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Bhopal: At least 12 passengers were killed and two others missing after a Maharashtra State transport bus fell into the Narmada river from a bridge in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar district on Monday, officials said.

GIRL'S TORTURE DEATH:
2 TEACHERS ARRESTED

Kallakurichi: Two teachers of a school near here were arrested on Monday in connection with the death of a girl student, police said. The two teachers teaching Mathematics and Chemistry face allegations from the dead girl's family and it includes torturing their child over her studies

NUPUR MOVES SC AGAIN
FOR CLUBBING OF FIRS

New Delhi: The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Tuesday the fresh plea of former BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma seeking revival of her withdrawn petition seeking clubbing of FIRs lodged in several States over her remarks on Prophet in a TV debate show.

SRI LANKA PRESIDENT
IMPOSES EMERGENCY

Columbo: Sri Lanka's Acting President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Monday imposed emergency giving him sweeping powers ahead of the key election on July 20 to pick a new president as he urged the political parties to put aside differences and form an all-party government, with the Opposition dubbing his decision as an "undemocratic draconian act".

Govt forms MSP panel to discuss ways to make system effective

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Eight months after announcing the repeal of farm laws, the Centre on Monday set up a 29-member committee, as promised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to see how to make the minimum support price (MSP) more effective and transparent.

Besides, it will also suggest measures to promote zero-budget natural farming and crop diversification to fulfil the changing food security requirement.

Former agriculture secretary Sanjay Agarwal will head the committee. The representatives from the Centre and State Governments, farmers, agricultural scientists and agricultural economists have been taken into the committee.

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Cross-voting in favour of Murmu; turnout 99%

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The Presidential poll on Monday saw over 99 per cent electoral turnout which included, among others, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, and Home Minister Amit Shah.

The poll saw cross-voting in favour of NDA candidate Droupadi Murmu at the cost of Opposition candidate Yashwant Sinha.

According to the Election Commission, out of a total 4,796 electors in the list of the electoral college for the Presidential election, over 99 per cent cast their votes.

The commission said ten States — Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Sikkim, and Tamil Nadu — and the Union Territory of Puducherry reported 100 per cent voting by MLAs.

NDA presidential candidate Murmu is certain to win the poll against Sinha. If elected, she will be the first tribal to hold the highest Constitutional post in the country.

The NDA candidate's vote percentage has widened from 48 per cent to 60 per cent with the support of non-NDA Opposition parties, including Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, JDS, BSP, Shiv Sena, AIADMK, and Akali Dal.

Andhra Pradesh's ruling YSR Congress and Odisha's



Prime Minister Narendra Modi casts his vote for the election of the President, at Parliament House in New Delhi on Monday PTI

BJD had announced their support ahead of the filing of Presidential papers.

Sinha, who is projected as a joint-Opposition candidate, did not get the backing from all the Opposition formations with many of like JMM, JDS and Akali Dal switching sides to support Murmu creating fissures in the Opposition camp in the run-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

Modi, Manmohan, Shah, and Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi cast their votes at the Parliament house. Singh and former UP

Chief Minister Mulayam Singh Yadav came in wheel-chairs to cast their votes.

While MPs thronged Parliament's Room number 63 which had been converted into a polling station to cast their vote, MLAs headed to State Assemblies.

A total of 4,809 electors, including 776 MPs and 4,033 elected MLAs, were entitled to vote in the election but nominated MPs and MLAs, and Members of the Legislative Council are not eligible to vote in the Presidential poll.

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Dhankhar files papers for V-P election

New Delhi: Set to become India's next Vice President, NDA candidate Jagdeep Dhankhar said on Monday he will always strive to enhance democratic values as he filed nomination in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other senior members of the parties supporting his bid.

Soon after oath in LS, Simranjit Mann demands 'Khalistan'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Controversial Sangrur MP Simranjit Singh Mann on Monday took oath in the name of Constitution, but soon after the SAD (Amritsar) president raised the demand for a separate country for Sikhs.

Mann met Speaker Om Birla in his chamber and took oath at the Speaker's office.

Taking oath in Punjabi, Mann said, "I affirm the faith in the Indian Constitution." Three other new members were administered the oath in the Lok Sabha chamber.

Maan had resigned as an MP in 1990 for being denied an entry with his kripian, but on Monday he agreed to leave it outside after he was stopped from carrying it.

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India reports 2nd monkeypox case

5 days after first case, Kannur man who came from Dubai tests +ve

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Kerala on Monday reported India's second case of monkeypox, just five days after it detected the first case. With these cases, India has become a first country in the WHO South-East Asia region to report such infections.

Following the reports of two confirmed cases, the Centre on Monday issued an alert to ports and airports to ensure strict health screening of international travellers to contain the spread of the infection.

The meeting was attended by airport and port health officers and regional directors from regional offices of health and family welfare department, the Government said.

"They were advised to ensure strict health screening of all arriving international travellers which can minimise the risk of importation of monkeypox cases into the country. They were advised and re-oriented in the clinical presentation of monkeypox disease as per MoHFW's guidelines for management of monkeypox disease," it said.

They were also advised to



coordinate with other stakeholder agencies like immigration at international ports and airports to streamline health screening processes.

Kerala Health Minister Veena George said a 31-year-old man from Kannur has tested positive for monkeypox. The patient had landed at the Mangalore airport in coastal Karnataka from Dubai on July 13.

He was admitted to hospital after he exhibited symptoms of the disease. His samples were sent to the National Institute of Virology, Pune, and they tested positive for the virus, the official said.

Reacting to the cases emerging from India, Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia, said, "The region has been on alert for the monkeypox. Countries have

been taking measures to rapidly detect and take appropriate measures to prevent spread of the monkeypox."

The WHO has been supporting member countries in the region to assess the risk for monkeypox and strengthen their capacities to prepare and respond to the evolving multi-country outbreak, she said. Over 6,000 cases of monkeypox and three deaths have been reported from across 60 countries since the beginning of the year. More cases can be expected as surveillance expands.

On July 15, India reported the first confirmed case of monkeypox from Kollam district, prompting the Central Health Ministry to rush a high-level multi-disciplinary team to Kerala to assist the State health authorities in instituting public health measures.

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India now defence exporter, import cut down by 21% in 5 years: Modi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said India has now emerged as a defence exporter and has reduced its import by over 21 per cent in the last four to five years. Stressing the need for self-reliance in defence manufacturing, he also said the Indian soldiers will have weapons which the opponent will not even think of.

Underlining these priorities, the Prime Minister said a new defence ecosystem is being developed in India where imports are being brought down and exports are on the rise. Addressing the Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) seminar "Swavlamban" here, Modi said, "We developed the habit of being dependent on foreign countries for even the simplest products. Like drug addicts, we



were addicted to the products imported from abroad. To change this mindset, we worked on a mission mode after 2014, after learning from the approach of the past, to create a new ecosystem of defence with the help of 'Sabka Prayas'.

He said "aatmanirbharta" (self reliance) in defence is

very crucial for the India of the 21st century.

"Creating 75 indigenous techs for the Navy by August 15 next year is the first step. The goal should be to take India's defence to unprecedented heights by the time we celebrate 100 years of Independence," the Prime Minister said.

