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Drugs worth ₹478 cr seized on Gujarat Assembly poll eve

Recovery of booze, cash, drugs 28 times of that seized in 2017, says EC

RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

On the eve of the first phase of polling in Gujarat, the Election Commission (EC) on Wednesday came out with startling figures of seizures of cash, liquor, freebies, drugs, and even drugs manufacturing units, made by enforcement agencies in the State. Overall, the seizures this time round are over 28 times the recoveries made during the 2017 Assembly polls in the State. Voting will be held on Thursday for

the first phase of Gujarat Assembly elections in 89 seats spread across 19 districts in Saurashtra-Kutch and southern parts of the State where 788 candidates are in the fray.

In fact, two drugs manufacturing units and drugs worth Rs 478 crore was unearthed on Wednesday itself with the enforcement agencies still carrying out their operations in Vadodara (Rural) and Vadodara City till late in the

Voting will be held between 8 AM and 5 PM on Thursday across 14,382 polling stations, the office of the State Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) said in a release. Out of the 89 seats going to polls in the first phase, the BJP won 48 in the 2017 elections, the Congress had won 40, while one seat was bagged by an Independent candidate.

Ās per information shared by the EC, the Gujarat ATS unearthed two



27.21 crores. Going by the seizure chart as on November 29, 2022 which

marks total seizures of Rs 290.24 crores

there is a massive jump in the amount

of seizures which is 10.66 times of

litres of liquor worth Rs 14.88 crore has been recovered despite prohibition of

liquor in the state. The EC's enforce-

ment authorities have seized precious

metals and gold worth Rs 15.79 crore;

ture monitoring starts months before

the announcement of elections and

includes host of activities like appoint-

ment of experienced officers as

Expenditure Observers, sensitizing and

reviewing enforcement agencies for

more coordinated and comprehensive

monitoring, marking of expenditure

sensitive constituencies, ensuring plan-

ning of adequate availability of field level

"The process of effective expendi-

freebies worth Rs 171.24 crore.

The data showed that 411851.23

seizures in 2017.

mephedrone (synthetic drug) manufacturing units and about 143 kg of mephedrone worth about Rs 478 crore in Vadodara (Rural) and Vadodara

City.

"The ongoing seizure process of heavy consignment of drugs is being led by a team of officers of ATS Gujarat. If added, the ongoing seizure of drugs, it becomes whopping 28 times. The ATS have detained five people from Nadiad and Vadodara and a criminal case is being registered in ATS Police Station, Ahmedabad under relevant sections of the NDPS Act, 1985," the poll body said in a statement.

The EC further stated that the operation is in progress and complete details will be made available once the operation is completed. Besides the contraband seized in the ongoing operation, drugs worth Rs 61.96 crore have been recovered. The total seizures in the 2017 Gujarat Assembly Election were Rs teams in the monitoring process and regular follow-ups with DEOs/SPs with a view to curb role of money-power in vitiating elections. Visits by the Commission to review the electoral preparedness along with the review of Central Observers and DEOs, SPs has already been taken for comprehensive monitoring," the EC said in a statement on Wednesday.

Similarly, seizures in Himachal Pradesh assembly elections, where polling concluded on November 12, saw more than five-fold increase over figures of 2017 assembly elections. As compared to Rs 9.03 crores worth of seizures in 2017 Assembly Elections, the seizures in 2022 rose to Rs 57.24 crores.

Apart from the BJP, Congress and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), 36 other political outfits, including the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Samajwadi Party (SP), Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) and Bharatiya Tribal Party (BTP) have also fielded candidates in various seats which will go to polls in the first phase. The BJP and Congress are contesting in all the 89 seats.

The new poll entrant AAP is contesting in 88 seats. Its candidate from Surat East constituency had withdrawn his candidature, leaving the party with one less seat to contest in the first phase.

Åmong other parties, the BSP has fielded 57 candidates, BTP 14 and CPI-M four candidates. As many as 339 independents are also in the fray in the first phase of polls. Out of the total 788 candidates, 70 are women including nine fielded by the BJP, six by the Congress and five by the AAP.

AAP's chief ministerial candidate Isudan Gadhvi is contesting from Khambhalia seat in Devbhumi Dwarka district of Saurashtra region that goes to polls on Thursday.

Somebody has to speak up, says defiant Lapid

Kashmir Files has fascist features, jury shared my views: Nadav

PNS NEW DELHI

Israeli filmmaker Nadav Lapid, whose remarks on "The Kashmir Files" film triggered a major uproar in the country has defended his observations and said "some-

body has to speak up."

He also said the film has fascist features and the entire jury shared his views.

His latest statements on Wednesday came two days after the filmmaker, who was the head of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) jury in Goa, said the film is a "propaganda" and "vulgar."

Israel Ambassador to New Delhi Naor Gilon had reacted sharply to his remarks on the closing ceremony of the festival on Monday and asked the filmmaker on Tuesday to apol-ogise and said he should be ashamed.

Director of the film Vivek Agnihotri and actor Anupam Kher, who acted in 'The Kashmir Files', also slammed

Speaking to Israeli news website Ynet over the phone on the controversy over his remarks, Lapid said, "It's crazy, what's going on here. It's a Government festival and it's the biggest in India. It's a film that the Indian Government, even



if it didn't actually make it, at least pushed it in an unusual way. It basically justifies the Indian policy in Kashmir, and it has fascist features." This comment was a rough translation of the interview in Hebrew.

He said there are claims that the move captured dimen-sions hidden by intellectuals and the media. "It is always the same method - that there is the foreign enemy, and there are traitors from within.' In his interview, Lapid said

while he was watching the movie, he was shocked by the transparent combination" between propaganda and fascism and vulgarity". "I couldn't help but imagine an Israeli film like this in another year and a half or two," he told Ynet.

Asked if he anticipated the massive backlash to his remarks, Lapid said he was apprehensive".

"It is not an easy position, you are a guest, I am the president of the jury here, you are treated very nicely. And then you come and attack the festival. There was apprehension, and there was discomfort," he said, adding, "Let's put it this

way: I'm happy to be on my way to the airport now.

The filmmaker said if the chairman of a foreign jury spoke critically about a film of his country, he would be "happy" even if it is "not a pleasant feeling". "In countries that are increasingly losing the ability to speak your mind or speak the truth, someone needs to speak up. When I saw this movie, I couldn't help but imagine its Israeli equivalent, which doesn't exist but could definitely exist. So I felt I had to," he said

Meanwhile, in an exclusive interview to a private television channel in India, Lapid spoke at length about the controversy over his comments on "The Kashmir Files".

When told that his comment has erupted into a huge controversy and that the Israeli Ambassador had to apologise for what he said, Lapid said he is nobody's property. He also said politicians have a way of making profit out of controversies. Lapid said, "I accept the fact that The Kashmir Files is a brilliant movie. It was my duty to say what I saw."

AAP may not even open | China warns USA not to account in Gujarat: Shah

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has downplayed AAP's challenge in Gujarat polls, claiming Arvind Kejriwal's party may not even open its account, and said the BJP State unit's announcement on setting up anti-radicalisation cell is a good initiative that can be considered by other States and the Centre.

In an interview to PTI. Shah described Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popularity, all-round development of Gujarat during his tenure as the Chief Minister and the implementation of zero appeasement policy as the main reasons for people repeatedly reposing faith in the BJP over the last 27 years.

"The BJP will register an unprecedented victory in Gujarat. People have full faith in our party and our leader Prime Minister Narendra Modi," said Shah, who has been crisscrossing the State and addressing five rallies a day in the run-up to the two-phase polls on December 1



Union Home Minister Amit Shah during his election campaign roadshow ahead of the Assembly elections, in Ahmedabad

and 5. On the question of AAP entering Gujarat Assembly elections, the BJP leader said, "Every party has a right to contest elections, but it is up to people whether they accept the party or not. AAP is nowhere in the mind of the people of Gujarat. Wait for election results, maybe AAP's name would not figure in the list of successful candi-

While the Congress has been the BJP's principal rival in Gujarat, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal-led APP has undertaken an aggressive campaign in Modi's home State.

On the Congress, Shah said, "It is still the main Opposition party, but the party is going through a crisis, and its impact is visible in Gujarat as

Asked about Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra, Shah said sustained efforts are a must in politics. "I have always been of the view that politicians need to be hard working and it is good when someone works hard," he said.

interfere in ties with India Beijing wants to stop border

tensions from causing India to partner with US: Pentagon report

PNS/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI / WASHINGTON

With tension still persisting at the border in Ladakh, China has warned the US and asked it to refrain from interfering in its ties with India. It sought to pre-empt India from partnering more closely with the US in view of the border tensions. Underlining this point in its latest report on Chinese military build-up, Pentagon has said that throughout the face-offs, Chinese officials sought to downplay the severity of the crisis, emphasising Beijing's intent to preserve border stability and prevent the

stand-off from harming other areas of its bilateral relationship with India. The report was presented to the Congress late on Tuesday.

"The PRC (People's Republic of China) seeks to prevent border tensions from causing India to partner more closely with the United States. PRC officials warned US officials to not interfere with the PRC's relationship with India," the

report said

"In a section on the China-India border, throughout 2021, the PLA sustained the deployment of forces and continued infrastructure build-up along the LAC," the Pentagon said. Negotiation made "minimal progress" as both sides resisted losing perceived advantages on the border, it said.

The eastern Ladakh border face-off erupted on May 5, 2020, following a violent clash in the Pangong lake areas. Each country demanded the withdrawal of the other's forces and a return to pre-standoff conditions, but neither China nor India agreed on those con-

ditions," the Pentagon report said. "The PRC blamed the stand-off on Indian infrastructure construction, which it per ceived as encroaching on PRC territory, while India accused China of launching aggressive incursions into India's territory," it added.

Since the 2020 clash, the PLA has maintained a continuous force presence and continued infrastructure build-up along the LAC. The 2020 Galwan Valley incident was the deadliest clash between the two nations in the past 46 years, the report said.

On June 15, 2020, patrols violently clashed in Galwan Valley resulting in the death of 20 Indian soldiers and four PLA soldiers, according to the PRC officials, it said.

China has previously criticised the US for commenting on its border dispute with India. In June this year, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian termed the critical remarks by a top US General on its infrastructure build-up at the China-India border as a "despicable act" and criticised the attempts of some American officials to "add fuel to the fire", emphasising that Beijing and New Delhi have the "will and capability" to properly resolve their differences through talks.

Responding to US Army's Pacific Commanding General Charles A Flynn who termed the situation in eastern Ladakh as "alarming", spokesman Zhao had said, "The China-India boundary question is a matter between the two countries. Both sides have the will and capability of resolving the question through dialogue and con-

China objects to Indo-US exercise

Beijing: China on Wednesday said it opposed the joint Indo-US military exercises being held near the Line of Actual Control asserting that it violates the spirit of the two border agreements signed between New Delhi and Beijing.

Bilkis Bano moves SC against remission to rape convicts

PNS NEW DELHI

Bilkis Bano, who was gang-raped and seven members of her family slaughtered during the 2002 Gujarat riots, on Wednesday filed a plea before the Supreme Court challenging the remission of sentence of 11 convicts in the case by the State Government. The top court said it will consider listing the matter for hear-

A Bench comprising Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justice PS Narasimha took note of the submissions of lawyer Shobha Gupta that the victim herself has challenged the grant of remission and

release of the convicts. "The review has to be heard first. Let it come before Justice Rastogi," the CJI said. When the counsel for Bano asked for the matter to be

heard in open court, the Bench said, "Only the court concerned can decide that."

The CJI said he would take a call on the issue in the evening.

CAPSULE

CHINA'S EX-PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN DEAD Beijing: Jiang Zemin, China's

first head of state to have visited India in 1996 and heralded a new era of constructive cooperation between the two countries passed away on Wednesday due to leukemia and multiple organ failure in Shanghai at the age of 96

TERROR GROUP ISIS SAYS LEADER QURASHI KILLED

Beirut: The Islamic State iihadist group said Wednesday that its leader Abu Hasan al-Hashimi al-Qurashi has been killed in battle and announced a replacement A spokesman said Hashimi, an Iragi, was killed "in combat with enemies of God", without elaborating on the date of death

India's GDP growth fell to 6.3% in July-Sept quarter

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's economic growth slowed down to 6.3 per cent in the July-September quarter of this fiscal, dragged down mainly by the poor performance of manufacturing and mining sectors, official data showed on Wednesday.

However, India remained the fastest-growing major economy as China registered

an economic growth of 3.9 per cent in July-September 2022. The Indian economy grew by 8.4 per cent in July-September, 2021-22, as per the data released by the

National Statistical Office

(NSO). The gross domestic product (GDP) expanded by 13.5 per cent in the April-June quarter this fiscal.

The second quarter GDP growth is almost at par with the RBI's projection of 6.1 per cent to 6.3 per cent released earlier this month in one of the articles published in its bul-

"Real GDP or GDP at Constant (2011-12) Prices in Q2 2022-23 is estimated at Rs 38.17 lakh crore, as against Rs 35.89 lakh crore in Q2 2021-22, showing a

growth of 6.3 per cent as

compared to 8.4 per cent in Q2 2021-22," the NSO state-

The real GDP in absolute terms stood at Rs 33.10 lakh crore in the July-September quarter of 2020. It had contracted by 6.6 per cent in the second quarter of 2020-21 on account of the staggering impact of lockdown restrictions to curb the spread of coronavirus.

As per the data, Gross Value Added (GVA) grew by 5.6 per cent to Rs 35.05 lakh crore in July-September this

The GVA growth in the farm sector is 4.6 per cent in the second quarter compared to 3.2 per cent a year ago.

Rainbow items allowed at stadiums: FIFA

One day after Iran and Wales were eliminated at the World Cup, FIFA finally gave a public assurance on Wednesday that rainbow items and banners supporting protests in Iran will be allowed into stadiums. Stadium security staff organized by Qatari authorities had seized items with rainbow colours and slogans such as "Women. Life. Freedom" to stop them from

getting inside stadiums. In the first week of the tournament, seven European teams including Wales lost the fight to wear multi-colored "One Love" armbands during World Cup matches and some

allowed to bring items with

rainbow colours, a symbol of LGBTQ rights, into the stadiums of the conservative Islamic emirate. The match between Iran and the United States on Tuesday was charged with emotion among Iranian fans, some of whom had come to Qatar not only to support their team, but the protest movement back home with banners and flags

"FIFA is aware of some incidents where permitted items were not allowed to be displayed at stadiums," soccer's world body said in a statement on Wednesday, more than a week after some incidents were reported at World Cup stadiums. "FIFA has received assurances by authorities that venue fans complained they weren't

commanders have been con-

tacted in relation to the agreed



show solidarity with the fight against discrimination of all kind.

rules and regulations for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022." FIFA's assurances that have seemed to be overridden by Qatari authorities. Wales and Iran will not

play any more games at the World Cup after results late Tuesday sent England and the United States from their Group B into the knockout

Rs 3 cr, 1 acre land for Kulta dharmasala in Puri

Also, similar provisions for Meher Bhawan in BBSR

PNS BHUBANESWAR

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Wednesday sanctioned allotment of Rs 3 crore and one acre of land for construction of a dharmasala (lodge) in Puri town for the people of Kulta community.

The dharmasala will come up at the sanctioned patch of land located in Sunamuhna

Lakhs of devotees from the community visit the pilgrim town every year for darshan of Lord Jagannath. A delegation of the Odisha Kulta Samaj comprising members from Boudh, Subarnapur,

In Cuttack

Targeted people

taking selfies on

The Government Railway

Police (GRP) on Wednesday

arrested the kingpin of a gang

in Cuttack allegedly involved

in snatching and stealing

passengers in moving trains.

Police also seized 16 mobile

The arrested accused was

The modus operandi of

Behera and hhis gang members

was they used to target

passengers taking selfies in

BHUBANESWAR

he Capital Region Urban

Transport (CRUT) on

Wednesday introduced three

new routes of Mo Bus. The

service will commence on

these fresh routes from

The routes are Baramunda-

Naraj railway station (via

Nandankanan, OMFED

Dairy), Bhubaneswar railway

Thursday (December 1).

identified as Binod Behera of

phones from his possession.

mobile phones

Behera Sahi here.

trains

Kingpin of mobile snatching racket held

3 new routes for Mo Bus

CM at his residence here and requested him to allot a land in Puri for a dharmasala for

Odisha Kulta Samaj has been playing a key role in establishment of Jagannath temples and promotion of Jagannath culture in villages dominated by the Kulta community in the State.

Accepting their request, Patnaik had directed the Puri Collector to identify land and ensure the project's completion

Similarly, The CM granted acre Chandrasekharpur Bhubaneswar and Rs 3 crore for construction of a 'Swabhaba Kabi Gangadhar

moving trains near Khan

Nagar rail over-bridge and

When they saw people

clicking selfies in the passing

trains, they would hit them with a stick. As the cell phones

would fall from their hands,

these gang members would

pick them up and flee from

the spot. Later, they would

dispose of the stolen mobile

phones for Rs 2,000 to Rs

3,000. "Snatching cases were

a major concern for the

Railways. The miscreants used

to target and steal mostly

mobile phones and laptops.

We formed a special team.

Based on inputs, we nabbed

Behera," said a GRP senior

station-Taraboi (via Khordha

Bypass, IIT) and Biju Patnaik

Park, Cuttack-Puri Bus Stand.

view of the increasing public

demand, the CRUT said.

The decision was taken in

Jobra over-bridge.

'Provide job, edu quota to Kultas However, Jena urged CM

Srikant urges CM

■ BHUBANESWAR

Former Union Minister Srikant Jena has hailed the decision of the State Government to donate 1 acre land and Rs 3 crore for construction of a Dharmasala for the Kulta Samaj in Puri.

Meher (Bhulia) Samaj had met the CM over the issue.The Bhawan would provide accommodation to the Bhulia

students and patients from far-

off places coming to Bhubaneswar for studies and

Naveen Patnaik to sort out

various farming related

problems of the Kulta

community and provide

reservation in employment

and education for the

community. He also urged

similar boons for the other

communities which are

socially and educationally

backward.

Crackdown on illegal vehicle parking

Violators to be fined Rs 500

PNS BHUBANESWAR

The haphazard parking of vehicles on the roads in the capital city, besides causing traffic jams, has become a nuisance for the commuters. So, the Commissionerate police have decided to crack down on the menace.

Vehicles parked on congested stretches of roads in the city would now be towed and fine would be imposed on

The police have taken a decision to regulate parking and ensure smooth vehicular movement.

Citizens have been advised

not to park vehicles on predominantly congested stretches of road. They have been asked to park their vehicles at designated parking spaces or park it away from main road.

The violation would attract a fine of Rs 500.

The rule would be implemented stringently particularly on the stretches from the IDBI Bank Square to Veterinary College, National Highway-16 via Empire Hotel, Alok Bharti Building to Saheed Nagar Durga Puja Mandap on the Janpath, Kalyan Jewellers on Janpath to Charka Medical Store via Sparsh Hospital and Trupti Service Station on Janpath to Saheed Nagar entry

INBRIEF

DIGITAL RUPEE PILOT PROJECT IN BBSR FROM TODAY

Bhubaneswar: The first pilot project of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for retail digital Rupee (ea,-R) would be launched in four cities, including Bhubaneswar, on Thursday (December). The other cities are Mumbai, New Delhi and Bengaluru. The project would cover select locations in Closed User Group (CUG) consisting of customers and merchants. Reports said the ea,-R would be in the form of a digital token that represents legal tender and would be issued in the same denominations that paper currency and coins are issued. It would be distributed through banks. Eight banks are chosen for phasewise participation in the project.

KIIT CONFERRED KHEL PROTSAHAN PURUSKAR

Bhubaneswar: The Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) on Wednesday was conferred the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2022. The award was given away by President



Droupadi Murmu to KIIT and KISS founder Dr Achyuta Samanta. Expressing his gratitude to the President and the Government of India for bestowing KIIT with the honour, Dr Samanta said the award has been given in recognition of the KIIT's sustained focus towards the development of sports since its inception.

