituency. Most migrant workers leave their hometowns and have to migrate to different cities, different states and different corners of the country in search of livelihood for themselves and their families," he said.

The CJI said the Indian experiment with universal adult franchise contradicts all myths against it.

"It was believed that only a few had the wisdom to vote. Our experience tells us that even the most vulnerable have the political consciousness to choose the leader they want," he said.

## Aftab divulged murder mystery in his polygraph & narco-analysis: Police

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The answers that Aftab Poonawala, the accused in the Shraddha Walkar's murder, gave in his polygraph and narco-analysis tests, and during the police interrogation are the same.

During the narco analysis, Aftab told investigators that he also used a cleaver to cut Shraddha's body into pieces and that he threw the saw somewhere in the bushes near his office in Gurgaon, the police sources said.

Aftab said he had thrown her head in the forest areas of Mehrauli and disposed of her mobile phone in the sea in Mumbai.

The confessions of Aftab during his 14 days of police custody are similar to those in response to the questions asked during his polygraph and narco analysis test, according to sources.

"He fully cooperated during both the tests. He gave the same responses to the questions



that were asked by the police during interrogation. There was no change in statement during his polygraph and narco-analysis test," said a source.

He admitted to have killed his girlfriend and also confessed to have disposed of her body parts in different locations across the forest areas of Delhi, the source added.

However, police are yet to find the skull of Shraddha and are still hunting for the same along with other remaining parts of the body.

The post-narco analysis session of Aftab was completed within two-hours on Friday, officials said.

A four-member team of the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) and the

investigating officer arrived at the Tihar Jail in New Delhi for a 'post-test interview' with Aftab.

The interview in Central Jail No. 4 was expected to start from 10 am and go on till 3 pm, but it was delayed. The team reached the prison around 11.30 am and the entire session went on for about 1 hours and 40 minutes.

After the session, Aftab was informed about the replies he gave in his narco analysis test on Thursday. This arrangement was made as per a court order in view of the risks involved in his transportation, the officials said.

Aftab's narco analysis test, which went on for more than two hours at a Rohini hospital, was completely successful.

Police sources said they were now sure that what Aftab confessed during the interrogation and during the subsequent polygraph and narco analysis is the same. So, this avoids any kind of new twists in the ongoing investigation.

## RSS, BJP people do not emulate Lord Ram's way of life: Rahul

PTI ■ AGAR MALWA

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday said that "BJP and RSS people" do not lead their lives the way Lord Ram led his.

Speaking at a rally here during his Bharat Jodo Yatra, he also said, citing an interaction with a priest on the way, that "Hey Ram", the phrase used by Mahatma Gandhi, was a "way of life".

Gandhi's cross-country foot-march which is currently passing through Madhya Pradesh halted in Agar Malwa district on Friday evening.

"A priest who came to meet me during the Yatra in Madhya Pradesh told me the meaning of 'Hey Ram', the words often used by Gandhiji.

"Hey Ram is a way of life. It taught the entire world the meaning of love, brotherhood, respect and tapasya (penance)," he said.

## CBI arrests Asola sextortionist for blackmailing US-based...

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The girl, who was chatting through Facebook, had befriended the economics professor of a prominent university on social media service chat platform, they said.

In conspiracy with her purported partner Rahul Kumar, she diverted conversations towards sexual connotations, eventually asking the professor to record and send his sexually explicit video on September 10, 2021, they said.

Once a video was received, she told the professor that her boyfriend Rahul had recorded the video, they said.

The duo started blackmailing the US-based professor with threats to send the video to authorities in the university and some prominent US-based journalists, they said.

"Rahul, using his accounts asolarahul@gmail.Com and rahulrana6585@gmail.Com, started sending extortionist threats related to the sexually explicit video chat to the professor demanding money and other valuable things from him for deleting the video and directed him to make the monetary payments to his PayPal

account," the CBI FIR has alleged.

The alleged blackmail went on for over a year, during which repeated money transfers took place in the PayPal account of Rahul, as directed by him. Over USD 48,000 (approximately Rs 38 lakh) was received from the victim, they said.

Kumar later asked the professor for costly gifts such as Apple iPhone chargers and headsets, following which the professor filed a complaint with the US Department of Justice, which handed over the matter to the FBI, they said.

The FBI got in touch with the CBI where International Operation Division registered a case, tracked the person and arrested Rahul while the search for his purported girlfriend is going on, they said.

"A case was registered by International Operation Division of CBI against a private person resident of New Delhi & Others on certain allegations including sextortion of a Professor at a prominent University in the USA on the inputs received from the USA," CBI said in a statement.

## Amarinder...

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Almost exactly a year after he was unceremoniously replaced by the Congress with Charanjit Singh Channi as the Chief Minister, Amarinder merged his PLC with the BJP in September. Jakhar joined the BJP in May and Sodhi did so last December.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made an aggressive push to expand the base of the BJP in Punjab after its longtime ally Shiromani Akali Dal's parted ways with the NDA.

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We can learn from each other, I believe, about how to promote tolerant behaviour among diverse communities because we have similar experiences and similar challenges in those social areas," she said.

Expressing concern over the so-called communal hate speeches during the India election campaign, the US on Friday said "it will continue to raise" the issue.

"We talk of this (with India) perpetually. We discuss both easy and difficult issues. We have been discussing this for a long time and will continue to do so."

The US diplomat said, "This is a conversation we have perpetually with our Indian colleagues," adding "That's one of the benefits of this consequential relationship, that we can discuss a great variety of issues - easy issues, difficult issues; issues on which we agree, issues on which we don't."

On the issue of delay in issuing visas to Indians, she said the US Government has issued 82,000 student visas to Indian nationals during the summer of 2022 and that the US Government is currently recruiting many consular officials out of which several will be posted to India.

## Moosewala murder mastermind Goldy Brar 'detained' in...

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Brar, a member of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, had claimed the responsibility for the murder.

A red corner notice, which allows the arrest and detention of a fugitive abroad, has been issued against Brar.

Satinderjeet Singh alias

Goldy Brar, a native of Sri Muktsar Sahib in Punjab, had gone to Canada on a student visa in 2017. He is an active member of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang.

Brar was also a key conspirator in the Dera Sacha Sauda follower murder incident which took place last month.

## Train passenger impaled by iron rod of track...

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"The incident occurred some 35 km before Aligarh railway station. The railway staff stopped the train at Aligarh and took Hrishekesh Dubey to hospital where the doctors declared him dead," Chief Public Relation Officer (CPRO) of North Central Railway (NCR) Himanshu Shekhar Upadhyay said.

"The body has been sent for postmortem examination and a probe has been ordered

in the matter," the CPRO added.

Meanwhile, a pall of gloom has shrouded the house of Dubey in Sultanpur. Hrishekesh Dubey was a native of Gopinathpur village under Chanda police station area of Sultanpur.

"Dubey was employed with a private firm in Delhi. He was on his way to attend a marriage function in Lucknow," deceased's cousin Rajeev Dubey told PTI.

## ED arrests Chhattisgarh CM's Dpt Secy in...

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In October, the agency had arrested Sameer Vishnoi, an IAS officer of the State, and two others, after conducting several rounds of searches in the case.

The money laundering investigation, launched after the ED took cognisance of a Income Tax department complaint, about "a massive scam in which illegal levy of Rs 25 per tonne was allegedly being extorted from every tonne of coal transported in Chhattisgarh by a cartel involving senior bureaucrats, businessmen, politicians and middlemen."

Last week, Baghel stepped up his attack on the ED, accusing the probe agency of cross-

ing its limits and treating people inhumanely in the State.

The ED has taken cognisance of an Income Tax Department complaint and chargesheet to file a case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

Baghel, who apparently did not act on an Income Tax Department communication had earlier termed the raids against her and others as an "act of intimidation".

Earlier, the I-T department had conducted searches at the premises of businessmen associated with steel and coal businesses. Similar raids conducted by the I-T department in June-July this year covered the premises of coal businessman Suryakant Tiwari and

Soumya Chairasia.

According to an Income Tax Department reference to the Chhattisgarh government, searches against Saumya Chairasia, Joint Secretary Anil Tuteja and RERA chairman Vivek Dhand (1981-batch IAS officer) revealed generation of tainted wealth to the tune of crores of rupees from distilleries of country liquor.

"Role of Tuteja is key in providing Government approvals to these distilleries and are given in accordance with bribes being paid/offered by these distillers," it said.

It said, "WhatsApp chats recovered from the mobile of Anil Tuteja (7974188790) show several instances of communication with Saumya

Chairasia, resorted to collection of bribes. These chats show that Rs 3 crore have exchanges hands through one Manish, on behest of Tuteja and Saumya."

During questioning, Tuteja also allegedly admitted to having in receipt of over Rs 43 crore from companies empanelled with the Agricultural Department.

There are instances of distribution of bribe amounts also between Tuteja and his close associate Saumya Chairasia.

Before searches at her premises, Chairasia got her Google backup data deleted from an IP address in Singapore where her sister resides, according to the IT-Department.

## India: Will walk the talk in our UNSC...

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India, Brazil, Germany and Japan -- members of the G4 grouping -- have been at the forefront of efforts calling for urgent reform of the Security Council, which has remained deeply divisive in dealing with current challenges.

As regards the Ukraine conflict, Kamboj said India is speaking to both sides and rejected the claim that New Delhi's position has not been "passive" on the war. India has taken the side of peace and favours de-escalation through diplomacy and dialogue, she said.

Kamboj asserted that New

Delhi shares an important relationship with Moscow. "India is too big a country. It stands tall and proud on its own. In the course of the conflict in Ukraine, we have been very clear and consistent right from the outset. We have spoken in one voice that we are for peace. Peace is also a side and we favor diplomacy and dialogue," she said.

Kamboj was responding to remarks by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov that NATO was trying to drag India into what he called an anti-Russian and anti-Chinese alliance and on India's relations with Russia and the West during the Ukraine war.

She said Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar are "speaking to both sides. We are among the few countries, dare I say, which are speaking to both sides," she said.

Kamboj made these observations after India on late Thursday assumed Presidency of the 15-nation UN Security Council, during which it will host signature events on countering terrorism and reformed multilateralism. The Presidency will bring the curtains down on India's two-year tenure as elected non-permanent member of the powerful UN organ.

On India's presidency of the G-20, she said it will be a "watershed moment" in its history as the country seeks to play an important role in finding pragmatic global solutions for the well-being of all.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres will inaugurate a bust of Mahatma Gandhi at the United Nations on December 14.

The bust will be placed in the "prestigious" North Lawn of the UN building, which is the first time that a sculpture of the Mahatma will be installed in the UN Headquarters.

## MCD campaign ends; garbage hills, parking crises poll clincher

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They appealed to the Delhiites to hand over the throne of the MCD for the

fourth time. In this election, the BJP organised a total of 1,024 planned programs including 241 Vijay Sankalp

roadshows of senior leaders, 574 public meetings, and 209 public relations campaign meetings. In all wards meetings of different sections of societies, RWA, and trader bodies were also held with a number of around 2,000.

On the other hand, AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal and his Deputy Manish Sisodia conducted a town hall meeting with more than 400 traders to discuss the problems faced by them in the past years and to make an action plan to solve them. Sisodia also interacted with the yoga instructors of the 'Dilli Ki Yogshala' programme.

The AAP conducted more than 14,862 public meetings, including jansamvaads, nukkad sabhas, door-to-door campaign, padyatras, nukkad natak, dance for democracy, magic shows, to reach out to

voters.

They kicked off their campaign by launching a party theme song titled 'Janta Ki Taiyyari Hai, Kejriwal Ki Baari Hai' and their slogan was 'Kejriwal Ki Sarkar, Kejriwal Ka Parshad'.

Apart from this the star campaigners of the party including Kejriwal, Sisodia, MP Raghu Chadha, Gopal Rai, Atishi, and Harbhajan Singh, etc, were seen in every ward of the city campaigning for the party through organising Nukkad sabhas, jansamvad and buzz programmes to make people aware of the BJP's failure in keeping the city clean and turning the MCD most corrupt civic body in the country.

The theme song of the BJP for the municipal elections is "BJP Ka Matlab Sewa Hai" sung by the MP and singer

Manoj Tiwari, and their slogan is 'Sewa Hi Vichar, Nahi Khokhle Prachar'.

The Congress also conducted roadshows, padayatra, and public meetings in 247 wards across the national Capital, with all the star players including State president Anil Kumar, Former MP Ajoy Kumar, Krishna Tirath, Udit Raj, Ramesh Kumar, and Subhash Chopra on the field campaigning for the party.

They made the residents aware of the shortcoming of both the AAP and BJP such as corruption in the MCD, parking menace, VVIP culture, and pollution in Yamuna River, etc, on the final day of the campaigning for the civic polls and appealed to the voters to choose the right party to make the city clean and green again.

The war of words between

the political parties was witnessed in the campaigning as the AAP has said that the BJP is a 'video making company; on the other hand, the saffron party termed the 'Kattar Baharash Party'.

Commenting on the star campaigners of the BJP, Kejriwal said the party is so much afraid of losing to us that they have called such big leaders to bank votes for them and to attack an 'aam aadmi' like me.

The AAP has claimed that they will win almost 230 seats, while the saffron party has assured that they are going to get more than 180 seats in the municipal polls. The Congress said that they will be forming the mayor of the MCD this time.

The AAP is banking on the issue of sanitation and corruption to seek votes from the

people of the city, while the BJP is seeking votes by showcasing the work done by the Central Government in Delhi and making promises to give housing facilities to seven lakh people along with the further reduction of the property tax in the Capital.

The Congress is riding on the back of the development done by the Shiela Dikshit Government in the city and promising the people to make the city clean, providing ROs to every household, and day boarding school facilities to the poor citizens.

"Large workforces of election functionaries and security agencies have put humongous efforts to make necessary preparations for conducting elections at 13,638 polling stations spread across Delhi. 68 Model Polling Stations and 68 Pink Polling Stations have

been established for the quality experience of the voters. Adequate arrangements for the deployment of forces have been done," said SEC commissioner Vijay Dev.

The resident is, however, disappointed as the majority of promises done by parties and councilors went unfulfilled for years. Still, they believe that the situation will be changed on the ground and civic amenities will be restored.

The voting for deciding the fate of the MCD for the next five years will be held on December 4 and the counting will take place on December 7.

This will be the first election after the unification of the three MCDs into a single entity and the wards were again reduced to 250 from 272 in Delhi.



# Will end corruption in MCD, rid traders of Inspector Raj: Kejriwal



AAP Govt will transform Delhi's markets on lines of those in Paris, Tokyo, New York, says CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday met around 400 traders in the national Capital and said that if voted to power in the MCD also, the AAP Government will transform the city's markets on the lines of those in Paris, Tokyo, New York, and Washington.

On the last day of campaigning for the MCD election Kejriwal assured the traders, "We will simplify all norms, and make life easier for traders. Will end corruption in MCD in 3-4 months and rid traders of Inspector Raj. We will either end, or digitise the licence fee system, will try our best to de-seal shops, simplify building by-laws and introduce the single-window system."

"We will transform the markets of the city like those in Paris, Tokyo, New York, and Washington and ensure that the Capital's markets stand out as the pride of India. As soon as we came to the State Government, we ended Licence Raj and Raid Raj, we started doorstep delivery of services in the transport department," he said. Criticizing the BJP, Kejriwal said that the AAP was redeveloping five markets of Delhi, but the BJP-run civic body did not grant No Objection Certificates.

"These people have not

done any work in MCD in 15 years, they have nothing to talk about. Amit Shah said we haven't done anything because Kejriwal did not give us any funds. Look at his audacity, the Home Minister is asking for funds from a State Government. The Centre gives funds to all States except the national Capital. I don't make excuses, I don't stop working over not getting central funds," said Kejriwal.

Kejriwal said the AAP was aware that "the traders had many issues with the MCD, but we had no idea of how much pain they were experiencing. There are several reasons why Parivartan is needed in the MCD this time."

He said that the main reason is that every year, even trees shed and change their leaves, and the BJP has been in power for 15 years in the MCD. People in positions of power develop arrogance. He said the MCD was mired in corruption and the BJP had no intention to clean it up. "There is a problem of corruption in MCD. The intention is not clear. All problems would have gone, if they had clear intention. We have done several works. The problem of corruption would be resolved in three-four months if we come to power in MCD," said Kejriwal.

"I've been to Gujarat several times. The State is in a miserable condition.

When you question BJP leaders about why they didn't do work for the common man? They argue that it is unnecessary. People have nowhere else to turn and will naturally only vote for us," said Kejriwal.

## 'AAP will make garbage mountains disappear, click selfies as souvenir'

### AAP ups ante, holds outreach campaigns in 160 areas in Capital

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The AAP on Sunday held outreach campaigns in over 160 areas of the national Capital for the forthcoming MCD polls. Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, Delhi State Convenor Gopal Rai, Rajya Sabha MPs Raghav Chadha, Sushil Gupta, MLAs Atishi, Durgesh Pathak, Dilip Pandey, Senior Leader Mahabal Mishra, took part in the Jansamvad along with other campaigners.

AAP leaders are trying to connect with each and every resident of Delhi by holding mass dialogues, Nukkad Sabhas, padyatras and door-to-door visits all over Delhi.

Party workers talk to people about their problems and how AAP will work to deliver upon the 'Kejriwal Ki 10 Guarantee' initiative while going door-to-door. Sisodia held Nukkad Sabhas in various wards of Narela and Badli constituencies and sought votes on the Kejriwal Government's achievements on Sunday.

Sisodia said the Bhalswa landfill site symbolises the BJP's "mountain of failure" during its 15-year-rule in the city's civic body. During an interaction with the people in the Badli Assembly segment ahead of the December 4 civic body polls, the senior AAP leader alleged the height of the landfill site "rose parallelly with the BJP's corruption in MCD".

In a snappy wisecrack, he asked people to click selfies



Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia greets during an election campaign for the MCD elections, in New Delhi, Thursday

with the garbage mound while they still can, claiming it will disappear after the AAP comes to power in the MCD. The party had, earlier this month, announced "10 guarantees" for the MCD polls, the foremost of which was to clear the Bhalswa, Okhla and Ghazipur landfill sites.

"Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is an engineer himself. He has developed a complete plan to eliminate these mountains of garbage from Delhi. This time, the people will vote the AAP to power in the MCD too.

Immediately after coming to power in the civic body, the work on eliminating these mountains of garbage will begin," Sisodia said. In public meetings at Jahangirpuri, Swaroop Nagar, Samaypur Badli, Bakhtawarpur, Alipore

and Narela, he accused the BJP of "crossing all the limits of corruption" in the past 15 years. The party failed terribly in its core responsibility of cleaning Delhi, he said.

Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha held a Padyatra in Keshavpuram. Interacting with people, Chadha said that the BJP does not have any reasonable issue to attack AAP on and therefore they are struggling to find topics to attack us on.

"They have become mentally bankrupt. I would like to offer the BJP an opportunity to get their mental state checked in one of the good hospitals that Shri Satyendar Jain has built. All the parties, it could be the BJP, Congress, BSP, SP, JDU – they all indulge in abusing CM Arvind Kejriwal. This is because he has gotten their political shops shut," he said.

# Proposal to extend Telangana law to stop organised crime in Delhi

Post MHA nod, Act will give cops preventive custody powers, L-G authority to order detention of people

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) VK Saxena has approved and forwarded a proposal to the Union Home Ministry for issuance of a notification to extend the Telangana Prevention of Dangerous activities Act, 1986, in the national Capital which allows the police to take offenders into preventive custody.

The Act will help in prevention of activities of bootleggers, drug traffickers, land grabbers, those involved in adulteration of food, making fake documents, snatching, robbery, arms running, sale of drugs, gambling, sexual offences and cyber-crime among others.

In June, the Delhi Police had sought approval for issuance of the notification to extend this Act, to the Delhi Government citing "a need for stringent legislation for prevention and effective control" of criminal activities.



According to officials, the L-G has approved and sent the Delhi Police's proposal to the MHA for issuance of the notification under Section 2 of the Union Territories (Laws) Act, 1950 for extending the Telangana Prevention of Dangerous activities Act, 1986.

The Centre exercises executive powers related to land, the police, and public order with respect to the National Capital Territory of Delhi. The MHA will take a final decision on extending the Telangana law.