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SC stays action against Zubair, calls spate of FIRs a vicious cycle

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday directed that no precipitative steps be taken against Alt News co-founder Mohammad Zubair in connection with five FIRs lodged against him in Uttar Pradesh for allegedly outraging religious feelings.

The apex court observed that it seems to be a "vicious cycle" where the moment Zubair gets bail in one case, there is another FIR against him. A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and AS Bopanna said it would hear on July 20 the plea filed by Zubair, seeking quashing of these FIRs.

In the meantime, we direct that no precipitative steps shall be taken against the petitioner (Zubair) in connection



with any of the five FIRs, which have been extracted above (in the order), without the leave of this court," the bench said while issuing notice on his plea.

"What seems to be happening is the moment he got bail in Delhi, he got bail in Sitapur, the moment that happens, there is another FIR or he is produced in another FIR," the bench orally observed while terming it a "vicious cycle".

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Uddhav sacks 2 Sena leaders for being in touch with CM Shinde

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Cracking the whip on his party functionaries violating discipline amid the formation of a National Executive Committee by rebel Sena faction leadership, Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray on Monday sacked party's two senior leaders — Ramdas Kadam and Anand Adsul — for having been in regular touch with Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.

On a day when 12 rebel MPs of the total 22 Sena MPs attended a meeting of MPs chaired by Shinde, Uddhav expelled Kadam — who was in the past Shiv Sena's leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly — and former MP Adsul, both of whom had closely worked with late Balasaheb Thackeray.

Simultaneously, Uddhav

— in an apparent effort to regain control over the party after the recent Shinde-triggered rebellion — appointed over 100 new office bearers in various districts across the State. However, details of new appointments were not immediately available.

Meanwhile, after chairing a meeting of party MPs online in which 12 of the 22 MPs were present, Shinde headed for New Delhi.

It is his second visit to the national Capital after taking over as the new Chief Minister on June 30. It comes ahead of a bench of the Supreme Court headed Chief Justice of India NV Ramana hearing a clutch of petitions relating to the disqualification of Shiv Sena MLAs in the wake of Shinde-engineered rebellion within the Shiv Sena.

Kadam (58), whom

Uddhav sacked summarily along with Adsul, was a Sena leader from the coastal Konkan region for nearly three decades.

A four-time MLA and two-time MLC, Kadam has served as a Minister in the erstwhile BJP-Shiv Sena Government. His son, Yogesh Kadam, is an MLA who joined the Shinde faction of the Shiv Sena last month.

A five-time former MP from the Vidarbha region, Adsul (75) had served as Minister of State for Finance in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government. His son Anand Adsul is a former MLA from Daryapur. Earlier in the day, Kadam wrote to Uddhav virtually challenging his leadership and resigned as "leader" of Shiv Sena. "Balasaheb Thackeray made me a 'leader' of the Shiv Sena," he said.

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Enraged over comments against wife by his colleagues, a policeman deployed at the Rohini's Haiderpur water treatment plant in the national Capital shot dead three of his colleagues on Monday and later surrendered at Samaypur Badli police station.

During initial investigation, the accused told the police that three of his colleagues caused him mental harassment by saying "objectionable things" about his wife, said Dependra Pathak, Special Commissioner of Police, Law and Order.

The police said the accused identified as Prabin Rai (32) and the three deceased were Sikkim Police personnel deployed at the plant for its security as part of the Indian Reserve Battalion (IRB).

The deceased have been



identified as Commander Pinto Namgyal Bhutia (batch 2012, same as the accused), constables Indra Lal Chhetri and Dhanhang Subba (both of 2013 batch).

The police said Bhutia and Chhetri died on the spot, Subba was declared dead at the hospital.

According to a senior police official, a PCR call was received at KNK Marg police station regarding firing in Haiderpur water treatment plant following which a police team rushed to the spot.

"Upon reaching the spot, it was found that three men belonging to the Sikkim Police had been shot at, of which two had died on the spot and one was critically wounded and transferred to BSA hospital where he was declared brought dead," said the senior police official.

"After Rai surrendered, he told police that around 3 pm, he shot his colleagues at Haiderpur Water Treatment Plant Barrack," police said, adding that further investigation is going on.

Aaj jane ki zid na karo... But Bhupinder leaves

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Legendary ghazal singer L Bhupinder Singh died on Monday due to suspected colon cancer and Covid-19-related complications at a Mumbai hospital, his wife Mitali Singh said. He was 82.

Singh was best known for songs such as 'Duniya Chhute Yaar Na Chhute' (Dharam Kanta), 'Thodi Si Zameen Thoda Aasman' (Sitara), which he sang with the late legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar, 'Dil Dhoondta Hai' (Mausam), 'Naam Gum Jayega' (Kinara).

"He was admitted to the hospital eight to ten days ago as he had some infection in the urine. After tests were performed, he tested positive for Covid-19. He passed away at around 7.45 pm due to suspected colon cancer and had



Covid-19," Mitali Singh, a well-known singer, told PTI. The couple has a son.

In his five-decade long career, Bhupinder, born in Amritsar, Punjab, had worked with the biggest names of the music industry such as Mohammed Rafi, RD Burman,

Lata Mangeshkar, Asha Bhosle and Bappi Lahiri, among others. The couple sang many popular songs, including 'Do Diwane Shahar Mein', 'Naam Gum Jayega', 'Kabhi Kisi Ko Mukammal' and 'Ek Akela is Shehar Mein' among others. PTI

16th Sino-india talks fail to break Ladakh logjam

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The 16th round of talks between military commanders of India and China failed to break the logjam regarding the ongoing stand-offs at the three friction points in Ladakh. The two sides, however, agreed to continue the process of dialogue to forge a consensus for the early disengagement of troops from the face-off sites.

The Corps Commander-level talks were held on Sunday for more than 11 hours at the Chushul-Moldo border meeting point at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh on the Indian side. Leh-based 14 Corps Chief Lt General Anindya Sengupta led the Indian delegation and Major

General Yang Lin led his team from China.

The official joint statement issued on Monday said "building on the progress made at the last meeting on 11th March 2022, the two sides continued discussions for the resolution of the relevant issues along the LAC in the Western Sector in a constructive and forward-looking manner."

They had a frank and in-depth exchange of views in this regard, in keeping with the guidance provided by the State Leaders to work for the resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest. The two sides reaffirmed that the resolution of the remaining issues would help in the restoration of peace and tranquility along the LAC in the Western Sector and enable progress in bilateral

relations.

In the interim, the two sides agreed to maintain the security and stability on the ground in the Western Sector. The two sides agreed to stay in close contact and maintain dialogue through military and diplomatic channels and work out a mutually acceptable resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest.

The two sides reviewed the present situation prevailing on the ground at the friction points in Eastern Ladakh and agreed to maintain peace and tranquility and avoid escalating tension, sources said here.

The Indian delegation also brought up the issue of Chinese fighter jets transgressing the no fly zone close to the LAC in Ladakh which may lead to more tension, they said. The

most recent case was reported in June when a Chinese jet came close to the LAC on its side. The two countries have a pact that no jets can fly within ten kms of the border on either side.

Besides this issue, the talks focused on firming up a process for disengagement from friction points at Depsang Valley, Demchok, and Hot Springs, they said. India has all along stressed that the complete withdrawal of Chinese troops from the stand-off sites and status quo ante as prevailing prior to May 2020 are the prerequisites for restoring normal ties between the two countries.