BMC GARBAGE TRUCK KILLS WOMAN IN CITY

Bhubaneswar: A woman died after being hit by a garbageladen truck of the BMC near the VSS Nagar dumping yard in the city on Wednesday. Another person was also injured in the mishap. The deceased was identified as Sukanti Nayak. Sukanti and her relative were on their way by a motorcycle to a nearby market when the truck hit the bike, killing her on the spot.

UCDA ELECTS OFFICE-BEARERS

Bhubaneswar: The Utkal Chemists' & Druggists' Association mmittee Meeting (UCDA) on Tuesday conducted its triennial elections for the NOW years 2022-2025 in Brahmapur under the supervision of election officer Nirmal Kumar Mishra. P Satyanarayan was elected as president securing 159 votes beating his nearest rival Debabrata Das by 66 votes,



Prasanta Mohapatra was elected as general secretary defeating his nearest rival PK Jena by 40 votes. As many as 252 executive members participated in the elections. The UCDA also held its 51st annual function and general body meeting. National president JS Sindhe and general secretary Rajiv Singhal joined as guests.

Farmers' issues BJP to gherao Assembly on Dec 2

The BJP would gherao the Assembly on December 2 to protest Government's apathy towards farmers. Despite 13 days of the party's Satyagraha before the Assembly demanding justice to farmers and repeated demand by BJP MLAs for discussion on the farmers'

Government has not paid any heed. The Chief Minister is not

coming to the Assembly,

alleged BIP State secretary Prithviraj Harichandan.

Former MP Rudranarayan Pany alleged that while farmers are fighting for their dues across the State, the State Government is staying least concerned. The farmers would be the cause behind the downfall of the BJD Government, he warned. Among others, Opposition issues in the House, the BJD

Chief Whip Mohan Majhi, Bhaskar Madhei, Sanatan Bijuli and Naba Charan Majhi addressed the farmers.

Award for Covid health workers in recruitment BHUBANESWAR

During the Covid-19 pandemic, thousands of shortterm healthcare workers like nursing officers, pharmacists, radiographers, laboratory technicians and MPHW (M/ F) were engaged by the Government in District Headquarters Hospitals and Medical College Hospitals/ Covid-Care Centres.

Considering contributions, the Government, under the direction of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, has now

framed "Odisha grant of weightage in marks in the recruitment examinations in favour of short-term Covid-19 healthcare workers Rules-

Health Secretary Shalini Pandit said that as per the Rules, the healthcare workers who were engaged for a minimum period of three months would be allowed weightage of 5% extra marks in the next recruitment examination to be conducted by the OSSSC to their posts. This would be a onetime

Surjit Bhujabal

1st Odia as DG of GST Intelligence

■ NEW DELHI

Odisha-born IRS officer Surjit Bhujabal recently assumed charge as the head the Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI), an apex intelligence organisation functioning under the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.

He is the first Odia officer to be entrusted with the task of collection, collation and dissemination of intelligence relating to evasion of Goods

and Services Tax (GST) and duties of Central Excise and Service Tax on an all India The DGGI became a full-

fledged directorate in 1983 headed by a Director. In 1988, the directorate was upgraded to Directorate General under a Director General. It is the apex body for manifold tasks of tackling duty evasion.

Surjit Bhujabal is the son of former Odisha Chief Secretary Raj Kishore Bhujabal and sonin-law of retired IPS officer Kulamani Deo.

had on November 28 met the

The delegation said that

Meher Bhawan' in memory of the legendary poet. On November 28, a delegation of the Nikhil Utkal Odisha

treatments.

The CM has directed forming a committee under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary for organising the death centenary of the poet

Cong heavyweights campaign in Padampur



he Congress intensified its campaigning Padampur by-poll on Wednesday with many heavyweight leaders joining rallies and urging voters to support party candidate Satyabhusan Sahu, a threetime MLA. PCC president

Sarat Patnaik, former PCC president Jayadev Jena, MLA Suresh Routray, former Ministers Jagannath Patnaik and Geneswar Behera, Mahila Congress leader Bandita Parida, Rajani Kumar Mohanty, Amiya Pandab, Bismay Mohapatra, Prakash Mishra, Narayan Jena, State Kishan Morcha president

Amiya Patnaik, party's last Bargarh MP nominee Pradip Debata, DCC president Nihar Mahananda, Nipan Das, Bankanidhi Behera, former MLA Bhujabal Majhi among others held road shows in various villages and towns.

The PCC president said BJP and BJD are not with the

are frustrated due to growing unemployment. Women are unsafe. The Governments of the BJP and BJD at the Centre and State have completely failed to solve the perennial problems of Satyabhusan farmers. personally visited home to

home and appealed to support common people. The youths

In Jajpur Jilted lover hacks girl's bro to death

Injures father; locals torch truck

PNS JAJPUR

Apart from this, plying of Mo Bus on route no. 71 (Baramunda-Konark) will resume from Thursday on the occasion of Konark Festival. Similarly, route no. 25 has been extended up to Rangamatia.

of accused

Tension ran high in Kaliapani in Jajpur district after a jilted lover hacked a girl's brother to death and critically injured her father on Tuesday night. The accused Santanu Samal

attacked the girl's brother Jitendra Mahapata and her father Santosh with a sharp weapon. The girl's brother died in the attack while her father was admitted to hospital in a critical condition. Later, irate villagers overpowered Samal before handing him over to the police.

According to sources, the accused was in love with Jitendra's sister. However, her family opposed this as Samal was already married. In a bid to take revenge for the rejection, Samal attacked the father and son duo with a

were rushed to Sukinda Community Health Centre where Jitendra succumbed to the injuries. In retaliation, locals demolished Smala's' house and set his truck on fire. Police reached the spot and tried to pacify the villagers. The accused was taken into

Lawyers clash with police in Sambalpur

Judges fail to reach court premises

SAMBALPUR

Tension ran high at Kacheri Chhak in Sambalpur city as agitating lawyers clashed with police on Wednesday.

The lawyers were staging a demonstration demanding establishment of a permanent Bench of the Orissa High Court in Sambalpur, during which police uprooted tents camped by the agitators. A faceoff situation ensued between the lawyers and police over the

Several judges couldn't reach the court premises due to protest by lawyers and returned home.

The lawyers also resorted to



Government offices in the

Notably, the Supreme Court has directed the Bar Council of India (BCI) to suspend the licences of the agitating lawyers. The apex court had also directed for arrangements by police to prevent lawyers from obstructing the working of courts.

The top court issued the direction on an application filed by the Registrar General of the Orissa High Court saying the bar associations' strike in several districts has seriously hampered the judicial work in all the subordinate

Earlier, the Sambalpur District Bar Association had said that around 1,600 lawyers will surrender their licences if one of them is suspended.

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HC directs CBI to probe 'conspiracy' in cash for PIL scam

The hearing of the petition filed by businessman Amit Agarwal, involved in the conspiracy to get advocate Rajeev Kumar caught with Rs 50 lakh, was held in the Jharkhand High Court on Wednesday. Rejecting Amit Agarwal's request for bail, the court directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to probe the 'larger conspiracy' allegedly hatched by businessman Amit Agrawal to malign the Judiciary as well as the central investigating agencies, including the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

The bench of Justice Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi directed the ČBI to register a preliminary enquiry (PE) within 15 days and place it before the CBI Director for fur-

The court's order came while hearing Agrawal's petition filed to challenge the ED's action to arrest him in the 'cash for PIL' scam in which the Kolkata police had arrested Jharkhand High Court lawyer Rajiv Kumar with Rs 50 lakh on August

In the petition, Amit Agarwal has said that the ED's action is not as per the rules. Amit Agarwal has filed a petition in the Jharkhand High Court for interim relief. Amit Agarwal had earlier filed a petition in the Supreme Court seeking interim relief. But the Supreme Court, while rejecting the petition, had said that this matter is



under the jurisdiction of the Jharkhand High Court, so Amit Agarwal was asked to file his case in the Jharkhand High Court.

Sources said that for removal of name in a PIL, Amit Agarwal had tried to trap Rajeev Kumar for Rs 1 crore and he was given 50 lakhs as the first installment. Rajeev Kumar was allegedly caught by the Kolkata Police with Rs 50 lakhs. However, later the ED investigated the matter and registered an FIR against Amit Agarwal as

The ED had arrested Agrawal in the first week of October for hatching a conspiracy to trap Rajiv Kumar, a lawyer representing a petitioner in two PILs filed against several high-ups including Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren. He pleaded innocence saying he had been made a scapegoat as so far no illegality has surfaced tak-

ing his money.

Agrawal's advocate Shahwaz

Akhtar pleaded in the court that
he had withdrawn money from his account through cheque. He had given prior information to the police. He has trapped someone involved in illegal work but he was considered as an accused.

The ED, however, vehemently protested Agrawal's contention. ED counsel Amit Das argued that Agrawal had already figured in the Rs 1000 crore mining scam and the amount of Rs 50 lakh was part of the proceeds of crime.

INBRIEF

CCL bids farewell to retired personnel



CCL organised a Farewell cum felicitation ceremony for retired personnel on Wednesday. Seven personnel working in various departments of CCL Headquarters –S.S. Chowdhary, General Manager (CP), Vigilance Department; Dr. Nirmala Singh, CMO, Gandhinagar Hospital, Uma Shankar Prasad, Sub Engineer (E&M), Quality Dept.; Ashok Kumar, Supervisor (A-1), Administration Department; Deepak Kumar, OS(A-1), Marketing & Sales Department; Arun Kumar Singh, Anita Oraon, Accountant (A-1), Administration Dept. and Chief ECG Tech (A-1), Gandhinagar Hospital were bid farewell today by CCL family at CCL HQ by organizing "Samman Samaroh". In the month of November, a felicitation ceremony was organized and an emotional farewell was given to 89 employees from the entire CCL including the headquarters. On this occasion, a short film made on the retired personnel was screened during the ceremony through which the retired personnel expressed their experiences and views.

Regional Hindi Competition by ECR



Various Hindi competitions were organized during the Regional Hindi Competition organized from November 28 to 30 at East Central Railway Headquarters, Hajipur. In this episode, a Hindi notation and draft writing competition was organized today. Under this competition, questions related to administrative vocabulary, draft writing, antonyms, conversion of words from English to Hindi and Hindi to English and correct spelling were asked to the participants. It may be noted that during the Regional Hindi Competition, various competitions were organised for the use and dissemination of Hindi. Due to this, the trend of working in Hindi increases among railwaymen. Employees/officers of various departments/divisions/factories and subordinate offices were present as participants in today's competition. The names of the participants securing the first position in all the three competitions will be sent to the Railway Board for participation in Hindi competitions organized at All Railway level.

Meeting of Materials Mgmt Depts concludes



A two-day meeting of Heads of Materials Management Department of various plants of SAIL was held at Bokaro residence on Wednesday. The second day's meeting was attended by Amarendu Prakash, Director-in-charge of BSL, A Śrivastava, Executive Director (MM) of BŠL, heads of materials management of various plants and units of SAIL and senior officers of materials management of BSL. During the meeting, the compliance of the decisions taken in the meeting of the heads of the previous Material Management Department was reviewed, after which the representatives of all the units of SAIL shared information wit on various aspects related to Inventory Management through presentation. In this day-long meeting, various topics related to SAIL MSE Policy, Revision of SAIL Guidelines, online data availability of firms, procurement from Gem portal and major topics related to materials management were discussed. Describing material management as an important activity, Director-in-charge Ămarendu Prakash expressed confidence that everyone will benefit from this meeting and will take the organization forward by adopting best

SCS students shine in TT tournament



Alisaad Khan of Class IV bagged the Bronze trophy at the Inter School Table Tennis Tournament at Patna in the category of Under - 14 Single Event Boys. Alisaad Khan, Earth Ghosh of IV and Faisal of II also bagged the third position in the Under -14 Team Event Boys. Principal Samita Sinha congratulated the students for their excellent performance and said that such students will be nurtured as Sports not only helps to reach the fitness goals but also develops leadership skills, discipline and perseverance values.

13 employees retire from RRD



Officer Alok Ranjan Das, Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRD) and 12 employees retired from Ranchi Railway Division on Wednesday. All were assigned full retirement pay. On this occasion, Divisional Personnel Officer Manik Shankar welcomed everyone and wished them good health and prosperity. ADRM Manish Kumar said that "Now you will get time to do work of your choice. Cyber criminals are cheating people in new ways every day. Please be cautious and invest in big banks only. You do not receive calls from the Railways asking for account details, Aadhaar, PAN etc. You will be associated with the Railways even after retirement. On this occasion, DAO (Coordination) K Praveen Kumar, AAO Rautu Kalondia and APO Chittaranjan Kumar were present.

JMM, Congress leaders participate in 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' the Country throughout his



JPCC President Rajesh Thakur, Legislature Party Leader-cum Minister Alamgir Alam, Minister Badal pose for photo with All India Congress Committee Organization General Secretary KC Venugopal during ongoing Bharat Jodo Yatra under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi, in Indore on Wednesday.

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R uling party in the State, Jharkhand Mukti Mor-cha (JMM) and Congress leaders from Jharkhand participated in 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' to show solidarity towards Congress which is alliance partner in the Chief Minister, Hemant Soren led Government in the State. State Drinking Water and Sanitation Minister, Mithilesh Thakur participated in the 'Yatra' as Chief Minister, Hemant Soren's representative.

Tn a major breakthrough

against extremism Kam-

lesh Yadav, area commander of the CPI (Maoist) organiza-

tion wanted in a dozen cases,

has surrendered before the

Chatra DC, Abu Imran and Chatra SP, Rakesh Ranjan on

Wednesday. On the occasion

a cheque of Rs One lakh was

handed over to the area com-

mander under the govern-

rehabilitation policy "Nai

It is pertinent to mention here

that in the police-naxal encounter in Pratappur police

station area a month ago, area

commander Yadav was also

involved along with top Maoist leader, Manohar Gan-jhu. A CRPF Jawan, Chit-

taranjan was martyred in that encounter. In this encounter, CRPF jawan Chittaranjan

Kumar was shot in the leg

and waist, after which he was

airlifted from Chatra and ad-

mitted to Ranchi for better

treatment where the jawan

died during treatment. In the

encounter case, the Pratappur police had registered an FIR against 10-15 unknown Nax-alites, including 12 named ones. In which Manohar Ganjhu, Ajit Oraon alias Charlies alias Toofani, Nandu alias Ajay Yadav, Dhiru alias Dheeraj Ganjhu,

Disha"

surrender

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Dreaded extremist,

Kamlesh Yadav surrenders

'Bharat Jodo Yatra' as a representative of JMM and Chief Minister Hemant Soren. He also walked step by step with Rahul Gandhi in the programme along with other leaders of Jhark-

Regarding the 'Yatra', Thakur said that why there was a need to conduct Bharat Jodo Yatra in the Country today, it is very thought-provoking. "This is a nationwide tour. The British left the Country but the BJP is firmly following their divide and rule policy. Thakur reached Indore on Tuesday to participate in BJP has adopted it 100 per cent. The situation has be-

Nankuri Yadav, Kamlesh

surrendered

2014. Before joining the or-

ganization, he used to work

as a daily wage worker in Sirsa, Haryana. Had bought

the disputed land in the year

2009, had joined the CPI

Maoist organization in the year 2014 with the aim of oc-

cupying that land and exert-

ing pressure on the other side. On the occasion Yadav

said that at present the organ-isation has deviated from its

principles and direction and

CPI has become a party of

Maoist exploitation and levy collection. "The top naxal commanders keep on ex-

ploiting the lower command-

ers and pressurizing the villagers of the traveling

areas to act contrary to the

principle and by unnecessar-

ily torturing the villagers, due to which they left the party and were affected by the Jharkhand government's sur-

render and rehabilitation pol-

icy "Nai Disha"," he added.

Jamshedpur cops tighten noose on peddlers

Yogendra Bharti,

come worse today than during British rule in the Country. The BJP has spread the poison of hatred in the name of caste, creed and religion in the whole Country. On this land of Ganga-Jamuni culture, BJP is working on the policy of divide and rule," he added. Thakur said that the way our society has become divided, it did not happen after independence even independence. "Today, along with the common people, colours and great men are also being divided. Sardar Patel served the Congress and

life and sacrificed everything for the Congress and the Country? Today BJP is making him a role model. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru had laid the foundation stone of Narmada Sarovar on which Sardar Patel's statue has been installed. The BJP did not even spare Bapu. If we do not wake up even now, then no one can stop the whole society, the whole country from getting fragmented," he added.
"Bharat Jodo Yatra has

been started only to remove this hatred from the minds of the Countrymen. This journey will continue till 2024 and till the BJP Government is not uprooted. From Kashmir to Kanyakumari, people are supporting this Yatra in every State of the Country. The whole Country is joining in one thread," said Thakur.

The Minister said that today the situation has become such that in the states where there is no BJP rule, the BJP people see only thieves and corrupt people. In the states ruled by the BJP, all of them have been washed with the waters of the Ganges. The Minister said that this step of Rahul

Bokaro MLA meets DIC, BSL on civic issues



RAHUL SHARMA

Bokaro Bokaro MLA Biranchi Narayan met Amarendu Prakash, director in-charge of Bokaro Steel Plant to review the various public issues prevailing in Bokaro Steel City. In this meeting, MLA specifically discussed the obstacles coming on the way of starting the air service from Bokaro. Also with reference to the same the legislator will soon meet aviation cum Steel Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia to clear the technical hurdles pertaining to the commencement of air service from Bokaro airport which is now getting delayed instead of all infrastructural readiness. The MLA discussed the maintenance work of water tanks and townships buildings on war footing in the residential areas of the

demand, the DIC BSL has assured for the construction of the road connecting Sector 12 to Telidih Pool and road connecting Judge Residential Colonies to Bhojpur Colony. Further the MLA has demanded installation of high mast lights at three places in Sector 3 Police Station More, Ramdih More Sector 9 and Center Market Sector 12 on which DIC BSL has assured to install high mast lights at 40 places soon including highlighted places too. Further the MLA discussed the scientific way of disposal of garbage in the dump yard system between Sector 6 and 8, on which the director in-charge assured that concrete steps would be taken in this direction too soon. Overall there was a positive conversation on all the topics and asked for early resolution on priority basis with respect to the concern

According to Sanjay Seth, the Hemant gov-

ernment has started

doing appeasement politics in the Ranchi

Main Road riot case.

Instead of identifying

the culprits and taking

against them, the in-

vestigation committee

was not given exten-

sion of time. In the

city, 10,000 miscre-

ants were about to de-

scend on the streets of

Ranchi and throw it

of punishing them, the

government is engaged in

Complaining about corrup-

tion in the PM Garib Kalyan

Anna Yojana, the MP said

that card holders have not

received free food grains for

the last three-four months.

DSOs, dealers and others are

getting rich in this. The

poor's livelihood is being

robbed. Ranchi's traffic sys-

tem has gone haywire. There

is no traffic SP for two and a

half years. Probably this will

be the only capital of the

country, where fake exercise

is being done to handle traf-

appeasement.

appropriate

Gandhi is very bold and The MLA said that on his raised. Seth raises poor power situation in candle light

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 $B_{\text{Sanjay}}^{\text{JP MP from Ranchi}},$ Baban Bhokta, Arvind Bhuiyan alias Mukhiya, Ji-tendra Ganjhu, Laldeep of raised the poor power scenario in the state by the regional committee of CPI Maoist organization alias Laltu Mistry and the names of 10-15 unknown Naxalites are included. holding a press conference in candle light. attacking the JMM/Congress government, said that the power scenario in the Yadav was associated with state is very poor and it the Maoist organization in the month of December reminds us of undivided Bihar, when South Bihar (Jharkhand) used to get poor power supply. Seth said that he had

> Ranchi is getting electricity only for 6-8 hours for the last 3 months. In rural areas, the situation is even worse as there is power supply for only 3-4 hours. Due to frequent power cuts, students' study is affected, business, irrigation and other works are being deeply affected. In this system, road shows are held to invite investors from outside. For the sake of payment of Rs 500 crores, the electricity service is still battered. Recently, he and the MLAs had met the MD of JBVNL and requested for a solution, but they too were



Pix by Ratan Lal struction. Now instead

tion in his political life. Ranchi on Wednesday. Right now the capital

not in a position to do anything. There is money for flex, banners to brighten the face of the Chief Minister, ministers, but the government's pocket is empty to pay for electricity dues.