"The cited Act enforced in the State of Telangana is an effective legislation which provides for preventive detention of desperate criminals and members of the organised syndicates whose criminal activities affect adversely or are likely to affect adversely the maintenance of public order," officials said.

"If approved by the MHA, the L-G will have the authority to order detention of a per-

son from acting in any manner prejudicial to the maintenance of public order.

It also has sufficient embedded provision to prevent any misuse of the Act by providing an advisory board to ratify detention and their extension," officials added. All detention under the Act will be subject to ratification by the advisory board. In case the board does not ratify any detention, the person will be released, officials said.

"The period of such detention shall not in the first instance exceed three months and the maximum period of detention shall not be more than 12 months from the date of detention.

"In every case where detention order has been made under this Act, the government shall within three weeks from the date of detention of a person, place the matter before an advisory board constituted by the Government for this purpose," officials said.

The advisory board shall consist of members who have been judges or are qualified to be appointed as judges of a High Court, they added.

According to the Union Territories (Laws) Act, 1950, the Centre may by notification in the official gazette extend to Delhi any law in force in other states with any restrictions and modifications as it deems fit.

# CM says Delhiites unhappy at halt of 'Dilli Ki Yogshala', slams L-G

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday hit out at Delhi Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) VK Saxena, saying when he "stopped" the 'Dilli Ki Yogshala' scheme there was sadness among the people. He asserted that the programme will continue irrespective of whether funds are available or not.

The L-G Secretariat officials, however, Friday said the decision to discontinue the 'Dilli Ki Yogshala' scheme in its 'present form' was taken by the board of governors (BoG) of the fully autonomous Delhi Pharmaceutical Science and Research University (DPSRU). The statements made by AAP leaders on it were "totally false" and "deliberately misleading. The Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia had authorized the DPSRU BoG to take any such decision in writing", officials said.

Meanwhile Leader of Opposition Ramvir Singh Bidhuri lambasted the Kejriwal government saying that the government has stopped the 'Dilli Ki Yogshala', programme but they blamed the Lt Governor for stopping it.

Addressing a gathering after felicitating several yoga instructors at an event, Kejriwal alleged that "stopping" free yoga classes for people is a 'sin' and it should not happen while the 'rest of the politics can go on'.

At the event, Kejriwal claimed the L-G had "stopped" the scheme, but the "people of Delhi" ensured the scheme continued with their generosity. In his address, he also alleged that Delhi's power structure is such that "LG can do anything". His remarks came in the backdrop of the issues surrounding the 'Dilli Ki Yogshala' scheme.

"When LG Sahab stopped the Yoga (classes), we felt very sad," Kejriwal said. Kejriwal said free yoga classes in the city



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal with Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, AAP MP Ashok Mittal and others during a felicitation event for the instructors of the 'Dilli Ki Yogshala' scheme, in New Delhi on Friday.

will continue irrespective of the availability of funds for the scheme, and hoped that the scheme will soon "be run again" the way it had started.

Many donors in Delhi have come forward to financially sustain this scheme, by offering to pay an honorarium to many yoga instructors.

Some of the donors handed over cheques (honorarium) to instructors at the event in the presence of Kejriwal and his deputy.

The AAP dispensation had alleged last month that the Delhi LG did not allow an extension of the 'Dilli Ki Yogshala' programme after October 31, a charge denied by LG office sources, claiming till date no file related to the extension of the scheme was sent to it by Chief Minister's Office.

Kejriwal, in his address, also spoke of promoting yoga and expanding its reach. About 17,000 people are practising yoga under it, but the target is to take that number to 20-25 lakh.

However, LG Secretariat's officials said that LG did not discontinue yogashala program and upon being asked to endorse a patently illegal proposal put up by Deputy Chief Minister and Chief Minister, he upheld statutory position that

clearly bars anyone including the LG to infringe upon the reasonable decision of an autonomous institution.

"However, once the University took the decision of discontinuing the program, the Dy. CM first tried to steam-roll it through a note, where he took the diametrically opposite position with regards to the autonomy of the University and then moved a one page note October 26, 2022, endorsed by CM Arvind Kejriwal, asking the LG to blatantly and illegally over rule the decision of the DPSRU", officials said.

The Lt. Governor, in his capacity as Chancellor, turned down the proposal of Sisodia to over ride the unanimous decision of the BoG of DPSRU to discontinue the 'Dilli Ki Yogashala' program in its present form, terming any decision to this effect on his part as 'patently illegal'.

Disposing a one-page note sent by Sisodia, with endorsement of Kejriwal, the LG has advised the Chief Minister "to explore putting into place, other ways and means including linkages with institutions that have required expertise in Yoga and logistical and statutory capacity to ensure that the Yoga has been made available to people of Delhi.

# BJP leaders hold Vijay Sankalp roadshows on last day of poll drive



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The top leaders of the BJP on Friday conducted Vijay Sankalp road shows in all 250 wards of the national Capital on the last day of campaigning for the December 4 MCD polls in Delhi.

The star campaigners of the BJP including Union Ministers Piyush Goyal, Anurag Thakur, and Hardeep Singh Puri along with Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Pushkar Singh Dhami, Deputy CM of Uttar Pradesh Keshav Prasad Mukherjee, State BJP President Adesh Gupta, Leader of Opposition in Delhi Legislative Assembly Ramveer Singh Bidhuri, hit the streets to seek votes for the party.

Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports Anurag Thakur campaigned in Ward No. 86 East Patel Nagar, 139 Narayana, 48 Guru Harkishan Nagar, 50 Mangolpuri B and 87 Ranjit Nagar on Friday on the last day of campaigning for the Delhi MCD Elections.

Keeping his attack focused on Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal during his road shows Thakur described the AAP supremo as the patron of rioters and corrupt people.

"Arvind Kejriwal came to power by talking about politics of change. For them, the meaning of changing politics was to openly give protection to rioters and corrupt people. Today,

rioters, corrupt and criminals from Delhi to Punjab have the open protection of Arvind Kejriwal.

These are the same people who did the work of throwing the whole of Delhi into riots on the arrival of the President of America to India. Petrol bombs and stones were recovered from the houses of AAP leaders and Arvind Kejriwal was saving these rioters, giving them a clean chit," he said.

Criticizing the AAP, Thakur said that they are running a separate university of providing certificates to criminals. Rapists are made physiotherapists and certificates of innocence are issued to the criminals.

"Kejriwal is the greatest thug who cheats even thugs of thugs. He has given such a model of corruption and false claims in Delhi that every resident of the city is sad today. For the first time, we saw a government working so shamelessly.

The government whose health minister is enjoying massage in jail and still is not resigning, shows that they are not only corrupt but also shameless," said Thakur. He went on to add that the whole country is seeing that these rioters and corrupt leaders are in jail and not getting bail.

Goyal did a grand Vijay Sankalp road show today at Pandav Nagar, Mandawali, Mayur Vihar Phase-2 Preet Vihar, Padparganj, Shakarpur

and IP Extension. Assuring the win in the municipal elections, Goyal said that watching the enthusiasm and support of the people towards the BJP has made it certain that the party will be forming its mayor for the fourth time in a row.

"The people of the national capital made up their mind to walk with the corruption-free, progressive leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," said Goyal, during the road show.

### BJP accuses Delhi CM of MCC violation, files complaint with poll panel

New Delhi: Delhi BJP on Friday alleged a Model Code of Conduct (MCC) violation by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal here and lodged a complaint with the State Election Commission. The alleged MCC violation took place at an event attended by Kejriwal in the Constitution Club.

"A case should be registered against Kejriwal for violating MCC," Ashish Sood, Delhi BJP's election campaign committee convener, said. "The Chief Minister openly violated Model Code of Conduct in programme. He organised the programme without any permission, for distributing cheques from foreign NGOs in Constitution Club," Sood said.

# 'BJP will regularise weekly markets'

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Friday announced its "commitment" to regularise weekly markets of street vendors and hawkers, hours before the culmination of campaigning for the civic body polls.

Addressing a press conference, national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia said except the BJP, other parties only focused on street vendors and hawkers but forgot them after the elections.

The eight lakh street vendors and hawkers in Delhi work hard to earn their livelihood, he said. He said, "We want to make it clear that we stand with them. It has been their demand to be regularised. Taking cognisance of their demands, we are saying it today with full responsibility that it is their right to be regularised."

"The BJP is committed that street vendors and hawkers are regularised and self-dependent." In June 2020, Prime Minister Narendra Modi started the PM SVANidhi scheme to provide financial assistance of Rs 10,000 to each street vendor in a move aimed to ensure their self dependence.

Bhatia said that there are total 12 zones in Delhi and night markets will be set up in them. Along with this, arrangements will also be made for a special women's market. It will be ensured that more and more employment opportunities are generated and corruption problems will also be dealt with strictly in a legal manner.

Bhatia further said that there are 2700 weekly markets in Delhi, which have been running for more than 20 years, but if almost 80 percent of them do not get their slips, their slips will also be cut so that they can come to regular status.

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# 'CM mum over issues of atrocities on women, Dalits'



Bollywood veteran actress and Congress leader Nagma along with DPCC president Anil Kumar waves at supporters during an election roadshow for the forthcoming MCD elections, at Patparganj in New Delhi on Friday.

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The Congress on Friday alleged that Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) have "wiped out" the rights of Dalits and minorities in Delhi.

At a press conference on the last day of campaigning for Delhi municipal polls, AICC secretary in-charge of Delhi Ajoy Kumar and Congress' Delhi unit chief Anil Chaudhary accused Kejriwal of keeping mum whenever issues of atrocities on women, Dalits and minorities came up.

The two Congress leaders along with other leaders of the

party's Delhi unit attacked Kejriwal and his Government over the issue. They claimed that the Congress will have its Mayor in the civic polls as people were inclined towards the grand old party and remembered the days of speedy progress under Sheila Dikshit Government.

"Be it anti-CAA agitation at Shaheen Bagh, Bilkis Bano issue or even Delhi riots, Kejriwal remained silent. His attitude showed his pro-BJP and pro-RSS mindset, as he seems to be influenced by it," Kumar told reporters. He also alleged that Kejriwal has many faces which change according to the need of the time.



# 21 A&N isles named after PVC awardees

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In an effort to honour the valour and sacrifice of our soldiers, the government has named 21 uninhabited islands in the union territory of Andaman and Nicobar after recipients of Param Vir Chakra, the country's highest wartime gallantry award. Out of the 21 islands, 16 are located in North and Middle Andaman district, while five islands are in South Andaman.

The first uninhabited island numbered 'INAN370' in North and Middle Andaman is named after Major Somnath Sharma. 'INAN370' will now be known as 'Somnath Dweep'. Major Sharma was the first recipient of the Param Vir Chakra.

Sharma died on November 3, 1947 while fighting Pakistani infiltrators near Srinagar Airport. He was posthumously awarded the highest military award for his gallantry and sacrifice during the Battle of Badgam.

Subedar and Honorary Captain Karam Singh, who fought in the Indo-Pakistani War of 1947, and was awarded the Param Vir Chakra for saving a forward post at Richmar Gali, south of Tithwal (a small

border-village in Jammu and Kashmir) was also honoured after the Andaman administration and the Defence Ministry named another uninhabited island numbered 'INAN308' after him as 'Karam Singh Dweep'.

Similarly, Major Rama Raghoba Rane, Naik Jadunath Singh, Company Havildar Major Piru Singh Shekhawat, Captain Gurbachan Singh Salaria, Lieutenant Colonel Dhan Singh Thapa Magar, Subedar Joginder Singh Sahnan, Major Shaitan Singh Bhati, Company Quartermaster Havildar Abdul Hamid, Lieutenant Colonel Ardeshir Burzorji Tarapore, Lance Naik Albert Ekka, Colonel Hoshiar Singh Dahiya, Second Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal, Flying Officer Nirmaljit Singh Sekhon, Major Ramaswamy Parameswaran, Captain Bana Singh, Captain Vikram Batra, Captain Manoj Kumar Pandey and Subedar Major Sanjay Kumar - all recipients of the Param Vir Chakra - were honoured after the islands were named after them.

The Andamans played a prominent part in the history of India's freedom struggle. People who took part in various anti-British movements such as the 1857 revolt, the

Wahabi Movement, and the Burmese Rebellion were deported to the Andamans where they lived there under barbaric conditions. Great stalwarts of the freedom struggle were confined in the solitary cells of the Cellular Jail.

Andaman and Nicobar Islands MP, Kuldeep Rai Sharma, welcomed the initiative for naming the 21 islands after decorated soldiers in assistance with the defence and the local administration.

"I am happy that the Centre has chosen 21 islands from Andaman to honour our brave soldiers. I would also like to request the administration to publish a small handbook for schoolchildren so that they can learn more about their supreme sacrifice for our motherland," he told PTI.

"Andaman and Nicobar Island is a 'tirtha sthan' (pilgrimage) because of sacrifices made by the freedom fighters and now such honour for the Param Vir Chakra recipients is a matter of pride for us," Sharma said. He also said christening of the 21 uninhabited islands of Andaman and Nicobar archipelago with names of Param Vir Chakra heroes is a real tribute to the soldiers "who had given their today for our tomorrow."

# Man wanted for Ludhiana court blast held



Terrorist was arrested by NIA at IGIA on his arrival from Malaysia; he had a reward of ₹10 lakh on his head

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday said it has arrested Harpreet Singh, the most wanted terrorist in Ludhiana court blast case from IGI Airport here. He was arrested after his arrival from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The wanted terrorist Harpreet Singh alias Happy Malaysia, resident of Miadi Kala village of Ajnala Tehsil, Amritsar, Punjab was nabbed late last night from the airport herethe NIA said in a statement.

The case relates to the massive bomb blast that took place in the Ludhiana Court Building. One person died and six persons were injured in the explosion.

The case was initially registered as FIR No. 446, dated December 23, 2021, at Police Station Division-5, District Ludhiana Commissionerate, Punjab and re-registered by the NIA on January 13 this year. "Investigations revealed that Harpreet Singh alias Happy Malaysia, an associate of Lakhbir Singh Rode, Pak-based self styled Chief of ISYF, was one of the conspirators of Ludhiana Court Building blast, alongwith Rode.

Acting on the directions of Rode, he coordinated the delivery of the custom-made IED which had been sent from Pakistan, to his India-based associates, that was used in the Ludhiana Court Complex blast," the NIA said in a statement.

The arrested accused was also involved and wanted in various cases, including smuggling of explosives, arms and narcotics.

Earlier, the NIA had declared a reward of Rs 10 lakh on Harpreet against whom a non-bailable warrant (NBW) from the Special NIA court had been issued and a look out circular (LOC) was opened. Further investigations in the case are in progress, it added.

## Nora Fatehi appears before ED in money laundering case

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Actor Nora Fatehi appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) here on Friday for a fresh recording of her statement in connection with an ongoing money-laundering probe against alleged conman Sukesh Chandrashekar and his associates.

Fatehi, 30, has been questioned by the agency in the case a few times in the past. The Canadian-born artiste came to India about seven to eight years ago to work in the Hindi film industry.

The actor, who featured in popular Bollywood dance numbers such as "Naach Meri Rani" and "Kamariya", will be questioned about some more issues related to Chandrashekar, sources said.

The agency recorded her statement under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and the questioning related to some new facts that have emerged in the ongoing case. In its earlier charge sheets, filed in this case, the ED had named actor Jacqueline Fernandez as an accused while Fatehi's statement was included in the same prosecution

## ED seizes jewellery, cash worth ₹1.04 cr in multi-city searches

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has seized gold, jewellery, and some cash worth ₹1.04 crore in multi-city raids against some share brokerage and financial firms on money laundering charges.

The ED searched 16 premises located across Chennai, Mumbai, and Delhi covering office and residential premises of two listed companies - Securekcloud Technologies Limited and Pro Fin Capital Services Limited as part of the money laundering investigation.

Besides these two, premises associated with Quantum Global Securities Limited (QGSL), Unity Global Financial Services Pvt Limited, and Desert River Capital Pvt Ltd had been covered recently, the agency said.

The money laundering case stems from an FIR lodged in February, 2019 with the cen-



tral crime branch of Chennai Police by Suresh Venkatachari, the promoter and CEO of Securekcloud Technologies Limited (STL), against QGSL, its directors, and a person named Rohit Arora.

STL, earlier known as 8k Miles Software Services Limited, is a software and IT services company, and has presence in India and USA, the ED said.

"The complaint was lodged against some share brokers and financial service provider companies which

sold the shares pledged by the promoter of STL in order to borrow against STL shares. The complaint also stated that the share brokers who have provided loans forged the signatures on delivery instruction slips and sold the shares off-market," it said.

The probe found that the directors and beneficial owners of these share brokerage and financial firms transferred shares worth Rs 160 crore off-market, and subsequently sold them to generate "huge proceeds of crime."

## IN SHORT

### PREZ MURMU TO GRACE NAVY DAY CELEBRATIONS

New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu will on December 4 witness the operational demonstration of the Indian Navy at Visakhapatnam on the occasion of the Navy Day. It is the first time Navy Day Celebrations are being conducted outside the national capital. Several dignitaries from the central and state governments are expected to attend the event, which will be hosted by Navy chief Admiral R Hari Kumar.

### 'NAVY EQUIPPED TO SHIELD MARITIME BORDERS'

New Delhi: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard are being equipped with indigenous state-of-the-art ships and weapons to protect maritime borders of country. He gave this assurance during meeting of Consultative Committee for Ministry of Defence on 'Defence Shipyards' attended by a number of MPs in Mumbai.

### HANSRAJ AHIR ASSUMES CHARGE OF OBC PANEL

New Delhi: Former Union Minister Hansraj Gangaram Ahir assumed charge as Chairperson, National Commission for Backward Classes here on Friday. An Agriculturist by profession, Ahir had been elected four times MP Constituency Chandrapur, Maharashtra and also he was Member of Maharashtra Legislative Council.

### FACING RESISTANCE FROM NOIDA, G NOIDA ADMIN

New Delhi: Attorney General R Venkataramani, the court receiver for Amrapali group projects, told the Supreme Court on Friday he is facing resistance from Noida and Greater Noida authorities in generating funds for stalled projects and, if situation remains so, the management of the company should be handed over to Uttar Pradesh government.

### CONG SLAMS PM OVER G-20 PRESIDENCY HYPE

New Delhi: A day after India assumed leadership of the G-20, Congress' general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh on Friday attacked the Modi government saying, "Previous presidents of G20 have been USA, UK, Canada, South Korea, France, Mexico, Russia, Australia, Turkey, China, Germany, Argentina, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Italy & Indonesia. None of these countries staged a high voltage drama as is being done around India becoming President of G20 for a year."

### 'FILE REPLY ON CLINICAL ESTABLISHMENT ACT'

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Friday directed the Centre and the states to file their responses on a plea seeking directions for a uniform standard of healthcare for citizens in line with Constitution by adopting provisions of the Clinical Establishments Act, 2010.

### PLEA ON CHAKRAPANI NAME AS TRUSTEE MEMBER AXED

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday refused to entertain a plea seeking a direction to the 'Shri Ram Janambhoomi Teerth Kshetra' to include name of Swami Chakrapani of Hindu Mahasabha as a member of trust tasked with construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya.

## Cong leaders to meet Sonia to evolve strategy ahead of Winter Session of Parliament

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

Ahead of the Parliament's Winter Session from next week, Congress leaders will hold deliberations on Saturday on the party's strategy to corner the government during the session which is likely to be missed by its former party chief Rahul Gandhi as he is undertaking the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

Sources said newly elected president Nihalikarjun Kharge, leader of the Congress in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, chief whip of the party in Rajya Sabha Jairam Ramesh and party's chief whip in Lok Sabha K Suresh and other prominent Congress MPs like P Chidambaram and Manish Tewari will meet at the residence of former party chief Sonia Gandhi to evolve the strategy. Sonia is the chairperson of the Congress Parliamentary Party.

Sources said a discussion

on the ongoing factionalism in Rajasthan where the party is in power could also be discussed as the Rahul's padyatra is scheduled to enter the desert state on Sunday.

A couple of MPs said since Rahul unlikely to attend the session between December 7 to December 19 due to Bhart Jodo Yatra and Sonia Gandhi unlikely to get involved in day-to-day floor management, the grand old party now led by a non-Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge, in day to day management of issues as well as coordination with other opposition parties, is top on agenda.