At present, more than 50,000 troops each from both sides are facing each other at the LAC thereby leading to tension in the border areas.

Court upholds conviction of Ansal brothers in Uphaar cinema fire case

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A city court on Monday upheld the conviction of real estate tycoons Sushil and Gopal Ansal for tampering with evidence in a case related to the 1997 Uphaar cinema fire, which had claimed 59 lives.

District Judge Dharmesh Sharma dismissed the appeal filed by real estate barons and two others challenging their conviction by a magisterial court.

The court will hear arguments on the quantum of punishment Tuesday.

The court, however, acquitted one co-accused, Anup Singh, in the case and granted him bail.

A magisterial court had convicted and awarded 7-year jail terms to Ansals in the case, besides imposing a fine of Rs

2.25 crore on each of them.

Besides Ansals, the court had also awarded 7-year jail terms to former court staff Dinesh Chand Sharma and two others -- P P Batra and Anoop Singh -- and had imposed a fine of three lakh rupees each on them.

The case is related to tampering with the evidence in the main fire tragedy case in which the Ansals were convicted and sentenced to a 2-year jail term by the Supreme Court.

The apex court, however, released them taking into account the prison time they had done on the condition that they pay a Rs 30 crore fine each, to be used for building a trauma centre in the national capital.

The fire had broken out at the Uphaar cinema during the screening of the Hindi film 'Border' on June 13, 1997, claiming 59 lives.

PWD builds sump, installs pumps to end flooding at Pul Prahladpur

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Public Works Department (PWD) has built a huge sump at Pul Prahladpur underpass here and installed additional motor pumps to ensure waterlogging does not take place there during this monsoon season.

The underpass, which is among PWD's seven critical waterlogging points and also a crucial link between southeast and south Delhi, gets inundated every monsoon and is shut for vehicular movement leading to traffic snarls. Traffic movement was shut at the underpass after it was inundated during the

first monsoon showers on June 30. In May this year, a man also drowned in waterlogged Pul Prahladpur underpass.

According to a senior PWD official, the capacity of the sump constructed at Pul Prahladpur underpass, located on Mehrauli Badarpur (MB) Road, is 7.5 lakh litre which will help in solving waterlogging issue there.

He said that the number of "problem specific" solutions have been taken to solve the issue of waterlogging at Delhi's seven critical points.

At the Pul Prahladpur underpass, the main cause of waterlogging is overflow of a

nearby sewer line of the Delhi Jal Board (DJB), the official said. "To overcome this issue, we have completed construction of a huge sump having 7.5 lakh litre capacity and have also laid a separate pipeline to discharge the storm water in a nearby MCD nullah.

"A permanent pump house having six motors with a capacity of 100 horse power each has also been set up here to ooze out water and clear the underpass," the official told.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had last year announced that city's drainage system will be "overhauled" and made "world class."

Govt forms MSP panel to discuss...

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The Government has opened a door for the farmers' union Sanyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) under which hundreds of farmers from Punjab, Haryana and Western UP had staged protests at Delhi borders for over a year pressing their demand on the legal guarantee of the MSP. The Government had earlier asked the SKM to provide at least three names, which it has not provided to the Government.

The SKM is yet to take any official stand on the formation of the committee but have put question marks over the term of reference and composition of the committee. The committee will give its report on making available MSP to farmers of the country by making the system more effective and transparent. It will

also suggest giving more autonomy to the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) and measures to make it more scientific.

"To strengthen the Agricultural Marketing System as per the changing requirements of the country to ensure higher value to the farmers through remunerative prices of their produce by taking advantage of the domestic and export opportunities" The notification issued by the Ministry of Agriculture said.

The other members of the committee are Ramesh Chand, a member of the NITI Aayog, agriculture economists Dr CSC Shekhar (Indian Institute of Economic Development) and Dr Sukhpal Singh (IIM, Ahmedabad), farmers from other organization - Gunwant

Uddhav sacks 2 Sena leaders...

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However, after this death, I experienced that the post now has no value," Kadam stated in his letter to the Sena president. Kadam in his letter pointed out that during 2019, he was among those who requested not to have an alliance with the NCP and Congress.

Kadam had been sidelined within the Shiv Sena for quite some time, as he did not have good equations with former minister and MLC Anil Parab, who is a confidant of Uddhav.

In his letter, Kadam claimed that his son Yogesh had been "insulted" several times in the recent past. He said when

Uddhav was the Chief Minister and was busy, senior leaders of the party were not taken into confidence.

On his part, Adsul had resigned as "leader" of Shiv Sena last week. Adsul has been on the scanner of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in an alleged money laundering case.

In a related development, Shinde announced the formation of the National Executive of his party.

Shinde is the "chief leader" of the new National Executive. He also chaired a meeting of MPs via video conference. Twelve out of the 22 MPs attended the meeting.

The Shiv Sena has 19 Lok Sabha MPs - 18 from Maharashtra, while one is from Dadra & Nagar Haveli. The Sena has three Rajya Sabha members -- Sanjay Raut, Anil Desai and Priyanka Chaturvedi.

It is not certain as yet whether the new Shinde group of Sena MPs will get recognition as a group on Tuesday or post

Wednesday's Supreme Court hearing when the apex court's Constitutional bench hears the plea of disqualification of Shinde and other MLAs besides a bunch of petitions.

While Deepak Kesarkar has been appointed as a Sena spokesperson, Ramdas Kadam and Anand Rao Adsul - who were sacked from the parent party --- have been appointed as "leaders".

In addition, Yashwant Jadhav, Gulabrao Patil, Uday Samant, Sharad Ponkshe, Tanaji Sawant, Vijay Nahata, Shivajirao Adharao Patil have been appointed as "deputy leaders".

In New Delhi, the MPs met at Shiv Sena's Parliamentary Party leader Sanjay Raut's residence - in which RS MPs - Chaturvedi and Desai were present besides LS MPs - Vinayak Raut, Arvind Sawant and Omraje Nimalkar were present. Senior leader Gajanan Kirtikar could not make it to the meeting as he was ailing.

Talking to media persons in the national Capital, Raut dubbed the Shinde-headed Maharashtra Government as "illegal". "Given that the Supreme Court hearing is pending and we have initiated legal proceedings of disqualification against 16 MLAs, the Maharashtra Government itself is illegal. If the same fate Shinde MPs in the Lok Sabha. We will move the court against the MPs concerned, if Shinde tries to form a separate group in Parliament," he said.

India now defence exporter, import...

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Modi said in the last eight years, his Government increased the defence budget and ensured that it is useful in the development of defence manufacturing ecosystem in India. He also complemented the defence forces for preparing a list of 300 items that will not be imported.

On equipping the soldiers with modern weapons, the Prime Minister said, "We have the talent. It's not smart to let my soldiers go to the field with the same 10 weapons that the world has... I can't take the risk. My jawan will have what the opponent won't even think of..." he said.

Referring to the importance of oceans and coasts in India's economy, the Prime Minister said the role of the

Indian Navy is continuously increasing and therefore self-reliance of the Navy is of critical importance.

The Prime Minister noted that now the threats to national security have also become widespread, the methods of warfare are also changing.