The MP also targeted the state government for poor health services in RIMS, Ranchi. He said that even the Jharkhand High Court has also commented on this. It was expected that the situation would improve after the arrival of Kameshwar of Ranchi as the new director, but it did not happen. Suppliers have not been paid for

the past three years. In such pathology tests are not being done now. The meeting of RIMS Governing Council is held only to pass the agenda. They will protest strongly in the next meeting to be held on 6th December. The health minister is limited to just cutting the ribbon. On the possibilities of ED taking over Pulse Hospital, Ranchi, the MP said that if this happens, then after taking this hospital under itself, ED should give a chance to any responsible NGO, Ramakrishna Mission or others to

situation, even minor

fic without traffic SP. 8 lane road project not to be completed within stipulated period

Dhanbad

the eight lane road project is

senior urban specialist Dr inspected the road in Sepdeadline for its completion. to Kanko Math here on a mid-term review of the proj-

crores for the project. the given date.

Interestingly, the contract firm has not applied for extension of completion date, added Verma. Major work including construction of culverts and bridges are yet to be completed besides the road between goal build-

Highways authority of Jharkhand (SHAJ) MK Verma said, "More than 25

per cent work on the project is yet to be completed thus it's unlikely that construction will be completed in the stipulated period". He said a committee headed by the secretary road construc-The World Bank team led by tion department can extend the completion subject to

Kwabena Amankwana had tember this year and had fixed December 31/2022 as The three member team of world bank had inspected the entire 20 km stretch of the road from Goal building

works were over.

Project officer of State

PNS ■ Jamshedpur

Intensifying their war against drugs and to break the supply chain, Bagbera police have arrested four people involved in the buying and selling of brown sugar in the area. A total of 14 bags of brown sugar have been recovered from them. The arrested accused included Raj Kumar, a resident of Kitadih Old Post Office, Varun Prajapati, a

resident of Kitadih Mansa Mandir, Amit Singh, a resident of Burmamines Carriage Colony, and Ravi Kumar Das of Bagbera Pos-

In this regard, in-charge DSP Law and Order Animesh Gupta said that ASI Virendra Rai of Bagbera police station, who was patrolling last night, received secret information regarding brown sugar.

After this, as soon as the po-

Dosa Corner, two youths started running away after seeing the police. The police caught Raj Kumar and Varun Kumar who were running away. During the search, 14 bags of brown sugar kept hidden in Raj's mobile cover were recovered. During interrogation, both confessed that they had come after purchasing brown sugar from Amit and Ravi. He said that Amit

lice reached near Kitadih

Singh and Ravi Kumar bring and sell brown sugar from Das. According to DSP, Ravi and Amit have gone to jail from Tatanagar railway station in the past. The police have sent all the four accused to judicial custody after questioning.
Brown sugar is a sucrose

sugar product with a distinctive brown colour due to the presence of molasses. It is either an unrefined or partially refined soft sugar consisting of sugar crystals with some residual molasses content (natural brown sugar), or it is produced by the addition of molasses to refined white sugar (commercial brown sugar).
With the rising alcohol and

drug addiction among ado-lescents in the steel city being a major cause of concern, medical experts and counsellors have stressed the need for coming out of the denial mode and imbibing strong family values so that children do not fall prey to peer pressure.

Pankaj Kumar

The much talked about road project in Dhanbad unlikely to be completed within within the stipulated period fixed by the World Bank team.

ect. The bank has provided funds to the tune of Rs 415

But due to ongoing civil work between Goal building and Memco More that is going at a slow pace, it is unlikely to be completed by

ing intersection to Memco more intersection. Besides, other peripheral works like traffic signals, intersection crossings, traffic lights and other related works are due on entire stretch but these would be taken up only after the civil

project review and demand

of time by the contract

Pak drones major challenge: BSF DG

'We don't have fool-proof system to counter menace. Govt OK's ₹30 cr for cameras, gadgets at Pak, Bangla borders'

 $B^{\text{order Security Force (BSF)}}_{\text{Director General Pankaj}}$ Kumar Singh on Wednesday said the illegal activity of drones along the western front (Pakistan) remains a "major challenge" as the force "does not" have a fool-proof system to counter the menace.

He, however, said the Government has sanctioned a fund of ₹30 crore to procure surveillance cameras, drones or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and other monitoring gadgets for the BSF deployed to guard Indian frontiers along Pakistan and Bangladesh even as it is deploying 5,500 security cameras in the front areas.

"... we will find solutions in the times to come and we are increasingly detecting and killing the drones," Singh said while addressing media on the eve of 58th Raising Day of BSF.

"We have launched to enhance the surveillance in border areas on a very big scale. This entails use of surveillance cameras and drones on the western and eastern theatres (Pakistan and Bangladesh fronts respectively). We have got around 5,500 CCTV surveillance cameras and some other gadgets and the Union Home Ministry has



BSF DG Pankaj Kumar Singh addresses the Annual Press Meet on the eve of the 58th BSF Raising Day on Wednesday

sanctioned a ₹30 crore fund for this procurement," he said.

The BSF has also developed some "low-cost technology solutions" that help us to mount effective surveillance in the border areas. Similar tools provided by foreign vendors were found very costly and hence we have now developed locally low-cost sensors and surveillance devices, he said.

The DG said the troops were getting "more and more" efficient in detecting and shooting down drones that fly from across Pakistan into India. The BSF has shot down 16 drones along the Pakistan front this year, he said. According to the BSF, 114 drone sightings were made by its troops along the Pakistan front (both IB and LoC) last year while the numbers this year till November 10 have risen to almost double at 218.

The BSF chief said ensuring robust cyber security was also a "major challenge" before security agencies like the BSF as he cited the recent example of the Ransomware attack on the servers of the AIIMS here.

"Now with 5G technology coming up, we need to be prepared to ensure that our systems are safe," he said.

The BSF secures the India-Pakistan international border running from Jammu to Puniab and further up to Rajasthan and Gujarat. It works under the operational command of the Army at the Line of Control. It also guards the frontiers with

JKSSB job scam: 20 booked, 14 places raided



The CBI on Wednesday conducted searches at 14 locations in Jammu and Kashmir in connection with alleged irregularities in the Accounts Assistant recruitment examination conducted by the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB).

The agency has booked 20 persons, including members of the JKSSB), in connection with the alleged manipulation of the examination. Premises of former member of JKSSB Neelam Khajuria were also being searched, officials said.

A case was registered against 20 accused including then member (JKAS) of JKSSB; then Medical officer of BSF Frontier Headquarters, Paloura; private persons; private company & unknown others on the allegations of irregularities in the examination conducted by Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) for posts of Accounts Assistant, Finance Department.

The written test for the said recruitment was conducted by JKSSB on March 6. The results were declared on April 21.

There were allegations of malpractices in the examination and the Jammu and Kashmir Government constituted an Inquiry Committee to look into

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The report of the Committee revealed alleged conspiracy amongst officials of JKSSB, private company based at Bangalore, beneficiaries candidates and others causing gross irregularities in the conduct of said examination.

Certain allegations including high percentage of selected candidates from the districts of Jammu, Kathua and Reasi, leakage of question paper, violation of rules by JKSSB in assigning the task of setting question paper to a Bengaluru-based private company and forgery were

Those named accused in the case are Dr Karnail Singh, then Medical Officer, BSF Frontier Headquarters, Paloura; Ashok Kumar, then ASI in the J&K Police, Roshan Bral working as teacher, MeritTrac Services Private Limited, Bengaluru, Neelam Khajuria, Administrative Service and then Member, JKSSB, Anju Raina.

Then Section Officer, JKSSB, Mukta Devi ; Lakshmi Sharma, Mukesh Kumar, Shubam Patyar, Manisha Kumari, Avinash Sharma, Bandana Sharma, Gurjeet Kour, Bandana Choudhary, Rajinder Makhnotra, Gurpreet Singh, Kulwinder Singh, Harpal Singh and unknown officials and others have also been named as accused in the case

RS MP for link with imposter CBI officer

The CBI on Wednesday served notices to Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) Minister Gangula Kamalakar and Rajya Sabha MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra after they were found to be allegedly associated with a fake CBI officer arrested from Tamil Nadu Bhawan in New

A senior CBI official confirmed that a CBI team arrived at Kamalakar's residence in Karimnagar and served notices to the Minister. Another CBI team served notice to Ravichandra.

"They have been called to join the investigation at CBI Delhi headquarters on Thursday morning. They will be questioned in a case of fake CBI officer arrested a few days back in Delhi who claimed himself a senior IPS officer and accepting undue pecuniary advantage from various persons in lieu of their work

On November 28, CBI arrested Kovvi Reddy Srinivas Rao of Chinnawaltair in Vishakhapatnam for impersonating a CBI Joint

In a statement, CBI mentioned that they had registered a case against a private person, a resident of Chinnawaltair, Vishakhapatnam on the allegations of impersonating a senior IPS officer of CBI.

The accused was staying at Tamil Nadu House allegedly impersonating himself as Additional Director General of Police (ADGP).

"He has been impersonating himself as an IPS officer and Joint Director of CBI in lieu of undue advantage from unknown private persons for lobbying with unknown public servants for getting a favourable response in various matters which include the cases registered by different central investigative agencies," the

Notices to TRS Min, | ED attaches properties worth ₹22.10 crore in BS-IV vehicle scam

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provi-**I** sionally attached properties worth ₹22.10 crore of firms connected to Diwakar Road Lines and Jatadhara Industries Pvt Ltd, (controlled by former MLA JC Prabhakar Reddy) and others in an ongoing money laundering investigation in the case relating to the BS-IV vehicles scam.

The attached properties also belong to C Gopal Reddy and Company (belonging to MLA's close associate Gopal Reddy, a Civil contractor of Tadipatri, Ananthapur District of Andhra Pradesh) and family members of JC Prabhakar Reddy. The Supreme Court in its order dated March 29, 2017, had ordered that vehicles that were not compliant to BS IV emission norms should not be sold in India by any manufacturer or dealer from April 1, 2017 and that the registering authorities were also prohibited from registering such vehicles from the cut off date.

However, Jatadhara Industries Pvt Ltd (JIPL) and C Gopal Reddy and Company in contravention to the SC Order purchased BS-III vehicles from Ashok Leyland Ltd. at discount and fraudulently registered the same as BS-IV vehicles by fabricating the invoice copies. Investigation revealed that some of the registrations were done in Nagaland, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, the ED said in a statement.

The ED has gathered evidence in the form of fabricated invoices from RTO authorities in Nagaland and original invoices issued by Ashok Leyland as scrap for these vehicles and established the crime. The crime proceeds generated by owning/plying and/or selling these vehicles have been quantified as ₹38.36 crore, the agency said.

As a result of the probe, movable properties of ₹6.31 crore and 68 immovable properties of ₹15.79 crore belonging to JC Prabhakar Reddy and his family member and C Gopal Reddy and his family members have been attached, it said.

People's health affected by hospitals, medical stores run by fake pharmacists: SC

The Supreme Court has said 1 that running hospitals, dispensaries and medical stores in the absence of any registered pharmacist or by fake unregistered chemists will ultimately affect the health of citizens. A bench of justices MR Shah and MM Sundresh set

aside a Patna High Court order passed on a plea by pharmacist Mukesh Kumar seeking direction to authorities concerned to not allow any person other than a registered pharmacist to compound, prepare, mix or dispense any medicine on the prescription of any medical practitioner. The bench said that grievances raised, the high court had disposed of the writ petition in a "most casual manner" by taking note of the fact the bench said.



that the Bihar State Pharmacy Council has submitted that the fact-finding committee was constituted and they forwarded its report to the state gov-

The high court has disposed of the said public interest litigation - writ petition by observing that the appellant, after verifying each case indition to such illegality either to the Bihar State Pharmacy Council or the State of Bihar,"

'Plants of GM Mustard must be uprooted for environment'

The seeds of GM mustard **1** have started germinating after their environmental release and before the plants start flowering in few weeks they must be uprooted to prevent the environment from getting irreversibly contaminated, campaigners against genetically modified crops told the Supreme Court on Wednesdav.

The Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) under the Union environment ministry approved the environment release of transgenic ustard hybrid DMH-11 an the parental lines containing barnase, barstar and bar genes to be used for developing new

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With India set to preside over the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the month of December, its envoy in the United Nations Ruchira Kamboj has discussed priorities and issues before the body with UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres and President of the UN General Assembly Csaba Korosi. External Affairs Minister S

Jaishankar will visit New York to preside over "signature events" in the UN Security Council on renewed orienta-

ism on December 14 and on countering terrorism on December 15.

Ahead of assuming UNSC chair, India's UN

India assumes the monthly rotating Presidency of the Security Council from December 1, the second time after August 2021 that India will preside over the Council during its two-year tenure as an elected UNSC member.

"Today, delighted to call on Secretary-General @antonioguterres. Discussed the priorities and programme of work ahead of India's December Presidency in the @UN Security Council," Kamboj tweeted late Tuesday.



On Monday, Kamboj met Korosi, who tweeted: "Always a great pleasure to meet with India's PR @ruchirakamboj. Today's discussions focused on India's presidency of the Security Council, which begins on Thursday. I look forward to the month ahead.

the Council ends December 31, with Kamboj, India's first Permanent woman Representative to the United Nations in New York sitting in the President's seat at the powerful horseshoe table for the month. India will also take over the year-long G20 Presidency from December 1. Countering terrorism and

reformed multilateralism will be among the key priorities for India during its UNSC presidency that will culminate in the completion of its two-year tenure as non-permanent member of the 15-nation powerful body.

IN SHORT

R-DAY: BSF WOMEN CAMEL CONTINGENT TO TAKE PART New Delhi: The Republic Day parade on January 26 next year will witness the BSF's first-ever women contingent riding camels

along with their male counterparts, a top officer said on Wednesday. The famed camel contingent of the BSF has been a part of the Republic Day celebrations since 1976 after it replaced a similar squad of the Army which had been participating in the annual parade since it was first held in 1950.

EX-BABU APPROACHES EC OVER SHAH'S REMARK

New Delhi: Former bureaucrat EAS Sharma has approached the Flection Commission over Home Minister Amit Shah's sneech at an election rally in Guiarat in which he said that perpetrators of violence were "taught a lesson" in 2002 He asked the noll watchdo to ascertain the veracity of the remarks and take action if true

'REGISTER AS COMPANY TO BROADCAST LOCAL NEWS'

New Delhi: The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on Wednesday asked multi-system operators to apply to register as a "company" within the next three months if they wish to provide local news and current affairs programmes on their networks as platform services. MSOs can then transmit their own programming service, either directly to their own subscribers or through one or more Local Cable Operators.

DEF MIN EXTENDS PENSION PAYMENT

Defence has approved the

PM shrugging away from responsibility: Cong on post Covid vax deaths

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day after the Government Atold the Supreme Court that it cannot be held liable to compensate for the deaths post administration of Covid vaccines, the Congress on Wednesday took a swipe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "shrugging away" from its responsibility.

"First: No deaths due to oxygen shortage. Then: No aid to Covid victims. Now: No accountability for vaccine-related deaths. Prime Minister Modi really knows how to shrug away responsibility. A true event manager!" the Congress said on its Twitter

Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate also took a

prestigious G-20 grouping on

Thursday for one year, the

country will witness a series of

logo, a lotus, and other such

aganza, India will host nearly

200 meetings of ministers and

officials of the G-20 nations at

more than 50 places in various

parts of the country. The

high-profile G-20 summit will

be held in New Delhi for two

days starting September nine,

Besides the cultural extrav-

spectacles

dig, saying this government is never responsible for anything. "If there is death due to the side effects of Covid vaccine anywhere in the country, then the government is not responsible for it - people are getting it as per their wish. This is Modi government's affidavit in the Supreme Court. (Well this government is never responsible for anything)," she said in a tweet message.

In another tweet, she said, 'Thank you Modi ji for quickly traversing the journey from photo on every vaccine certificate to no responsibility."

The Government cannot be held liable to compensate for the deaths due to an adverse event following immunisation (AEFI) post administration of Covid-19 vaccines, the Centre has told the Supreme Court.

in coastal areas PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ tion, marine ecosystem, indus-

ICG holds meet to

deal with oil spills

In an effort to hone pre-paredness to deal with oil spill disaster in coastal areas, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) on Wednesday conducted the 24th National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOS-DCP) and Preparedness Meeting in Chennai.

Presently, as the third largest importer of crude, India receives a large volume of oil through ships. Similarly, it stands sixth in the world as major chemical importer coun-

Both oil and chemicals if spilled pose inherent risks to the maritime zones of India and the connected coastlines housing large coastal populatries and various installations along with supporting tourism industry. Therefore, preventive measures by the Central Coordinating Agency, Ports, Ship Owners, Oil Handling Facilities, Coastal States and other concerned stakeholders are required to be taken to prepare for any likely marine

In this backdrop, ICG Director GeneralV S Pathania, who is the Chairman of NOS-DCP, chaired the meeting. About 100 delegates, including representatives of various Ministries, Central and State Government departments and agencies, State Pollution Control Board, Ports and Oil Handling Companies particiNew Delhi: The Ministry of

extension of pension payment for three months for banks' pensioners, who migrated to SPARSH, System for Pension Administration (Raksha)and whose identification was due in November 2022. All defence pensioners are urged to complete their annual identification/life certification by February 2023, defence ministry officials said here on Wednesday.

ndian Navy personnel during a rehearsal at the Gateway of India for the Navy Day celebrations in Mumbai on Wednesday PT

5 arrested after rare tokay gecko lizard, cough syrup seized in Bihar PTI PURNEA Department will also in

 F^{ive} people were arrested after a rare tokay gecko lizard and intoxicating cough syrups were seized from a medical store in Bihar's Purnea district on Wednesday, police

Acting on a tip-off, the store in Baisi division was raided and the items were seized, said acting Superintendent of

Police Surendra Kumar Saroj. "The owner of the shop managed to flee from the spot. Based on information gathered during the search, an alleged smuggler and his four associ-



ates were arrested in the case,

Police, however, refused to reveal the identity of those

'The grey market value of the lizard would be around Rs 1.5 crore. Forest officials were informed about it. The Forest

legal proceedings against the suspected smugglers," the offi-

Tokay geckos are listed in Schedule III of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972 as highly endangered.

It is suspected that the accused brought the lizard from West Bengal and they were planning to take it to Delhi, said Aditya Kumar, the Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) of Baisi.

The seized cough syrups, 50 packs, were laced with the intoxicating banned substance galore as India to chair G next year, sources said here on Wednesday.

Delegates from the G-20 With India ready to assume the Presidency of the nations will also interact with 75 educational institutions besides showcasing G-20 at the Hornbill festival in Nagaland, and sand artist events throughout the year including lighting up of 100 monuments with the G-20 Sudarshan Patnaik etching the 20-nation global forum's logo on Puri beach.

The government is keen to showcase unique diversity of India and the foreign delegates will be flown to some places so far not frequented much by tourists and others, they said.

The officials meetings including at the ministerial level and those at official and non-governmental levels will take place between December

1, 2022, and November 30,

With Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to connect all districts and blocks of the country with the G-20, sources said the important meetings will be held in remote parts of the country.

Moreover, as part of the government's initiative to showcase the 'One District One Product' initiative, G20 delegates will be gifted with local products. Products unique to these particular regions and districts will be promoted during those G20 meetings. Also, plans are afoot to include the youth through

events such as quiz competi-

tions and talks, cultural pro-

grammes and competitions revolving around the G20 summit and its themes. The Prime Minister on

November eight unveiled the

logo, theme and website of India's G-20 Presidency via conferencing. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said from 1st December 2022, India will preside over the G-20 Summit and said it is a historic opportuni-

ty for the country.

He said the G-20 is the premier forum for international economic cooperation representing around 85% of the global GDP, over 75% of the worldwide trade, and about two-thirds of the world popuoccasion, the Prime Minister said the Presidency of G-20 during the year of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is a matter of pride for every Indian. The Prime Minister expressed happiness over the growing interest and activities about the G-20 and related events. Remarking that the G-20

Calling this a momentous

logo is not just any logo, the Prime Minister said it is a message, a feeling that runs in India's veins. He said, "It is a resolve that has been omnipresent in our thoughts through 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. He added that the thought of universal brotherhood is being reflected via the G-20 logo.