AICC sources said Kharge will continue function as the leader of the opposition in Rajya Sabha for time being, Adhir will remain the party leader in the Lok Sabha.

Along with Rahul, Ramesh and his colleague in the upper house senior leader Digvijaya Singh, too are likely to remain absent most of the time.

## Existing collegium system should not be derailed: SC

‘Do not want to comment on what former judges say’

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

The Supreme Court said on Friday the existing collegium system should not be derailed on the basis of statements of "some busybody", asserting the top court is one of the most transparent institutions.

Amid divisions within the judiciary and its festering dispute with the government over the system under which existing judges appoint judges to constitutional courts, it said it does not want to comment on what a few former apex

court judges, who were once members of the Supreme Court collegium, are now saying about the mechanism.

A bench of Justices MR Shah and CT Ravikumar said, "Nowadays, it has become a fashion to comment upon earlier decisions (of the collegium) made when they (former judges) were part of the collegium. We don't want to say anything on their comments".

The top court was hearing a petition by RTI activist Anjali Bhardwaj against the Delhi High Court order dismissing her plea seeking the agenda of the Supreme Court collegium's meeting held on December 12, 2018 when certain decisions were purportedly taken on the elevation of some judges to the apex court.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared breathtaking images from recently-launched EOS-06 satellite

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## '25% Covid patients reported mental health issues'

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

At least 25 per cent Covid-19 affected patients and 16 per cent of family members of such patients reported having mental health issues across Delhi, Gujarat and Jharkhand—more in the urban areas than the villages, according to a study conducted by World Health Partners, a public health organization.

In urban settings across all the three states, prevalence of mental health issues among men and women in the 35-59 age group is higher at 21.2 per

cent as compared to rural settings at 13.2 per cent, it noted. Sharing key learnings and insights from an 18 month long intervention study on mental health and gender-based violence based on questionnaires sent to more than 500,000 people, said Prachi Shukla, Country Director- World Health Partners.

"Increase in mental health issues has opened the doors for deploying low-cost digital technologies that can support the government's efforts in building stronger health systems," Shukla noted. Dr. Rajesh Sagar Professor and Head- Psychiatry, AIIMS, concurred, "Tele-mental health is a game changer

when it comes to creating ease of access of services to the parts of the country that may not have access to the kind of quality care that is available to people in metros or tier 1 cities.

There is a need to strengthen the health system of country and to ensure effective mental health care delivery in primary care setting in order to reach the unreached population." WHP also facilitated referral services for those in need of institutional care. More than 4500 persons for mental health, gender-based violence and substance use disorder, were referred across all the three locations.

## Divyang Kala Mela inspires disabled to develop entrepreneurial skills: Min

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

Underlining that entrepreneurship has undoubted social value as it contributes to socio-economic development of the marginalized community particularly people with disability, the Centre has plans to reachout to aspiring entrepreneurs in the sector across the country through mega events like Divyang Kala Mela which was kicked off on Friday here.

After inaugurating the six-day-long fest, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr Virendra Kumar said that the objective of such fairs is to bring self-reliance in the lives of Divyangjan. "This type of event will provide a big platform to the people in the sector as they can display and sell their products.

This also provides them an opportunity to connect with big businessmen. Hence, we have decided to organize such fests across the country," he said. Being held for the first time on Kartavya path near India Gate, the fest has brought more than 200 persons with physical and intellectual disabilities from 22 states to showcase their wide range of skills.

The Minister also referred to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious scheme, Daksh programme wherein training in skill upgradation and skill development is imparted to the entrepreneurs. The fair showcases a wide range of products such as home



Vijendra Kumar, Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment and Pratima Bhoomik, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment inaugurated the Divyang Kala Mela in New Delhi on Friday

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decor & lifestyle, clothing, stationery and eco-friendly products, packaged food, organic products, toys and gifts among others.

On the sidelines of the event, Pratima Bhoomik, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment marveled at the skills of the

people in the sector showcasing their wide range of talents.

"Together we can help change the business landscape for entrepreneurs with disabilities. Let's discover their business potential. Given adequate support, they can be job providers instead of job seekers," she added.



# Border dispute: 2 Maha Mins to visit Belgaum on Dec 6

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Maharashtra Ministers Chandrakant Patil and Shambhuraj Desai will meet the activists of Madhyavarti Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti at Belgaum Karnataka on December 6 and hold talks with them on the decades-old border dispute between Maharashtra and the neighbouring state.

As per the earlier schedule, the two ministers were supposed to visit Belgaum on December 3.

In a tweet in Marathi, Patil said some Ameddkarite organisations have urged them to remain present in Belgaum on the occasion of Mahaparinirvan Diwas, the death anniversary of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar.

So instead of December 3, he and Desai will be in Belgaum on December 6.



Earlier this week, Patil had said there was a demand from the Madhyavarti Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti, an organisation fighting for the merger of Belgaum and some other border areas with Maharashtra, to hold discussions with the volunteers on the Maharashtra-Karnataka border issue.

"Accordingly, I and coordinating minister Shamburaj Desai will visit Belgaum on December 3 and hold discussions. Let's meet up.



Discussions surely will lead to a way," Patil had tweeted earlier with a letter from the Madhyavarti Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti seeking a meeting with him and Desai.

Patil and Desai were appointed as the coordinating minister for the border row with a mandate to coordinate with the legal team regarding the court case on the border dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka, according to a government resolution.

The ministers will also be

responsible for coordination with the Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti that roots for merging of the Marathi-speaking areas in Karnataka with the state.

They will also look into the problems faced by the residents of 865 villages over which the Maharashtra government has staked its claim in this over decades old issue, the resolution said.

Patil is a senior state Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, while Desai is a member of the Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena faction of the Shiv Sena. Both hail from western Maharashtra.

Maharashtra, since its inception in 1960, has been entangled in a dispute with Karnataka over the status of Belgaum (also called Belagavi) district and 80 other Marathi speaking villages, which are in the control of the southern state.

## Villages in Maha's Nashik district seek merger with Gujarat: NCP

PTI ■ NASHIK

Some villages in north Maharashtra's Nashik district have demanded that they should be included in Gujarat because they presently face apathy and lack of development, a local leader of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) claimed on Friday.

The demand follows a recent row over Karnataka Chief Minister's claim that villages in Jat tehsil in southern Maharashtra once wanted to merge with his state. "Even after 75 years of Independence, many villages and Padas (hamlets) in Surgana taluka of Nashik do not have basic amenities. If you cannot devel-

op these villages, merge them with Gujarat," NCP's Surgana taluka chief Chintaman Gavit said. He presented a memorandum to this effect to tehsildar Sachin Mulik on November 30, he told PTI. "This does not have anything to do with any political party.

Residents of Subhash Nagar, Dolare, Alangun and Kathipada villages have come together for this demand and there are many others. Gujarat's Dharampur taluka is 15 km away and Wasda is 10 km away. We frequently go there and we are seeing the difference in development for years now," he said.

He also received phone calls from people in Dhadaon



and Navapur in Nandurbar district who endorsed the demand of inclusion in Gujarat, Gavit claimed. Border areas of Nashik and Nandurbar districts are predominantly tribal. "We have convened a meeting at Pangarne village on December 4 where the next course of

action will be decided," Gavit said. In border areas of Gujarat, there are good roads, reliable electricity supply and health, water and transport facilities, he claimed. "On Maharashtra side there are no good roads, no 24x7 electricity and people face water scarcity every year.

# CPM sees foreign hand in Vizhinjam agitation

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

The ruling CPI(M) in Kerala has alleged of foreign conspiracy against the Vishinjam International Seaport India Ltd which is coming up in Thiruvananthapuram district. Leaders of banned Popular front of India have emerged as leaders of anti-Vizhinjam committee, says sources in Police.

The construction works of the Adani-owned port is in a state of standstill following a massive agitation launched by the Archdiocese of Latin Catholic with headquarters in Thiruvananthapuram. The rioting at Vizhinjam, launched with the blessings of the Latin Catholic Church leaders led to widespread rioting and affray that turned the coastal area into a battle zone.

The CPI(M)'s international conspiracy angle to the ongoing Vizhinjam Port agitation was carried by the party mouthpiece Deshabhimani. It alleges that the agitation turned violent following a meeting held by Eugene Pereira, the chief vicar of Vizhinjam Curch, during his last sojourn to national capital New Delhi where he is reported to have met the representatives of four international NGOs and religious extremist organizations masquerading as civil rights groups.

The report, quoting national and State intelligence officials pointed out that the

agitation launched by quarry workers in reserve forest areas is the Western Ghats is to sabotage the Vizhinjam port work as the groyne across the sea shore are built with boulders mined from the quarries.

The Deshabhimani report says that the agitation got a major boost after the four-day long visit of Pereira to Delhi and his meetings with representatives of the foreign agencies. "We are pursuing this angle and our special teams are investigating the foreign hand angle in this agitation," said M R Ajith Kumar, director general of police (internal security) told reporters.

Intelligence officials said that they were shocked to see the similarities in the agitations held at Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant site, the Vedanta Copper Smelting Plant site at Thoothukudi and at the Port at Vizhinjam. "The Kudankulam agitation was financed with foreign funds according to the then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. The same was the case with Vedanta Ltd. The allegation by Thoothukudi agitators was that the rise in temperature and increase in pollution were because of the copper smelting plant. The plant has been shut down since the last three years. But ther pollution level has increased," said G Sanal Kumar, representative of Thiruvananthapuram Chamber of Commerce.

He said the Latin Catholic Archdiocese was working as a mafia. " Vincent, owing allegiance to the Church, was the person who cornered all lap-tops and bicycles distributed by Adani as part of its corporate social responsibility towards Mulloor Village near Vizhinjam from where the company acquired nearly 1,000 acres of land. But students in this village did not get anything as it was Vincent and Church leaders who handpicked the beneficiaries," said Sanal Kumar. A heart-broken Kumar said that journalists who cover the Vizhinjam agitation are activists masquerading as journalists.

The octogenarian K Ramkumar, senior advocate and State's pioneer in Human Rights said that a thorough probe should be ordered on the writ of Indian Constitution in Vizhinjam coastal area. "The present agitation is not by fishermen but by religious fanatics. What baffles me is the inactivity of the police in controlling the mobsters who unleashed violence across the site despite the court directive to prevent the agitation," said Ramkumar.

He also said that the agitation is sponsored by China and Sri Lanka which feel threatened that the their ports would lose prominence once Vizhinjam, close to the international shipping channel, becomes operational.



## Kerala Govt's green signal for Central forces at Vizhinjam

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

The Kerala Government which is yet to recover from Sunday's rioting at Vizhinjam Port told the Kerala High Court on Friday that it was not against deploying central para military forces at the work site as desired by the Adani Group, the concessionaires. The High Court sought the views of the Central government about deploying Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) at the Adani Vizhinjam Ports construction site.

The stance of the Kerala Government is seen as the failure of the State Police in controlling the riots and affrays unleashed by the anti-Port activists staging demonstrations at the site. Last Sunday saw the rioters under the leadership of the priests vandalizing houses, buildings and vehicles

including the ones belonging to the anti-riot police.

The CPI(M) mouthpiece Deshabhimani had alleged that six spiritual leaders of the Latin Archdiocese were spearheading the agitation. The Adani Group in a petition to the Kerala High Court had blamed the Kerala Government for not taking effective measures to prevent such rioting. The rioters had destroyed 18 tipper lorries that reached the project site as the police looked the other way.

G Sanal Kumar, Thiruvananthapuram Chamber of Commerce and Industry said on Friday that Ashapura Clays, a Rs 1,000 crore industrial giant in Vizhinjam, was forced to shift its operations to far away Gujarat because of continued blackmail and exhortation by activists belonging to the Church-led agitation groups.

# Cong already accepted defeat in Guj Assembly elections: Modi

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Claiming that the Congress 'only believed in 'atkana, latkana aur bhatkana' (stalling, delaying and misleading), Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the opposition party's allegations of tampering of Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) is an indication that it has already accepted defeat in the Gujarat Assembly elections.

Voting for 89 seats in the first phase of the Gujarat elections took place on Thursday.

"The way Congress has started blaming EVMs after yesterday's voting in Kutch, Saurashtra and south Gujarat, it is evident the opposition party has conceded defeat and has accepted that the BJP will win the election. Alleging EVM tampering is an indication the Congress is on its way out," said Modi.

He was speaking at an election rally in Patan town of north Gujarat where voting will be held along with remaining 92 seats on December 5.

"The Congress knows only two things, abuse Modi ahead of polls to please the voters and then blame EVMs after voting. This proves the Congress has accepted defeat," the prime minister said.

He also slammed past Congress governments for 'widening the rift between the rich and the poor in the country and 'looting' the funds meant for the welfare of the poor.

"A former Congress PM used to say that out of Rs 1 sent by the Centre, only 15 paise reaches the poor," Modi said, referring to the late Rajiv Gandhi's famous quote.

"In those days local bodies,



state governments and the Centre were ruled by the Congress. The BJP was not in the picture. So which 'palm' was responsible for siphoning off 85 paise?" he said, in a dig at the Congress's poll symbol (hand).

After he became prime minister, he plugged all such loopholes, Modi added.

Modi also alleged that the Congress only believed in 'atkana, latkana aur bhatkana' (stalling, delaying and misleading), and said those who looted poor people in the country were now abusing him for putting an end to corruption.

He claimed that the previous Congress governments never showed any interest in bringing the Narmada river water to the parched regions of Gujarat as the party was only interested in doing those works where there was scope to indulge in corruption.

Modi was addressing a rally in Kankrej village of Banaskantha district, where voting for the second phase of Gujarat Assembly polls will be held on December 5.

"Congress only believed in 'atkana', 'latkana' and 'bhatkana'. Elderly people from

this region would tell you how Congress governments used to talk about bringing Narmada water in this parched region, but nothing was done on that front during their rule," he said.

The prime minister accused the Congress of trying to stall the construction of the Sardar Sarovar dam and supporting those who delayed the project through litigations, a veiled reference to Narmada Bachao Andolan activist Medha Patkar.

"Can people of Banaskantha forgive those who indulged in this sin of stopping water from coming here? Congress was responsible for keeping Banaskantha thirsty. They must be punished. I hope you will not forget this during polling," Modi said.

"Congress never shows interest in those works where their leaders do not find any opportunity to make money. Since they used to get kick-backs in the relief work where-in people were given the task to dig pits during drought, Congress was not providing water. Because they knew that if water is supplied here, their illegal income will stop," he alleged.

# Akhilesh: SP victory in Mainpuri to be tribute to Mulayam



PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Samajwadi Party chief and former chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, Akhilesh Yadav, said that victory in Mainpuri would be a tribute to Mulayam Singh Yadav.

He also attacked the Bharatiya Janata Party government and accused it of using force. Dimple Yadav of the SP and Raghuraj Singh Shukla of the BJP are in direct contest in the Mainpuri parliamentary by-election.

The death of SP founder Mulayam Singh Yadav necessitated the by-election in Mainpuri. To honour party founder Mulayam Singh Yadav, the SP wants to win in its stronghold.

Addressing a series of meetings in Mainpuri Lok Sabha constituency, Akhilesh Yadav said, "The people of Mainpuri have old bonds with Netaji and my uncle (Shivpal Singh Yadav) is MLA from Jaswantnagar. "Yah ek din ka rishta nahi hai".

"Netaji had worked tirelessly for the common people here for decades. There was a time when this area was dacoit-infested but not now. The people

here have all the basic amenities made available by the development works during the previous SP government," he said.

Accusing the BJP of using the official machinery for influencing the election, Akhilesh Yadav said, "The BJP is not seeking votes from the people; it has deployed the official machinery for that purpose. I have not spoken to the district magistrate and district police chief so far. I hope the IAS and IPS officers are responsible and they will discharge their duties in a non-partisan manner and not as polling agents of the ruling party."

Akhilesh Yadav charged that the police in Mainpuri were terrorising the SP cadre and the elected panchayat representatives. The SP has lodged a complaint with the Election Commissioner of India and the poll panel has issued notice to the district magistrate of Mainpuri.

The SP chief alleged that the district administration was working on a plan to arrest the polling agents of the SP on the eve of the polling day on December 5. "This is something unacceptable in democracy," the SP chief said.

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To be known to all that, Kamlesh Bhandari son of late Shri P.S. Bhandari R/o 3-5-874/13/ A Flat No.302, Aashra Apartment, Hyderabad, near MIA Quarters, Hyderabad, Khairatabad, Hyderabad and Mr. Anup Bhandari S/o Late Shri P.S. Bhandari R/o 44-2-332/7/17, Gyan bagh Colony, Near Hanuman Temple, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh is owner/ mutatee and in physical possession of Flat No.36-C, on First Floor, Catimg, Block-8, Pankha Road, Jankapuri, New Delhi, which has been allotted by DDA vide File No.F.41 (104) 1975/1981 and for conversion from lease hold into free hold of said flat by D.D.A. The original Allotment Letter, Possession Letter, Possession Slip, NOC for Water and Electric connection, and all original Challans and other related documents of said flat have been lost. An F.R. to this effect has been lodged. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents may write/contact with above named person at above address/Phone No. 9949275000 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objections, in which respect to this flat, can personally inform or write to Dy. Director (L&B) H or Director (H)-1, D Block 3d Floor, Vikas Sadan, Indira, New Delhi.

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### FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL 600/1, University Road, Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION

Dated: 16.11.2022  
Summons to defendants under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.

Original Application No. 839 of 2022  
ICICI Bank Ltd.  
Vs.  
Jagjeet Singh Luthra & Others

To,  
1. Jagjeet Singh Luthra S/o. Sri Satyendra Singh Luthra R/o. F-22, Sector-35, Noida, Gautam Bhudh Nagar (U.P.)-201303 ...Defendant No. 1  
2. Rishu Luthra W/o. Mr. Jagjeet Singh Luthra R/o. F-22, Sector-35, Noida, Gautam Bhudh Nagar (U.P.)-201303 ...Defendant No. 2  
3. Kuldeep Kar W/o. Sri. Satyendra Singh Luthra R/o. F-22, Sector-35, Noida, Gautam Bhudh Nagar (U.P.)-201303 ...Defendant No. 3  
4. Jaypee Infratech Pvt. Ltd. Having its registered office at Jaypee Gardens, Sector-128, Noida- 201304 (U.P) Through its Managing Director ...Defendant No. 4

In the above noted Original Application you are required to file reply in Paper Book Form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any) personally or through your duly authorised agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorised agent after publication of the summons and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 31/03/2023 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

### Form No. INC-25A

Advertisement to be published in newspaper for conversion of public company into private company  
Before the Regional Director, Ministry of Corporate Affairs Delhi Region  
In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, section 14 of Companies Act, 2013 and rule 41 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014  
AND  
In the matter of MJH Developers Limited (Formerly Known AL-Falah Blossoms Limited) having its registered office at 274-A, Jamia Nagar Okhla, New Delhi, Delhi-110025.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the company intending to make an application to the Regional Director, Ministry of Corporate Affairs under section 14 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with aforesaid rules and is desirous of converting into a private limited company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 01<sup>st</sup> December, 2022 to enable the company to give effect for such conversion. Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change/status of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post or through mail of his objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his interest and grounds of opposition to the concerned Regional Director (B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi - 110003), within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:

Mr. Sufyan Ahmad Siddiqui (Director)  
MJH DEVELOPERS LIMITED (Formerly Known AL-FALAH BLOSSOMS LIMITED)  
Registered Address: 274-A, Jamia Nagar Okhla, New Delhi, Delhi- 110025  
complyruban@gmail.com 9891705197  
Date: 03/12/2022  
Place: New Delhi

### FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL 600/1, University Road, Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION

Dated:- 21.11.2022  
Summons to defendants under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.

Original Application No. 852 of 2022  
ICICI Bank Ltd.  
Vs  
Mallika Rawal & Others

To,  
1. Mallika Rawal W/o. Shri Jayant Sarjeet Rawal R/o. 195, SF Indraprastha Colony, Sector-33-30, Faridabad-121003 ...Defendant No. 1  
2. Jayant Sarjeet Rawal S/o. Sri Sarjeet Chander Rawal R/o. 195, SF Indraprastha Colony, Sector-33-30, Faridabad-121003 ...Defendant No. 2  
3. M/s. Aadi Best Consortium Pvt. Ltd. Office : Cloud 9, Sector -1, Vaishali, Ghaziabad (U.P.)-201019, Through its Director ...Defendant No. 3

In the above noted Original Application you are required to file reply in Paper Book Form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any) personally or through your duly authorised agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorised agent after publication of the summons and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 20/02/2023 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

### FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL 600/1, University Road, Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION

Dated 16.11.2022  
Summons to defendants under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.