Modi also unveiled 'SPRINT Challenges', which are aimed at giving a boost to the usage of indigenous technology in the Indian Navy. As a part of the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav", the NIIO, in conjunction with the Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO), aims at inducting at least 75 new indigenous technologies into the Indian Navy. This collaborative project is named SPRINT (Supporting Pole-Vaulting in R&D through IDEX, NIIO and TDAC).

India reports 2nd monkeypox...

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The team shall work closely with the State health departments and take stock of the on-ground situation and recommend necessary public health interventions, the officials had said. "The Government is taking proactive steps by monitoring the situation carefully and coordinating with the States in case of any such possibility of outbreak," the Ministry had said.

According to the WHO Regional Director, "Monkeypox requires collective attention and coordinated action to stop its further spread. In addition to using

public health measures and ensuring health tools are available to at-risk populations and shared fairly, it is important to work with communities to ensure that people who are most at risk, have the information and support they need to protect themselves and others."

Monkeypox virus is transmitted from infected animals to humans via indirect or direct contact. Human-to-human transmission can occur through direct contact with infectious skin or lesions, including face-to-face, skin-to-skin and respiratory droplets.

Soon after oath in LS, Simranjit Mann...

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Mann is always seen carrying a 3-foot-long kirpan across his shoulders, whereas Sikh Parliamentarians are allowed to carry only 9 inches long kirpan as per security protocols of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Mann said he requested the Speaker to make him a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs and Defence.

Talking to reporters after

coming out of Parliament, Mann said he continues to support the issue of Khalistan. "There should be a separate country for Sikhs. And Khalistan would act as a buffer State between two nuclear nations--India and Pakistan," he said. Asked why he is talking about a separate Sikh country while also pledging to protect the integrity of India, he said, "You are trying to corner me over this, but what would you say about what is happening in the Ladakh

region? What is China doing there?"

Mann also defended his controversial remarks on Bhagat Singh. "Bhagat Singh had killed a young, English naval officer. He had killed an Amritdhari Sikh constable. What would you call a person who hurled a bomb on Parliament? Tell me what would you call him?" Mann won the by-election for Sangrur, a seat vacated by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann.

SC stays action against...

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The bench observed that it had requested Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who was present in the court, to assist in the matter. "What is happening Solicitor is that contents of all these FIRs seem to be similar," the bench observed during the hearing.

Earlier in the day, advocate Vrinda Grover, appearing for Zubair, had mentioned the matter for urgent listing before a bench headed by Chief Justice N V Ramana. The CJI directed Grover to mention before Justice Chandrachud's Bench as it was hearing Zubair's earlier bail petition.

In the order, Justice Chandrachud-led bench noted that the subject matter of the present proceedings under Article 32 of the Constitution arises from five FIRs lodged against the petitioner.

"Since the petition is not

on board today, we direct the registry to list it on July 20," the bench said.

During the hearing, Grover said now six FIRs have been registered in Uttar Pradesh against Zubair -- two in Hathras, one each in Sitapur, Lakhimpur Kheri, Muzaffarnagar, and Ghaziabad.

She said once the apex court granted him interim bail in the FIR lodged at Sitapur, a warrant in another FIR came. The fresh plea of Zubair has also challenged the constitution of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) by the Uttar Pradesh Government to probe these cases.

The plea said all the FIRs filed in Uttar Pradesh and transferred to the SIT for investigation are the subject matter of the first FIR which is being probed by the Delhi Police Special Cell.

Delhi Govt to bear half cost for training women

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a bid to provide employment opportunities to women in the public transportation sector, the Delhi government will bear 50 per cent of the cost for each woman undergoing training at its centres.

The government launched a scheme on Monday to provide financial support to women willing to take driver training to become professional taxi drivers in future, said an official statement.

50 per cent of the training cost that is approximately Rs 4,800 would be borne by the transport department for each woman. The training of women will be conducted at in-house driving training centres set up by the government at Burari, Loni and Sarai Kale Khan.

Constitution, the President of India is elected by the Members of an Electoral College consisting of the elected members of both Houses of Parliament, and the elected members of the Legislative Assemblies of all States [including National Capital Territory of Delhi and the Union Territory of Puducherry].

The members nominated to either House of Parliament or the Legislative Assemblies of States, including the NCT of Delhi and Union Territory of Puducherry, are not eligible to be included in the Electoral College.

Hope India will get good Prez: CM

68 MLAs in Delhi
Assembly cast votes in
presidential election

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, his deputy Manish Sisodia, Assembly Speaker Ram Niwas Goel and Leader of the Opposition Ramvir Singh Bidhuri cast their vote in the Presidential polls at the Assembly on Monday, hoping that the country will get a "good" President.

A total of 68 MLAs in the 70-member Delhi Assembly, except Delhi Minister Satyendar Jain and AAP's Mustafabad MLA Haji Yunus cast their votes. While Jain is in judicial custody in an alleged money laundering case being



probed by the Enforcement Directorate, Yunus is in Saudi Arabia for Haj pilgrimage. The Chief Minister, after casting his vote at Delhi Assembly, expressed optimism that the country will get a "strong and prudent" President after the elections.

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, AAP MLAs Shiv Charan Goel and Bhavna Gaur, and BJP's Mohan Singh Bisht were among the early voters. Deputy Speaker



Rakhi Birla, all the Ministers of the Kejriwal Government and the newly-elected Rajinder Nagar MLA Durgesh Pathak, too, cast their votes. NDA candidate Droupadi Murmu is pitted against joint Opposition pick Yashwant Sinha in the poll to elect the next President of the country.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) had earlier announced that it would support Sinha in the polls. Voting began amid tight security arrangements at

the Delhi Assembly premises at 10 A.M. and by 3 P.M. 60 MLAs, including eight from the BJP, had cast their votes, officials said.

Earlier in the day, Delhi Assembly Speaker Ram Niwas Goel said the President of India is the highest constitutional post of the country for which voting was on, according to the due process and rules. With MLAs casting their votes for the presidential poll in the Delhi Assembly building, arrangements were made on Monday to check for any Covid-19 symptoms among those entering the premises.

An isolation room was set up at entry of Assembly building where anyone found with coronavirus-like symptoms was to be kept and checked for the infection before being allowing to proceed further.

Now EWS, special needs students can choose schools in 3 km radius

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Students seeking admission to entry-level classes in private schools under the Economically Weaker Section (EWS), Disadvantaged Group (DG) and Children with Special Needs (CWSN) category will now be able to choose an institution within a three km radius of their residence instead of the earlier one kilometre as first preference.

According to the Officials of Directorate of Education, it came to the government's notice that candidates residing in a neighbourhood within one kilometre of a particular school are usually selected in the computerised draw of lots and chances of those residing between one and three kilometres get minimised as most of the seats gets filled. "In

order to ensure uniform opportunity to more and more desirous parents to seek admission of their wards under EWS, DG and Children With Special Needs (CWSN) category at entry-level classes in private unaided recognised school of their choice of nearby locality, a measure is being adopted by the DoE for making 0 to 3 km as first preference instead of 0 to 1 km in the interest of deserving eligible candidates," Education Director Himanshu Gupta said.

According to the provisions of the Right to Education Act 2009, all private schools in Delhi (except the minorities schools) are required to reserve 25 per cent of seats for EWS and DG students during admissions at the entry level, and compulsorily provide them free education.