All set for 1st phase of Guj Assembly polls in 89 seats

788 candidates in election race

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Voting will be held on Thursday for the first phase of Gujarat Assembly elections in 89 seats spread across 19 districts in Saurashtra-Kutch and southern parts of the state where 788 candidates are in the fray. Campaigning for the first phase of the elections in the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-ruled state ended at 5 pm on Tuesday

Voting will be held between 8 am and 5 pm on Thursday across 14,382 polling stations, the office of the state Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) said in a release. Out of the 89 seats going to polls in the first phase, the BJP won 48 in the 2017 election, the Congress had won 40, while one seat was bagged by an independent candidate. Apart



Polling officials collect EVMs and other election equipment at a distribution centre before leaving for their respective polling stations ahead of the first phase of Gujarat Assembly elections, in Rajkot on Wednesday

from the BJP, Congress and the first phase. The BJP and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), 36 other political outfits, including the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Samajwadi Party (SP), Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) and Bharatiya Tribal Party (BTP) have also fielded candidates in various

Congress are contesting in all the 89 seats. The new poll entrant AAP is contesting in 88 seats. Its candidate from Surat East constituency had withdrawn his candidature, leaving the party with one less seat to contest in the first phase. seats which will go to polls in Among other parties, the BSP

14 and CPI-M four candidates. As many as 339 independents are also in the fray in the first phase of polls. Out of the total 788 candidates, 70 are women including nine fielded by the BJP, six by the Congress and five by the AAP. AAP's chief ministerial candidate Isudan Gadhvi is contesting from Khambhalia seat in Devbhumi Dwarka district of Saurashtra region that goes to polls on Thursday. AAP state unit president Gopal Italia is contesting from Katargam in

Among other prominent candidates in the first phase are Rivaba Jadeja, the wife of cricketer Ravindra Jadeja, who is contesting from Jamnagar (North), and BJP MLAs Harsh Sanghavi and Purnesh Modi from different seats in Surat and five-time MLA Parshottam Solanki from Bhavnagar (Rural). Sitting Congress MLAs like Lalit Kagathara, Lalit Vasoya, Rutvik Makwana and Mohammad Javed Pirzada are

the first phase from seats in Saurashtra region. Seven-time MLA and veteran tribal leader Chhotu Vasava is contesting from Jhagadia in Bharuch. With 54 seats, the Saurashtra-Kutch region will be crucial for the Congress as it seeks to better its performance.

In the region, the Congress won 30 seats in 2017 compared to 16 in the 2012 election. The BIP, on the other hand, was reduced to 23 seats in 2017 as against 35 won by it in the previous election.

In south Gujarat, the Congress in 2017 bettered its tally to 10 compared to six in the previous polls, while the BJPs tally dropped to 25 in the last election from 28 earlier. South Gujarat also comprises Surat city with 12 seats which have remained the BJP's bastion since

The BJP has this time found a challenger in the AAP which has fielded some of its senior state leaders from Surat and hopes to win seven-eight seats in the city, as declared by its national convener Arvind Kejriwal.

Gujarat AAP's state president Gopal Italia is the candidate from Katargam, general secretary Manoj Sorathiya from Karani and Patidar community leader Alpesh Kathiriya from Varachha Road in Surat. Out of the total 4,91,35,400 registered voters in Gujarat, 2,39,76,670 are eligible to cast their votes in first phase of elections.

BJP leaders slam Cong for using 'abusive' words against Modi

On the eve of the Gujarat Assembly polls' first phase, the BJP on Wednesday intensified its attack on the Congress over its president Mallikarjun Kharge's 'Ravan' jibe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said people will give a befitting reply to the opposition party.

During a roadshow, BJP president J P Nadda said Kharge's barb and another Congress leader Madhusudan Mistry's 'aukat' remark at Modi expose the party's mindset and betray its frustration as the arty stands nowhere while the BJP is getting one-sided support across the state.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh told reporters that the people of Gujarat will give a befitting reply to those using abusive words for the prime minister who, he asserted, is Gujarat's "honour and pride".

Nadda alleged that Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi have been unable to reconcile themselves to accepting Modi as prime minister and often used objectionable comments against him. Their party's leaders have taken cue from them in tar-geting Modi, he said. "Any

Punjab CM steps up AAP's free power pitch,

leader using such a language in democracy should be ashamed. People of India love and trust Modi," the BJP chief said.

Addressing a poll rally in Gujarat on Monday, Kharge had said the prime minister asks people to vote "looking at his face" in all elections. "Are you 100-headed like Ravan?" he had asked.

The BJP dubbed Kharge's remarks an insult to the people of Gujarat. Kharge's Ravan" remark against Modi reflects the mentality of the "entire Congress leadership", Singh said. "Modi is Gujarat's honour and pride in the 21st Century. And today, foul language is being used by the Congress for our prime minister," he said. Voting for 89 of 182 assembly constituencies in Gujarat will be held on

Thursday in the first phase. Singh said other opposition parties are also trying to level baseless allegations against the

Using abusive words for anyone does not reflect a healthy democracy, he said. "The prime minister's post

is not just a person, it is an institution. I am confident the people of Gujarat will give a befitting reply to those who had used abusive words for the prime minister, who is Gujarat's honour and pride," Singh added.

The BJP also posted on social media a collage of various controversial comments made by Congress leaders, including Sonia Gandhi's "maut ke saudagar" remark in 2007, targeting Prime Minister

Take strict action against 'sponsored' opinion polls, Cong urges EC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ **NEW DELHI**

 $T^{\text{he Congress has urged the}}_{\text{Election Commission to}}$ take strict action against the alleged airing of "sponsored" opinion polls on the Gujarat Assembly election ahead of voting in the first phase on Thursday and claimed it was a brazen attempt to influence the

A delegation of Congress leaders led by AICC legal cell head Vivek Tankha met the Election Commission and apprised the poll body of the 'violations by media". The opposition party urged the EC to take action against news

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The Central Bureau of Investigation has so far

been able to dig out the names

of 952 people who obtained

illegal appointments in Bengal

scam has told the Calcutta

High Court that it has so far

been able to find out 952 peo-

ple who secured forged rec-

ommendations of appointment

After getting the CBI report the Court stayed its

own order directing the SSC to

publish in its website the names

of 183 fake candidates who had

obtained appointments via ille-

the Commission to get the

The Court had also asked

gal means.

The CBI probing the TET

issued by it in respect of programmes related to the dissemination of election results.

They alleged that the media channels were predicting the poll outcome in a bid to influence the voters and this was a serious issue.

Tankha also claimed that they have information concerning the "safety of the ballot boxes" and urged the Commission to ensure there is no tampering. The Congress said it has observed that certain news channels have been publishing/publicising programmes related to the dissemination of results for the 2022 Gujarat Legislative

channels violating directions Assembly. "These programmes are publishing 'opinion polls' favouring one particular party over the other.

The programmes and their result prediction about the prospects of the various political parties in the Gujarat elections clearly aim to influence the electors of the constituencies going to polls," the memorandum said.

The Commission must enforce what it commands. We request this Commission to utilise its powers under Article 324 of Constitution of India to address issue by passing immediate directions to news channels," memorandum also said. The Congress leaders urged the EC to act with urgency as these violations undermine the sanctity of electoral laws and the authority of the Commission. "We all went to Election Commission and told it that level playing field is being disturbed by the media. Ahead of polling tomorrow, they are giving results methodically, as if result has come beforehand," Tankha said.

He said the exit polls are banned and predictions are banned, but still this is being done. "There is no fear o Election Commission. The EC was worried about this issue and has assured us it will look into it as it was a serious mat-

952 illegal appointments so Yogi: Muzaffarnagar safe, peaceful because

mission that it had dug out the

earlier order and directed the investigation to be carried fur-The Court also made a passing remark which could further embarrass Trinamool Congress Government when the single Bench rued tendency of the State to rush to the Supreme Court to get stays to create a "Taliban rule" in the against High Court orders dis-

qualifying illegally appointed school employees — instead of helping the judiciary in disposing of such cases. A section of higher judiciary had recently come under severe attack from TMC leadership who have questioned impartiality of some judges. women to markets because of safety issues.

meted out to Sachin and Gaurav during SP's rule", Yogi remarked.

Urging people not to allow professional criminals of SP to enter the realms of power and to vote for the BJP in much larger numbers, while cam-paigning for BJP candidate Rajkumari Saini, wife of former BJP MLA Vikram Saini, Yogi said that the "Kawal ka bawal" was a curse of SP, adding that strictness was necessary to restore rule of law in UP and that was what his government did after taking over - "dealing with such elements in the language they understood the

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that strangely RLD that stood for farmers' interest and never supported criminals during late Chaudhary Charan Singh's time also became SP's partner in crime later on, serving as "daal mein tadka" even though

Vikram Singh Saini lost his membership not because of some family issue but because of trying to protect Muzaffarnagar's dignity and self-respect. It was a politically motivated and fabricated case." Yogi pointed out that the



the BJP in UP was following the mantra of 'Sabka Saath aur Sabka Vikaas' to benefit the entire population, irrespective of caste or creed, with the development taking place and was extending the benefits of government welfare schemes to everyone without discriminating against, or appeasing any-

"We provided the benefits of Prime Minister Awas Yojana and Chief Minister Awas Yojana to every poor, toilets to every needy, in addition to electricity connections under Saubhagya Yojana and gas cylinders under Ujjwala Yojana to crores of deserving people. We are also providing an annual pension of Rs 12,000 to the elderly, to destitute women and widows and the differently-abled", he added.

Yogi said: "It's a land of religion and sends the message of peace. But when religion is in crisis, it has revolted also. Kanwar yatra, which could not take place during SP rule, was being taken out with much fanfare now and would be even grander once Gang Nahar is allowed to be built by the Forest department. Khalauli also boasts of having the biggest sugar mill today."

"Ram temple is being built in Ayodhya while Kashi and Mathura have been renovated and beautified. Mahendra Pratap Singh University is being built in Aligarh whereas Dhyanchand Sports University is also being constructed," he added.

Meanwhile, Yogi Adityanath thanked independent candidates Ravindra and Pradeep Thakur as well as Chaudhary Yashveer Singh, Abhishek Chaudhary, Bhopal Singh Gurjar for announcing their support for the BJP can-

brings bunch of 25K 'zero' electricity bills PTI ■ AHMEDABAD Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Wednesday brought a bunch of 25,000 "zero" electricity bills from his state and added the people of Gujarat will get sim-

Providing free electricity up to 300 units per month is one of the main election "guarantees" of AAP in Gujarat.

Voting for 182 Assembly seats will be held in two phase es on December 1 and 5. The counting of votes will be taken up on December 8. The campaigning for the first phase ended on Tuesday evening.

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voted to power in the Assembly



ence here. Mann said the zero electricity bills were received by 61 lakh out of the 75 lakh households in Puniab, which is a testimony of AAP's commitment that it walks the talk.

"I have brought 25,000 zero electricity bills with the names

and addresses which you can

check. To date, there are around 75 lakh electric metres in Punjab. As many as 61 lakh households have received zero electricity bills. The number of such bills

for December will be 67 lakh because of low consumption in winter. The same will increase to 71 lakh in January. We do what we say, and we say what we can do. The same can happen in Gujarat. We have made a promise and will deliver," he

Mann said the Punjab government has set up 100 mohal-la clinics till August 15 and plans to establish more than 500 more such clinics by January 26.The AAP govern-

anteed to revert to the old pension scheme (OPS) and the notification for the same has been issued, Mann said. "Not just that, our govern-

ment also stopped the pension to legislatures that saved crores of rupees of public exchequer," he added. Mann was referring to the

amendment bill passed in June this year by the Legislative Assembly putting an end to multiple pensions to ex-MLAs for every term served.

"The government's work is to collect tax and give it back to the people in the form of free electricity, infrastructure, roads, colleges, and mohalla clinics. We are setting up 16 medical colleges," he said.

Youth arrested in Budaun for insulting national flag

9 arrested for illegal religious conversion

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Ayouth was arrested for national flag and cleaning his face with it in Budaun district, police said on Wednesday.

A purported video of the

act had earlier surfaced on social media and caught local people's eye and they reported the matter to the police.

Shahrukh, a resident of Dhel village in Zarif Nagar, was booked for insulting the national flag and sent to jail, Additional Superintendent of Police (Rural) Siddharth Verma

In the video, Shahrukh is allegedly seen cleaning his face with the national flag and then trampling the flag under his Meanwhile, in yet another

major crackdown, nine people were arrested by police in Azamgarh for allegedly trying to illegally convert Hindus to Christianity under the garb of

The nine accused were

arrested from Azamgarh's Saraimeer neighbourhood.
Police said that they got a tip-off from a Bajrang Dal member and raided a house in the Ambedkar Nagar colony. Upon searching the house, police found religious books

inside the house and detained

around a dozen people. Later,



among the 12 detained people, nine were arrested by police. The police also said that the nine arrested accused had been booked for carrying out illegal conversions.

It may be mentioned that on Monday, the Supreme Court observed that there cannot be any forced religious conversions. Justice Shah was hearing an affidavit filed by the Centre regarding legislation against forced religious conversion.

However, due to paucity of time, the hearing could not be completed and it has been adjourned to December 5. Advocate Sanjay Hegde opposed the public interest litigation (PIL) and said that the petitioner had a political face.

Advocate Hegde said, "He had earlier filed the same petition in the Delhi High Court and both times it was withdrawn. This is a political interest litigation."

To this , Justice Shah replied and asked, "Do you mean to say that we must allow forced conversion?"

Following this Justice Shah observed that there cannot be any forced religious conversion. The Centre told Supreme Court that legislation against forced religious conversion was necessary to protect vulnerable sections of society, including socially and economically

Awareness events to decrease damage during disasters: Yogi

PNS LUCKNOW

Timely training of personnel, rescue measures and awareness programmes implemented and conducted with right intent, dedication and concerted efforts can bring down the impact of damage caused by disasters to the least, said Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday.

Addressing the two-day 3rd

ment in Punjab had also guar-

Regional Conference on Disaster Management, organised under the aegis of National Disaster Management Authority, Yogi Adityanath said, "Strict vigilance and prior awareness are essential to control the impact of disasters. Timely training of personnel and rescue measures implemented and conducted with right intent only can bring down the impact of damage caused by disasters."

Emphasising the inclusion of disaster management and road safety in school curriculum, the chief minister said that if people knew what precautions they should take during floods, earthquakes, lightning, and fire mishaps, the loss of lives and property can be prevented.

On the occasion, Yogi also called for implementing an 'Early Warning System' to control deaths due to lightning strikes, particularly in Mirzapur and Sonbhadra districts.

While appreciating the role of Aapda Mitras in the prevention of disasters, the chief minister also stressed on involving gram panchayats in this work and increasing the number of

Aapda Mitras.
A'flood atlas' developed by
National Remote Sensing
Centre (NRSC), Hyderabad was also unveiled by the chief minister on the occasion.

In the inaugural session of the two-day conference, referring to the three types of calami-

and adi dahik) mentioned in Bhartiya Manisha, the chief minister also discussed the efforts being made by the state government in relation to all

Referring to the special eographical conditions of Uttar Pradesh, the chief minister also apprised everyone about the ongoing efforts for a permanent solution to curb floods, which have been causing huge loss of life and property in the state

rhe chief minister said that till a few years ago, 38 districts of UP were affected by floods every year and today their number had been reduced to only four districts.

Sharing the efforts behind this success, the chief minister said that when the government was formed in 2017, he received a file of Rs 100 crore related to Elgin Bridge regarding flood protection. Such a huge amount was spent at one place every

self inspected the site and decided to channelise the river by dredging it. As a result, Bahraich, Gonda and Barabanki were saved from floods, and instead of spending Rs100 crore, only Rs 5 crore was spent.

In such a situation, he him-

Expressing the need to stop road accidents, the chief minister said, "Nearly 30,000 people die due to road accidents. This needs to stop. Awareness must be raised." Extending best wishes for

the two-day regional conference, the chief minister said that there were nine such states of North India which were frequently affected by disasters and to minimise these, this two-day event organised in UP, a state with the largest population of the country, would prove to be very important.

names of the illegal appointees in newspapers. The Court deci-**Ex-Minister** Nawab Malik's bail rejected

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

A Mumbai special court on Wednesday rejected a bail plea filed by Maharashtra's former Minister Nawab Malik in an alleged money laundering case involving underworld don Dawood Ibrahim.

More than a fortnight after he had reserved his order, Special judge RN Rokade pronounced his order, rejecting regular bail to Malik. A detailed copy of the order was awaited. Having concluded the

hearing on a plea by Malik seeking bail in the alleged money laundering case on November 14 and had reserved the order, Special judge R N Rokade was to pass the order on November 23. The court had deferred the order to Wednesday (November 30). Malik was arrested by the

Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials on February 23 2022 after eight-long hours of intense questioning in connection with purchase of a huge plot of land at "a throwaway price" from two alleged henchmen of Karachi-based Dawood Ibrahim.

EMU trains graze in Sealdah, no injury reported

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

The passengers of a Kolkata local train had a providential escape when the EMU train they were travelling in grazed past another train on Wednesday afternoon at the entry point of the Sealdah station supposedly the busiest train terminus in the country.

The accident that led to no injuries resulted in the entire train services from Sealdah North station getting choked for several hours, Railway authorities said. The accident occurred

when the driver of one of the EMU trains bound for the carshed overshot the signal by a few metres and stopped bare-ly a couple of feet ahead of a level junction of two tracks. The other EMU train going to Ranaghat grazed past the driver's cabin of the first train

As the second train was at a very low speed a major accident was averted, E Chakrabarty the Eastern Railway CPRO said.

leading to the first train getting

far in schools, CBI tells HC sion had come after the SSC of BJP Govt in State had told it that 183 people had been illegally appointed. However after the CBI's subnames of 952 illegal appointees PNS ■ KHATAULI/LUCKNOW thus far, the Court stayed the

¬hief Minister Yogi CAdityanath said on was safe and peaceful today only because of the presence of the Bharatiya Janata Party Government in Uttar Pradesh, and warned people against Samajwadi Party and Rashtriya Lok Dal combine's conspiracy

Farmers could not go to their lands as their tubewell connections were disconnected, machines were stolen and their throats slit. Besides, girls could not go to school and

And people were forced to flee Kairana and Kandala dur-ing SP and RLD rule. People can never forget the cruelty

farmers never received a fair deal during the SP government.
The chief minister added:

double-engine government of

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PAPER WITH PASSION

Nicely placed

With G20 presidency, India is in a position to resolve the biggest issues, including the war in Ukraine

ith India assuming the G20 presidency today, chances of resolution of global conflicts and major issues increase. Minister of State for 5 Meenakshi Lekhi said, "India is showing its might and transforming the world with its civilisational values." This may be a bit over the top, but there is no denying the fact that New Delhi, with its reasonably cordial ties with the nations like Russia and Iran, is nicely placed to play the role of an honest broker in various quarrels. The war in Ukraine is perhaps the biggest crisis the world faces today, its ramifications being economic, political, military, and cultural. Russian President Vladimir Putin, like almost everyone else, was convinced that there would hardly be any war. Ukraine is too small and weak to take on the might of the Russian military whose capabilities even the American generals acknowledge. The Russian bear, so went the received



wisdom, will smother whatever army Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has been able to cobble together. But it increasingly became a David-versus-Goliath contest, with Putin's forces suffering setbacks; they even had to evacuate the territories they had grabbed in the initial momentum of the offensive. At present, there is a kind of stalemate—not just military but also political. Putin may like to end the hostilities but for that he would need a face-saving armistice. The United States is unable to do that. primarily because of President Joe Biden's ineptitude. Last year, he had called Putin a "killer," incensing not just the Russian leader but also people.