Original Application No. 840 of 2022  
ICICI Bank Ltd.  
Vs.  
Ramesh Shanti Lal & Others

To,  
1. Ramesh Shanti Lalji Dave S/o. Sri. Shantilalji Dave R/o. 2 Ram Dular Chawl, Dhanjwadi Hill Malad (East), Mumbai - 400097 ...Defendant No. 1  
2. M/s Sunworld Residency Private Limited Registered office at - A-4, Sector-4, Noida- 201301 Through its Managing Director ...Defendant No. 2

In the above noted Original Application you are required to file reply in Paper Book Form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any) personally or through your duly authorised agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorised agent after publication of the summons and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 31/03/2023 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

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Dated:- 16/11/2022  
Summons to defendants under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.

Original Application No. 841 of 2022  
ICICI Bank Ltd.  
Vs  
Aditi Garg & Others

To,  
1. Aditi Garg D/o. Sri Chandra Prakash Garg R/o. 10/25, Raj Nagar, Ghaziabad (U.P.)- 201301 ...Defendant No. 1  
2. Dharamraj Singh Rao S/o. Shri. Bharat Singh Rao R/o. House No.110, Sector -27, Gurgaon- 120010 ...Defendant No. 2  
3. M/s. Diligent Builders Pvt. Ltd. Having its office at-A-60/C, Sector- 63, Noida- 201307 Through its Managing Director ...Defendant No. 3

In the above noted Original Application you are required to file reply in Paper Book Form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any) personally or through your duly authorised agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorised agent after publication of the summons and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 31/03/2023 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow



# India snubs China

India has rightly said that it does not give a veto to China on matters like Yudh Abhyas with the US

In contradistinction to the 19th-century idea of the “nation state” that became popular in the West, China in this century came up with the ideas of the “civilisation state.” While a nation state represents a territory with shared history or people with a linguistic or ethnic-group, a civilisation state represents an entire civilisation. The American political scientist and academic Samuel Huntington’s clash of civilisations thesis might have played a role in it, but it certainly became very popular among the Communist Party of China leaders. When addressing foreign audiences, President Xi Jinping emphasises on the unique history and civilisation of China. Pro-government intellectuals follow suit. Zhang Weiwei of Fudan University wrote a book, *The China Wave: Rise of a Civilisational State*, which has been influential. Zhang attributes modern China’s success to its rejection of Western political ideas. Confucian culture and the Mandarin system rather than the Enlightenment ideas have been responsible for the spectacular rise of China in a short span, according to this theory. In reality, however, there is a party state rather than a civilisation state in China, notwithstanding scholarly sophistry and political rhetoric. If Pakistan, like the nineteenth century Prussia, is an army with a state, China is a party-owned state. Interestingly, the People’s Liberation Army is an arm of the CCP. Such a thing didn’t happen even in the erstwhile Soviet Union, the first communist state. Only by keeping such subtle nuances in mind can we scrutinise the mindset of the CCP elite.



The veneer of civilisation state gives CCP bosses the cover to persist with their ‘unrestricted warfare’ against any country they dislike, be it India or the US. The only thing that Beijing expects from New Delhi is docile acceptance of multifarious Chinese aggression — from encirclement of India and dumping of goods to collection of data from India. Anything that India does — whether it is participation in the Quad or improving ties with Taiwan — China objects to in no uncertain terms. So, unsurprisingly, China has expressed its opposition to the joint Indo-US military exercise, Yudh Abhyas, that is being carried out near the Line of Actual Control (LAC). The nearly two-week exercise is held every year between India and the US. Moreover, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said that the joint military exercise close to the LAC “violates the spirit of the agreement between China and India” in 1993 and 1996. Look who’s talking. China which cares two hoots about the international law; in 2016, it disregarded the verdict by an international tribunal in The Hague which favoured the claims by the Philippines over disputed waters of the South China Sea. It has stubbornly refused to settle the border with India. It vetoes actions against internationally acknowledged terrorists. And yet it has the temerity to lecture India about the “spirit” of bilateral agreements. India has rightly said that it does not give a veto to any third country (China) on matters like Yudh Abhyas.



prayers being offered in a makeshift memorial in the parking lot of the Walmart Supercenter in Chesapeake, USA PTI

# What next in Nepal?

Nepali Congress led coalition is likely to return to power in Nepal and it is good news for India

Though the results are yet to be announced for the recently held Nepal elections, all indications are that it is going to be a hung parliament with neither of the two rival parties mustering enough seats to form the government on their own. The ruling Nepali Congress party is all set to be the largest party in the house. The results will be announced next week. The Nepali Congress party, which heads the current ruling coalition is clearly in the lead and the main opposition party—the Communist Party of Nepal-United Marxist Leninist—not garnering enough votes to replace it. Neither party is likely to have the numbers to form a new government. In all probability, Nepali Congress and its current coalition partners will pick up enough seats to reach a majority. If Nepali Congress forms the government it would be good news for India as it has good rapport with it while Communists naturally lean towards China.

This election saw one of the lowest turnout in the recent times. Only 61 percent of voters cast their votes, much fewer than the previous elections. This was despite the fact that this election was critical for a country whose economy is not doing well and its foreign policy needs to fix the issues with India and recalibrate its relations with China. The low voter turnout is being attributed to voters’ apathy toward the political system of Nepal. The leaders are rather self-serving and not bothered about the real issues confronting the people. Due to economic slowdown and mismanagement the life of the average Nepali citizen has become burdensome to say the least. Right now India style horse-trading is going on in Kathmandu. It is indeed the expediency rather than the ideology that is guiding the process of government formation. Though most parties, unlike the Nepali Congress, are leftist in their approach but are unlikely to form a viable coalition. In fact the fragmentation of left vote has helped Nepali Congress win more seats. Both India and China are observing the developments in Nepal closely as Nepal is strategically important to both. Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba has strengthened Nepal-India ties in recent years. K.P. Sharma Oli on the other hand has close ties with the Chinese government. Whosoever comes to power would have to strike a fine balance and keep both New Delhi and Beijing in good humour to avoid any power tussle on its turf. An independent foreign policy which keeps equidistant from both is Nepal’s best bet.



# The Junta on the backfoot?

Developments in Myanmar do not augur well for the junta

Is one witnessing the beginning of the end of the junta’s criminal regime in Myanmar? The question deserves attention. A report by Zaheena Rasheed, carried on November 11, 2022, by Al Jazeera and featuring in the website of the Special Advisory Council for Myanmar (henceforth SAC-M), cites the latter as publicly asserting that the junta “may not survive through 2023, unless something dramatically alters the current trajectory.”

Crystal-gazing is a hazardous business. A close look at the situation in Myanmar would, however, indicate that the country is slipping out of the generals’ control. A report in mizzima (A Burmese multi-media news organization) on September 9, 2022, cites a brief by SAC-M, released on September 5, 2022, as saying that the military does not effectively control the country, and is incapable of governing it. According to the report, the National Unity Government (NUG) is the legitimate government of Myanmar and is at the centre of a democratic revolution shaped by organisations opposed to Myanmar’s military junta. These organisations are the de facto authorities in respect of more of Myanmar’s population and territory than the junta, which has stable control over only 72 out of the country’s 330 townships, which comes to only 17 per cent of Myanmar’s land area, because many of these are small urban townships.

In an article published on September 29, 2022, in The Interpreter, brought out daily by the Lowy Institute, an Australia-based independent think tank, Adam Simpson cites a report by the SAC-M, as saying that the NUG and ethnic resistance organisations effectively controlled over 52 per cent of Myanmar’s territory. Twenty-three per cent were contested and the junta had stable control over 17 per cent.

As can be seen, most of the reports mentioned above attribute their information to the SAC-M which, formed after the Tatmadaw’s military coup on



February 1, 2021, describes itself in its website (<https://specialadvisorycouncil.org/>), as an independent group of international experts working to support Myanmar’s people struggling for human rights, peace, democracy, justice, and accountability. Citing this, the junta’s supporters may argue that it is hardly a neutral player and its assessments and statements do not reflect the reality on the ground. Against this, it is regarded the world over as a reliable source of information on the situation in Myanmar as it is run by people like Yanghee Lee, Marzuka Darusman and Chris Sidoti, who are former United Nations experts on the country.

Besides the SAC-M’s reputation, there are two indications that the junta is feeling increasingly desperate—the savage, indiscriminate violence it has unleashed in areas dominated by the resistance forces, and the murderous treatment of those joining opposition organisations. The Tatmadaw is bombing and shelling opposition areas, and has reportedly burnt down 100 villages. One of the worst instances witnessed so far was the air attack on the night of October 23, 2022, on a celebration in the northern

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state of Kachin, to mark the 62nd anniversary of the Kachin Independence Organisation. Eighty persons, including singers and performers, were killed.

As for treatment of people joining the resistance movement, an example is the case of Saw Tun Moe, a 46-year-old school teacher with a wife and a two-year-old son, who was an outspoken critic of the junta. He was captured by a column of 80 Tatmadaw’s soldiers, accompanied by armed civilians acting as guides, on October 16, 2022. His decapitated head was found the next day, impaled on the spiked gate of a school in front of which his mutilated body lay.

Other recent instances include that of Win Myin Hlaing, a former legislator, who was sentenced by the Magway district court on October 30, 2022, to a total of 148 years in prison under various provisions of Myanmar’s draconian counter-terrorism statute. Counting an earlier sentence of 25 years in prison, he is set for 173 years in jail. On November 15, 2022, the same court sentenced Aung Khant Oo to 203 years in prison. Kyaw Khet from Wundwin was given 225 years of incarceration, in addition to being sentenced to death, while Hnin Maung was sentenced to 95



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years in prison plus death. Earlier, former legislator from Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s political party, National League for Democracy, Phyo Zeya Thaw, prominent pro-democracy activist, Kyaw Min Yu, and two other men, Hla Myo Aung and Aung Thura Zaw, were executed, most probably hanged inside Yangon’s notorious Insein Jail on July 23, 2022.

The People’s Defence Force, formed as the NUG’s military wing on May 5, 2021, had, according to a report by Richard R. Paddock in The New York Times of 6 June, 2022, a total strength of 60,000. Going by the latest reports, it now comprises 300 battalions with a strength of over 250,000. The tide is turning in its favour. It, however, still lacks the weapons, armour and air force needed to win large battles on the ground. Will growing desertions from the Tatmadaw bring these to it, just as, pace Mao Zedong, the Kuomintang (also spelt Guomindang) became the biggest supplier of weapons to the Chinese Communists during the military campaign that brought them to power? A lot would depend on the answer.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### COUNTRY NEEDS COMMUTER-SHARING APP

Sir — Transport is currently the most polluting sector in the world, so the UK’s Bristol City Council has launched a new app called ‘My Journey’ that seeks to reduce these emissions. The new commuter-sharing platform is a free online service that brings together commuters from the same workplace to share driving, biking, and walking routes. This innovative platform solves several problems such as reducing transportation costs, congestion and pollution. The UK government is encouraging businesses and organisations to sign up for commuter-sharing platforms and create business centers so that their employees can enjoy the benefits of ridesharing. With petrol prices rising throughout the year, the app is believed to help ease congestion during rush hour and help residents save money. Bristol City Council says it has reduced its carbon footprint by 87% through its shared commute platform.


Already achieved more in reducing pollution between 2005 and 2021 as the city has set a goal to become CO2 zero by 2030. The ‘My Journey’ platform is very helpful for commuters and easy to adjust for sustainable travel packages. With more than 25,000 employees, this is a great opportunity to help reduce air pollution and save money by sharing elevators in Bristol, says industrialists. The online platform handles the logistics of connecting people comprehensively and is very easy to set up. All it is needed to do, according to the Bristol company, is to create a hub and let employees know about it. Bristol businesses are heavily pushing the platform to encourage their employees to work more sustainably through this app. Therefore our country, especially in metropolitan cities, also needs this kind of app to reduce air pollution and governments should encourage this kind of method.

Vijay Kumar H K | Raichur

### A WELCOME CHANGE

Sir — India’s sports administration, regarded as a breeding ground for polit-

Misuse of social media



4 classmates of a 17- year old student allegedly assaulted her after barging into her house, while the fifth one filmed it on a smartphone and shared it via social media. It’s

Ramala Divya | Hyderabad

ical heavyweights and administrators is now witnessing a change. Come December 10 and the first-ever sports person, an Olympian, and four-time Asian Games champion PT Usha is set to herald a new era in its 95-long history when she will assume charge as President of I.O.A. Recently, Former footballer, Kalyan Chaudhary was elected as the President of the All India Football Federation, and Dilip Tirkey was that of Indian hockey.

Indian courts on several occasions have also directed sports governing bodies to restrict the entry of non sports personalities in sporting arenas and pitched for including sportspersons in decision-making bodies as players of repute bring fresh insights and novel perspectives. The National Sports Code and I.O.C charter also mandates sports persons at the forefront of administration. Another positive development is the selection of eight sportspersons of outstanding merit including PT Usha to be a part of the electoral college. With a brilliant track record in the realm of athletics, it is hoped that she will not just promote sports in the country but also work in close cooperation with the international Olympic committee to improve the quality of Indian sports as per international standards.

Vijay Singh Adhikari | Nainital

### INDIA’S GDP GROWTH

Sir — India continues to be the fastest-growing major economy and is on track to achieve 6.8 - 7 % growth this year. This is good news under the trying conditions of the world economy. India’s economy grew 6.3 per cent in the September quarter of FY23, boosted by robust activity in services, even as manufacturing output contracted unexpectedly, signaling an uneven post-pandemic recovery in Asia’s third-largest economy.

While the Reuters and Bloomberg polls had projected 6.2 per cent growth for the quarter, the Reserve Bank of India was spot on with its forecast of 6.3 per cent. In the June quarter of FY23, the economy had expanded 13.5 per cent due to a low base in the equivalent period of 2021-22, when economic activity was severely impacted by the Delta wave of the pandemic. Slower GDP expansion notwithstanding, India continues to remain the fastest-growing economy ahead of China which was below 4%. Economic recovery proves to be vital in the present economic downturn all over the world.

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## SOUND BITE

Whether it is peace or unity, sensitivity toward the environment, or sustainable development, India has solutions to challenges related to these.

Prime Minister — Narendra Modi

NATO is whipping up tensions near China in a way that poses risks for Russia.

Russian Foreign Minister — Sergei Lavrov

I don’t even care what he says. ‘Mere liye baat khatam ho gai hai.’ Seriously, I don’t care about what he says or doesn’t say.

Filmmaker — Vivek Agnihotri

KL Rahul seems to have gone into a shell since the Zimbabwe series. He has to come out of it as we know what kind of a classy cricketer he is. He needs to take a fearless approach in T20 and ODI cricket.

Former cricketer — Maninder Singh

We practically get nothing from the Centre all year. Do you see me crying, yelling and howling on the streets like these jokers?

Delhi CM — Arvind Kejriwal



FIRST COLUMN

PER CAPITA INCOME NOT GDP SHOWS PROSPERITY

India's rank on per capita income is a lowly 144



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When the economy of India overtook that of the UK, Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently said, "We have surpassed those who ruled us for 250 years in economic growth." Yes, India has overtaken the United Kingdom to become the fifth largest economy in the world. But when we deeply analyse and understand the entire economic indicators, we will realize how India is far away from the prosperity of not only UK but also many other countries, including many Asian countries.

India's nominal GDP or GDP at the current price in the April-June quarter was Rs 64.95 lakh crore, which at the June rupee-dollar exchange rate comes to around \$823 billion. The UK's nominal GDP in the April-June quarter was \$763 billion. According to IMF projections, India is likely to become a \$5 trillion economy by 2026, whereas the UK would be languishing at \$4.35 trillion. Germany's economy was \$4.2 trillion at the end of 2021. India is likely to surpass Germany and become the fourth largest economy in 2027, according to IMF projections.

Without comparing per capita GDP, just comparing GDP is meaningless and it leads to false self-satisfaction. It is similar to comparing the family income of two families without considering their dependents. For example, a family which consists of a husband



and wife may have a monthly income of Rs 1 lakh and another family with six members may get Rs 1.20 lakh. In such a scenario, each member in the first family gets Rs 50,000, whereas in the second each gets Rs 20,000. Which family is prosperous here?

Now, let us analyse the data of the 10 biggest economies. In 2021, the GDP of the US was \$23 trillion, growth 5.7 per cent, and per capita income. The corresponding figures for China were \$17.7 trillion, 8.1 per cent, and \$12,556; for Japan (\$4.9 trillion, 1.6 per cent, and \$39,285), Germany (\$4.2 trillion, 2.9 per cent, and \$50,801), the UK (\$3.2 trillion, 7.4 per cent, and \$47,334), India (\$3.2 trillion, 8.9 per cent, and \$2,277), France (\$2.9 trillion, 7 per cent, and \$43,518), Italy (\$2.1 trillion, 6.6 per cent, and \$35,551), Canada (\$2 trillion, 4.6 per cent, and \$52,051), South Korea (\$1.8 trillion, 4 per cent, and \$34,757).

India is at 144th position out of 194 economies in terms of GDP (nominal) per capita. India's nominal per capita is over 60 times lower than the richest country and approximately eight times greater than the world's poorest country. India is at 33rd position in the list of Asian countries.

The countries with real prosperity are the countries with the highest per capita GDP and the following are those countries. Liechtenstein \$139100, Monaco \$115700, Luxembourg \$110300, Singapore \$93400, Ireland \$89700, Qatar \$85300, Isle of Man \$84600, Bermuda \$81800, Cayman Islands \$73600 and Falkland Islands \$70800. When our present GDP per capita is \$2277 and the Singapore's GDP per capita is \$93400, where are we and how much we have to catch up?

Even if we take into account the PPP adjusted figures, there is a wide gap between us and other prosperous countries. When we expect the world to measure coronavirus death in our county in terms of our population, we must also be willing to measure GDP in terms of GDP per capita and not by just GDP number. We have a long way to go.

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# Gas price holds key to slicing fertiliser subsidy

There is a dire need for prudent management of subsidies because the tax cushion is not unlimited.

Shortfall in tax receipts of the Union Government vis-à-vis the budget estimate (BE) and excess of expenditure over BE lead to a high fiscal deficit (FD) year-after-year. To rein in FD, it often took recourse to non-tax receipts such as dividend from public sector undertakings (PSUs), proceeds from selling government shares in one PSU to another, transfer of surplus by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), proceeds from sale of spectrum for telecom services, etc.

This was unsustainable as reliance on non-tax receipts is unreliable. For instance, dividend from a PSU depends on a host of factors specific to the undertakings and there is no certainty that it will deliver a target amount. Yet, internalising this source in budget making prompted the government to interfere in the working of an entity from where it was expecting the revenue.

For instance, during 2017-18, ONGC, an upstream oil and gas exploration and production company in the public sector, was asked to buy 51.11 per cent of government's shares in Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL), helping it to garner over Rs 30,000 crore and thus, achieve its FD target. In the process, ONGC was burdened with extra debt as it had to borrow money from banks and financial institutions (FIs) to finance the purchase of shares.

During 2021-22, the gross tax revenue (GTR) (it includes total direct tax collection, proceeds from Goods and Services Tax or GST, customs and excise duty) net of refunds were Rs 2710,000 crore which was higher the budget estimate (BE) of Rs 2220,000 crore by a whopping Rs 490,000 crore. The collection was even higher than the revised estimate (RE) of Rs 2520,000 crore (as given by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the budget for 2022-23 on February 1, 2022) by Rs 190,000 crore.

As per the Finance Commission (FC) formula, 41 per cent of tax receipts of the Union government—excluding cess collections, which are not part of the divisible pool—are shared with the States. After these mandatory transfers to the states, the net tax revenue (NTR) of the Centre was around Rs 1850,000 crore which was Rs 300,000 crore higher than the BE of Rs 1550,000 crore. It was even higher than the RE of Rs 1765,000 crore by Rs 85,000 crore.