Struggling model, girlfriend held with charas worth ₹1cr

The couple was
procuring Malana
Cream and selling
it to DU students



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The Delhi Police's Crime Branch has arrested a 25-year-old struggling model and his girlfriend with more than one kilogram of charas, also known as Malana Cream, worth Rs one crore in the international market. Police said that the duo used to supply drugs to students in Delhi University.

The accused have been identified as Shubham Malhotra, a resident of Old Gupta Colony and Kirti, a resident of Delhi's Mahipalpur area. According to Rohit Meena, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Crime Branch, on July 12 at about 4.00 A.M., specific inputs were received that Shubham was supplying charas, after procuring it from Malana in Himachal Pradesh and that he would come to Delhi

through Singhu Border, between 6 A.M. to 7 A.M. "Acting on inputs, a police team was formed and a trap was laid at Singhu Border. At about 6.40 A.M. Shubham's car was identified but he could not be stopped due to heavy rain and then he drove dangerously to evade arrest," said the DCP.

"However, police managed to nab him and Kriti near Old Gupta Colony Chowk, after a high speed chase of 45 minutes. During the cursory check of the car, one packet of charas was recovered from dashboard of the car, concealed behind the music system," said the DCP.

"A total of 1.010 kg of charas was recovered and a case under Section 20/25/29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act was registered and the accused were placed under arrest," said the DCP.

Withdraw GST on food items, urges CM

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Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday demanded that the Centre withdraw the Goods and Services Tax (GST) it has freshly imposed on pre-packed and labelled food items.

"It is very regrettable that on one hand, inflation in the country is at an all-time high and on the other, the Central Government has hiked the GST on basic commodities like pulses and rice. We demand that the Central Government revoke this hike," said Kejriwal. The Centre imposed a five per cent GST on pre-packed and labelled food

items such as meat (except frozen), fish, curd, paneer, honey, dried leguminous vegetables, makhana, wheat and other cereals, wheat or meslin flour, jaggery, puffed rice, all goods and organic manure and coir pith compost from Monday. "Delhi is the only State which is working tirelessly to give some relief to the citizens from inflation and people themselves agree to this. We provide excellent education to their children free of cost. They get excellent treatment, 24x7 electricity, and water for free. Women can travel for free in the Government buses. If you add all this, every family makes a

saving of Rs 10-15 thousand every month," said Kejriwal.

Meanwhile, traders in the national Capital have opposed the GST Council's decision and termed it an "anti-people move". Chamber of Trade and Industry chairman Brijesh Goyal said this is first time since Independence that dal, rice, flour, cereals, curd, and lassi that used to be tax-free, have been taxed.

"We are against this decision and it should be rolled back. This will prove to be detrimental for the common all. This is an anti-people move," said Delhi Grain Merchant Association president Naresh Kumar Gupta.

Singapore World Cities Summit in August

I am not a criminal so delay in permission is political: Kejriwal

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday said, "I am not a criminal" and stressed that there appears to be a "political reason" behind the delay in granting him permission to visit Singapore for the World Cities Summit.

Miffed over the pending clearance from the Centre for the visit, Kejriwal had on Sunday written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying he has been waiting for per-

mission from the Lieutenant-Governor's office for over a month.

Kejriwal said he was specially invited to the World Cities Summit in Singapore by the Government of that country, where he would present the Delhi Model before world leaders and bring laurels to India.

"I am not a criminal. I am a Chief Minister and a free citizen of the country. There was no legal basis to stop me from visiting Singapore so there appears to be a political reason

behind this," he said. High Commissioner of Singapore Simon Wong had in June invited Kejriwal to World Cities Summit to be held in the first week of August. The Delhi Chief Minister has been asked to attend a programme on the first day.

The Chief Minister said he usually does not go on foreign visits but intended to go to the Singapore summit as it concerned the progress of the country and was a chance to showcase India's progress there.



L-G nod to CBI probe in Said-ul-Ajaib land scam

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Cracking the whip against Corruption, Delhi Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena has given nod to a CBI investigation against a former Sub-Registrar of Hauz Khas for sale of Government land measuring over eight bighas in Said-ul-Ajaib area worth crores of rupees in December 2019, sources said on Monday. The L-G also approved an ACB enquiry against a Junior Engineer of Public Works Department (PWD) for taking a bribe.


Last month, five officers, including an ADM, two SDMs, a Sub-Registrar and a Deputy Secretary of Delhi Government, were suspended on L-G's instructions over alleged land-related "scams" in north and south Delhi.

Hooda, the then Sub-Registrar of Said-ul-Ajaib, in South Delhi, registered sale deed of land measuring eight bighas and 14 bighas, in a prima facie case of illegality for financial benefits from private individuals concerned, without proper verification and obtaining 'NOC' from office of LAC, South and caused huge loss to State exchequer.

The notified Government gram sabha land in question was in possession of forest department of Delhi Government.

As per official sources, the CBI had sought permission for granting sanction for investigation into criminal misconduct by Hooda on February 22 on the basis of a complaint date April 9, 2021. The CBI had informed that discreet inquiry has established that prima facie there is merit in complaint.

"It may be noted that decisions in such cases are based purely on merit without any extraneous consideration and involve ample application of mind. This came to fore when L-G did not grant approval to the request of the ACB to register a case against SS Saini, Ex. En. and Shiv Kumar, Assistant Engineer, PWD, citing unjustified delay, lack of any justification or reasoning and absence of any documents, records to support the allegations levelled, for registration of case," it said.

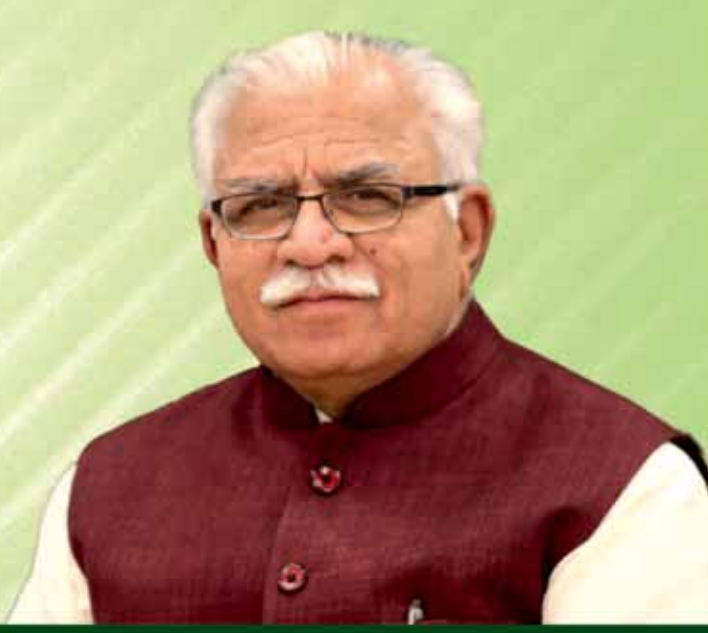


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CBI busts NEET racket

Key conspirator among 8 held for impersonating as real candidates in NEET UG medical entrance test

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The CBI on Monday said it has arrested eight persons, including the suspected mastermind and paper solvers, allegedly impersonating real candidates to help them in the NEET entrance for undergraduate medical courses.