European leaders, who have been extremely critical of Moscow because of the war it unleashed, are also not the folks Putin and his coterie would be comfortable with. Chinese President Xi Jinping too is known for belligerence rather than peace-making. In such a geopolitical milieu, India can initiate or boost proposals that could be viewed by the warring countries with an open mind. It is true that Ukraine is unhappy with India's refusal to condemn the Russian attack, but it is equally true that the Zelenskyy Government doesn't hold that grudge too strongly. Besides, Kiev couldn't be unaware of the fact that India has been following the policy of nonalignment for decades. At any rate, New Delhi's refusal to take sides also means that Moscow would be more inclined to listen to the ceasefire plan the former proposes. Three other things will also help India exercise authority. First, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has never badmouthed other leaders and countries; even during the crises of Balakot and Galwan, he did not use rough language. Secondly, he has experience in improving relations between countries. It is primarily because of his interventions that today we have excellent relations with Arab nations, despite the misdeeds of some saffron zealots. And, finally, in general India and Indians have a good image all over the world. All these factors are likely to help Modi have a successful G20 presidency.



Taj Mahal with the setting sun, in Agra.

Covid protests in China

The ongoing Covid protests in major cities across

China are indeed unprecedented as well as surprising rotests against strict Covid measures in China have now spread to the big cities. Demonstrators took to streets in the capital Beijing and the financial centre Shanghai. Many held up blank pieces of paper to express their discontent and acknowledge the censorship. What is surprising is how the protests have grown in their scope in matter of days. What started as a protest against the death of 10 people who died of fire in Urumqi where rescue wasn't allowed due to Covid protocols, quickly became an expression of anger and disapproval of the policies of the communist party. The protesters have called for President Xi Jinping to step down. Interestingly Xi awarded himself another term and there were no protests then. But at the core of the protests is people's hardships caused by arbitrary and stringent

anti covid measures adopted by the Chinese government. Millions have suffered nearly three years of mass testing, quarantines, and strict lockdowns. People suffered in silence without raising their voice or at least not making it loud enough to cross Chinese borders.

It is very unusual for people to publicly criticize Communist Party leaders in China. Any anti government activity is severely dealt with by the government. So far the government has not tried to crush the rallies though some people were arrested in Shanghai and parts of the city cordoned off. To look politically correct people gathered on the banks of a river in the capital Beijing and sang the national anthem. The protests are now spreading to universities which must set off alarm bells for the

Communist government. During Saturday night's protest people shouted slogans such as "Xi Jinping, step down" and "Communist party, step down," something unheard of in China. Such demands are highly unusual in China. China has a history of suppressing protests with an iron fist - both online and offline. Such a large-scale defiance has not been witnessed since the 1989 Tiananmen movement. The protests are growing and getting bolder by the day, it is not that the Communist party is oblivious to it but maybe it wants to gauge how far it would go and then crack a whip, the only way it knows to deal with the protests and dissent. But then it could also underestimate the spark which sometimes is enough to burn a forest.

'One Earth, One Family, One Future'



India's G20 presidency commences today. Here is Prime Minister Narendra Modi's reflection on the occasion.

he previous 17 Presidencies of the G20 delivered significant results - for ensuring macro-economic stability, rationalising international taxation, relieving debt-burden on countries, among many other outcomes. We will benefit from these achievements, and build further upon them.

However, as India assumes this important mantle, I ask myself - can the G20 go further still? Can we catalyse a fundamental mindset shift, to benefit humanity as a whole?

I believe we can. Our mindsets are shaped by our circumstances. Through all of history, humanity lived in scarcity. We fought for limited resources, because our survival depended on denying them to others. Confrontation and competition between ideas, ideologies and identities - became the norm.

Unfortunately, we remain trapped in the same zero-sum mindset even today. We see it when countries fight over territory or resources. We see it when supplies of essential goods are weaponised. We see it when vaccines are hoarded by a few, even as billions remain vulnerable.

Some may argue that confrontation and greed are just human nature. I disagree. If humans were inherently selfish, what would explain the lasting appeal of so many spiritual traditions that advocate the fundamental one-ness of us all?

One such tradition, popular in India, sees all living beings, and even inanimate things, as composed of the same five basic elements - the panchtatvaof earth, water, fire, air and space. Harmony among these elements - within us and between us - is essential for our physical, social and environmental well-being.

India's G20 Presidency will work to promote this universal sense of one-ness. Hence our theme - 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'.

This is not just a slogan. It takes into account recent changes in human circumstances, which appreciate.

Today, we have the means to

produce enough to meet the basic needs of all people in the world.

Today, we do not need to fight for our survival - our era need not be one of war. Indeed, it must not be one! Today, the greatest chal-

lenges we face - climate change, terrorism, and pandemics - can be solved not by fighting each other, but only by acting together. Fortunately, today's tech-

nology also gives us the means to address problems on a humanity-wide scale. The massive virtual worlds that we inhabit today demonstrate the scalability of digital technologies. Housing one-sixth of

humanity, and with its immense diversity of languages, religions, customs and beliefs, India is a microcosm of the world. With the oldest-known

traditions of collective decision-making, India contributes to the foundational DNA of democracy. As the mother of democracy, India's national consensus is forged not by diktat, but by blending millions of free voices into one harmonious melody.

Today, India is the fastest



DURING OUR G20 PRESIDENCY, WE SHALL PRESENT INDIA'S EXPERIENCES, LEARNINGS AND **MODELS AS POSSIBLE TEMPLATES FOR** OTHERS. **PARTICULARLY** THE DEVELOPING

growing large economy. Our citizen-centric governance model takes care of even our most marginalised citizens, while nurturing the creative

genius of our talented youth. We have tried to make national development not an exercise in top-down governance, but rather a citizen-led

'people's movement'. We have leveraged technology to create digital public goods that are open, inclusive and inter-operable. These have delivered revolutionary progress in fields as varied as social protection, financial inclusion, and electronic payments.

For all these reasons, India's experiences can provide insights for possible global solutions.

During our G20 Presidency, we shall present India's experiences, learnings and models as possible templates for others, particularly the developing world. Our G20 priorities will be

shaped in consultation with not just our G20 partners, but also our fellow-travellers in the global South, whose voice mony and hope. orten goes unneard.

on healing our 'One Earth', human-centric globalisation.

creating harmony within our 'One Family' and giving hope for our 'One Future'.

For healing our planet, we will encourage sustainable and environment-friendly lifestyles, based on India's tradition of trusteeship towards nature.

For promoting harmony within the human family, we will seek to depoliticise the global supply of food, fertilizers and medical products, so that geo-political tensions do not lead to humanitarian crises. As in our own families, those whose needs are the greatest must always be our first concern.

For imbuing hope in our future generations, we will encourage an honest conversation among the most powerful countries - on mitigating risks posed by weapons of mass destruction and enhancing global security.

India's G20 agenda will be inclusive, ambitious, actionoriented, and decisive.

Let us join together to make India's G20 Presidency a Presidency of healing, har-

Let us work together to Our priorities will focus shape a new paradigm - of

men and jewellers

Gujarat should be

contribution to the country's

Delhi CM

— Arvind Kejriwal

NATO will reinforce

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US Secretary of State

-Antony Blinken

The people on this

team have done

some of the best

conferred Bharat

Ratna for their

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES

Sir —Calling the sermons about the appointment of judges as the "law of the land", the Supreme Court is on a serious fault line because the very concept of collegium is not only undemocratic and unconstitutional but immoral also. While the current Minister of Law has dutifully tried to defy the dictates of such collegium being a part of the democratically elected Union Government, the judges who reached the position through the collegium have no moral authority to preach about the law of the land. The people of India elect their representatives to make or amend the laws of the land, and the Supreme Court ought to be the custodian of the constitution. But just because of the prejudices and selfish motives the supreme court judges have no right to press their malicious dictates on the people of this country, which the highest court has been doing not only as appointments of judges but through various judgments and comments against some individuals or the state also, especially after the present BJP Govt took over in 2014. The erstwhile spokesperson of BJP Nupur Sharma is one of them whose life threat was raised manifold due to the comments of SC. The SC must realise that democratic institutions thrive on mutual respect and independence and that Making Laws is the prerogative of the parliament, not the SC. The Supreme Court should be responsible enough in making comments which are taken note of by the people and the government alike. It is therefore important that the SC judges behave more responsibly in their conduct.

Let the better sense prevail upon the SC judges to make way for NJAC which was quashed by it. That only can be some hope for transparency and justice in the Courtrooms.

Dr Jai Prakash Gupta | Ambala

SEVEN SIXES IN AN OVER Sir — Records are there to be broken. All we witnessed is 6 sixes in an over by Indian Ravi Shastri and Yuvraj Singh in competitive games in the past. But a Sir — On Tuesday, November 29 the

Peace in Gujarat

WORLD



nion Home Minister Amit Shah was spilling the beans when he claimed in an election rally in Gujarat that the State returned to permanent peace only after the "perpetrators of violence" - read Muslims - were "taught a lesson" in 2002. Sabarmati Express in flames at

the Godhra station, which killed as many as 59 people, allowed teaching. Riots that followed left 1,044 dead, 223 missing and 2,500 wounded. The Concerned Citizens Tribunal Report put the toll at 1,926. Mass violence included the Naroda Patiya massacre and the Gulbarg Society massacre, in which Ehsan Jafri, a former member of the Lok Sabha, was killed

described it as a pogrom, with some commentators referring to them as state-sponsored terrorism or ethnic cleansing. The Home Minister's have called the events of 2002. BJP won the 2002 Gujarat assembly election handsomely riding on the "communal riots." and twenty years later, it aims at repeating the feat in the 2022 Gujarat assembly election, painting the riots as an act to establish peace. Strangely, peace through pogrom is a new paradigm

youngster Ruturaj Gaikwad broke all Supreme Court refused to entertain a plea seeking to double the number of judges records by scoring a six off a no-ball and thus creating a new record of 7 sixes in in the high courts and trial courts, as an over. Thus, the opener hit 43 runs in more judges do not mean more disposan over to set a list A world record in al of the cases rather than having a Vijay Hazare Trophy, matching the joint requirement of good judges. The court bench said that doubling effort of Brett Hampton and Joe Carter off William Ludik for Northern Districts the number of judges is not the solution against Central Districts in a Ford Trophy to the pendency cases. Petitioner submit-

game in 2018. Gaikwad rewrote the record in the penultimate over of his team's Vijay Hazare Trophy Quarter Final match against Uttar Pradesh at Ahmedabad. Shiva Singh was the bowler to suffer the fate. However, the record for most sixes in an over, in all, is held by Lee German of New Zealand, who clubbed 8 over the fence during a Shell Trophy match at Wellington.

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SC DOESN'T WANT MORE JUDGES

along with others.

Though the events of 2002 were officially classified as a communal riot, many scholars statement is worryingly close to what scholars

ted that nearly 5 crore cases are pending in courts, which means nearly 20 crore

people are affected, and this is close to the

population of the US but the Supreme

Court was not convinced by his argu-

ments. The court remarked that it may impose costs on such PILs for taking up

the iudicial time which was meant to hear

genuine matters. With this, the Supreme

Court is not in favor of increasing the

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number of judges but quality judges.

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work of their entire careers, and my deepest hope is that my actions don't penalize my



match fees from this Test series to the Pakistan Flood

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FIRST COLUMN GENDER STEREOTYPES MUST BE QUESTIONED

This is how incidents like Shraddha murder can be checked



ive-in relationships are a wrong practice. These are leading to crime. These 'educated' girls are paying for this. It should be completely banned—these were the thoughts of a Minister of State about the murder of 27-year-old Shraddha Walker.

Shraddha was allegedly strangled by her live-in partner Aftab Poonawala after a heated argument in their Delhi flat, who then chopped her body and kept it in the refrigerator. According to the Minister of Panchayati Raj, the murder is a part of "a well-planned conspiracy taking place in the country to target Hindu girls through love jihad. Lakhs of Shraddhas become victims."

A ghastly case of violence against women has yet again been appropriated by right-wing and patriarchal apologists to further their parochial views around women, religion, and modernity. The aim is to send a clear message to the modern, independent, and educated Indian woman: "Transgress the codes of Hindu society, and risk becoming a victim of gender crime." These codes include the importance of the heterosexual institution of marriage, and the prohibition of interreligious marriage as a safeguard for women from violence.

Unsurprisingly, none of these claims stand their ground when verified. According to the latest round of the National Family Health Survey in India (NFHS 2019-21), approximately 30 per cent of married Indian



women faced domestic and sexual violence, and no significant difference was observed in violence reported by Hindu and non-Hindu married women. Additionally, out of the respondents who reported experiencing physical abuse, the vast majority belonged to poor and uneducated backgrounds. Clearly, being married or less educated does not protect women from violent crimes in India, and neither does the perpetrators' religious affiliation.

Instead of asking what could Shraddha have done to prevent her murder, we need to ask what is it that empowered Aftab to gruesomely murder a woman who left her family for him. Also, what is it that disempowered Shraddha, despite her independence and education, to suffer the abuse inflicted by Aftab before her murder?

Answers may rectify existing gendered and sexist social structures that facilitate such abuse. It is not the female victim's lifestyle choices, but rather the norms, beliefs, and motivations of the male perpetrator that are the source of gender violence. Society is quick to assign blame to victims - on clothes, marital status, or religious affiliation. For those wondering why Shraddha did not lean on personal and professional networks to escape the abusive relationship, I suggest that they take a cursory look at the Islamophobia, victim-blaming, and slutshaming unleashed on social and print media post her murder.

In my current research study with female students at a public university in India, many shared how the personal and professional support systems available to victim-survivors of gender violence are plagued with rampant sexism, misogyny, and prejudice.

Rage should not exclusively be for fatal victims of gender violence, or those with visible marks of physical assaults, but also for the wife who endures verbal abuse from her husband to keep the family together, the daughter-in-law who endures economic deprivation because of social conditioning, and the trans friend disowned by their family because of the prioritization of social mores over the child's happiness.

What aspects of a heteronormative and patriarchal society help sustain these horrific acts? The extent of our complicity in sustaining psychological or verbal violence in our families, workplaces, or interpersonal relationships be also questioned. That can help build a truly egalitarian nation to allow a safe space for women and gender minorities to thrive, prosper, and contribute to national success.

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G20 can create value chains led by farmers-



Initiatives by government and civil society have seen emergence of collectives of small and marginal farmers

ince time immemorial, foodgrains have been crossing continents for centuries. From the silk and spice routes to the current operations run by various alliances and agencies, humanity has witnessed acceleration of the commodity trading and intensifying as a constituent derivative of globalisation.

Throughout 2023, G20, which consists of countries accounting for 85 per cent of the global GDP, over 75 per cent of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population, will discuss a range of plans, which will reflect ambition and engagement of the member countries. The spectrum to create the global value chains encompasses some that are actively regulating a very diverse collection of interests of market forces and of a few individuals. The spectrum also includes a span of expected outcomes, with some looking for a detailed strategy for involvement of farmers collectively.

With the active participation and interwoven participation of state and non-state actors, new horizons have emerged. Therefore, this year might be remembered as a year of new-alliances to create a democratic and India-led global value chain. There is an opportunity to link Indian agriculture to the world to enhance export opportunities and address global food and nutritional security in the Indian way.

Agriculture at this juncture can provide huge support to the diplomatic community. It will not only help to localize the efforts undertaken to achieve the SDG targets but also benefit to democratize the value chains.

Moreover, the upcoming G20 meeting may open a new chapter on food diplomacy. For example, Kala Namak Rice of Uttar Pradesh, Chikori of Etah and Kasganj of Uttar Pradesh, Allahabadi Surkh Guava, Malihabadi Dasheri of Uttar Pradesh, and Malbhog Banana of Hajipur are a few items awaiting the attention of Indian diplomats.

Initiatives undertaken by various gov-

ernment departments and civil society institutions have seen an emergence of collectives of small and marginal farmers with robust financial transactions. The Government of India's consistent and concerted endeavors to usher into reforms for boosting agricultural exports have created a background of this diplomatic exercise.

Further, the execution of agriculture export policy with subsequent waves of change in the cooperative sector after the formation of the Ministry of Cooperation and credit support have created a phenomenal change in the trade capacity of these collectives. For example, there is a readymade six clusters in Maharashtra through collectives for grapes, mango, pomegranate, banana, oranges and onion.

The active participation and active involvement of jumbo states like Uttar Pradesh with their own export policy in consonance with national policies has created a boon for this sector. Much awaited Warehousing and Logistic Policy 2018 and UP Food Processing Policy 2017 has not



FARMERS' COLLECTIVES TO MARKET IS BUYER-DRIVEN. FPOS/COOPERATI

COORDINATED,

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only created a robust supply chain but also has given ample opportunity to enable the FPOs with overseas markets.

In India, agriculture and horticulture production is around 600 million tonnes per year. Industrialists can also venture into agriculture as this will benefit farmers and will increase their earnings. Not only aromatic Spices but also LINKING Indian shrimps, basmati and nonbasmati rice, grapes, bananas, pomegranate, vegetables, including potatoes, processed/value-added products, cashew, plant parts/med-THE OVERSEAS icinal herbs in value added form, including herbal medicines, food based nutraceuticals, aromatics, RELEVANT AS spices (cumin, turmeric, pepper), ethnic and organic food are a few AGRO VALUE potential winning sectors key to securing nutrition and food security to the global population.

The value chain here covers the entire network of actors involved in WE HAVE AN input supply, production, processing, marketing, and consumption, whilst operating inside an institutional environment that facilitates or hinders its performance. In this neo-VES WHICH ARE system of agricultural value chain, farmers' collectives will participate ORGANISED, farmers conectives win pain at all the three main levels.

Firstly, as they deal directly with the products by producing AND CAN REACH processing, or trading. Next through the Startups/FPO/Cooperatives they THE GLOBAL the Startups/FFO/Cooperative diagrams and deal indiact also as supporters and deal indiact CONSUMER rectly with the product, but their services add value to it in their way MARKET of innovation and subsequent supply chain. Lastly, where they need support for this festival of G20 diplomats to network with global contacts and long-standing relationships with international groups.

This yearlong diplomatic festival through G20 is going to bring be the ones which ultimately gain

new agribusiness value chain actors contains services of pre-farm production, like fertilizers, seeds, pesticides, tools and agricultural machinery; on-farm production, such as primary food processing and products, plus by-products; and post-farm production, related to secondary food processing, pack-

aging and preservation. To make the global agro value chains democratic, the international linkages have to do with the interdependencies of national and international markets, in which the agroindustry functions. The GVC has the specific condition that the market outlets negotiate with the foreign market, the latter comprising global wholesalers and retailers to reach out to international consumers. The retail sector of the Indian cooperative and support given through virtual platforms a new chapter can be written.

Laws, regulations, policies, international trade agreements, social norms, and public goods, all contribute to the agribusiness' milieu. Consequently, our diplomats will negotiate every bit of this with their counterparts of the global north. There is an environment that comprises economic, political, cultural, and demographic factors that shape the development goals and strategies of India at this juncture by democratizing the value chain.

In accordance with the policies, there are also institutional linkages. These relationships, among the different types of organizations that operate and interact with the agroindustry production chain, tend to affect the dynamics of the production chain, the access to international markets.

The farmers' collectives would

more benefit from these negotiations, instead of the fragmented farmers. Linking farmers' collectives to the overseas market is also relevant as agro value chains are buyerdriven. We have an army of FPOs/cooperatives which are organised, coordinated, and can control the activities that reach the global consumer market through their core competencies of local products

which have huge demand.

Therefore, in the context of a GVC, with support of G-20 negotiations our collectives may become the ones who define the "rules of the game" and appropriate the largest shares of the gains derived from agri-cultural production with collaborative effort of state and civil society.

Economic activity of these collectives is gaining a lot of public interest; for that the United Nations General Assembly declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets. Farmers-led GVC will serve as a means for linking local producers from developing countries to international markets. However, it is relevant to discuss the opportunities and challenges that come across this engagement, to analyze if it is beneficial for small farmers, lead firms or even public institutions. Many countries are intending to embrace a wide and diverse range of stake holders in their design.

It is early to determine how widespread this will be. It is also not yet clear how inclusive this process will turn out to be. The participation of the relevant civil society actors may normally be vital to enable the farmers' collective voices to be fully expressed and heard. This takes thought and planning of this momentous period to rejig the phrase "the Wonder that was the farming system of India."