The excess of Rs 300,000 crore in actual NTR of the Centre over the BE helped in making up for the slippage of about Rs 284,500 crore in other areas of revenue and expenditure viz. proceeds from disinvestment in CPSUs: Rs 161,500 crore (actual: Rs 13,500 crore minus BE: Rs 175,000 crore); fertiliser subsidy: Rs 80,000 crore (actual: Rs 160,000 crore minus BE: Rs 80,000 crore); food subsidy: 43,000 crore (actual: Rs 286,000 crore minus BE: Rs 243,000 crore).



NORMALLY, THE SECOND HALF OF A FISCAL SHOWS GREATER BUOYANCY IN COLLECTION BECAUSE OF SUBSTANTIAL PICK-UP IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY DURING THE FESTIVAL SEASON (OCT-NOV) AS ALSO BECAUSE MOST PERSONS PAY THEIR TAX LIABILITY TOWARDS THE YEAR END

(The author is a policy analyst)



The FD for 2021-22 at 6.7 per cent of GDP (gross domestic product) turned out to be even lower than BE at 6.8 per cent. For 2022-23, Sitharaman set the GTR target Rs 2,760,000 crore. Against this, the collection during the first six months of the year was Rs 1,349,000 crore (this includes direct tax proceeds up to October 2, 2022, central GST collection up to September 30, 2022, and customs and excise duty or C&ED till August 31, 2022). Deducting devolution to states of Rs 376,000 crore, NTR of the Centre works out to Rs 973,000 crore against BE of Rs 1935,000 crore for the year.

Of the year's targeted tax revenue, already, the government has collected a little over 50 per cent during the first half. Normally, the second half shows greater buoyancy in collection because of substantial pick-up in economic activity during the festival season (October-November) as also because most persons pay their tax liability towards the year end [for instance, 16 per cent of the taxes (pre-devolution) collected during 2021-22 were paid in March 2022]. Considering these factors and including September 2022 figure for C&ED, the GTR during 2022-23 is estimated to be around Rs 3050,000 crore (but for the loss of revenue due to cut in central excise duty on petrol and diesel affected in May 2022 – estimated at Rs 90,000 crore, this would have been even higher at Rs 3140,000 crore) which is Rs 290,000 crore higher than

the BE. Correspondingly, the NTR of the Centre, (post-devolution) is expected to be about Rs 2100,000 crore - Rs 165,000 crore more than BE.

According to Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj, the tax department is aiming at 30 per cent growth in direct tax collection against 16 per cent growth assumed in the above calculation. In that scenario, the additional GTR would be Rs 425,000 crore. Correspondingly, the NTR would be Rs 250,000 crore more.

On the other hand, the government faces massive slippage in the expenditure on various subsidies. On fertiliser subsidy, it is expected to spend Rs 250,000 crore against BE of Rs 109,000 crore, leading to excess of Rs 141,000 crore. The food subsidy is likely to overshoot the BE Rs 207,000 crore by about Rs 130,000 crore thanks to continuation of delivery of free food under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKY) till December 2022.

Add to this Rs 22,000 crore given to the state-run oil marketing companies (OMCs) to compensate them for the under-recoveries on supply of domestic LPG between June 2020 and June 2022 (during this period, against increase in the international prices of LPG by around 300 per cent, the OMCs were allowed hike of only 70 per cent in domestic LPG prices leading to under-recovery), this leads to an additional subsidy payment of Rs 293,000 crore.

In the non-tax receipt area too,

against the target of Rs 65,000 crore from proceeds of disinvestment of government's shareholding in Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), so far, it has realized only Rs 25,000 crore. Considering that the big ticket sale of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has been put on hold and sale of the LIC stake in IDBI is stuck, the year is expected to end with a shortfall of about Rs 30,000 crore.

Overall, the government could be staring at a slippage of over Rs 320,000 crore. Of this, around Rs 250,000 crore is expected to be neutralized by excess tax collection over BE, leaving an uncovered gap of just Rs 70,000 crore. This works out to a mere 0.25 per cent of the GDP. But, for the excess tax cushion, the slippage from the BE of FD (6.4 per cent) would have been 1.25 per cent.

The turnaround in tax collection is undoubtedly a creditable achievement of the Modi government. However, there is a dire need for prudent management of subsidies keeping in mind the fact that the tax cushion is not unlimited (during 2022-23, tax buoyancy – growth in collection against nominal GDP expansion – at one is much lower than 1.7 during 2021-22).

In major areas viz. food, fertilisers, fuel, substantial savings is possible by restricting coverage, cutting costs, improving efficiency, etc. For instance, free food under PMGKY during April-December 2022 was uncalled for.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

I PRAY THAT RAHUL GANDHI DOES NOT FORCE THOSE WHO ARE PHYSICALLY ILL TO WALK IN THE YATRA TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT PEOPLE TALK ABOUT DYING.

— BJP LEADER AND MP HOME MINISTER

NAROTTAM MISHRA



EXTENSIVE WALKING AS PART OF RAHUL GANDHI-LED BHARAT JODO YATRA HAS PROVIDED FRESH AMMUNITION TO BJP AS IT URGED THE OPPOSITION PARTY TO NOT FORCE THOSE PHYSICALLY ILL TO WALK.

— FORMER MP CHIEF MINISTER

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# AIIMS data breach may be graver than it appears

With a 300% surge in cyber-attacks in India, it is necessary to place intrinsic security at the heart of digital strategies.

Health data is critical. Had one secret been known, the Indian subcontinent may have had different political contours. In 1947, Mohammed Ali Jinnah's health conditions were in wraps, giving no clues to Congress leaders that his days were numbered. Had there been the slightest inkling, possibly the Indian subcontinent history could have been different.

But did the British rulers know about it? Is that the reason that the Radcliffe Commission drew the lines of Partition in five weeks without visiting those areas? These are difficult questions but everyone has secretly admired the way the critical information of Jinnah remained in shrouds. The healthcare information rarely



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may have had such immense political and economic significance.

The AIIMS data breach may be graver than it appears. It may be recalled that how a global collaborative investigative project revealed that Israeli company NSO Group's Pegasus spyware targeted over 300 mobile phone numbers in India, including that of two serving ministers in the NDA government, three opposition leaders, one constitutional authority, several journalists and business persons.

No less worrisome was Cambridge Analytica, which had allegedly stolen the data of 50 million Facebook users in 2014, claiming that the Congress party was the firm's client in India. Some other apps despite pious intentions were

blamed for compromising data.

The latest move for a data protection law needs to have a wider ambit. Almost all apps on social media, corporate or public, seek unnecessarily access to contacts, camera and location. These must be stopped. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) on October 25 imposed a fine of Rs 936.44 crore on Google for anti-competitive practices in its Play Store policies.

The Indian healthcare data is stated to be worth \$7 billion in the world market. It is just not about profiling a population but information of some key persons itself may be worth more than that. The global healthcare information market size is valued at \$359.8 billion in 2021 and is expected

to expand at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 13.2 per cent till 2030.

The risk is far greater than it can be fathomed, particularly in the light of the government using the coronavirus pandemic to push its plan to digitise the health records and data of 1.3 billion people, despite concerns about privacy, increased surveillance, technology and human rights. It can be utilised in many ways, including for blackmailing, seeking ransoms or political mapping. The storing of individual information in Aadhar and linking it to several instruments like income tax data, balloting system and banking are fraught with great risks to the nation and individual citizens.

According to a report published in The Lancet jour-

nal, in 2016, global expenditure on health is anticipated to increase to \$18.3 trillion by 2040 across the globe. So would data worth multiply.

The AIIMS attack may have many dimensions. It presumably has sensitive medical data that can be attacked, copied and altered. On May 14, 2016, AIIMS, Raipur also similarly suffered an attack by a Pakistani hacker, Amir Muzaffar. That data on the net is not safe was exposed by Indian hackers claiming to have accessed more than 80,000 coronavirus patients' healthcare records that were insecurely stored on government servers in June 2020. The group, calling itself Kerala Cyber Warriors, announced that it had gained access to the Delhi State

Mission website "in less than 10 minutes". Its members claim to have accessed sensitive data including patients' names, addresses, phone numbers, covid19 test results, and passport details. In the US itself, in 2019, 41.4 million patient records were hacked.

At the initial peak of Covid19, Indian healthcare industry registered seven million cases of cyber-attacks. With a 300 per cent surge in such attacks in India, it is necessary to place intrinsic security at the heart of digital strategies.

The stolen health records may sell up to 10 times or more than stolen credit card numbers on the dark web. The cost to correct a breach in healthcare is almost three times that of other industries

— averaging \$408 per stolen health care record versus \$148 per stolen non-health record, says IBM and Ponemon Institute report.

The targeted data includes patients' protected health information (PHI), financial information like credit card and bank account numbers, personally identifying information (PII) such as social security numbers, and intellectual property related to medical research and innovation. One reason for the vulnerability is the easy access to the sites for diagnostic and treatment facilities. The gateways for users need separation.

The AIIMS or any healthcare breach is perilous and the nation needs to be extremely cautious on centralised data prospecting.



# ‘10K Ukrainian troops killed in war’



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A top adviser to Ukraine's president has cited military chiefs as saying 10,000 to 13,000 Ukrainian soldiers have been killed in the country's nine-month struggle against Russia's invasion, a rare comment on such figures and far below estimates of Ukrainian casualties from Western leaders.

Russian forces kept up rocket attacks on infrastructure and airstrikes against Ukrainian troop positions along the contact line, the Ukrainian general staff said Friday, adding that Moscow's military push has focused on a dozen towns including Bakhmut and Avdiivka — key targets for Russia in the embattled east.

Late Thursday, Mykhailo Podolyak, a top adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, relayed new figures about Ukrainian soldiers killed in battle, while noting that the number of injured troops was higher and civilian casualty counts were "significant."

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Channel 24.

The Ukrainian military has not confirmed such figures and it was a rare instance of a Ukrainian official providing such a count. The last dates back to late August, when the head of the armed forces said that nearly 9,000 military personnel had

been killed. In June, Podolyak said that up to 200 soldiers were dying each day, in some of the most intense fighting and bloodshed this year.

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Ukrainian troops had been killed before her office corrected her comments — calling them inaccurate and saying that the figure referred to both killed and injured.

Last month, Gen. Mark Milley, the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, said that as

many as 40,000 Ukrainian civilians and "well over" 100,000 Russian soldiers have been killed or wounded in the war so far. He added that it was the "same thing probably on the Ukrainian side."

The U.N. Human rights office, in its latest weekly update published Monday, said it had recorded 6,655 civilians killed and 10,368 injured, but has acknowledged that its tally includes only casualties that it has confirmed and likely far understates the actual toll.

Ukrainians have been bracing for freezing winter temperatures as Russia's campaign has recently hit infrastructure including power plants and electrical transformers, leaving many without heat, water and electricity.

Ukraine has faced a blistering onslaught of Russian artillery fire and drone attacks since early October. The shelling has been especially intense in southern Kherson since Russian forces withdrew and Ukraine's army reclaimed the southern city almost three weeks ago.

Local authorities said about two-thirds of the city of Kherson had electricity as of Thursday night, after new Russian strikes had cut power that had recently been restored.

# Russia rejects pullout from Ukraine as condition for talks



AP ■ KYIV

Russia said Friday that Western demands it should pull out completely from Ukraine as part of any future talks to end the war effectively rule out any such negotiations, as Russian strikes continued and a Ukrainian official set his country's battle losses at up to 13,000 troops.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov reiterated that Russian President Vladimir Putin remains open to talks but the Western demand that Moscow first withdraws its troops from Ukraine is unacceptable.

Peskov's comments came as Putin spoke on the phone Friday morning with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz. Scholz's office said he made clear to Putin "that there must be a diplomatic solution as quickly as possible, which includes a withdrawal of Russian troops."

On Thursday, U.S. President Joe Biden also indicated he would be willing to talk with Putin if he demonstrated that he seriously wanted to end the invasion and pull out of Ukraine.

A statement issued by the Kremlin after the phone call with Scholz said Putin again blamed the West for encouraging Ukraine to prolong the war by supplying it with weapons.

Putin also said recent crippling Russian strikes on Ukraine's infrastructure were "forced and inevitable" after Ukraine allegedly bombed a key bridge to the Crimean peninsula — which Russia seized from Ukraine in 2014 — and energy facilities.

Russian forces have been bombarding Ukraine's critical infrastructure since October, leaving millions without electricity amid cold winter weather. Scholz's office said that in the phone conversation with Putin he "condemned in particular the Russian air attacks on civilian infrastructure" in Ukraine and said Germany was committed to continuing to help Ukraine defend itself.

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in the embattled east.

A top adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, citing military chiefs, said that since Russia invaded on Feb. 24 10,000 to 13,000 Ukrainian soldiers have been killed in action. It was a rare comment on Ukraine's military casualties and far below estimates from Western leaders.

"We have official figures from the general staff, we have official figures from the top command, and they amount to between 10,000 and 12,500-13,000 killed," the adviser, Mykhailo Podolyak, said late Thursday on Channel 24 TV. He also said civilian casualties were "significant."

The Ukrainian military has not confirmed such figures and it was a rare instance of a Ukrainian official providing such a count. The last dates back to late August, when the head of the armed forces said nearly 9,000 military personnel had been killed. In June, Podolyak said up to 200 soldiers were dying each day in some of the most intense fighting and bloodshed so far in the war.

On Wednesday, Ursula von der Leyen, the president of the European Union's executive Commission, said 100,000 Ukrainian troops had been killed, before her office corrected her comments — calling them inaccurate and saying that the figure referred to both dead and injured.

Zelenskyy's office reported on Friday that at least three civilians were killed and 16 wounded in Ukraine in the past 24 hours. Kyrylo Tymoshenko, the

office's deputy head, said on Telegram that Russian forces had attacked nine southeastern regions with heavy artillery, rockets and aircraft.

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Kherson's regional governor said three people were killed and seven injured in shelling on Thursday.

Russians hit residential areas of the city, part of which remained without electricity following Russian strikes Thursday.

In the eastern Donetsk region, Ukrainian governor Pavlo Kyrylenko said Russian shelling has intensified significantly.

The Russian army is seeking to encircle the key town of Bakhmut by capturing several surrounding villages and cutting off an important road.

Russian strikes targeting towns across the Dnieper river from the Russian-held Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant also were reported. And in northeastern Kharkiv province, officials said Russian shelling injured two women.

# Biden, Macron vow unity against Russia, discuss trade row

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Presidents Joe Biden and Emmanuel Macron vowed to maintain a united front against Russia on Thursday amid growing worries about waning support for Ukraine's war effort in the US and Europe. Biden also signalled he might be willing to tweak aspects of his signature climate legislation that have raised concerns with France and other European allies.

Biden honoured Macron with a grand state dinner Thursday evening — the first of the US president's COVID-19 shadowed presidency for a foreign leader.

But following up on Biden's upbeat comments might not go as smoothly as that fancy affair. Republicans who are about to take control of the House have



shown less willingness than Biden to spend billions on Ukraine, and Democratic lawmakers said Thursday they were not about to jump back into the climate legislation.

In fact, for all the positive statements, Macron's visit to

Washington has been tempered by his criticism of Biden's Inflation Reduction Act and the challenges both leaders face amid the mounting costs of keeping military and economic aid flowing to Kyiv with no end in sight for the Russian invasion.

# Finnish PM warns Russian win would empower aggressors

AP ■ CANBERRA

Finland's Prime Minister Sanna Marin warned an Australian audience on Friday that a Russian victory over Ukraine would empower other aggressors and urged democracies against forming "critical dependencies" on authoritarian states such as China.

Marin was speaking in Sydney at the end of the first-ever visit by a Finnish prime minister to Australia and New Zealand. Australia's pursuit of a free trade deal with the European Union was on the agenda.

She used a speech to urge democracies to ramp up sanctions against Russia.

"Make no mistake, if Russia wins its terrible gamble, it will not be the only one to feel empowered," Marin told the Lowy Institute international policy think tank.

"Others will also be tempted by the same dark agenda," she added.



A free trade agreement being finalised between the European Union, which includes Finland, and Australia was an opportunity to develop resilient supply chains, she said.

"We have become far too dependent on cooperation with regimes that do not share our common values," Marin said, using Finland's reliance on Russian energy as an example.

"Our dependencies are becoming our weaknesses faster and in more important areas of our societies than we would like to happen," she added.

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**E-TENDER NOTICE**

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi for & on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender under **single packet system** for the under noted work:

1. **Name of Work with its location :** Provision of anti Monkey climbing device in Monkey prone area to stop climbing monkey on OHE mast/portai and Anti bird discs for stay & Bracket insulators in DLI division in Northern Railway

2. **Approx. Cost of work :** Rs. 65,48,616/-

3. **Earnest Money Deposit :** Rs. 65,48,616/-

4. **E-Tender Bid Online Submission Period :** 16.12.2022

5. **E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time :** 30.12.2022, (15.00 hrs.)

6. **Fund Allocation :** IRRSK

7. **Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen :** [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in)

No.: 22A-TRD-NDLS-2022-23 Dated: 01.12.2022 3207/2022

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This is to inform general public that Mr. Laxman Singh Rana has acquired the Entire First floor (Without roof rights), said floor of Out Built up property no. R2-405, area measuring 105 sq. yds. i.e. 87.83 sq. mtr., in Gali No. 5, out of Khana no. 6822, situated in revenue village of village Palm, Delhi State Delhi, colony known as Raj Nagar-1, Palam Colony, New Delhi by way of Gift Deed Dated 13.10.2022, Doc. no. 12139. Now, Mr. Laxman Singh Rana & Mrs. Babita Rana are mortgaging the above said property with F. L. India Home Finance Co. Ltd. & in case anyone has any objection, the same may be raised within 07 days of this publication to Mr. Munesh Chawla/ Mr. Sudhir Jain (Advocates), Law Veritas North, Unit no 907, 9th Floor, GD-TIL Tower, (B-08), Netaji Subhash Place, Delhi-110034 or contact at 9066707172/9816228836 (M).

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Medical Director

Sitaram Bhartiya Institute of Science and Research

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# Hungary will stick to veto of EU-Ukraine aid plan: Orban

AP ■ BUDAPEST

Hungary's prime minister said Friday that he will continue to oppose a European Union plan to provide an 18-billion-euro (\$19-billion) aid package to Ukraine in 2023, a position that promises sustained tensions as the bloc and the nationalist Hungarian government wrangle over democratic standards.

In an interview on state radio, Prime Minister Viktor Orban acknowledged that Ukraine needs help to pay for the functioning of essential services but emphasized that he would block the EU's plan of joint borrowing to fund the package.

"The question is how to help Ukraine," Orban said.

"One proposal says that we should use the budgets of the EU member states to take out new loans together and use that money to give to Ukraine. We are not in favour of this because we do not want the European Union to become a community of indebted states instead of a community of cooperating member states."

Orban proposed that each of the EU's 27 member states draw from its own budget to provide assistance to Ukraine through bilateral agreements.

"We will not accept the other plan, we will not consent to it, without us it will not come into being," he said.

# Explainer: What's effect of Russian oil price cap, ban?

AP ■ FRANKFURT

Western governments are aiming to cap the price of Russia's oil exports in an attempt to limit the fossil fuel earnings that support Moscow's budget, its military and the invasion of Ukraine.

The cap is supposed to take effect Monday, the same day the European Union will impose a boycott on most Russian oil — its crude that is shipped by sea. The EU was moving closer to a USD 60-per-barrel threshold, but negotiations were still underway on Friday.

The twin measures could have an uncertain effect on the price of oil as worries over lost supply through the boycott compete with fears about lower demand from a slowing global economy.

Here is what to know about the price cap, the EU embargo and what they could mean for consumers and the global economy:

**WHAT IS THE PRICE CAP AND HOW WOULD IT WORK?**

US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has proposed the cap with other Group of 7 allies as a way

to limit Russia's earnings while keeping Russian oil flowing to the global economy. The aim: hurt Moscow's finances while avoiding a sharp oil price spike if Russia's oil is suddenly taken off the global market.