The agency received inputs that several people had entered into a criminal conspiracy to arrange solvers to impersonate real candidates in the NEET exam conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) at several centres in Delhi and Haryana on Sunday, the FIR alleged.

It was alleged that the impersonators planned to appear in the NEET UG Exam, 2022 held on July 17 for admissions in undergraduate medical



courses in place of actual candidates and take the test in lieu of huge amounts of money. The CBI has alleged that user IDs and passwords of the candidates were collected by the accused, who made necessary modifications for getting desired examination centres.

"They also used the process of mixing and morphing of photographs to facilitate use of proxy candidates for appearing in the examination," the FIR alleged. The agency has filed the FIR against Sushil Ranjan, Brij Mohan Singh, Pappu, Uma Shankar Gupta, Nidhi, Krishna Shankar Yogi, Sunny Ranjan, Raghunandan, Jeepu Lal, Hemendra and Bharat Singh. The accused have been booked

under Indian Penal Code (IPC) Sections relating to criminal conspiracy, cheating by impersonation, cheating, forgery of valuable security, forgery for the purpose of cheating and using forged documents as genuine.

The FIR was registered on Sunday, the day on which the NEET examination was held.

The FIR followed source information being received by the CBI that one Sushil Ranjan, resident of House Number 108, Gautam Niwas, Gautamnagar, Delhi, Brij Mohan Singh, Pappu, Uma Shankar Gupta and unknown others, in criminal conspiracy with each other are involved in arranging solvers who will impersonate themselves as real candidates in the

NEET examination at several centres in Delhi and Haryana, according to the FIR.

According to the inputs, the solvers were to appear in place of actual candidates and take the examination in lieu of huge sums of money. Copies of identity cards of the candidates were collected for the purpose of making forged ID cards. Information also revealed that all solvers and middlemen along with their associates had come to Delhi on Saturday and Sunday and were staying at hotels in the city.

"The information reveals that the suspect persons and unknown others are indulging in use of fraudulent means in NEET UG 2022 examination being on 17.07.2022, thereby cheating the NTA, genuine meritorious candidates and the public at large," added FIR.

The mastermind and solvers were caught from different examination centers and other places Delhi and Haryana while appearing/impersonating as candidates

RS MP takes oath in other's name, Naidu catches slip-up

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

An alert Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu on Monday detected a faux pas that inadvertently missed the Upper House secretary's scrutiny. The matter is related to Jaggeesh, elected to the Rajya Sabha from Karnataka. He had taken oath along with others in the Rajya Sabha chamber on July 8 when the House was not in session. But he did so in the name of Raghavendra Swamy.

On Monday, his name was again in the list of members scheduled for oath taking. But this time round, his name was listed as Jaggeesh. Recalling that Jaggeesh had taken the oath earlier, Naidu pointed it out and asked the Rajya Sabha secretariat officials to see if it is in order. After due examination, the RS officials submitted to Naidu that it was not in order and the member needs to take oath again.

Complying with norms, Jaggeesh took oath again in the House with all others. "While taking the oath, one should read the prescribed form. Any deviation will make their oath invalid. I don't want to name anybody, one of the members has to take the oath again today because of such deviation," he said without naming anyone.

Naidu said nothing other than the prescribed oath will be part of the record. "And, secondly, it will invalidate your oath. If somebody questions, then it will be a problem also. Please keep this in mind and also follow my advice."

He also directed the officials to ensure such goof ups do not recur. At the same time, he asked the members to get registered only their official name for proceedings and all practical purpose in the Parliament. Earlier in the day when Monsoon Session started, several members including former finance minister P Chidambaram and cricketer-turned-politician Harbhajan Singh were among the 28 recently elected Rajya Sabha MPs who took oath.

Kapil Sibal, Chidambaram's former colleague in the previous UPA government, also took oath as a member of the Upper House.

Sibal quit Congress and was elected to Rajya Sabha as an independent candidate from Uttar Pradesh with the support of the Samajwadi Party. Harbhajan Singh, who was elected to the Upper House from Punjab as Aam Adami Party (AAP) nominee,



took oath in Punjabi. Others who took oath were Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut, former Union minister Praful Patel, Congress spokesperson Randeep Singh Surjewala, RJD

supremo Lalu Prasad's daughter Misa Bharti and Congress leader Rajeev Shukla.

The list also included YSRC's Masthan Rao Beeda and V Vijayasai Reddy, RJD's Faiyaz Ahmad, JD-U's Khiru Mahto, JMM's Mahua Maji, BJD's Sasmit Patra, AAP's Sandeep Kumar Pathak and Vikramjit Singh Sahney DMK's R Girirajan, S Kalyanasundaram and KRN Rajeshkumar as well as AIADMK's C Ve Shanmugam, and Javed Ali Khan of the SP.

BJP's Shambhu Sharan Patel, Aditya Prasad and Jaggesh, as well as Congress leaders Ranjeet Ranjan, Pramod Kumar and Imran Pratapgarhi and nominated member V Vijayendra Prasad took oath too.

The Chairman asked members taking oath to go back to their respective seats after signing member's register and not start exchanging pleasantries with other leaders. "Meeting and greeting can be done afterwards," he said.

Dhankhar files his papers for VP poll



Former Governor of West Bengal Jagdeep Dhankhar files nomination papers for the Vice President post, along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, BJP president JP Nadda and Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari

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NDA's Vice Presidential candidate Jagdeep Dhankhar on Monday filed his nomination papers flanked by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Cabinet members, including Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh and Nitin Gadkari besides BJP president J P Nadda.

After filing his nomination, Dhankhar who is all set to replace M Venkaiah Naidu given the numbers on his side, told the media that he will always strive to enhance democratic values.

Dhankhar highlighted his humble origins and said that he had never thought even in his dreams that an ordinary person from a farmer's family like him will get such a "historic" opportunity.

"And I am grateful to the prime minister and the leadership that a humble man like me from a 'kisan' family who would never have got an education but for a scholarship has been given this historic opportunity. I take it as a major milestone reflection on the events in which we are at this moment," he added. Janata Dal (United) chief Lalan Singh

and BJD's Pinaki Misra were also present during his nomination for the August 6 election. Union ministers Pashupati Kumar Paras, Anupriya Patel and Ramdas Athawale, all BJP allies, were also present among others. Before filing his nomination, the former West Bengal governor attended a meeting of MPs from different parties supporting his candidature. The opposition has named Margaret Alva as its candidate for the vice presidential election.

Modi was among the senior leaders who were among proposers for his candidature. "Ministers, MPs and leaders from various parties accompanied Jagdeep Dhankhar Ji for the filing of his nomination papers. I am certain that he will be an excellent and inspiring Vice President," the prime minister tweeted. The electoral college for the poll comprises members of both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. The BJP alone has 394 MPs out of the current strength of 780 with 391 being the majority mark.

The major parties which have already declared their support to Dhankhar include the JD(U), the BJD and the



Opp-backed Alva to file nomination papers today

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Opposition-backed Vice Presidential candidate Margaret Alva will file her nominations on Tuesday.

Alva, who is pitted against the NDA's Jagdeep Dhankhar who filed his nominations on Monday, said, "I will file the nomination on Tuesday and will fight their (NDA's) campaign (for VP candidate Jagdeep Dhankhar)...I am not going to be scared of anyone."