ALL OF US WERE DISTURBED AND SHOCKED BY THE MOVIE 'THE KASHMIR FILES'. IT FELT TO US LIKE A PROPAGANDA AND VULGAR MOVIE. — ISRAELI FILMMAKER NADAV LAPID





HE HAS NO RIGHT TO CALL IT 'VULGAR PROPAGANDA'. (HE) HAS TO BE A VULGAR OR MENTALLY SICK PERSON. HE'S A MEMBER OF THE 'TOOLKIT GANG.' — ACTOR

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Ensuring a clean world is best business investment

It is high time that we move forward in a planned and systematic manner initiating futuristic investments

very year December 2 is observed as the National Pollution Control Day to honour those who lost their lives in the Bhopal Gas Tragedy on this day in 1984. It was one of the biggest industrial pollution disasters in history. The leakage of the poisonous methyl isocyanate from an insecticide plant of the Union Carbide Corporation created havoc in the residential neighbourhood and the impact of that disaster is still witnessed in the flora and fauna of

According to many estimates more than 400 tons of the industrial waste is still present on the site, not surprisingly the pollution in soil and water is even blamed



region. The aim of commemorating the day is to remind people of the significance of a healthy and safe environment and the imperative role that it plays in our wellbeing.

It is not a secret that the world is facing an existential crisis which has been further fuelled by the pandemic, making us realise the fragility of human life. History is witness to the innumerable ways in which man has directly as well as indirectly influenced his environment while being influenced by it with far reaching implications for both. Human population has been rather late in realizing the significance of a clean and pollution free environment

today for birth defects in the than never.

The last decade has witnessed impending changes to the ecosystem and resulted in an array of unwanted alterations that are a serious threat to mankind. It has not only disturbed the environment and the fundamental aspects essential for the existence of human life namely air, water, food and shelter but also lead to global warming as well as habitat loss. The pressing concerns if not addressed immediately can play havoc with the planet, which is our only resort to life and wellbeing. Lately, there has been a

growing focus on living sustainably in harmony with nature while also ensuring that we collectively work but then it's better late towards a greener and

healthier planet. With Indian concerns with a more metros topping the chart of the most polluted cities in the world, the government has been trying to actively get involved in the discourse surrounding environment and pollution. From ban on single use plastic and firecrackers to river cleanliness projects, initiating reforms for a healthier environment has been on the government's agenda. However, for a longterm and sustainable impact it should be noted that at the policy implementation level environmental concerns should receive precedence over financial gains.

It is high time that we move forward in a planned and systematic manner initiating futuristic investments

resource effective approach and help break the vicious circle of environment degradation and economic development.

With concepts like Vocal for Local, Go Green and Swatch Bharat catching the fancy of all, it is the time to include all stakeholders in this change for a better world. Governments and policy makers can initiate advocacy changes to achieve a sustainable world. Business organizations should encourage positive actions centred on ethical environmental practices.

The onset of the pandemic has made all of us realize that "Leave no One Behind" as proclaimed in the SDG's is which can address both the the much-needed approach.

The knowledge of constitutional provisions regarding environment protection should be encouraged to bring greater public participation, environmental awareness and education and to sensitize people to work towards preserving ecology and environment.

Reusing disposable items instead of discarding them immediately, carrying a cloth bag on a shopping spree, opting for handmade porcelain and clay dishes in place of microwavable plastic utensils and using public transport or car-pooling are some small but significant steps that can prove beneficial in future, if followed as a mass change. Remember any policy regulation by the government can prove to be sustainable only

through people's participation and willingness, which in turn can be achieved through awareness creation.

The adverse health impact of pollution is an immediate public health concern in the country from different kinds of cancer to asthma, from infertility to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), a multitude of diseases are linked to pollution. The post-Covid 19 recovery plans cannot be successful if we fail to include actions to mitigate the process of environmental hazards. Instead of opting for short-term, kneejerk solutions, it is imperative that we ensure long-term sustainable solutions to the ever-growing problem of pollution for a better future for all.

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Ukraine welcomes arms offers, no word on Patriot missiles

S Secretary of State Antony Blinken condemned Russia's weekslong assault on Ukraine's power grid, saying as NATO scrambled on Wednesday to scrape up replacement electrical gear that Russia had turned its war machine to strikes aiming to "turn off the heat...so that civilians suffer."

Blinken spoke at a NATO foreign ministers meeting in Bucharest, Romania devoted in part to coordinating aid to keep the lights — and furnaces — on in Ukraine, where Russian strikes have damaged an estimated third of that country's electrical infrastructure.

"Because President (Vladimir) Putin is failing to defeat Ukraine militarily, he is now prosecuting war against civilians," Blinken said.

"And he's doing that by trying to destroy Ukraine's energy infrastructure, to turn off the light, to turn off the heat, to turn off the water so that civilians suffer. "What is very clear to me ... is that support remains strong, resolute, determined" on the behalf of NATO foreign ministers to continue supporting Ukraine as Russia's invasion moves toward a February anniversary, Blinken said.

NATÓ estimates that Russian strikes have damaged one-third of Ukraine's electrical



infrastructure. It says the missiles appear to be particularly targeting vulnerable transmission networks, leaving Ukrainians dealing with darkness and cold.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba has underscored that his country's biggest needs now are electrical gear and more advanced air-defense systems than it has gotten from the US and other allies so far, to deal with the Russian missile strikes.

"In a nutshell, Patriots and (electricity) transformers is what Ukraine needs the most," Kuleba declared on Tuesday.

Heading into a one-on-one session with Blinken on the sidelines of the NATO gathering, Kuleba said that Ukraine at the session had received "a number

of commitments, new commitments, from various NATO members with regard to providing Ukraine with more defensive weapons and energy equipment.

But Kuleba declined to answer questions about whether that included promises of badly wanted Patriot missile batteries, from the US or any other ally.

Ukraine is seeking US-made Patriot missile batteries or other more advanced air defense systems than it has gotten so far from the United States and other allies to block Russian air strikes. Kuleba did not respond to repeated questions from a reporter ahead of a meeting with Blinken about whether he had gotten any commitments on

The provision of Patriot surface-to-air missiles to Ukraine would mark a major advance in the kinds of air defense systems the West is sending to help the war-torn country defend itself from Russian aerial attack.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg confirmed that deliveries of such sophisticated surface to air missiles systems are under consideration among some allies. The military organisation does not possess any weapons, only its member countries do.

A senior US defense official who briefed Pentagon reporters on Tuesday, on condition of anonymity, said that the United Patriots. While Ukraine has asked for the system for months, the US and its allies have been hesitant to provide it to avoid further provoking Russia.

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said on Tuesday that his country's offer to send Patriots to Poland remains on the table, despite Warsaw's suggestion that they should go to Ukraine instead.

Ukraine does not have personnel trained to used Patriots — a complicated air defense system of which there are three main types, with varying ranges and altitudes. Germany has lent them to Slovakia and Turkey but sent its own technicians to oper-

China to have 1,500 nuclear warheads by 2035: Pentagon report

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China is expanding its nuclear carsenal and is likely to have a stockpile of about 1,500 warheads by 2035, up from the current estimated number of 400, the Pentagon has said, with Beijing focusing on accelerating its nuclear capabilities as it seeks to challenge America's global dominance.

In its annual report to Congress on China's ambitious military build-up, the Pentagon said on Tuesday that over the next decade, Beijing aims to modernise, diversify, and expand its nuclear forces.

China's current nuclear modernisation exercise has exceeded the previous modernisation attempts in both scale and complexity, it said.

China is investing in and expanding the number of its land, sea, and air-based nuclear delivery platforms and constructing the infrastructure necessary to support this major expansion of its nuclear forces, the report said.

China is also supporting this expansion by increasing its capacity to produce and separate plutonium by constructing fast breeder reactors and reprocessing facilities. In 2021, Beijing probably accelerated its nuclear expansion, it said.



The Pentagon said it estimates that China's operational nuclear warheads stockpile has surpassed 400.

The People's Liberation Army (PLA) plans to "basically complete modernisation" of its national defence and armed forces by 2035, said the report.

"If China continues the pace of its nuclear expansion, it will likely field a stockpile of about 1,500 warheads by its 2035 timeline," it said.

The Chinese strategy is a determined pursuit to amass and expand its national power to transform, at least, aspects of the international system to make it more favourable to its political system and its national interests as they define them, said a senior defence official.

"They aim to expand their national power through both domestic and foreign policy initiatives. So, the global security initiative that President Xi Jinping laid out at ... is one of these in which the PRC seeks to

kind of paint itself as a provider of global public goods," the official said.

There have been more coercive and aggressive actions in the Indo-Pacific region, including some of which the US would highlight as being dangerous, the official noted. "So PLA vessels and aircraft have exhibited an increase in unsafe and unprofessional behaviour in the Indo-Pacific region, including for the aircraft aerobatics, discharging chaff and other activities that could make it dangerous for nearby aircraft to maneuver safely," the official noted.

Reacting to the Pentagon report, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said that in recent years, the US has been hyping up various versions of the "China threat"narrative simply to find pretext for expanding its nuclear arsenal and perpetuating military predominance. The world knows well that this is a go-to tactic of the US.

EU seeks specialised court to investigate Russia war crimes in Mariupol that an Associated

AP ■ BRUSSELS

The European Union pro-**I** posed Wednesday to set up a U.N.-backed specialised court to investigate possible war crimes committed by Russia in Ukraine, and to use frozen Russian assets to rebuild the war-torn country.

European Commission president Ürsula von der Leyen said in a video message that the EU will work with internation-

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al partners to get "the broadest international support possible" for the tribunal, while continuing to support the work of the International Criminal Court.

Since Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered the invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24, his military forces have been accused of abuses ranging from killings in the Kyiv suburb of Bucha to deadly attacks on civilian facilities, including the March 16 bombing of a theatre

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Investigations of military crimes committed during the

Press investigation established

likely killed close to 600 people.

war in Ukraine are underway around Europe, and the Haguebased International Criminal Court has already launched investigations. Ukrainian first lady Olena

Zelenska on Tuesday also urged that Ukraine's invaders be held account as she addressed law-

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makers in London.

"Victory is not the only thing we need. We need justice," she said, comparing Russian war crimes to the atrocities committed by Nazi Germany in World War II.

She called on Britain to lead efforts to set up a criminal tribunal to prosecute senior Russians over the invasion, simtrials of leading Nazis.

Von der Leyen Wednesday added that the 27nation bloc wants to make Russia pay for the destruction it

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caused in neighbouring Ukraine by using Russian assets frozen under sanctions.

She estimated the damage to Ukraine at 600 billion euros. "Russia and its oligarchs

have to compensate Ukraine for the damage and cover the costs for rebuilding the country," von der Leyen said. "We have the means to make Russia pay."

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"In the short term, we could create with our partners a struc ture to manage these funds and invest them," she said.

"We would then use the proceeds for Ukraine, and once the sanctions are lifted, these funds should be used so that Russia pays full compensation for the damages caused to Ukraine."

restrictions on Russian assets could be linked to conclusion of a peace deal between Ukraine and Russia that would settle the question of damages reparation.

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Turkey: More steps needed for nod to Nordic States' NATO bid

Sweden and Finland have made some progress in meeting Ankara's security concerns but still need to undertake "conapproval for their NATO membership bids, the Turkish foreign minister said Wednesday.

Meanwhile, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg underlined that "it is time to welcome them as full fledged members of the alliance.

The military alliance is eager to add the two Nordic nations to its ranks.

Sweden and Finland abandoned their longstanding policies of military nonalignment and applied for membership in the alliance after Russian forces invaded Ukraine in February, amid concerns that Russia might target them next.

Turkey, which has accused the Nordic countries of ignoring threats to Turkey from Kurdish militants and other groups that it considers as terrorists, has not endorsed their accession.

The parliaments of Turkey

their applications. The 28 other NATO states have already done Turkey's Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu met with his

Swedish and Finnish countermeeting in Bucharest on "These two countries have taken some steps to fulfill their obligations. We do not ignore

the steps that were taken," Cavusoglu told Turkish journalists on Wednesday. "However, there is no concrete development yet on some issues such as the extradition (of suspects wanted by Turkey) and the freezing of terrorist assets."

"We reminded (them) that in the end, it's the Turkish people and the Turkish parliament that needs to be convinced," he

The minister of Sweden and Finland sounded more upbeat.

Swedish Foreign Minister Tobias Billström told Sweden broadcaster SVT that "progress was being made" regarding

NATO membership, and that he and Hungary have yet to ratify would soon travel to Turkey.

Russia says nuclear talks with

control talks with the United of stark differences in approach and tensions over Ukraine, a senior Russian diplomat said

Deputy Foreign

"We faced a situation when

demonstrated their reluctance to listen to our signals and reckon with our priorities, but also acted in the opposite way," Ryabkov told reporters in Moscow. Ryabkov claimed the U.S.

Wanted to focus solely on resuming inspections under the New START treaty and stonewalled Moscow's request to also discuss

specifics related to the weapons count under the strategic arms reduction pact. This week's meeting of the Bilateral

Consultative Commission established under the treaty would have been the first in more than a year. The timing of the talks was intended to show that Russia and the U.S. Remain committed to arms control and keeping lines of communication open despite soaring tensions

US delayed amid differences

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m oscow}$ has postponed a round of nuclear arms States set for this week because Tuesday.

Minister Sergei Ryabkov said the decision to put off the talks that were scheduled to start Tuesday in Cairo was made at the political level. The post-

ponement marked another low point in badly strained U.S.-Russian relations and raised concerns about the future of the last remaining nuclear arms control pact between the two

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SUICIDE BLAST TARGETING POLICE TRUCK KILLS 4, INJURES 20 IN PAK

suicide bomber from the banned Pakistani Taliban himself up near a patrolling police truck carrying security personnel to protect polio workers in the restive Balochistan province on Wednesday, killing at least four people and injuring 26 others, including 23 policemen.

The attacker targeted the paramilitary Constabulary truck in Quetta's Baleli area, which was going to provide security to polio workers at the ongoing drive. Quetta Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIGP) Ghulam Azfar Mahesar confirmed the attack and said that a total of three vehicles were hit in the

"Looking at the crime scene and given that the truck toppled, it is estimated that 25 kilograms of explosives were used," he said.

The death toll from the targeted suicide attack in Quetta rose further as another child died during treatment, Geo News reported. The attack killed a cop and a child on the spot, and reportedly left 26 including 23 cops wounded, it said.

The death toll climbed to 4 after a woman and her child injured in the bombing suc-



cumbed to their injuries later in the day, the report quoted the hospital administration as saying. Earlier, the hospital administration had said that most of the injured are out of danger.

The banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) group claimed responsibility for the attack which came just two days after the group announced to call off its ceasefire.

It said the attack was in retaliation for the killing of Abdul Wali also known as Omar Khalid Khurrassni killed in Afghanistan in August.

Mahesar said that the explosion was a suicide attack as they have found the remains of a suicide bomber near the crime

Preliminary police investiations showed that a rickshaw hit the police truck. Authorities have declared an emergency in the hospitals of Quetta to treat

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif condemned the incident and directed the authorities to initiate an investigation into the

According to the state-run Radio Pakistan, the premier expressed grief and sorrow over the loss of life. He also said that polio

workers across the country were fulfilling their responsibilities without caring for their lives.

in the mission of complete erad-"Eliminating polio virus ication of polio," he said.

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bombing of Afghan religious school

A Taliban official says at least 10 students were killed Wednesday when a bomb blast hit a religious school in northern Afghanistan.

Interior Ministry spokesman Abdul Nafi Takor says several others were wounded in the blast at the madrassa in Aybak, capital of the northern Samangan province.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. But the

Afghan affiliate of the Islamic State group has been waging a campaign of violence that escalated since the Taliban took power in August 2021.

IS has carried out bombings targeting in particular Afghanistan's Shiite Muslim minority but has also targeted Sunni mosques and madrassas, especially ones connected to the Taliban. The Taliban and the Islamic State group both adhere to a hard-line ideology but are bitter rivals.

Zemin, who guided China's rise, dies

Former President Jiang

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m F}$ orme President Jiang Zemin, who led China out of isolation after the army crushed the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy protests in 1989 and supported economic reforms that led to a decade of explosive growth, died Wednesday. He

Jiang died of leukemia and multiple organ failure in Shanghai, where he was a former mayor and Communist Party secretary, state TV and the official Xinhua News Agency reported. A surprise choice to lead a divided Communist Party after the 1989 turmoil, Jiang saw China through history-making changes including a revival of market-oriented reforms, the return of Hong Kong from British rule in 1997 and Beijing's entry into the World Trade Organization in 2001.

Even as China opened to the outside, Jiang's government stamped out dissent. It jailed human rights, labor and prodemocracy activists and banned the Falun Gong spiritual movement, which the ruling party saw as a threat to its monopoly on

Jiang gave up his last official title in 2004 but remained a force behind the scenes in the wran-



gling that led to the rise of current President Xi Jinping, who took power in 2012. Xi has tightened political control, crushed China's little remaining dissent and reasserted the dominance of

state industry. Rumors that Jiang might be in declining health spread after he missed a ruling party congress in October at which Xi, China's most powerful figure since at least the 1980s, broke with tradition and awarded himself a third five-year term as

Jiang was on the verge of retirement as Shanghai party leader in 1989 when he was drafted by then-paramount leader leader Deng Xiaoping to pull together the party and nation. He succeeded Zhao Ziyang, who was dismissed by Deng due to his sympathy for the student-led Tiananmen Square protesters and was held under house arrest until his 2005



Landmark same-sex marriage Bill wins Senate passage

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The Senate passed bipartisan legislation Tuesday to protect same-sex marriages, an extraordinary sign of shifting national politics on the issue and a measure of relief for the hundreds of thousands of same-sex couples who have married since the Supreme Court's 2015 decision that legalized gay marriage nationwide. The bill, which would

racial marriages are enshrined in federal law, was approved 61-36 on Tuesday, including support from 12 Republicans. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said the legislation was "a long time coming" and part of America's "difficult but inexorable march towards greater equality.

Democrats are moving quickly, while the party still holds the majority in both chambers of Congress. The legislation now moves to the House for a final vote.

President Joe Biden praised the bipartisan vote and said he will sign the bill "promptly and proudly" if it is passed by the House. He said it will ensure that LGBTQ youth "will grow up knowing that they, too, can lead full, happy lives and build families of their own.

The bill has gained steady momentum since the Supreme Court's June decision that overturned the federal right to an abortion, a ruling that included a concurring opinion from Justice Clarence Thomas that suggested same-sex marriage could also come under threat. Bipartisan Senate negotiations got a kick-start this summer when 47 Republicans unexpectedly voted for a House bill and gave supporters new optimism.

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Australia steps up calls for US to drop WikiLeaks charges

Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said he recently told US President Joe Biden's administration to bring WikiLeaks founder and Australian citizen Julian Assange's prosecution to a close. Albanese's comments Wed-

nesday to Parliament appear to be an escalation of Australia's diplomatic pressure on the United States to drop spying charges against the 51-year-old who is resisting extradition from "I have raised this person-

ally with representatives of the United States government. My position is clear and has been made clear to the US administration: That it is time that this matter be brought to a close," Albanese told Parliament.
"This is an Australian citi-

zen," Albanese added. "I don't have sympathy for Mr Assange's actions on a whole range of matters, but... You have to reach a point whereby what is the action which could be caught up now for many years into the

Albanese did not say whether he discussed Assange directly with Biden when the

apan's lack of law to protect

the rights of same-sex couples

to marry and become families

violates the constitution, the

Tokyo District Court ruled

Wednesday in a closely watched

case in a country still largely

bound by traditional gender

government's lack of legislative

action is not illegal and threw

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Egyptians call on British

AP ■ TOKYO

Tokyo court: Lack of law for

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pair held a bilateral meeting on the sidelines a Cambodian summit two weeks ago. But Albanese said he had advocated for Assange "recently in meetings".