Insurance companies and other firms needed to ship oil would only be able to deal with Russian crude if the oil is priced at or below the cap. Most insurers are located in the EU or the United Kingdom and could be required to participate in the cap. **HOW WOULD OIL KEEP FLOWING TO THE GLOBAL ECONOMY?**

Universal enforcement of the insurance ban, imposed by the EU and UK in earlier rounds of sanctions, could take so much Russian crude off the market that oil prices would spike, Western economies would suffer, and Russia would see increased earnings from whatever oil it can ship in defiance of the embargo.

Russia, the world's No 2 oil producer, has already rerouted much of its supply to India, China and other Asian countries at discounted prices after Western customers shunned it even before the EU ban.

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The Deputy Chief Engineer/Const./Northern Railway Shivaji Bridge, New Delhi, for and on behalf of the President of India invites **open e-tender under Single-Packet system** for the following work:

1. **Name of work and location**

"Balance work of Anand Vihar Railway station in clw 3" & 4" Line i.e. provision of M.S Drain Cover, signage boards, station name board, frames for partitions in subway, inspection steps for bridges and other misc. work and construction of new saloon siding at GZB end of ANVR station including E/Work, R/wall, Approach road, PF wall & finishing work"

2. **Completion period of the work**

04 (Four) months

3. **Approx. Cost of work**

Rs. 194.40 lakh.

4. **Earnest Money to be deposited**

2,47,200/- only

5. **Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender**

Tenders may be uploaded up to 11:30 hrs on 26.12.2022 on IREPS website i.e. [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in). The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11:30 hrs on 26.12.2022.

6. **Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document**

Tender document is available on [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in) from 05.12.2022 to 26.12.2022. Above tender document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS website i.e. [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in) from 12.12.2022 to 26.12.2022. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

No. 506-Acs-Balance work-3rd 4' Line-CSB Dated 01.12.2022 3205/2022

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**Notice for E-Auction**

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Freight, Delhi Division, Northern Railway, in terms of Railway Board letter no. 2022/TC(FM)/10/04 dated 13.06.2022, invites bids through e-Auction ([www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in)) for leasing of parcel space of SLR compartments for a period of two years as per detail and schedule given below:-

S.N.	Date & Time of e-Auction	Assets to be auctioned
1	05.12.2022 at 11:30 am	12148 (F1 & F2), 12432 (F1), 12582 (F1), 12644 (F1, F2 & R1), 12780 (R1), 22418 (F2 & R1)
2	06.12.2022 at 11:30 am	12011 (F1), 12280 (F1), 12455 (F1), 14010 (F1), 14041 (F1), 14521 (F1, F2 & R1), 22454 (F1, F2 & R1)
3	07.12.2022 at 11:30 am	12017 (F1), 12029 (F1), 12040 (F1), 12045 (F1), 12463 (F1), 12986 (F1), 15280 (F1), 22429 (F1), 22472 (F1, F2 & R1)
4	08.12.2022 at 11:30 am	12013 (F1), 12015 (F1), 12031 (F1), 12448 (F1), 12459 (F1), 14553 (F1 & R1), 20506 (F1), 20840 (F1), 22210 (F1)
5	09.12.2022 at 11:30 am	12265 (F1, F2 & R1), 12428 (F1), 12497 (F1), 12584 (F1), 12754 (F1), 14014 (F1), 14035 (F1, F2 & R1), 14152 (F1), 14212 (F1)
6	12.12.2022 at 11:30 am	12963 (F1), 14152 (F1), 14164 (F1, F2 & R1), 14681 (F1), 20938 (F1 & R1), 22401 (F1), 22414 (F1)
7	13.12.2022 at 11:30 am	12191 (F1), 12918 (F1), 14316 (F1, F2 & R1), 15035 (F1, F2 & R1), 22463 (F1), 22485 (F1)
8	14.12.2022 at 11:30 am	12457 (F1, F2 & R1), 12524 (F1), 14507 (F1, F2 & R1), 19338 (F1), 20914 (F1, F2 & R1), 20946 (F1), 22479 (F1), 22654 (F1)
9	15.12.2022 at 11:30 am	12036 (F1), 12066 (F1), 14011 (F1, & R1), 14731 (F1 & R1), 15060 (F1 & R1), 20473 (F1 & R1), 22168 (F1, F2 & R1), 22950 (F1), 22986 (F1)
10	16.12.2022 at 11:30 am	12005 (F1), 12038 (F1), 12481 (F1, F2 & R1), 12646 (F1, F2), 14812 (F1), 22421 (F1, F2 & R1), 22482 (F1, F2 & R1)
11	17.12.2022 at 11:30 am	01 LVPH (24 tonnes) in each train - 12226/12225, 12284/12283, 12425/12426, 12432/12431, 12438/12437, 12442/12441, 12445/12446, 12454/12453, 12488/12487, 14033/14034, & 20408/20407, 22412/22411, 22414/22413, 22420/22419, 22428/22427 & 22434/22433 01 VP (23 tonnes) - 22418/22417

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# China security forces well-prepared for quashing dissent

AP ■ BEIJING

When it comes to ensuring the security of their regime, China's Communist Party rulers don't skimp.

The extent of that lavish spending was put on display when the boldest street protests in decades broke out in Beijing and other cities, driven by anger over rigid and seemingly unending restrictions to combat COVID-19. The government has been preparing for such challenges for decades, installing the machinery needed to quash large-scale uprisals.

After an initially muted response, with security personnel using pepper spray and tear gas, police and paramilitary troops flooded city streets with jeeps, vans and armored cars in a massive show of force.

The officers fanned out, checking IDs and searching cellphones for photos, messages or banned apps that might show involvement in or even just sympathy for the protests.

An unknown number of people were detained and it's unclear if any

will face charges. Most protesters focused their anger on the "zero-COVID" policy that seeks to eradicate the virus through sweeping lockdowns, travel restrictions and relentless testing. But some called for the party and its leader Xi Jinping to step down, speech the party considers subversive and punishable by years in prison.

While much smaller in scale, the protests were the most significant since the 1989 student-led pro-democracy movement centered on Beijing's Tiananmen Square that the regime still views as its greatest existential crisis. With leaders and protesters at an impasse, the People's Liberation Army crushed the demonstrations with tanks and troops, killing hundreds, possibly thousands.

After the Tiananmen crackdown, the party invested in the means to deal with unrest without resorting immediately to using deadly force.

During a wave of dissent by unemployed workers in the late 1990s and early 2000s, the authorities tested that approach, focusing on



preventing organizers in different cities from linking up and arresting the leaders while letting rank-and-file protesters go largely untouched.

At times, they've been caught by surprise. In 1999, members of the Falun Gong meditation sect, whose membership came to rival the party's

in size, surrounded the leadership compound in Beijing in a show of defiance that then-leader Jiang Zemin took as a personal affront.

A harsh crackdown followed. Leaders were given heavy prison sentences and members were subject to harassment and sometimes sent to re-

education centers.

The government responded with overwhelming force in 2008, when anti-government riots broke out in Tibet's capital Lhasa and unrest swept through Tibetan regions in western China, authorities responded with overwhelming force. The next year, a police crackdown on protests by members of the Uyghur Muslim minority in the capital of the northwestern Xinjiang region, Urumqi, led to bloody clashes in which at least 197 were killed, mostly Han Chinese civilians.

In both cases, forces fired into crowds, searched door-to-door and seized an unknown number of suspects who were either sentenced to heavy terms or simply not heard from again. Millions of people were interned in camps, placed under surveillance and forbidden from traveling.

China has been able to muster such resources thanks to a massive internal security budget that reportedly has tripled over the past decade,

surpassing that for national defense. Xinjiang alone saw a ten-fold increase in domestic security spending during the early 2000s, according to Western estimates. The published figure for internal security exceeded the defense budget for the first time in 2010. By 2013, China stopped providing a breakdown. The U.S. Think tank Jamestown Foundation estimated that internal security spending had already reached 113% of defense spending by 2016. Annual increases

were about double those for national defense in percentage terms and both grew much faster than the economy.

There's a less visible but equally intimidating, sprawling system in place to monitor online content for anti-government messages, unapproved news and images. Government censors work furiously to erase such items, while propaganda teams flood the net with pro-party messages.

## US lawmakers seek UN probe into China's forced placement of Tibetan children in state-run schools

IAN S ■ WASHINGTON

Two US lawmakers have called on the United Nations to investigate Chinese authorities' forced placement of Tibetan children in state-run schools where they are separated from their families in a bid to reduce contact with their native language and culture, according to a media report.

In a letter to Volker Turk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Senator Jeff Merkley and Representative Jim McGovern said around 80 per cent of Tibetan children are now being sent to Chinese boarding schools where they are taught a "highly politicised curriculum", RFA reported.

"We see this system as resulting in serious human rights violations and cultural and linguistic erasure," Merkley and McGovern wrote as chair and co-chair, respectively, of the bipartisan Congressional-Executive Commission on China, the report said. "Tibetan parents are often faced with no choice but to send their children to residential schools because of school closures and consolidations, in some cases accompanied by fines or threats for noncompliance," the two Congressmen wrote, citing a 2021 report released by the Tibet Action Institute, or TAP.

The report also notes "high rates



of mental and emotional distress" among Tibetan students sent to Chinese state-run residential schools, Merkley and McGovern wrote.

"We believe these actions by the Chinese authorities constitute a fundamental violation of the rights of Tibetan parents and children by interfering with their right to preserve the integrity of their family units and stripping them of their right to choose the educational direction of their children."

Speaking to RFA, Tenzin Lekshey, spokesperson for Tibet's India-based exile government -- Central Tibetan Administration -- said China's boarding schools in Tibet "target and exploit minorities, especially Tibetans who are intentionally cut off from learning their mother tongue, culture and religion".

"The Central Tibetan Administration appreciates and is grateful to the US Congress for seeking United Nations investigation on forced family separations in Tibet," Lekshey said.

The Chinese government has now also prioritised the teaching of Mandarin Chinese in many daycare centers in Tibet, added Tenzin Nyiwoe, a researcher at the Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy based out of Dharamsala in India, RFA reported.

"If the United Nations can deliver a thorough investigation into these policies and campaigns and release a report on the urgency of this situation, this will not only [prevent] China's attempt to eradicate the Tibetan language, but will also protect the human rights of the Tibetan people. So the concern expressed by the US Congress is very significant," Nyiwoe said.

Language rights have become a particular focus for efforts in recent years to assert national identity in Tibet, a formerly independent Himalayan country that was invaded and incorporated into China by force more than 70 years ago.

Informally organised language courses in the monasteries and towns are routinely deemed "illegal associations", with teachers subject to detention and arrest, sources said, RFA reported.

## Seoul places new sanctions on North Korea over arms buildup



AP ■ SEOUL

South Korea on Friday sanctioned eight people and seven companies suspected of engaging in illicit activities to finance North Korea's growing nuclear weapons and missile programmes.

The move, which prohibits South Koreans from conducting any type of business with them without authorisation,

was largely symbolic as there are little financial dealings between the rival Koreas.

But the steps may still draw an irritated response from North Korea, which last month called South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and his government "idiots" and a "wild dog gnawing on a bone given by the U.S." after Seoul said it's considering placing more unilateral sanctions on Pyongyang.

The South Korean sanctions were announced shortly after the U.S. Treasury Department said it sanctioned three members of North Korea's ruling Workers' Party who provided support to the country's development of nuclear and ballistic weapons.

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Sr. DEE-TRS-GZB acting for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. **230-TRS-GZB-2022-23-18-RT**. The details are as under:

1	<b>Name of the Work</b>	Dismantling, removing and fitment of bogies of WAP-5 locomotives and its parts Qty. 60 locomotives for a period of 12 months at ELS/GZB.
2	<b>Approx. Cost of Work</b>	Rs.39,84,960.00
3	<b>Earnest Money to be deposited</b>	Rs.79,700.00
4	<b>Last Date &amp; Time of submission of tender bid of tender.</b>	23.12.2022 (11:00 Hrs.)
5	<b>Date &amp; Time of Opening of tender document</b>	23.12.2022 (After 11:00 Hrs.)
6	<b>Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen.</b>	www.ireps.gov.in

Note: (i) The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in** for participating in e-tender system. (ii) For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. (iii) No manual offers are acceptable. (iv) Cost of Tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.

No. 230-TRS-GZB-2022-23-18-RT Dated: 02-12-2022 3210/22

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE**  
Sr. Divisional Engineer-I/Northern Railway, New Delhi for and on behalf of President of India invites e-tender on the prescribed form for the under noted work.

<b>Name of work with location, cost of work and Earnest money</b>	1. Extension of service Lane for Goods carriage from Block Rake siding towards DLI end upto Shiv Colony under pass LHS-191 A for shifting of Entry/Exit of Heavy Truck Vehicle at Karnal
<b>Approx. Cost</b>	Rs. 2,27,26,494.06/-
<b>Earnest Money</b>	Rs. 2,63,600/-

Earnest Money should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only.  
Note: FDR or Demand Draft will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter No. 2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016.

<b>Completion Period</b>	08 Months
<b>Date and Time of submission of tender and opening of tender</b>	Upto 15.00 hrs on 23.12.2022 opening of e-tender at 15.00 hrs on 23.12.2022.
<b>Website particulars, published tender, notice location etc. complete details of tender can be seen and website where the tender form can be downloaded</b>	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. <b>www.ireps.gov.in</b>
<b>Similar nature of work</b>	1. Any civil work other than track work

NOTE: All attachments must be self attested by the tenderers and the affidavit should be submitted in the new format attached with tender conditions as per Annexure-XXIV is compulsorily. No. 128-W/280/Tender Notice/22-23/W-1 (NIT-52) Dated: 01.12.2022 3202/22

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**INDIAN RAILWAYS**  
**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)**  
**MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)**  
**(RAILWAY BOARD)**  
**E-Tender Notice**  
No. RS(POL)/58/0506/1/2023 New Delhi, dt. 01.12.2022  
Sub : E-Tender Notice against Ministry of Railways (Railway Board)'s E-Tender No. 2023 AAR AG TC for procurement of AAR Approved Greases for the C.P. 01.01.2023 to 31.12.2023.  
Director, Railway Stores(M), Ministry of Railways (Railway Board), Government of India, for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender as per details given hereunder:-

1.	E-Tender No.	2023AAR AG TC
2.	Name of Work	Purchase of AAR approved/RDSO approved Grease for Cartridge Taper Roller Bearings of Freight Stock conforming to RDSO specification No. WD-24-Misc.2003 (Revision-1) with Amendment No. 1 of October, 2016.
<b>AAR Approved Brands</b>		
S. No.	Brand of Grease	Manufacturer
1.	Exxon Arapen RB-320	M/s Exxon Mobil
2.	Timken Premium Rail Grease	M/s Exxon Mobil
3.	Shell Alvania EP-D	M/s Shell Canada Ltd.
4.	Mobilith SHC-100	M/s Exxon Mobil
5.	Mobilith SHC-221	M/s Exxon Mobil
6.	Shell Gadus Rail S3 AAR AL	Shell Oil Products
7.	Servogrease REP 1	M/s IOC Ltd.
3.	Approx. quantity in Kilogram	174856 Kilogram
4.	Earnest Money	Rs. 9,90,400/-
5.	Last date and time for closing of e-tender	23.12.2022 at 14:30 hrs.
6.	Website for complete details and e-tendering	http://www.ireps.gov.in
7. Allocation Head		Grant No. 01
3211/2022		Director, Railway Stores(M)

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## US marks 4 AQIS, Pak Taliban leaders as global ultras

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The US has designated four top leaders of al-Qaeda and the Pakistani Taliban groups as global terrorists, Secretary of State Antony Blinken has said as he emphasised that the Biden administration will ensure that terrorists do not operate with impunity in Afghanistan.

The terrorists who were designated on Thursday were Osama Mehmood, the emir of al-Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), Atif Yahya Ghouri, the deputy emir of AQIS and Muhammad Maruf who is responsible for the group's recruiting branch.

Qari Amjad, the deputy emir of Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), who oversees operations and militants in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, has also been slapped with sanctions.

"As a result of these actions, all property and interests in property of those designated yesterday that are subject to US jurisdiction are blocked, and all US persons are generally prohibited from engaging in any transactions with them," Secretary of State Blinken said on Thursday.

"Yesterday's actions again demonstrate that we will continue to use all relevant tools to uphold our commitment to see to it that international terrorists are not able to operate with impunity in Afghanistan," Blinken said.



AP ■ LONDON

Britain's opposition Labour Party has banded won a special election for a northwest England seat in Parliament, the first test of voter sentiment since Conservative Prime Minister Rishi Sunak took office in October.

Labour held onto the City of Chester constituency with an increased vote share of 61%, according to results announced Friday.

Labour won 50% of the votes in Chester at the last national election in 2019. Labour leader Keir Starmer said the result showed people are "fed up" with the Conservative government.

Thursday's election was called after Labour lawmaker Christian Matheson stepped down over allegations that he made inappropriate sexual advances to a member of his staff.

## Prosecutor: Trump knew about exec's tax fraud scheme

AP ■ NEW YORK

Donald Trump "knew exactly what was going on" with top Trump Organisation executives who schemed for years to dodge taxes on company-paid perks, a prosecutor said Thursday, challenging defence claims that the former president was unaware of the plot at the heart of the company's tax fraud case.

Manhattan prosecutor Joshua Steinglass lobbed the bombshell allegation during closing arguments. He promised to share more details when he resumes on Friday, buoyed by the judge's decision to grant prosecutors permission

to veer into territory that had been considered off limits because Trump is on trial.

Judge Juan Manuel Merchan, overruling a defence objection after the jury had left court, said the company's lawyers opened the door by asserting in their closing arguments that Trump was ignoring of the scheme, hatched by his longtime finance chief just steps from his Trump Tower office.

"It was the defense who invoked the name Donald Trump numerous times," Merchan said, setting up a potentially explosive final day of arguments before jurors deliberate next week.

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1	SPP0002012	DEVENDRA KUMAR KATHURIA PREM KATHURIA	2063	76008-47	40
2	SPP0002669	KISHAN SARUP GUPTA PRAKASH CHAND GUPTA	2737	101229-313	85
3	SPP0003644	GULAB CHAND MANDHANA VEETA DEVI MANDHANA	3932-3	254646-845	200
4	SPP0001755	VISHNU SARUP GUPTA	1805	67257-316	60
5	SPP0004141	KRISHAN CHANDER	4798	327390-419	30
6	SPP0000213	SHRIMATI BIMLA	240-1	10945-1144	200
7	SPP0006170	KALPANA MAHENDRA BHATT	7499	498371-405	35

Any person having any claim /objection in respect of the above requests should lodge such claim/ objection with the company at its Corporate Office within 15 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the company will consider to give effect to the above requests.  
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**for KAMA HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
Sd/-  
**EKTA MAHESHWARI**  
**WHOLE TIME DIRECTOR, CFO & COMPANY SECRETARY**

Place: Gurugram  
Date : 02.12.2022

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**for SRF LIMITED**  
Sd/-  
**RAJAT LAKHANPAL**  
**Sr. VP (Corporate Compliance) & Company Secretary**

Place: Gurugram  
Date: 02-12-2022



# Markets settle lower after 8 days of rally

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmark indices ended lower on Friday, halting their eight-day rally, amid a weak trend in global markets and emergence of profit-taking.

The 30-share BSE Sensex fell 415.69 points or 0.66 per cent to settle at 62,868.50. During the day, it tanked 604.56 points or 0.95 per cent to 62,679.63.

The broader NSE Nifty dipped 116.40 points or 0.62 per cent to end at 18,696.10.

Among the Sensex pack, Mahindra & Mahindra, Hindustan Unilever, Maruti, Nestle, HDFC, Asian Paints, Bajaj Finance and Power Grid were among the major laggards.

Tata Steel, Dr Reddy's, Tech Mahindra, IndusInd Bank and HCL Technologies were among the winners.

"The rally in the domestic market was halted by negative cues from global counterparts and broad-based profit-booking in large caps. The correction in the market was led by auto stocks as the sales data



came in lower-than-expected due to weaker exports and sequential de-stocking," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

In the past eight days, the BSE benchmark had jumped 2,139.35 points or 3.49 per cent.

"Markets witnessed profit-taking and lost over half a per cent, taking a breather after the recent surge," said Ajit Mishra, VP - Technical Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

The broader market, however, bucked the trend and ended in the green, with the BSE midcap gauge settling 0.80 per cent higher and smallcap index climbed 0.70 per cent.