"I know it's a difficult battle, but in politics, winning and losing is not the issue, the issue is fighting the battle...I thank all the leaders for the trust they have reposed in me," Alva told reporters after a meeting of opposition leaders and representatives of the parties supporting her candidature held at the residence of NCP patriarch Sharad Pawar.

Talking to mediapersons, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge said: "She is a deserving candidate and an experienced leader who has worked in different capacities. We are supporting her unitedly. 18 parties are supporting her."

Democracy works with everyone's prayaas: PM



Prime Minister Narendra Modi address the media on the first day of the Monsoon Session of Parliament, in New Delhi on Monday

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Modi speaks to press before commencement of Monsoon session of Parliament

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Stating that "democracy functions with everyone's 'prayaas'", Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday urged MPs to do "deep thinking and discussion" and make positive contribution to policies and decisions.

Speaking with newsmen before the commencement of the Monsoon Session, Modi said Parliament functions and takes best decisions with everyone's 'prayaas' (efforts) and urged parliamentarians to make full use of this session in national interest.

"We always consider the House an efficient medium of dialogue, a pilgrimage place. Where there is dialogue with an open mind, there are fierce debates if needed, there is also criticism and by very good analysis of things a very positive contribution can be made to policies and decisions," the prime minister said.

He urged all MPs to undertake deep thinking and discussion, and make the House as much productive and fruitful as possible. "For that everyone's contribution is needed. Democracy functions with everyone's 'prayaas' (efforts), House functions with everyone's 'prayaas', House takes the best decisions with everyone's 'prayaas'. And therefore, to enhance the dignity of the

House, while fulfilling our duties, we should make the most of this session in national interest," Modi said.

He asked MPs to remember every moment those who spent their youth, their lives for freedom and those who embraced martyrdom for it. "Keeping their dreams in mind, and when August 15 is before us, then the House should be utilised most positively. This is my request," Modi said.

In a lighter vein, the prime minister also said that in Delhi rains have begun, but the heat outside is not reducing and wondered whether the heat will come down inside Parliament.

"This period is very important. It is the period of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'. August 15 has a special significance and for the coming 25 years, when the country will celebrate its centenary, then how our journey of 25 years is, how fast we move forward, how many new heights we scale, it is a period for making such resolutions," Modi said.

"Giving direction to the country by being devoted to those resolutions, ensuring that the House leads the country, all the members of the House become instrumental in filling new energy in the nation. In that sense, this session is also very important," Prime Minister said. This session is also important because elections for the office of President and Vice President are taking place, he said. During this period, the new President and Vice President will begin guiding the nation, Modi said.



Congress president Sonia Gandhi chairs the Congress Parliamentary Party meeting at Parliament House on the first day of the Monsoon Session, in New Delhi on Monday

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Parliament adjourned as Opp demands discussion on Agnipath, price rise

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The first day of the Monsoon Session of Parliament commenced on an uproarious note on Monday with the Opposition vociferously demanding discussion on issues ranging from price rise to the 'Agnipath' army recruitment scheme forcing adjournments of the two Houses for the day.

The morning session of the Lok Sabha was adjourned until 2 pm to allow members to vote in the Presidential election even as opposition members tried to raise their issues.

Three newly-elected MPs — Bollywood actor and Trinamool Congress' Shatrughan Sinha (West Bengal) and two BJP members from Uttar Pradesh Dinesh Lal Yadav Nirahua and Ghanashyam Singh Lodhi — took oath as member of the Lok Sabha.

Speaker Om Birla then read out obituary references to three foreign leaders — former Japan prime minister Shinzo Abe, United Arab Emirates president and Abu Dhabi ruler Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Kenya's third president Mwai Kibaki.

As opposition members raised slogans, Speaker said elections in India are celebrated as a festival and since the election to the President was underway, it should also be celebrated. He said members should participate in the festival and adjourned the House adjourned till 2 pm. Prime Minister Narendra Modi,

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, Congress leader Sonia Gandhi and Congress leader of the house Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury were among those present in the House. When the Lok Sabha resumed proceedings, a bill to grant statutory cover to family courts set up in Himachal Pradesh and Nagaland and retrospectively validate all actions taken by them was introduced amidst din by Law Minister Kiren Rijiju amid din created by opposition members over issues such as rising inflation and Agnipath military recruitment scheme.

The house was adjourned for the day by BJP member Rajendra Agarwal who was in the chair after about six minutes' proceedings.

The Family Courts Act was enacted in 1984 to set up family courts to promote conciliation and secure speedy settlement of disputes related to marriage and family affairs. There are 715 family courts functioning across 26 states and Union territories in the country.

Two family courts were established in Nagaland in 2008 and three in Himachal Pradesh in 2019 through notifications issued by the respective state governments.

The issue of lack of jurisdiction of family courts in Himachal Pradesh came to the fore during proceedings of the Himachal Pradesh High Court last year. The Rajya Sabha too could not be run in the wake of loud opposition protests.

Wildlife trade racket busted, 3 held with 26 tiger, leopard claws

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The CBI has busted an illegal wildlife inter-State trade racket and arrested three persons with 26 tiger and leopard claws. "A case was registered against three accused and unknown others. It was alleged that a network of inter-state gangs was involved in illegal trafficking of wildlife material.

CBI in association with the official of Wildlife Crime Control Bureau conducted searches at Delhi and recovered 19 numbers of leopard/tiger claws from the said accused," the CBI said in a statement. Further searches were conducted at certain places in Jaipur which resulted in the recovery of 7 seven more

tiger/leopard claws, it further said. The CBI acted on an input that Sunny, a resident of Vikaspuri in Delhi, is in the possession of a large number of tiger and leopard claws which he was going to sell to dealers, officials said.

The central agency was also intimidated about his other gang members who were coming from Jaipur to help him strike the deal with wildlife smugglers, they said.

A team of officials along with experts from the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) and independent witnesses were sent to lay an ambush on the suspects based on the basis of source information, they said. Sources said the claws are used in Chinese

traditional medicine and some 'tantrik' (occult) rituals within the country, making them extremely valuable in the black market.

The team had maintained intense surveillance since July 14 through its source on every movement of Pamjeet Singh alias Sunny and his accomplices — Ashok Parekh and Pintel Patel — who were coming from Jaipur, they said.

The source informed them that Parekh and Patel will reach Delhi by 10 PM on July 14 and the trio was planning to sell the contraband to an unknown dealer the next day near a hotel in Karol Bagh. After visual confirmation from the source, the CBI nabbed the trio with the claws which were

hidden in their clothes. The WCCB expert also confirmed the four claws to be of tiger while remaining were that of leopards, they said. The accused were brought to the CBI headquarters where the seizure memo was prepared and they were taken into custody.

The agency then started a subsequent operation to arrest remaining members of the wildlife trading ring conducting searches at multiple locations in Delhi and Jaipur in which seven more claws were recovered from Jaipur, they added.

The arrested accused were produced before the Competent Court at Delhi and remanded to the CBI custody

SC refuses to expunge HC remarks, transfers bail plea to other Bench

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday stayed the directions of the Karnataka High Court's Justice HP Sandesh seeking closure reports filed by the State's Anti-Corruption Bureau and the service records of officers, including the ADGP, while taking up a bail plea in a bribery case.