Albanese compared Assange's treatment to that of former US Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning, who the prime minister said was "now able to participate freely in US

US prosecutors allege Assange helped Manning steal classified diplomatic cables and military files that WikiLeaks later published, putting lives at risk. Then-US President Barack Obama commuted Manning's 35-year sentence to seven years, which allowed her release in

International news outlets that cooperated with WikiLeaks to publish confidential US State

enjoy the same legal protection

lawyers welcomed the ruling as

"ground breaking" and urged the

government to promptly take

steps to enact a law to mitigate

acknowledged we have a right to

be families," plaintiff Chizuka Oe

told a news conference, adding

that her partner of more than 20

years "is my invaluable family no

matter what anyone says."

"I was glad that the ruling

The plaintiffs and their

as heterosexual couples through

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President Dr Arif Alvi also

Ålbanese spoke in response to independent lawmaker Monique Ryan's question if the Australian government would intervene to bring Assange

Assange's prosecution to be

Albanese's government has been circumspect about Assange's prosecution since it was elected in May. Ministers' criticisms have been restrained to phrases such as the case had "dragged on for too long".

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Oath Keepers' Rhodes guilty of Jan 6 seditious conspiracy

Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes was convicted Tuesday of seditious conspiracy for a violent plot to overturn President Joe Biden's election, handing the Justice Department a major victory in its massive prosecution of the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection.

A Washington, D.C., jury found Rhodes guilty of sedition after three days of deliberations in the nearly two-month-long trial that showcased the farright extremist group's efforts to keep Republican Donald Trump in the White House at all costs. Rhodes was acquitted of two other conspiracy The verdict marks a signif-

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This is to inform general public that Mrs. Harbans Kaur is the owner of Residential plot bearing no. 10/113 (part). Land area measuring 100 sp. yds., part of Khas'ra no. 764, situated at Village Chandrawalli alias Shahdara in the abacti of Subhash Gali Main Viswas Road, Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi vide sale deed dated 12.05.2009, Doc No. 5303. Above said owner has misplaced the 1. Original sace deed dated 24.09.1996 executed by Mr. Balram as GPA of Mrs. Phool Kall in Favour of Mrs. Ram Chamel in respect of said property and Original Registered Family GPA dated 22.33.2004 executed by Mrs. Ram Chamel in Teached Tost our of Mrs. Sunders Singh in respect of said property. Anyone who find the above said documents shall handover the same to Manager of Mrs. Axes Finance Limited having its office at

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: 65/2022-2023 Dated: 30.11.2022

Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system

Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on

behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for

Manager of Mis. Axis Finance Limited having its office a 6/45 W.E.A. 1st Flat Gundwara Road Karol Bagin, Nev Delhi – 110005 Above said owner is intending to sell the said property to Mr. Satya Narain Bhutani and fursher Mr. Satya Narain Bhutani is averailing Ioan on above said property from M/s. Axis Finance Limited by mortgaging the said property. In case anyone has any objective regarding mortgage of the said property, the senie may be raised within 7 days of this publication to Mr. Munessi Debaged Mr. Suthis Isin (Akreators). Lawking North. Dhawan/Mr. Sudhir Jain (Advocates), Law Veritas Nortf Unit_no_907, 9th_Floor, GD-ITL_Tower, (B-08), Neta Subhash Place, Delhi-110034 or contact a 9066707172/9818228636 (M).

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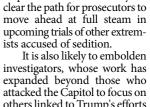
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It is also likely to embolden

investigators, whose work has expanded beyond those who attacked the Capitol to focus on others linked to Trump's efforts

icant milestone for the Justice Department and is likely to to overturn the 2020 election. U.S. Attorney Merrick Garland recently named a veteran pros-Mar-a-Lago.

ecutor, Jack Smith, to serve as special counsel to oversee key aspects of a probe into efforts to subvert the election as well as a separate investigation into the retention of classified documents at Trump's Florida estate,

e-TENDER NOTICE

Office of the (Executive Engineer (E&M), Joshiyara Barrage, invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below Tender No.NCB/17/EE(E&M)/MB-II/Barrage/2022-23

Name of work/supply/services etc.: Design, Manufacturing, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Trashrack panels & one no. Hydraulically Operated Movable Trash Rack Cleaning Machine (TRCM) to safely handle rake capacity of 2.0 Tonne as well as log grappler capacity of 2.0 Tonne including dismantling of existing Trash rack panels & TRCM at Joshiyara Barrage, Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand, India Estimated cost: RS. 13,06,93,867/- including Taxes

Date of availability of bid document on website: 03.12.2022 16:00 hrs

Last date for submission of bids on website:16.01.2023 16:00 hrs
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal http://uktenders.gov.in **Executive Engineer**

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ADMISSION NOTICE-MD/MS (2022-23)

Applications are invited for admission to the Stray Vacancy Round counseling (NRI and MQ Seats) for MD/MS course for the session 2022-23 in MM Medical College & Hospital, Kumarhatti, Solan a constituent Institute of Maharishi Markandeshwar University, Solan. Application Form is available on the University website (www.mmusolan.org). Last date of receiving duly filled up application form along with DD of Rs. 2000 in the name of MMMC&H, Kumarhatti-Solan (HP) is 01.12.2022 upto 4:00 PM positively in the Principal office of the Medical College. Physical counselling shall be held for vacant NRI seats on 02.12.2022 from 9:00 AM and for Management quota seats from 10:00 AM onwards in the Principal Office

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NORTHERN RAILWAY **E-TENDER NOTICE** Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's Office, State Entr

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E-Tender No.: 26-TRD-NDLS-2022-23 Date: 30.11.2022 3191/2022 **SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE**

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

No. USCL/175 Tender ID: 2022_UAD_235319_1 Date: - 30.11.2022

Uiiain Smart City Limited Invites Interested parties for "Emergency

Entry Exit Block & Koti Teerth Development at Mahakal Temple Ujjain Second Call". Interested bidders may purchase and submit their proposals online at www.mptenders.gov.in. **Earnest Money Deposit** 8,72,900/-

Cost of Document	20000/-				
Pre Bid Meeting Date	09.12.2022				
Last date for submission of Technical and Financial Bid (Online)	14.12.2022 up to 17:00 hrs				
For more details, please visit https://s	www.mptenders.gov.in An				

Corrigendum or amendments shall be published on this website only For, Ujjain Smart City Limited

Museum to return Rosetta stone AP ■ CAIRO ment of hieroglyphics, thousands of Egyptians are demanding the stone's return. The debate over who owns ancient artifacts has been an increasing challenge to museums across Europe and Ame rica, and the spotlight has fallen on the most visited piece in the British Museum: The Rosetta stone. The inscriptions on the dark

empire in 1801. Now, as Britain's largest museum marks the 200-year anniversary of the decipherand France.

"The British Museum's holding of the stone is a symbol of

Western cultural violence against Egypt," said Monica Hanna, dean at the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport, and organiser of one of two petitions calling for the stone's return.

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The acquisition of the

Rosetta Stone was tied up in the imperial battles between Britain

Kirit Parikh panel submits gas report

Suggests pricing freedom beginning Jan 2026

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

government-appointed gas Agovernment-appointed gas Aprice review panel, led by Kirit Parikh on Wednesday submitted its report to the government, recommending a floor and ceiling price for legacy fields and complete pricing freedom starting January 1,

A fixed band of pricing for gas from legacy fields, which makes up for two-thirds of all natural gas produced in the country, would ensure a predictable pricing regime for producers and at the same time moderate prices of CNG and piped cooking gas which has shot up by 70 per cent since last year on the back of a surge in input cost.

The panel has suggested linking the price of gas pro-duced by state-owned firms from fields given to them on a nomination basis to imported crude oil prices rather than benchmarking them to gas rates in international markets, Parikh said, adding the rates thus arrived would be subject

to a floor and ceiling.
State producers Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd (OIL) will be paid a price linked to imported oil but it will have a minimum or floor price of USD 4 per million British thermal unit and a cap or ceiling price of USD 6.5.

This compares to the current rate of USD 8.57 derived from a formula linked to the price prevailing in gas-surplus

The ceiling rate for this gas



from legacy or old fields, called APM gas, will be increased by USD 0.5 per mmBtu annually, he said. "From January 1, 2027, we have suggested marketdetermined pricing of APM

The panel was in favour of not tinkering with the existing pricing formula for fields in difficult geology such as KG-D6 of Reliance Industries and bp

Currently, fields in deepsea or in high-temperature, highpressure zones are governed by a different formula that includes an element of imported LNG cost but the same is also subject to a ceiling. The ceiling for these fields currently is USD 12.46.

"Such producers have marketing and pricing freedom which is constrained by an upper bound fixed by the government. We have suggested continuing with the cap for three years and giving total pricing freedom from January 1, 2026, by removing the cap,

The panel also suggested including natural gas in the one-nation-one-tax regime of GST by subsuming excise duty charged by the central government and varying rates of VAT

levied by state governments. "We recognise that states have concerns and we are starting a process to build consensus for including gas in the goods and services tax (GST) regime," he said.

To address state concern of loss of revenue, the panel was in favour of setting up a mechanism similar to the compensation cess regime that made good for any revenue loss that states incurred by way of giving their right to levy VAT and other taxes on goods and services in first five years of implementation of GST regime from

Also, the panel was in favour of moderation in rates of excise duty.

The committee was tasked with suggesting a "fair price to the end-consumer" while ensuring a "market-oriented, transparent and reliable pricing regime for India's long-term vision for ensuring a gas-based economy"

"Our mandate was to suggest a regime that would help raise domestic production to help meet the goal of 15 per cent of energy coming from gas by 2030. And at the same time, provide fair price to con-

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Sensex hits 63k mark; Nifty ends at fresh lifetime high

 $B_{\text{tled above the 63,000-level}}^{\text{enchmark BSE Sensex set-}}$ for the first time on Wednesday, extending its winning momentum to seventh day amid a largely positive trend in global markets and continuous foreign fund inflows. The 30-share barometer rallied 417.81 points or 0.67 per cent to settle at 63,099.65, its fresh record closing high. During the day, the benchmark jumped 621.17 points or 0.99 per cent to 63,303.01, its lifetime intra-day peak. The broader NSE Nifty advanced 140.30 points or 0.75 per cent to end at 18,758.35, its fresh record closing high.

Among the Sensex pack, Mahindra & Mahindra, UltraTech Cement, Power Grid, Hindustan Unilever, Bharti Airtel, Asian Paints, Tata Steel and Titan were major



IndusInd Bank, State Bank of India, HCL Technologies and ITC were among the lag-

"Domestic market continued its quest for gains, boosted by FII inflows. However, markets will be sensitive to the Fed Chair's remarks later in the day, as investors are expecting a moderation in the pace of rate hikes. An in-line comment will help to sustain the rally while loosening COVID-19 restrictions in China is providing relief to global markets,"

said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial

In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge jumped 1.06 per cent and smallcap index climbed 0.61 per cent. All sectoral indices ended

in the green, with utilities rallying 2.52 per cent, power jumped 2.35 per cent, metal (1.96 per cent), auto (1.74 per cent), commodities (1.62 per cent), realty (1.54 per cent), telecommunication (1.44 per cent) and consumer discretionary (1.25 per cent).

Go First inducts 55th A320 neo; to receive engines from P&W soon

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

No-frills airline Go First on Wednesday announced inducting the 55th A320 neo aircraft and also expects to increase the number of flights as it will soon receive serviceable engines from P&W.

Now, the carrier has 60 aircraft, out of which 55 are A320 neos and 5 are A320 ceos.

However, at least 25 planes are on the ground, mainly due to the non-availability of Pratt & Whitney (P&W) engines that power its A320 fleet.

In a release on Wednesday, the airline said it has inducted the 55th A320 neo aircraft.

It has placed firm orders for delivery of 144 Airbus A320 neo aircraft as part of expansion plans. "Go First has also received

confirmation from Pratt and Whitney of delivery of ser-



viceable engines soon and the same will be immediately put into service within December 2022 and will certainly help to cater the growing demand for domestic travel.

'With the induction of many serviceable engines, Go First expects to increase the frequency and number of flights to provide improved connectivity to its passengers and to regain its market share," the release said.

Go First Chairman Varun Berry said he was optimistic on the improvement in the performance of the company with P&W providing engines.

Mcap of BSE-listed firms at all-time high of ₹288.50 lakh crore

 $T^{he\ market\ capitalisation\ of}_{BSE\text{-listed}\ firms\ reached\ an}$ all-time high of Rs 288.50 lakh crore on Wednesday amid an ongoing rally in equities, as the benchmark Sensex settled above 63,000-level for the first time ever.

The 30-share BSE barometer climbed 417.81 points or 0.67 per cent to settle at 63,099.65, its fresh record closing high. During the day, the benchmark jumped 621.17 points or 0.99 per cent to 63,303.01, its lifetime intra-day

Extending its winning momentum to seventh day, the Sensex has rallied 1,954.81 points or 3.19 per cent during this time.

Investors wealth also climbed Rs 7,59,642.89 crore in seven days, taking the market capitalisation (mcap) of BSElisted firms to Rs 2,88,50,896.03

IEX seeks shareholders' nod to buy back shares worth ₹98 crore

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) will seek shareholders' approval through postal ballot to buyback shares worth up to Rs 98 crore.

The board of directors in its meeting on November 25 has approved the cash offer for buyback of equity shares of face value of Rs 1 each at a maximum price of Rs 200 per share for an aggregate amount up to Rs 98 crore.

The IEX has listed a special resolution -- approval for the buyback of equity shares in the postal ballot notice, showed a

The e-voting will commence on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 09:00 AM (IST) and will end on Friday, December 30, 2022 at 05:00 PM (IST). The postal ballot notice is

being sent electronically to the members whose names appear in the register of members/list of beneficial owners as on the cut-off date being Friday, November 25, 2022 on their registered e-mail address, it

The notice explained that the board of directors of the company, at its meeting held on November 25, 2022, had

The government envisages doubling the contribution

of India's micro, small and medium enterprises sector to the economy by realising its full potential, Union Minister

Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma

Medium Enterprises (MSME)

sector contributes one-third

MSME said the Ministry is

working towards this objective

contribution of MSME sector

to India's economy by realising

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approved a special resolution to buyback fully paid-up equity shares of face value of Rs 1 per share from the members of the company (except promoters,

promoter group and persons in control) at a price not exceeding Rs 200 per equity share for



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Branch Address: Dhiraj Baug, Building "A" Ground & 1st Floor, Beside Axis Bank, Opp. Monalisa Building, Agra Road, Hari Niwas Circle, Naupada, Thane (West) – 400 602

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 m the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, pay ents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the follow CHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date
(LC No.: 19000000016 of Raj Nagar Branch)	04-11-2022 /₹ 3397381 /-(₹ Thirty Three lakh
Jayanti Prasad Sharma (Borrower) Rahul	Ninety Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eight
Sharma (Co Borrower 1)	One Only) NPA (01-08-2022)
(LC No.: 24900000139 of Delhi Janakpuri Branch)	04-11-2022 /₹ 3295830 /-(₹ Thirty Two lakh
Sachin Verma (Borrower) Poonam Verma (Co Borrower 1)	Ninety Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Only) NPA (04-07-2019)
(LC No.: 19500041191 of Delhi - Cp Branch) Ashis	04-11-2022 /₹ 3262159 /-(₹ Thirty Two lakh
Kumar Ghosal (Borrower) Sagarika Ghosal (Co Borrower 1)	Sixty Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty Nine Only) NPA (12-11-2021)
(LC No.: 19800041204 of Delhi - Pitampura	04-11-2022 /₹ 3231325 /-(₹ Thirty Two lakh
Branch) Aayush Mitchell (Borrower) Suman Mitchell (Co Borrower 1) Ashm Mitchell	Thirty One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Five Only) NPA (04-07-2017)
(Co Borrower 2)	11VC OHING (04-07-2017)
(LC No.: 20000041966 of Noida -sector 2 Branch)	04-11-2022 /₹ 3207187 /-(₹ Thirty Two lakh
Sunil Kumar Verma (Borrower) Sudha Devi	Seven Thousand One Hundred Eighty Seven
(Co Borrower 1)	Only) NPA (03-11-2018)
(LC No.: 13300000052 of Cannaught Place Branch	
Pooja Setia (Borrower) Rakesh Sharma (Co Borrower 1)	Sixty Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty Four Only) NPA (04-12-2019)
(LC No.: 20000042953 of Noida -sector 2 Branch)	04-11-2022 /₹ 3138811 /-(₹ Thirty One lakh
Bindeshwar Prasad (Borrower) Vijay Laxmi (Co Borrower 1)	Thirty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven Only) NPA (04-01-2020)
(LC No.: 20000041715 of Noida -sector 2 Branch)	04-11-2022 /₹ 3061323 /-(₹ Thirty lakh Sixty
Hina Shukla (Borrower) Gambhir Singh	One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Three
(Co Borrower 1)	Only) NPA (03-11-2018)
(LC No.: 27900000450 of Greater Noida Branch)	04-11-2022 /₹ 3023122 /-(₹ Thirty lakh Twer
Ram Narayan Singh (Borrower) Kavita Singh (Co Borrower 1)	Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty Two Only) NPA (03-11-2018)
(LC No.: 24900000248 of Delhi Janakpuri Branch) Brij Kishore (Borrower) Raj Bala (Co Borrower 1)	04-11-2022 /₹ 2961098 /-(₹ Twenty Nine laki Sixty One Thousand Ninety Eight Only) NPA (04-10-2016)
LC No.: 19800041236 of Delhi -Pitampura Branch)	04-11-2022 /₹ 2946742 /-(₹ Twenty Nine lak
Deepika Dass (Borrower) Sanjay Toppa Co Borrower 1)	Forty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Two Only) NPA (05-04-2018)
LC No.: 19800041328 of Delhi - Pitampura Branch)	
iyed Arshad Jamal (Borrower) Jaibun Nisha Co Borrower 1)	Forty Two Thousand One Hundred Forty Two Only) NPA (04-12-2019)
LC No.: 20000041712 of Noida -sector 2 Branch)	04-11-2022 /₹ 2939652 /-(₹ Twenty Nine lak
Naveen Chandra (Borrower) Pooja Bawari Co Borrower 1)	Thirty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Two Only) NPA (04-08-2019)
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Singh Rautela (Borrower) Maya Rautela	Ninety Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty	Park" Sector 54 Bhiwadi Alwar Bhiwadi Alwar			
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Branch) Parizat Panday (Borrower) Alka Anshu	Eighty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy	Greater Noida West Gautambudh Nagar Uttar			
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(LC No.: 19000001507 of Raj Nagar Branch)	04-11-2022 /₹ 1090323 /-(₹ Ten lakh Ninety	Flat No- 2208, 22Nd Floor,Tower-G Charms Castle			
Shankar Kumar (Borrower) Rekha Kumari	Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Three Only)	Raj Nagar Extn. , Village Noor Nagar Ghaziabad			
(Co Borrower 1) Kanti Devi (Co Borrower 2)	NPA (31-05-2021)	Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh :- 201101			
(LC No.: 19600043957 of Delhi - Safdurjung	04-11-2022 /₹ 1072890 /-{₹ Ten lakh Seventy	K-642,3Rd FIr Rear Side Middle Portion With			
Branch) Jitendra Tiwari (Borrower) Kamlawati	Two Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Only)	Roof Right, Kh No. 643,Gali No. 9, Village Nasirpu			
Devi (Co Borrower 1)	NPA (01-07-2022)	Indira Park Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110045			
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(LC No.: 27900001015 of Greater Noida Branch)	04-11-2022 /₹ 945174 /-{₹ Nine lakh Forty	Flat No F. F3, First Floor Rear L H S Plot No.			
Pramod Kumar Gupta (Borrower) Asharam	Five Thousand One Hundred Seventy Four	C-4/2 Dlf Ankur Vihar Loni Ghaziabad Ghaziabad			
Gupta (Co Borrower 1)	Only) NPA (09-08-2022)	Uttar Pradesh :- 201010			
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(LC No.: 19000000336 of Raj Nagar Branch)	04-11-2022 /₹ 837096 /-(₹ Eight lakh Thirty	Flat No 228- C, 3Rd Floor Kamna, Sector-1,			
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(LC No.: 014Y0000058 of New Delhi Branch)	04-11-2022 /₹ 622727 /-(₹ Six lakh Twenty	Unit No-417, Tower - B, 4Th Floor Plot No - 235,			
Vandana Bajaj (Borrower) Hemant Kumar	Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Seven	Anant Raj Aashray N I C (M), Neemrana Behror			
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(LC No.: 09600000894 of New Delhi-west Branch)	04-11-2022 / ₹ 14383162 / - (₹ One Crore Forty	Flat No 002 Duplex Ground Floor Tower F Habitat			
Mukthyar Singh Yadav (Borrower) Kanta Devi	Three lakh Eighty Three Thousand One Hundred	Cloud 9 Plot R/ C 1/2 Sector 1 Vaishali Ghaziabad			
(Co Borrower 1)	Sixty Two Only) NPA (06-06-2019)	Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh :- 201010			
(LC No.: 01400003922 of New Delhi Branch) Satish	04-11-2022 /₹ 13253603 /-{₹ One Crore Thirty	Banglow No: 7 7Th Floor Tower- Vs-6 Skybungalow:			
Kumar (Borrower) Anju Popli (Co Borrower 1)	Two lakh Fifty Three Thousand Six Hundred Three	Plot No: Gh-02 Vill Sarai Khawaja Sec-41 Faridabad			
Shivam Enterprises (Co Borrower 2)	Only) NPA (03-09-2019)	Faridabad Haryana :- 121007			
(LC No.: 09600000987 of New Delhi-west Branch)	04-11-2022 /₹ 12892975 /-(₹ One Crore Twenty	Flat No-I-2302, 23Rd Floor, Tower-Iconic-9, Cloud 9			
Mridul Gupta (Borrower) Subhash Chander Gupta	Eight lakh Ninety Two Thousand Nine Hundred	Group Housing, Plot No. Rc-1/2, Sector 1, Vaishali			

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PTI ■ NEW DELHI

State-owned NMDC on Wednesday hiked the prices of iron ore lumps and fines by Rs 300 per tonne with immediate effect. The announcement from

the country's largest iron ore miner has come days after the government removed duty on the exports of the mineral. The price for a tonne of

lump ore or high-grade iron ore having Fe (iron) content 65.53 per cent and above has been fixed at Rs 4,100. While the rate of fines or inferior



its full potential. We will resolve

internal bottlenecks towards

this objective," Verma said

while addressing the Global

Summit is being organised by

CII in partnership with the

Ministry of Micro, Small and

Medium Enterprises to pro-

mote the visibility of Indian

MSMEs and encourage inter-

national market linkages.