Among sectoral indices, power fell 1.23 per cent, auto declined 1.12 per cent, utilities

(1.10 per cent), tech (0.52 per cent), consumer durables (0.46 per cent), IT (0.41 per cent) and bankex (0.32 per cent).

Commodities, industrials, capital goods, telecommunication and metal were among the winners.

Elsewhere in Asia, markets in Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong ended in the negative territory.

Equity exchanges in Europe were trading mostly lower in the afternoon trade. Wall Street had ended lower on Thursday.

International oil benchmark Brent crude was trading 0.13 per cent lower at USD 86.77 per barrel.

The BSE benchmark had climbed 184.54 points or 0.29 per cent to settle at 63,284.19, its fresh record closing high, on Thursday. The Nifty advanced 54.15 points or 0.29 per cent to end at 18,812.50, its new record closing high.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded shares worth ₹1,565.93 crore on Thursday, as per exchange data.

# SBI raises ₹10K cr from maiden infra bonds

PTI ■ MUMBAI

State Bank of India on Friday raised Rs 10,000 crore through its maiden infrastructure bond issuance, making it the largest single infra bond sale by any domestic lender.

The 10-year money will be utilized to enhance long-term resources for funding infrastructure and affordable housing segment, the bank said in a statement.

The issue attracted overwhelming response with an oversubscription of 3.27 times or bids worth Rs 16,366 crore, against the base issue from 143 bids, demonstrating the confidence of the investor class, the bank said. Based on the response, the bank has decided to accept ₹10,000 crore at a coupon rate of 7.51 per cent payable annually for a tenor of 10 years. The coupon represents a spread of 17 basis points over the corresponding government security, indicating high quality of credit.

Commenting on the successful bond sale, SBI Chairman Dinesh Khara said, infrastructure development is a key priority for the country and SBI, being the largest lender, has been in the forefront for advancement of social, green and other infra projects.



These long-term bonds will help the bank in furthering the cause of infrastructure development, he added.

The bond has AAA-rating from domestic credit raters. Meanwhile, on the retail e-rupee issuance by the Reserve Bank from Thursday, the SBI chairman said the pilot retail-CBDC (central bank digital currency) is a game-changer with durable effects that should ensure better monetary transmission at much lesser cost.

# Oil Minister to seek compensation for petrol, diesel losses

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The oil ministry will seek compensation for the losses state-owned fuel retailers incurred on holding petrol and diesel prices in the last eight months despite a spike in cost of raw material, a top official said on Friday.

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) posted a combined net loss of Rs 21,201.18 crore in April-September.

This loss would have been higher but for them accounting for ₹22,000 crore yet-to-received LPG subsidy for past years.

"The first half losses are publicly available. Add to that the LPG subsidy and you would arrive at approximate loss they have incurred," the official said.

Since holding of the prices benefited the economy in terms



of not add to the already high inflation rate, there is a case for the oil marketing companies (OMCs) to be compensated, he said.

"Petrol and diesel prices are deregulated (not controlled or dictated by the government). OMCs are free to fix the rates daily on the basis of benchmark international oil prices. But they on their own volition have decided to keep the prices on hold," he said.

The oil ministry will calculate the likely losses for the entire fiscal year before approaching the finance ministry for the compensation.

The three fuel retailers are still losing money on sale of auto fuel despite softening international rates.

# India's coal production rises 17% in April-Nov

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The country's coal production increased 17 per cent to 524.20 million tonnes in the April-November period of the ongoing fiscal.

India's coal output was at 447.54 million tonnes in the year-ago period.

In a bid to augment coal production capacity, the government has put 141 new coal blocks for commercial mines auction and has been engaging regularly with various coal companies in the country and monitoring their production, the coal ministry said in a statement. The all-round efforts made to enhance the domestic coal output and despatch have shown extremely good results.

India is the world's third largest energy consuming nation and the demand for electricity grows by about 4.7 per cent annually.

There has been a rise in production of coal by captive and other companies by 33.41 per cent to 71.07 million tonnes during April-November period.

# Power Minister waives inter-state transmission system charges for new hydro-power projects

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Power Ministry on Friday announced a waiver of inter-state transmission charges on wheeling electricity for 18 years for new hydropower projects.

The waiver is already available to solar and wind power projects. The government has set an ambitious plan to have 500 GW of generation capacity from non-fossil energy-based sources by 2030. "In a further step to realise the Government of India's commitment to achieve its power requirement from renewable energy sources, Ministry of Power has issued an order for the waiver of Inter-State Transmission system (ISTS) charges on transmission of electricity generated from new hydro-power projects," a power ministry release said.

Hydropower projects, being clean, green and sustainable will be of paramount importance in our clean energy transition journey. They are also essential for the integration of solar and wind power, which are intermittent in nature, the ministry said.

In acknowledgement of the inherent qualities of hydropower, the government declared hydropower projects as a renewable source of power in March 2019.

# Sugar production marginally up at 47.9 lakh tn in Oct-Nov: ISMA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's sugar production has increased marginally to 47.9 lakh tonnes in the October-November period, according to industry body ISMA.

Sugar marketing year runs from October to September.

In a statement, Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) said that production of sweetener till 30th November in the current 2022-23 marketing year is 47.9 lakh tonnes as against 47.2 lakh tonnes in the corresponding period of the last year.

Number of operating factories are also higher at 434 against 416 which operated last year on the corresponding date, it added.

As per the ISMA data, sugar production in Maharashtra stood at 20 lakh tonnes during the first two months of 2022-23 as against 20.3 lakh tonnes in the year-ago period. 11.2

In Uttar Pradesh, sugar output rose to 11.2 lakh tonnes from 10.4 lakh tonnes.

Sugar production in Karnataka fell to 12.1 lakh tonnes from 12.8 lakh tonnes.

On the ethanol front, ISMA said that the OMCs (oil marketing companies) have so far allocated around 460 crore litre for supply in ESY (ethanol supply year) 2022-23 in the first two EOI's (express of interest) floated by them. Ethanol supply year runs from December to November.

# Bank credit grows nearly 17% for fortnight ended Nov 18: RBI

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Indian banking system's outstanding credit grew by 16.96 per cent for the fortnight ended November 18, the Reserve Bank said on Friday.

The bank credit grew to ₹133.29 lakh crore for the fortnight ended November 18 this year as against ₹113.96 lakh crore on November 19, 2021, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said.

The deposit growth came at 9.30 per cent, with the overall base ₹177.15 lakh crore as on November 18 as against ₹162.06 lakh crore in the year-



ago period, it said.

Interestingly, amid a war for deposits in the system as banks jostle to raise the liabilities to fund the elevated credit growth, the overall deposits in the system declined marginally during the fortnight as against the ₹177.88 lakh crore as on November 4.

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### DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of **Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (PCHFL)** [formerly known as **Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd (DHFL)**] Under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to PCHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to PCHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date	Property_Address
(LC No.: 19700043241 of Gurgaon - Sohna Road Branch) Gaurav Padam (Borrower) Mamta Padam (Co Borrower 1)	04-11-2022 / ₹ 6389990 /-(₹ Sixty Three lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Only) NPA (04-01-2019)	Flat No-S-2102 2151 Floor Tower-S Pan Oasis Gh-01 Sector 70 Noida Noida Gautamdh Nagar Uttar Pradesh :- 201301
(LC No.: 13100001071 of Noida 1 Rajendra Place Branch) Shankar Lal (Borrower) Saroj Devi (Co Borrower 1)	04-11-2022 / ₹ 6366321 /-(₹ Sixty Three lakh Sixty Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty One Only) NPA (04-07-2019)	Flat No:- C10-3, Ground Floor Tower No:- C10, Prateek Grand City Siddharth Vihar, Ghaziabad Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh :- 201009
(LC No.: 25500000232 of Netaji Subhash Place Branch) Vikram Kumar Srivastava (Borrower) Preeti Srivastava (Co Borrower 1)	04-11-2022 / ₹ 6029630 /-(₹ Sixty lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Only) NPA (06-03-2018)	Flat No-D-1708, 17th Floor Block-D, K.B.N.W.O.S Plot No:- B Sec-16 Greater Noida Gautamdh Nagar Uttar Pradesh :- 201308
(LC No.: 19800041318 of Delhi - Pitampura Branch) Nitin Kumar Srivastava (Borrower) Neha Srivastava (Co Borrower 1)	04-11-2022 / ₹ 5655807 /-(₹ Fifty Six lakh Fifty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seven Only) NPA (06-03-2019)	Flat No:- B-1508, 15th Floor, Block - B Kbnws,5B No :- Gh - 5, Sector- 16, Noida Extension, Greater Noida Gautamdh Nagar Uttar Pradesh :- 201308
(LC No.: 01400003167 of New Delhi Branch) Parvinder Singh (Borrower) Rupinder Kaur (Co Borrower 1)	04-11-2022 / ₹ 5632860 /-(₹ Fifty Six lakh Thirty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Only) NPA (03-02-2020)	Unit No. 3110, 30th Floor, Apex Tower Supertech Emerald Court, Plot No. 4 Sector 93-A, Noida Noida Gautamdh Nagar Uttar Pradesh :- 201301
(LC No.: 19600041924 of Delhi - Safdarjung Branch) Anant Lal Srivastava (Borrower) Deep Shikha Srivastav (Co Borrower 1)	04-11-2022 / ₹ 5531036 /-(₹ Fifty Five lakh Thirty One Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Only) NPA (04-08-2019)	Flat No 1407 14th Floor Block C Kbnws Apartments Plot No 5 B Sector 16 Greater Noida Gautamdh Nagar Uttar Pradesh :- 201310
(LC No.: 25500000220 of Netaji Subhash Place Branch) Amit Jain (Borrower) Meeta Jain (CoBorrower 1) Sanmaiti Coatech Pvt Ltd (CoBorrower 2)	04-11-2022 / ₹ 5098869 /-(₹ Fifty lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Nine Only) NPA (05-04-2019)	Flat No:- D-1806, 18th Floor Block-D, K.B.N.O.W.S Plot No:- B Sec-16 Greater Noida Gautamdh Nagar Uttar Pradesh :- 201308
(LC No.: 09200000363 of Rohini Branch) Punita (Borrower) Sourabh Sharma (Co Borrower 1)	04-11-2022 / ₹ 3645965 /-(₹ Thirty Six lakh Forty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Five Only) NPA (04-12-2019)	Flat No 203, Fh19, Gtm Forest & Hills Gram Mohkamur Khurd Dehradun Dehradun Utttaranchal :- 248001
(LC No.: 13300000445 of Cannaugah Place Branch) Navin Kumar (Borrower) Khushboo Kumari (Co Borrower 1)	04-11-2022 / ₹ 5029363 /-(₹ Fifty lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Three Only) NPA (05-04-2019)	Flat No 1803 18th Floor Block D Kbnws Apartments Plot No 5B Sector 16 Greater Noida Gautamdh Nagar Uttar Pradesh :- 201310
(LC No.: 07700001983 of Ghaziabad Branch) Yogendra Singh (Borrower) Meera Kushwah (Co Borrower 1)	04-11-2022 / ₹ 5016010 /-(₹ Fifty lakh Sixteen Thousand Ten Only) NPA (03-11-2018)	Flat No-1-1204 Tower/ 12th Floor Block-04 Type-A Amastra Homes Plot No- Gh-02C Sec-10 Greater Noida West Ghaziabad Nagar Uttar Pradesh :- 201302
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# BUSINESS BRIEF

## TRAINING IN BIOETHICS PROG LAUNCHED AT SRM KATTANKULATHUR:

Despite rapid advancements in medical technology like Artificial Intelligence and Robotics and their applications in medical and health care, it was still a challenge for the medical fraternity to take ethical decisions in critical situations. Hence, there was a need to pay greater attention and importance to bioethics now more than ever before, Dr. Russell D'Souza, Director, Department of Education, Melbourne, Australia, said on Thursday. Inaugurating the 2nd "3T-IBHSc (Teach, Train and Transfer Integrated Bioethics for Health Sciences), an Accredited Evidence-Based Faculty Development Training Programme in Teaching Bioethics in Medical and Health Professional Education at SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre today, Dr. D.Souza said it was important for the generation health care providers to provide "value-based ethicalquality health and medical care.



# Rupee falls 7 paise to close at 81.33 against US dollar on firm crude oil prices

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee pared its initial gains to settle down by 7 paise at 81.33 against the US dollar on Friday as the support from weak dollar was negated by weak domestic markets and gains in crude oil prices.

Forex traders said foreign fund outflows also weighed on investor sentiments.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 81.11, but pared the gains and ended at 81.33, down 7 paise over its previous close.

During the day, the local unit witnessed an intraday high of 81.08 and a low of 81.35. On Thursday, the rupee appreciated by 4 paise to close at 81.26 against the US dollar.

# Gold rises ₹473; silver jumps ₹1,216

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold price rose by ₹473 to ₹54,195 per 10 grams in the national capital on Friday amid strong global trends, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal had settled at ₹53,722 per 10 grams.

Silver also jumped by ₹1,216 to ₹66,064 per kg.

"The signs of inflation coming down, weakness in the dollar index and good physical gold demand continue to support the domestic gold prices," Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst at HDFC Securities said.

In the international market, gold was trading higher at \$1,801.25 per ounce while silver was up at \$22.73 per ounce. "Gold and silver price continue to trade in the positive zone as the dollar weakened on the prospect of slower rate hikes from the Federal Reserve and signs of cooling US inflation," said Navneet Damani.



# DRAMA AT THE DEATH

## South Korea beat Portugal 2-1 in dramatic fashion to seal place in Round of 16

AP ■ DOHA

Substitute Hwang Hee-chan scored the winner in injury time to rescue South Korea from the brink of World Cup elimination in a thrilling 2-1 victory over already-qualified Portugal on Friday.

The Wolverhampton Wanderers' forward slipped in the winner in the 91st minute at Education City Stadium in Qatar to spark delirium and tears among the Korean fans.

Talisman Son Heung-min, who set up the winner, collapsed to the floor and lay on his back on the turf at the final whistle. He had tears in his eyes.

The Korean players then stood in a huddle on the pitch watching the Ghana v Uruguay match on a mobile phone as they awaited their place in the last 16 to be confirmed.

A much-changed Portugal had taken a fifth-minute lead through Ricardo Horta but the Koreans, who had to win to stand any chance of staying alive, hit back in the 27th minute through Kim Young-gwon.

Portugal skipper Cristiano Ronaldo played a part in the Korean equaliser, turning his back on a corner and the ball hitting him to set up Kim.

South Korea and their skipper Son, in a mask after recent surgery, needed to score again but they failed to really trouble Portugal until Son set up Hwang in injury time after a fine run.

Before a ball was even kicked a roar went up at



Education City Stadium every time Ronaldo's face popped up on the big screen, even during the national anthems. There were some jeers too and chants of "Messi, Messi".

South Korea coach Paulo Bento, the former Portuguese international, had to watch from the stands after he was sent off following the final whistle of the Koreans' 3-2 defeat to Ghana.

He saw his men fall behind after just five minutes when defender Pepe played the ball down the right to Manchester United full-back Diogo Dalot. Dalot easily evaded a weak

Korean challenge and pulled the ball back from the byline for winger Horta to fire unmarked into the back of the net in front of a 44,000 crowd.

With qualification already

secure, Portugal made six changes from the team that beat Uruguay 2-0, Dalot and Horta among those bought in.

But they still looked dangerous every time they went forward in the first half against a Korean defence missing Napoli's Kim Min-jae.

South Korean skipper Son, the Spurs forward, was yet to get going at this World Cup after surgery for a fracture around his left eye at the start of November.

Wearing a black mask to protect the wound, the 30-year-old showed glimpses of his brilliant best as South Korea chased the win they so badly needed.

South Korea were threatening to get on top and in the 27th minute they were level.

The 37-year-old Ronaldo, surely playing at his last World Cup, unwittingly played a central role in the South Korean goal.

Currently without a club after his bitter departure from Manchester United, the forward turned his back on a Korean corner and the ball hit his shoulder and fell straight to defender Kim to turn in.

The second half was more of the same -- Portugal enjoying more possession and stroking the ball around but South Korea and an increasingly influential Son a threat on the break.

Portugal coach Fernando Santos brought Ronaldo off on 65 minutes to save his legs, then attacker Hwang came on and proved to be the hero at the death.



## Uruguay eliminated on goals scored

AP ■ DOHA

Giorgian de Arrascaeta double was enough to give Uruguay the win over Ghana but saw his side eliminated from the World Cup at the benefit of South Korea.

André Ayew was presented with a golden opportunity to score from the spot after Mohammed Kudus was brought down in the penalty area, however, the 32-year-old's effort was tamed and easily kept out - and may have even been going wide.

Uruguay's response was immediate with Darwin Núñez testing Lawrence Ati-Zigi before Flamengo forward Giorgian de Arrascaeta's quick-fire double fired Diego Alonso's side ahead.

Found in the penalty area, Luis Suárez forced a good save

from Ati-Zigi but de Arrascaeta reacted quickest to turn in the rebound before the same pair combined again minutes later with the Flamengo forward's volley doubling Uruguay's lead.

Ghana struggled to gain control of the match in the second period and were limited to chances from range as Kudus continued to look threatening but, at the other end, controversy would reign as VAR denied Uruguay a penalty.

Núñez looked like he had beaten Daniel Amartey to the ball but, after an on-field review, the referee deemed that the Leicester player had got a toe to the ball and stuck with his onfield decision, one that prove costly for Uruguay who were eliminated on goals scored after South Korea came from behind to beat Portugal.

# Japan stun Spain but both reach World Cup last 16

AP ■ DOHA

Spain staggered through to the World Cup last 16 on Thursday despite a 2-1 defeat by Japan, who remarkably won Group E on a rollercoaster night which saw four-time champions Germany eliminated.

Japan secured another incredible triumph after beating Germany in their opening game, with their progression from the "group of death" one of the greatest achievements in the country's footballing history.

For a few heart-stopping minutes Spain were poised to head out when Costa Rica were leading in the other game, but the 2010 champions squeezed through after Germany did them a favour by coming back to beat Los Ticos.

Spain and Germany ended on four points each, but La Roja progressed on goal difference.

Alvaro Morata sent Spain ahead early on with a towering header, but Japan dramatically struck back at the start of the second half.

Ritsu Doan and Ao Tanaka's goals saw them mount a sensational comeback, just as they did against Germany.

Tanaka's goal was highly controversial after the officials relied on VAR to decide Kaoru Mitoma had kept the ball in play by a hair's breadth to set him up.

Spain struggled to create chances against a staunch Japanese defence in the final



stages, with the Asian side aware that conceding another goal would see them eliminated.

Japanese players collapsed at full-time in celebration, exhausted and elated, while the substitutes raced on to celebrate.

Spain face Morocco in the last 16, while Japan play Croatia.

Both sides made five changes, with Luis Enrique bringing in Morata to lead the line, and handing Alejandro Balde and Nico Williams their

full debuts.

Japan started with five at the back, hoping to keep Spain at bay, but pressed high in attack to try and capitalise on any mistakes.

Morata sent La Roja ahead

in the 12th minute with a towering header from Cesar Azpilicueta's cross, rekindling the connection which occasionally worked at Chelsea after the striker's arrival in 2017.

Japan coach Hajime Moriyasu replaced the ineffective Takefuso Kubo and Yuto Nagatomo at the break with Mitoma and Doan, and it paid instant dividends.

Balde lost the ball under pressure and from the edge of the box winger Doan hammered past Unai Simon, who might have done more to keep it out.

Three minutes later and Japan had turned the game on its head, Tanaka bundling home from on the goalline after Mitoma had miraculously kept the ball in play as he crossed it -- according to VAR.

Spain were shellshocked and struggled to react, with Luis Enrique making a raft of substitutions to try and regain control.

The coach, alone and perched on the edge of his technical area, was unaware that for a few moments his team faced elimination, when Costa Rica took the lead against Germany in the other game to go 2-1 ahead.

Spain survived, progressing thanks to their superior goal difference, on a night that was far more terrifying than they had anticipated -- and Japan secured a hugely unlikely achievement.



## Germany crash out of WC despite win

AP ■ DOHA

Germany crashed out of the World Cup at the group stage for the second time in succession despite a 4-2 win against Costa Rica on Thursday.