The Global MSME

grade ore with 64 per cent and less Fe content has been increased to Rs 2,910 per tonne, NMDC said in a BSE filing.

The prices are effective Nov 30, 2022, and exclude royalty, district mineral fund (DMF), National Mineral Exploration Trust (DMET), cess, forest permit fee, and other taxes, the company said.

9th session of 'Inspiring Next Gen Talent'

PNS NEW DELHI

The ninth session of the ■ "Inspiring Next Gen Talent" has been conducted by the Parampara Family Business Institute (PFBI) in collaboration with the GMR Varalakshmi Foundation (GMRVF) aiming to benefit participants with the knowledge and wisdom the engagement of the next generation in robust family governance and the importance of storytelling which includes researching the history of their family and business allowing the next generation to feel that they are playing their part in the history of Family Business.

"Today's family business leaders and the next-gen family members must engage in

regular conversations on family's contributions, legacy, identity, values, and vision. The seniors need to be relentless, creative, and patient to effectively communicate with the next-gen for building awareness, infusing pride, and excit-ing and inspiring them to be responsible owners. The nextgen need to feel the urge and deep sense of responsibility to be the torch bearers of tomorrow." deliberated Sougata Ray, while addressing the event. Prasad Kumar concluded

that the Intergenerational cocreation of a desirable future is of strategic importance in a family business. Trusting relationships and meaningful communication across generations are strategic ingredients of the family business.

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CHAMPIONS STUNNED

rance coach Didier Deschamps, whose team were already through to the knockouts, made nine changes but they were a shadow of their usual selves and Khazri punished them in the 58th minute at Education City Stadium.

Tunisia then had to hold on for the victory as an Antoine Griezmann goal in stoppage time was disallowed following a VAR review.

Khazri, who grew up in Corsica and plays in Ligue 1 for Montpellier, was one of six players in the Tunisian line-up who were born on French soil and he was capped by France at Under-21 level.

There is a large Tunisian community in France who will savour the result, the country's first win against European opposition at a World Cup and just their third ever in 18 matches at the tournament.

However, they needed Australia to drop points in the day's other Group D game to stand a chance of reaching the last 16 for the first time.

The Socceroos' 1-0 win over Denmark means it is they who go through with France.

The world champions and Australia finished level on six points, but France top the section on goal difference and will await the Group C runners-up in the last-16 on Sunday

Les Bleus had been the first team to secure a place in the next round after winning their opening two games in Qatar so it was no surprise that Deschamps opted to make

Kylian Mbappe was one of those to drop out, with Eintracht Frankfurt's Randal Kolo Muani getting his first international start up

There was also a start at rightback for Axel Disasi, the first outfield



Real Madrid midfielder Eduardo Camavinga started at left-back.

Griezmann denied equaliser France were unrecognisable as Deschamps repeated what he had done four years ago, when he made sweeping changes for the final group game against Denmark.

The result then was a soporific 0-0 draw which did not ultimately stop France from winning the title.

This time France's second string performed as if they had never played together before and Tunisia with a partisan crowd behind them — sensed their chance as they looked to get beyond the group stage at a World Cup for the first time.

The crowd erupted when Tunisia put the ball in the net just eight minutes in.

Nader Ghandri diverted a Khazri free-kick past Steve Mandanda, but he was just offside.

Starting at this World Cup for the first time, captain Khazri also stung the palms of Mandanda with a volley in the 35th minute, while a shot that Kingsley Coman skewed well wide was as close as France

They were disjointed, and it was no surprise when Tunisia took the

France appealed in vain for a foul as Youssouf Fofana was dispossessed by Ellyes Skhiri, and Khazri ran through before slotting a shot past Mandanda.

Deschamps then sent on Mbappe as well as Griezmann and Ousmane Dembele in an attempt to avoid France's first World Cup group-stage defeat since their disastrous 2010 campaign.

Griezmann thought he had equalised deep into injury time when he volleyed home inside the box, but the referee disallowed the goal for offside after a lengthy VAR



Spirited Australia beat Denmark to reach knockouts

Australia joined France in the Round of 16, defeating Denmark 1-0 in their final Group D fixture of the ongoing FIFA World Cup 2022, at the Al Janoub Stadium in Qatar, on Wednesday. With the score level at 0-0 at half-time, Mathew Leckie scored a stunning solo goal in the 60th-minute to hand Australia the crucial win. It looked like Tunisia enter the Round of 16 after having grabbed a goal via Wahbi Khazri in the 58th-minute, but Leckie's goal settled the Aussie nerves. Tunisia ended up winning 1-0 at the Education City Stadium.

moved in and around a Danish defender, eventually lacing a left-footed shot that beat goal-keeper Kasper Schmeichel diving to his left. Australia finished with six

around the center circle and

the knockout stage since 2006, the only other time they advanced out of the group stage.

Leckie took a pass just

points in Group D.
The World Cup proved to

be a major disappointment for Denmark after reaching the semifinals in the 2020 European Championship. They slogged through a 0-0 draw in their opening match with Tunisia and then recovered in a 2-1 loss

Rashford takes England WC knockouts Pulisic sinks Iran as US advance

England booked a World Cup last 16 clash against Senegal as Marcus Rashford and Phil Foden inspired a 3-0 win against Wales that sent their neighbours crashing out of the tournament on Tuesday.

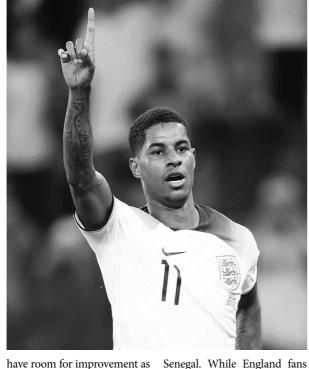
Gareth Southgate's side sealed first place in Group B thanks to key contributions from Rashford and Foden after they were restored to the team

Foden showed why there has been such a clamour for him to start as he won the free-kick that Rashford converted to break the deadlock early in the second half at the Ahmad bin Ali Stadium in Doha.

Foden doubled England's lead just seconds later to effectively ended the one-sided 'Battle of Britain' and Rashford struck again to ensure Wales' first World Cup since 1958 ended in disappointment.
With Foden and Rashford

providing the cutting edge so lacking in their previous match — a dour goalless draw against the United States — England won for just the second time in their last nine games.

A spluttering first half showed the Three Lions still



they chase a first major trophy since the 1966 World Cup.

But the ruthless way they demolished Wales after the break provided encouragement ahead of Sunday's showdown with Group A runners-up

Senegal. While England fans regard Germany and Scotland as their main rivals, Wales have never hidden how much they enjoy getting one over on their hated neighbours.

The Wales squad were famously filmed celebrating

England's embarrassing Euro 2016 exit against Iceland, while Welsh striker Kieffer Moore recently said he would love to knock the English out of the World Cup.

With those slights in mind, condemning Wales to elimina-

tion was a welcome bonus for England. But more importantly they eased the angst that had mounted since they were booed off after the lethargic United States stalemate that followed their 6-2 rout of Iran in the group opener.

RASHFORD 'BELONGS' ON WC STAGE: MAGUIRE

AP ■ DOHA

 $M_{\text{catching performance in}}^{\text{arcus Rashford's eye-}}$ England's 3-0 win against Wales shows he "belongs" on the World Cup stage, according to Manchester United and international teammate Harry Maguire. Maguire said he was delighted to see his clubmate back in top form after a tough year in which he slipped out of the international picture due to fitness issues and a loss of

"I'm really pleased for Marcus," said Maguire.

"Over the last year or so obviously he's been out of the England team and England set-up. I think he's really found his form again this season for

Manchester United. He's a massive player for our club."

Rashford had not kicked a ball for England since missing a penalty in the Euro 2020 final shootout against Italy last year when he arrived in Qatar. He endured a difficult sea-

son for United following the defeat at Wembley, making just 13 Premier League starts in 2021/22 and scoring just four times in the top flight.

But he forced his way back into Gareth Southgate's squad after impressing for United this season.

And Rashford has made up for lost time in Qatar, scoring a goal as a substitute in England's opening 6-2 win against Iran before his two strikes on

It is Australia's first time in

hristian Pulisic fired the United States into the last 16 of the World Cup on Tuesday as the Americans downed Iran 1-0 in their politically charged grudge match. Chelsea star Pulisic bundled

home the do-or-die Group B game's only goal on 38 minutes to set up a second round clash with Group A winners the Netherlands on Saturday.

The victory was no less oach Gregg B youthful side deserved in what was only the third international football clash between the bitter ideological rivals.

The build-up to a pulsating showdown had been marked by steadily escalating tension, with Iran's Football Federation on Sunday demanding FIFA sanction ÚS Soccer for posting a modified version of their country's flag on social media.

But despite an electrifying atmosphere at Doha's Al Thumama Stadium, Tuesday's game played out without controversy as the US avenged their 1998 World Cup defeat to Iran to send the Asian qualifiers crashing out of the tournament.

Iran's fans had roared their team onto the field at the start of the game amid a deafening



cacophony of air-horns and cheers from the crowd of 42,127.

But despite the intimidating reception it was the Americans who looked more comfortable, quickly establishing their dominance. US captain Tyler Adams and Juventus' Weston McKennie controlled proceedings in midfield to leave Iran struggling to gain foothold.

After sustained US pressure, the breakthrough finally came in the 38th minute.

A brilliant crossfield pass from McKennie picked out Dest down the right.

The AC Milan defender headed back across goal and Pulisic was on hand to bravely finish.

There was alarm for US fans with Pulisic needing sustained treatment after a heavy collision with Beiranvand but it was the Iranians and their noisy fans who were left winded by the

Frappart to be first | Spain face Japan looking woman referee at men's WC



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Stephanie Frappart will become the first woman to referee a men's World Cup match after FIFA announced on Tuesday that she will take charge of Thursday's Group E match between Germany and Costa

France's Frappart is one of three women referees among the 36 selected for the tournament in Qatar, alongside Rwandan official Salima Mukansanga and

Japan's Yoshimi Yamashita. Three other female officials have travelled to the World Cup as assistant referees.

For the 38-year-old Frap-part, refereeing her men's World Cup match is the latest step in a rapid rise to the top level in Europe.

She was the first woman to referee in France's Ligue 1 in 2019, the same year she took charge of the women's World Cup final in her home country.

Frappart also officiated the 2019 UEFA Super Cup final between Liverpool and Chelsea, before refereeing the Champions League in 2020 and then the French Cup final last season.

to seal last-16 spot **AP** ■ DOHA After conceding late to miss out on a vic-tory against Germany, Spain finds itself

with some work left to do against Japan to guarantee its spot in the round of 16 at the

It doesn't need much, though, as a draw on Thursday will be enough, and even a loss may allow La Roja to advance depending on the other Group E result between Germany and Costa Rica.

Japan doesn't have it as easy, but a win will guarantee the Japanese a place in the knockout stage for a second straight time. It would be the first time Japan advances past the group stage in back-to-back tournaments. If Japan loses, though, it will head home no matter what. The Japanese opened their campaign with a surprising win over four-time champions Germany before losing to Costa Rica. They were eliminated by Belgium in the last 16 in Russia.

Spain, which conceded an 83rd-minute equalizer against Germany, may also go home with a loss if Costa Rica beats Germany or if the Germans win big to overcome Spain's goal difference after La Roja's 7-0 opening win over Costa Rica.



A victory at Khalifa International Stadium will guarantee Spain first place in the group, and keep it on track for a possible matchup with five-time champions Brazil in the quarterfinals. Spain enters the final round with four points, one more than both Japan and Costa Rica. Germany has one point.

We are not thinking about our opponents in the knockout rounds," Spain midfielder Koke Resurrección said. "We need

to beat Japan first and then we'll see which team we'll have to play against. If it's Brazil in the quarterfinals, so be it, and we'll try to prepare for it as best as possible. Germany's chances of staying alive in

Qatar will largely depend on Spain winning its match against Japan. Then a victory over Costa Rica would be enough for the What may not help Germany is the fact

that Spain coach Luis Enrique is expected to rotate some of his players after making only one change from the first to the second game — Dani Carvajal coming in for César Azpilicueta in the right back position.

Teenager Gavi, who started in the first two matches, trained separately from the group after the 1-1 draw with Germany because of a knock on a knee. He was expected to be available for Thursday's match but was not likely to start.

Another midfielder expected to be rested is 34-year-old Sergio Busquets, the only remaining player from Spain's World Cup-winning squad in 2010. Striker Álvaro Morata, who scored a goal in each of the first two matches after coming off the bench, could get a spot in the starting lineup against

Under-pressure Belgium not 'in crisis mode', says Castagne

Belgium are not in "crisis mode" ahead of their crucial World Cup match against Croatia despite rumours of infighting and division in the squad, full-back Timothy Castagne said on Wednesday.

The world's second-ranked side have to win at the Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium on Thursday to be sure of reaching the last 16 after a surprising 2-0 loss to Morocco.

Belgium have reached at least the quarter-finals at each of the past four major tournaments but have struggled in Oatar, labouring to a 1-0 win

over Canada in their opener. However, Leicester defend-

er Castagne said spirits in the camp were high.

"Our confidence isn't as low as people think," he said. "We know that we have our destiny in our own hands. It's true we didn't play so well in the first two matches but we're not in crisis mode like some people are saying in the press.



Belgium will have to push for the win as a draw would leave them needing Morocco to lose heavily to Canada in order for the Belgians to go through.

Morocco, like Croatia, can secure their place in the knockout phase by avoiding defeat.

IEW ZEALAND WIN ODI SERIES AGAINST IND

sloppy India lost the three-match ODI series against New Zealand 0-1 after rain washed out the third and final game here on Wednesday.

Chasing 220, New Zealand were cruising at 104/1 in 18 overs, 50 runs ahead of the Duckworth-Lewis par score, when rain interrupted the game yet again in the white-ball series.

Kane Williamson and Co, needing just 116 runs from as many as 32 overs, though had to be content with a 'no result' as the game was two overs short to

be technically called complete. Having won the first ODI in Auckland by seven wickets, New Zealand thus sealed the series 1-0.

The second match in Hamilton, too, was abandoned

after two stoppages. Overall, only two matches in the six-ball white-ball series produced result, exposing the poor planning on part of the concerned authorities. The series was organised less than a week after the T20 World Cup in neighbouring Australia.

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policy. It all began with an inspiring bowling show by the Kiwi pacers with comeback man Adam Milne (3/57) and Daryl Mitchell (7-0-25-3) bundling out India for 219 in 47.3 overs after Kane Williamson won a good toss at an overcast Hagley Oval.

The likes of Rishabh Pant (10 off 16 balls), Suryakumar Yadav (6; 10b) and Deepak Hooda (12; 25b) were the biggest failures as they lacked application and failed to bide time after Milne rocked the top-order.

Seeking to save the series, India found themselves in a spot of bother, losing half of the side in 25.3 overs.

But thanks to the efforts by Washington Sundar (51 off 64 balls; 5x4s, 1x6) and Shreyas Iyer (49; 59b) India managed to get past the 200-run mark.

Mline, who sat out the second ODI, took the opening duo of Shubman Gill (13; 22b) and Shikhar Dhawan (28; 45b) after Matt Henry stifled them with a tidy bowling display (10-2-29-0), before Mitchell and Tim Southee (8.3-1-36-2) wrapped up the issue.

Dhawan and his men were As for India, the series further disappointed by an inexexposed their flawed selection perienced bowling attack as



they struggled to get a breakthrough.

Finn Allen (57 fr balls; 8x4, 1x6) smash fourth ODI fifty and his opening partnership with Conway (38) set the tor

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After a sedate start — 28 for

limited bowling options as the Kiwis shone in their own conditions.

The Indian batters showed a lack of application as Milne and Mitchell led New Zealand's fine bowling show.

The spin bowling all-rounder, who showed his mettle with the bat with a 37 not out from 16 balls in India's 306 for 7 in the first ODI, anchored the show with his maiden ODI fifty after Iyer failed to convert a promising start.

Among the designated batters, only Iver looked in control and played some delectable shots before being dismissed by a well-judged forward-running catch by Devon Conway off Lockie Ferguson's bowling.

Iyer hit eight fluent boundaries during his 59-ball knock but fell one run short of fifty as India looked in deep trouble, losing half of their side for 121 runs.

Williamson stood out with his captaincy and cleverly rotated his bowlers. Asked to bat

Dhawan struggled with his partner Dhawan looked to attack.

Dhawan stepped out to Southee with disdain in the third over but the bowler bounced back with a maiden in his next over. Henry, on the other end, was at his tidy best.

The Indian openers began to break free towards the end of powerplay.

Gill began scoring with successive fours off Milne, but soon lost his patience and chipped one to the square leg for a soft dismissal.

Desperate to step up the run-rate, Dhawan played on to

become Milne's second victim. Having taken T20 cricket by storm, Suryakumar failed to spend time in the middle and became Milne's third scalp.

Hooda, who retained his spot despite criticism surrounding Sanju Samson's axe in the second ODI, failed to impress yet again and got out for 12.

After Iyer failed to convert his start, India were in desperate need of a partnership with

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS **NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 24th November, 2022

S.O. 5493(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (Four/Six laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of 4/6 lane (Green Field) access control expressway from Varanasi to Kolkata in the State of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-II (Lot-9 Package-3) Under PIU Ramgarh in the stretch of land from Km. 268+700 to Km. 314.200 in the district of Hazaribagh in the state of JHARKHAND, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land

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

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, D.L.A.O Hazaribagh in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

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

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling 4/6 lane (Green Field) access control expressway from Varanasi to Kolkata in the State of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-II (Lot-9 Package-3) Under PIU Ramgarh in the stretch of land from Km. 268+700 to Km. 314.200 in the district of Hazaribagh in the state of JHARKHAND.

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