The four-time World Cup winners came into the match needing a win but were also relying on the result of Japan's game with Spain to progress.

But the Germans were eliminated due to goal difference as Japan followed up their defeat of Germany with another shock result by beating Spain 2-1.

Germany took an early lead but briefly fell behind in the second half as coach Hansi Flick made a flurry of changes, reacting to the live score of the Japan v Spain fixture.

The Germans started positively, with Flick's all-Bayern Munich front line turning the

screws early, battering the Costa Rica defence before Serge Gnabry got his head to a curling cross from Leipzig defender David Raum after 10 minutes to open the scoring.

Just seven minutes into the second half, word crept around the vast Lusail Stadium that Japan had scored two quick goals to take the lead against Spain, a result which would force Germany out of the tournament.

Flick reacted immediately, bringing on Niclas Füllkrug and taking off another midfielder in Ilkay Gundogan.

Germany appeared disoriented as Costa Rica went on the counter on the 58-minute mark, the ball rebounding off Neuer and into the path of Yeltsin Tejeda, who slammed it home.

Flick continued to chase the game, making more changes but it was Costa Rica who

scored next when Juan Pablo Vargas tapped a free kick past Neuer to put his side past Spain and into the Round of 16. The goal was later recorded as an own goal.

Germany hit back minutes later through Chelsea forward Kai Havertz to draw level.

Havertz scored again in the 86th minute and Füllkrug added another in the 89th minute to bring the score to 4-2, but the side's focus remained nervously fixed on the group's parallel fixture.

The night ended with Germany losing out to second-placed Spain on goal difference.

It means Germany, who had not missed out on the knockout stages of a World Cup for 80 years until the 2018 tournament in Russia, have been bundled out in the group stage for the second World Cup in a row.

## Argentina wary of Australia's speed

AP ■ DOHA

Argentina's Rodrigo De Paul said the South American team are wary of Australia's height and speed ahead of their World Cup last-16 clash in Doha on Saturday.

The midfielder pointed to the Socceroos' flying wingers Craig Goodwin and Mathew Leckie as the danger men.

"They are a very fast team that places a lot of emphasis on the flank players," said De Paul, who has played every minute for Argentina in Qatar.

"Tall guys, tall centre-backs, we'll have to avoid giving away free-kicks around the box. We'll have to be careful (of their) very fast wingers, that's their strength, counter-attacking."

Australia got off to a poor start at the World Cup despite taking an early lead against France, eventually succumbing 4-1. But 1-0 victories over Tunisia and Denmark booked the world's 38th-ranked side a surprise ticket to the knockout phase.

However, coach Lionel



Scaloni said it was not a shock to see the Socceroos progress in Qatar. "It didn't surprise me because they are a good team... with a World Cup history, which makes them difficult," he told a pre-match press conference on Friday.

"Whether or not they are inferior to us remains to be seen. I don't agree that they are. This is football -- eleven against eleven. Forget who is theoretically favourites and let's play football."

Scaloni is expecting the Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium to be teeming with Argentina fans on Saturday, as the Stadium 974 was for Wednesday's victory over Poland.

"The Argentine fans always make themselves heard and when the stadium is 80 to 90 percent Argentines you notice it more," he said.

"Hopefully tomorrow it will be like the Poland match because that was like playing in Argentina."

## Van Gaal eyes emotional WC run with Netherlands

AP ■ DOHA

Louis van Gaal has his sights set on an emotional World Cup run as the outspoken Netherlands coach prepares for Saturday's last 16 clash with the United States.

If Van Gaal's side make it to the latter stages of the World Cup in Qatar it would provide one of the most poignant stories of the tournament.

The 71-year-old came out of retirement to coach the Netherlands last year despite his harrowing battle with aggressive prostate cancer.

Van Gaal had been out of the game since being sacked by Manchester United in 2016, but the combative coach remains a force of nature, as he proved by leading the Netherlands to the World Cup knockout stage after undergoing successful treatment for his illness.



The Dutch topped Group A with victories over Senegal and Qatar and a draw against Ecuador.

Now they face the United States at the Khalifa International Stadium hoping to move a step closer to winning the World Cup for the first time.

The current Oranje crop might not be ranked alongside the Johan

Cruyff and Ruud Gullit eras that established the Netherlands as purveyors of football in its purest form.

But Van Gaal, in his third spell as Netherlands coach, rates the 2022 squad as the most gifted of his reigns.

Liverpool centre-back Virgil van Dijk, Barcelona midfielder Frenkie de Jong and emerging PSV Eindhoven forward Cody Gakpo give the Netherlands a formidable spine.

Van Gaal claims the Netherlands could win the World Cup because his squad has a "higher average quality" than the group he led to the semi-finals in Brazil in 2014.

That forthright assessment has been dismissed as hyperbole by admirers of World Cup favourites like Brazil, France and England. Yet it was in keeping with Van Gaal's scorched earth approach to management.



## US star Pulisic on track to play against Dutch

AP ■ DOHA

Christian Pulisic is on track to play for the United States in its World Cup round of 16 match against the Netherlands on Saturday.

Pulisic left Tuesday's final group stage match against Iran at halftime after bruising his pelvic bone in a collision with the goalkeeper while scoring in the 38th minute. The Americans won 1-0 to advance. "It looks pretty good, but we'll have to see him today on the pitch to get confirmation of that," US coach Gregg Berhalter said before Friday's training session.

Pulisic, a 24-year-old winger, said on Thursday he was feeling better.

Forward Josh Sargent left the Iran match in the second half after hurting his right ankle.

"With Christian we're hopeful, with him a little less so," Berhalter said.



# ALL-ROUND SAURASHTRA WIN 2ND VIJAY HAZARE TITLE

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Sheldon Jackson played one of the most important innings of his career, an unbeaten 133, to guide Saurashtra to their second Vijay Hazare Trophy title as they comfortably beat Maharashtra by five wickets in the final, here Friday. Saurashtra's well-oiled bowling unit led by its skipper, tamed a formidable batting line-up from Maharashtra before old domestic warhorse Jackson's unbeaten century overshadowed national contender Ruturaj Gaikwad's 108 to chase down a target of 249 with 21 balls to spare.

"I think the toss did play a crucial role, we were lagging behind. It was 30-70 percent of advantage/dis-advantage. After 30-40 overs, we were ahead. Batting first, 250 was a very good total," Gaikwad said after the match.

As Gaikwad rightly conceded, that toss did become one of the major deciding factors as Unadkat rightly put Maharashtra into bat.

At the onset, he led the bowling show with an exemplary opening spell (6-1-5-0) in the Powerplay after electing to field as Gaikwad batted in a painstakingly slow fashion scoring 15 off first 61 balls.

"(It is) unbelievable and yet to sink in. Winning one time is amazing but winning it second time proves that we are a champion side. Big game, big guys stepped up," the champion skipper said at the post-match presentation ceremony.

While Unadkat (1/25 with 41 dot balls) was Saurashtra's bowling hero in the first 10 overs, keeping the dangerous Gaikwad under tight leash, the last 10 overs of the Maharashtra innings belonged to all-rounder Chirag Jani. The seam bowling all-rounder's 48th over hat-trick (Saurabh Nawale, Rajvardhan Hagargekar and Vicky Ostwal) did stop Maharashtra from adding at least 20 more runs.

Bowling wicket-to-wicket, Jani cleaned up Nawale and Hangargekar and then sealed his hat-trick, trapping Vicky Ostwal plumb in front.

Maharashtra managed just two boundaries and scored 37 runs losing five wickets in the next seven



overs in a crucial turning point for Saurashtra.

In the middle overs, it was another Gaikwad show as he carved his name as a 'Vijay Hazare legend' with his 12th hundred (highest in competition history) with seven fours and four sixes. He thus had three hundreds in three knock-out games but on a slowish track, Saurashtra bowlers never really let the Maharashtra batters dominate with second best score being Azim Kazi's 31.

With Saurashtra bowlers making the perfect execution against him, Gaikwad clearly fought hard for his hundred that was evident with his roaring celebration when he notched his century off a boundary against Jani.

Chasing a below-par target, Saurashtra got off to a perfect start with Jackson and Harvik Desai (50; 67 balls) stitching a 125-run opening stand in 26.4 ovr.

Mukesh Choudhary (2/38) then gave a double blow, dismissing Desai with a short ball and Jay Gohil (0) with angular one in a space of three balls while a third wicket -- Samarth Vyas (12) was holed in the deep of Ostwal's bowling.

They lost half of their side 39.5 overs after all-rounder Prerak Mankad was cleaned up by left-arm spinner Satyajet Bachhav as the match was evenly poised with Saurashtra needing 57 in 10.1 overs.

However Bacchav was hammered by Jackson, who hit four out of his five sixes off the left-arm orthodox's bowling.

But Maharashtra failed to apply pressure and some sloppy fielding let them down. India's U-19 World Cup Rajvardhan Hangargekar (0/70 in 9 overs) got a fair amount of pasting.

The match ended when Jackson despatched seamer Manoj Ingale over square leg for a six and played the leg glance to chase down the target.

## Brief Scores

**Maharashtra** 248/9; 50 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 108, Azim Kazi 37; Chirag Jani 3/43) lost to **Saurashtra** 249/5; 46.3 overs (Sheldon Jackson 133, Harvik Desai 50; Mukesh Chaudhary 2/38, Vicky Ostwal 2/20) by five wickets.

## Just trying to be as consistent as possible: Gaikwad

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

In the form of his life, Maharashtra skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad on Friday said being consistent and converting his starts into big hundreds has been his focus as they finished runners-up in the Vijay Hazare Trophy after making their maiden final.

Gaikwad slammed four hundreds from five innings including a double century to finish with 660 runs at an astounding average of 220.

"I'm just trying to enjoy the game and stay in the present, looking to give good starts and then convert them into big hundreds. I'm just trying to become as consistent as possible," Gaikwad, who was adjudged Player of the Series, said after they lost the final to Saurashtra by five wickets.

Gaikwad suffered an injury during the season and could not play all the matches for Maharashtra.

"It was important for me to get back well from injury. Had to lead from the front, being a senior player and an experienced player," he said.

Gaikwad scored 108 from 131 balls in the final as he once again stood tall for Maharashtra to take them to 248/9. But the total was not enough.

"The kind of bowling they had, and the lines/lengths they bowled, it was challenging and



I was enjoying it. Had to make sure that I'm staying calm," he said. Gaikwad further said the wicket eased out when Saurashtra batted so it was a good toss to win for them.

"There was a lot of difference in the pitch during the second innings. If we got the same conditions, things could have been different.

"After 25 overs of our innings, the pitch eased out but we were always behind the game due to that start. We could have got to 300 or 320-330 if the surface was better from the start," he said.

"Still, 248 in the first innings was a good total. You can lose wickets upfront sometimes on these pitches but I'm proud of the my team for today and all through the tournament. We have a young team, many players are playing their first final and hopefully they will all learn from this," he said.

# STARC, CUMMINS PUT OZ IN CHARGE VS WI

AP ■ PERTH

Fast bowlers Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins grabbed three wickets apiece to dismiss West Indies for 283 and put Australia in the box seat in the opening cricket Test at the Perth Stadium here on Friday.

Refusing to enforce the follow-on, Australia was 29-1 at stumps on the third day, and in

charge of the match with a 344-run lead. David Warner and Marnus Labuschagne will resume on 17 and three, respectively, after Usman Khawaja fell for six. West Indies were on 237-4 at tea, and soon after from 245-4, before losing the last six wickets for 48 runs to the second new ball to hand Australia a 315-run first innings lead.

West Indies had resumed

the day on 74-0, and progressed to 150-1 at lunch before some outstanding fast bowling by Starc (3-51) and Cummins (3-34) cut short the innings.

Off-spinner Nathan Lyon claimed 2-61 while fast bowlers Josh Hazlewood and Cameron Green took a wicket apiece.

Only skipper Kraigg Brathwaite (64) and debutant Tangeanarine Chanderpaul (51)



impressed. It took two outstanding deliveries after lunch to dent West Indies' progress.

Brathwaite's four-hour resistance ended when his counterpart Cummins got a delivery to swing in late to hit the top of off stump for the Australian skipper's 200th Test scalp in his 44th Test. Cummins became the fifth fastest to the milestone behind fellow Australians Clarrie Grimmett (36 Tests), Dennis Lillee (38), Stuart McGill (41) and Shane Warne (42).

Three overs later, Strac bowled Kyle Mayers (1) as the left hander played down the wrong line. West Indies suddenly had slumped from 159-1 to 166-3, swinging the game back Australia's way. After tea, Starc grabbed 2-0 in four balls as he trapped Jermain Blackwood (36) and, three balls later, bowled Joshua Da Silva for a duck.

Shamarh Brooks scored 33 after replacing Nkrumar Bonner as a concussion substitute.

## BCCI set to introduce 'impact player' rule in IPL

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

In its bid to provide tactical flexibility to the teams, the BCCI is all set to introduce the 'impact player' system in the upcoming edition of IPL where the captains will be able to replace one playing-XI member with a substitute player during the match.

BCCI had put the system on trial during the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 tournament in October and the move was largely welcomed by the state teams.

According to sources privy to development, the matter was discussed at the IPL Governing Council on Thursday evening. The franchises have already been sent a note with regards to introduction of tactical substitution. "The matter has been discussed at the IPL GC meeting and BCCI will share the details soon," an IPL franchise source said.

While the exact details are awaited, the playing regulations, followed during the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, would be adopted.

According to the 'impact player', a team can have four pre-decided substitute players who can be pencilled as "tactical substitutions" and one of them

can be used in a match situation.

However any such substitute has to be introduced, if required, into the match before or by the end of the 14th over of a team's innings.

## HOW DOES RULE WORKS?

If Delhi Capitals' Prithvi Shaw and gets out cheaply and the team feels that they have a like-for-like power-hitter in Yash Dhull sitting in the dug-out as one of the four substitutes, he can come out for batting.

Similarly in case of a bowling team, if MS Dhoni uses Deepak Chahar's four over spell within the first eight overs and feels conditions at the Eden Garden's are aiding seam and swing, he can substitute Chahar with Sam Curran (if picked by CSK) before the 14th over and ask bowl his full quota of four overs for maximum advantage.

"With the ever-growing popularity of T20 cricket, it is imperative that we look at introducing new dimensions which will make this format more attractive and interesting not only for our viewers but also the participating teams from a strategic viewpoint," the BCCI, in its note to state units had said before the Mushtaq Ali Trophy.

## Ponting rushed to hospital after feeling unwell

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former Australia skipper Ricky Ponting was rushed to hospital after he felt unwell in Perth during his commentary duties in the opening Test against West Indies on Friday.

According to media reports, the 47-year-old Ponting was at the Optus Stadium for his commentary duties when he felt unwell and was taken to

hospital during the lunch time as a precautionary measure to check on his heart.

"Australia's team doctor, Leigh Golding, drove Ponting to hospital to be examined after the 47-year-old complained of feeling dizzy," Sydney Morning Herald said in a report.

Ponting left the commentary box at the stroke of lunch after being in the broadcasting

for 40 minutes. Former Australia coach Justin Langer accompanied him to the hospital. He did not return for the rest of the day.

"Ricky Ponting is unwell and will not be providing commentary for the remainder of today's coverage," a Seven spokesperson said, according to the report. The report said Ponting was feeling "fine" after the check-up.

# DJ Bravo joins CSK as bowling coach

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Legendary West Indies all-rounder LDwayne Bravo has been appointed as the bowling coach of IPL franchise Chennai Super Kings ahead of the 2023 season.

Bravo has called time on his playing days in the IPL, having played since the tournament's inception in 2008.

He will replace Lakshminarayanan Balaji, who is taking a break for one year due to personal commitments.

"I'm looking forward to this new journey because it's something I see myself doing after my playing days is fully over. I enjoy working with bowlers and it's a role I'm excited about," Bravo said in a statement issued by CSK.

"From player to coach, I don't think I have to adjust much because while I'm playing, I always work with bowlers and try to come up with plans and ideas on how to have that one step ahead of the batsmen.



The only difference is I will no longer be standing at mid-on or mid-off.

"I never thought I would be the leading wicket taker in the history of IPL. But I'm just happy to be a part of IPL history."

Bravo is the highest ever wicket taker in the IPL, with 183 wickets from 161 matches.

The all-rounder has also scored 1560 runs at a strike rate of around 130, playing key parts in many victories for the Super Kings.

Bravo has been an integral part of CSK since 2011. He was a part of the team's victories in 2011, 2018 and 2021 and the Champions League T20 victory in 2014.

He was also the first player to win the Purple Cap for most wickets in an IPL season twice (2013 and 2015).

Bravo has overall played 144 matches for CSK, picking up 168 wickets and scoring 1556 runs.

# Pakistan reach 181-0 in reply to England's 657

AP ■ RAWALPINDI

Pakistan's openers provided a confident start after England was bowled out for an aggressive 657 on Friday on the second day of its record-setting first Test in Pakistan in 17 years.

Imam-ul-Haq was not out on 90 and Abdullah Shafique was unbeaten on 89 as they played out over two sessions and guided the home team to 181-0 before bad light closed out play with 17 overs still remaining in the day. Pakistan still trails England by 476 runs on a grassless wicket and needs a further 277 runs to avoid the follow-on, with the wicket still unresponsive to either pace or spin.

"It's a pretty nice wicket to bat on as you can probably tell by our score," said Harry Brook, one of the four England century-makers.

"It's going to be tough to get 20 wickets but we're definitely going to give it a crack. When we were batting it (the wicket) had started getting a bit low."

Imam has already faced 148 balls and hit 13 fours and a six while Shafique hit 10 boundaries and two sixes in his 158-ball innings.

Neither batter matched the belligerent batting of England at the Pindi Cricket Stadium as they scored at an average of 3.5 an over in comparison to visitors' scoring rate of 6.5.

Shafique survived two close chances in the last session when Ollie Pope couldn't grab a low legside catch off veteran James Anderson and Ben Duckett dropped a reflex catch close to the wicket.

Pope had to don the gloves behind the wicket after regular wicketkeeper Ben Foakes didn't



recover from a viral infection on the eve of the Test match.

Imam should have been dismissed very early into the second session but Pope fumbled a faint edge in left-arm spinner

Jack Leach's first over.

On an unresponsive wicket for the bowlers, England persisted with spinners most of the time but the experienced Anderson couldn't extract any

movement with either new and old ball. Left-arm spinner Leach and off-spinner Will Jacks bowled 31 overs in between them but England couldn't get the breakthrough.

After amassing a world record 506-4 in 75 overs on the opening day when four of the five top-order England batters scored centuries, England added 151 runs at the same electrifying pace to rack up its highest total in a Test innings against Pakistan.

England's previous best effort against Pakistan came at Manchester in 2016 when it scored 589-8.

Zahid Mahmood recorded the most expensive figures in a debut Test innings when he finished with 4-235 as England batters swept and reverse swept the leg-spinner with ease on a placid wicket.

# Pooja ruled out of Aus T20Is

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India allrounder Pooja Vastrakar was ruled out due to an injury as selectors on Friday picked promising uncapped left-arm pacer Anjali Sarvani for the upcoming five-match T20I series against Australia beginning on December 9 in Mumbai.

Pooja, who led India C team in the Women's T20 Challenger in Raipur, was "ruled out owing to an injury and was not considered for selection," said a statement issued by BCCI secretary Jay Shah.

The 25-year-old Andhra left-arm medium pacer Anjali impressed with her tidy bowling display in Poonam Yadav-led India A's runners-up finish in the Women's Challenger earlier last month.

Anjali was exceptional against India D and finished



with figures of 2 for 11 from her three overs to clinch them a final spot. Overall, she bagged three wickets from four matches and returned with a tidy economy

rate of 5.50.

The Australia series will also mark the return of Maharashtra left-handed all-rounder Devika Vaidya after more than four years.

The 25-year-old leg-spin allrounder, who made her debut way back in 2014 in a T20I against South Africa, last made her international appearance against England in an ODI match in 2018.

Devika played a match-winning 27-ball 41 for India B in their four-wicket win over India C in the T20 Challenger.

Harmanpreet Kaur will lead the side, while Smriti Mandhana will be her deputy.

India will play the first two T20Is at the DY Patil stadium on December 9 and 11, before moving to CCI for the remaining three fixtures on December 14, 17 and 20.