A bench comprising Chief Justice NV Ramana and Justices Krishna Murari and Hima Kohli said the High Court judge, hearing the bail petition of an accused, made some "irrelevant observations" beyond the scope of the bail application.

The top court, however, refused to expunge the remarks and transfer the case to some other bench in the high court, saying it has to "balance the sides".

"The proceedings before the Karnataka High Court, which are not linked with the proceedings with the accused, are stayed. We request the high court to consider the bail application of the accused. List it after three weeks," the bench said.

Besides adverse oral observations, the HC judge had issued directions ranging from seeking reports on prosecution/closure of cases, probed by the ACB, since 2016 and summoning confidential service records of the Additional Director General of Police while considering the regular bail application of an accused, the apex court was told by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the State

Government.

The top court was hearing as many as three petitions filed by the Karnataka Government, Seemanth Kumar Singh, ADGP of Anti-Corruption Bureau, and jailed officer J Manjunath against the adverse remarks of Justice Sandesh of the high court. The HC judge had orally called the ACB a "collection centre" and Singh a "tainted officer". Justice Sandesh had also claimed to

have received a threat of transfer in his order after his adverse remarks and had widened the scope of hearing while considering the bail plea of one Mahesh in the case. Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for the ACB ADGP, sought expunction of adverse remarks. "Sorry, we have to balance the sides. We cannot be seen to be favouring one side", the CJ said while ordering notices on the pleas.

Compensate Covid victims' kin without wasting time: SC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday directed all States and Union Territories to ensure payment of compensation to family members of COVID-19 victims without wasting any time.

A Bench of Justices MR Shah and BV Nagarathna said that if any claimant has grievance with respect to the non-payment of compensation and/or rejection of their claim then they may approach the grievance redressal committee concerned.

It also directed the grievance redressal committee to decide the application of the claimant within four weeks. With regard to the plea alleging transfer of funds by the Andhra Pradesh government

from the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) to personal deposit accounts, the bench directed the funds be transferred to the SDRF account within two days.

"We close the proceedings while directing all the states to see that the compensation payable under our earlier order be made to eligible persons without wasting any time and if any claimant has any grievance they may approach the concerned grievance redressal committee," the bench said.

The top court had earlier granted a "last opportunity" to the Andhra Pradesh government to file its response on a plea alleging transfer of funds by state from SDRF to personal deposit accounts and had restrained state government from diverting funds and issued notice to it in matter.

IN SHORTS

INDIA, BANGLADESH START DG-LEVEL TALKS



New Delhi: India and Bangladesh began their director general-level border conference in Dhaka on Monday where the two countries will discuss a host of issues to address cross-frontier crimes and future challenges. Officials said the Indian delegation is led by Border Security Force (BSF) DG Pankaj Kumar Singh while Bangladesh side is headed by DG of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) Maj Gen Shakil Ahmed.

SC TO HEAR 'TALAQ-E-HASAN', OTHER PLEAS

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear on July 22 a plea seeking to declare 'Talaq-e-Hasan' and all other forms of 'unilateral extra-judicial talaq' as void and unconstitutional, claiming they were arbitrary, irrational, and violated fundamental rights.

CBI GRILLS PARAM BIR SINGH, SANJAY PANDEY



New Delhi: The CBI on Monday questioned former Mumbai commissioners Param Bir Singh and Sanjay Pandey in the corruption case of Rs 100 crores against former Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh.

13 killed, as bus plunges into Narmada

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As many as 13 passengers were killed on Monday, when a Maharashtra-bound state transport bus fell into the Narmada River on a bridge between Khalghat and Tikri in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh.

The Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) bus was negotiating a bridge built over the Narmada river, when one of its tyres suddenly got burst and the vehicle rammmed into the railing of the bridge and plunged into the river at around 10.15 am.

The bus (MH 40 N 9848) was on its way from Indore in Madhya Pradesh to Alamner in

Jalgaon district of north Maharashtra, when the mishap occurred. There were conflicting versions as to the number of passengers on board the bus at the time of mishap. While one report said that there were 55 passengers on board the bus, eyewitness pegged the number of passengers on board the bus at 32.

Of the 55 passengers, 13 met watery grave, while the rest were rescued from the river. Of the dead, there were eight men, four women and one male child. By late in the afternoon, all the 13 bodies were recovered from the river bed. The rescued injured were rushed to a near-by hospital.

Mourning the loss of lives in the mishap, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted: “The

bus tragedy in Dhar, Madhya Pradesh is saddening. My thoughts are with those who have lost their loved ones. Rescue work is underway and local authorities are providing all possible assistance to those affected.

“An ex-gratia of Rs. 2 lakh each from PMNRF would be given to the next of kin of those who lost their lives due to the bus tragedy in Dhar, Madhya Pradesh. The injured would be given Rs. 50,000m: he said.

Conveying his deep condolences to those killed in the mishap, Maharashtra chief minister Eknath Shinde announced a compensation of Rs.10 lakh for the kin of each deceased victim and said that the state government would bear the entire expeniture to be

incurred towards treatment of those injured in the mishap.

Shinde asked the Jalgaon district authorities to hand over the victims’ bodies to their families after completing the necessary formalities.

Of the killed, Chandrakant Eknath Patil (45) and Prakash Shravan Chaudhary (40) were identified as the driver and conductors of the bus respectively. The six other dead were: Chetan Ramgopal Jangid (from Jaipur), Jagannath Hemraj Joshi (70) (from Udaipur), Nibaji Ananda Patil (60), Kamalabai Nibaji Patil (55) (both from Amalner in Jalgaon)m Aarva Murtuja Bora (27) (from Akola in Maharashtra) and Saifuddin Abbas Nurani (from Indore). The identities of other dead were not immediately known.



Maharashtra’s Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said that the state government and the MSRTC were coordinating with the Madhya Pradesh administration in matters relating to the mishap. “I

am also in touch with Dhar collector and the state transport administration,” Fadnavis said, as he expressed condolences to the bereaved families and prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured passengers.

Army Captain, JCO killed in accidental grenade blast in Poonch

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
JAMMU

An Army Captain along with a Junior Commissioner Officer were killed while five other soldiers received injuries in an accidental grenade blast along the line of control in the Mendhar sector of Poonch late Sunday night.

The blast occurred when the Indian army troops were performing their duties in Mendhar sector late Sunday night, PRO Defence Jammu Lt Col Devender Anand said.

“The Grenade blast resulted in injuries to a few soldiers, who were immediately evacuated by a heli-

copter to Command Hospital in Udhampur.” Lt-Col Anand said, “During the treatment, Capt Anand and Naib Subedar Bhagwan Singh succumbed to their fatal injuries.” “Capt Anand was a resident of KN Jha Lane of Bihar’s Bhagalpur district, and Nb Sub Bhagwan Singh was a resident of Pokhar Bhitta village in Ambedkar Nagar district, Uttar Pradesh.”

In a written statement, Lt Col Devender Anand said, “GOC White Knight Corps and all ranks salute the bravehearts for their supreme sacrifice in line of duty. The nation shall forever remain indebted to the bravehearts for their supreme sacrifice”.

Dhankhar rewarded for his Bengal role: TMC

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■
KOLKATA

The Bengal BJP has strongly refuted the Trinamool Congress claims that former Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar was made NDA presidential nominee as a reward for the “relentless vexation” he created for the Mamata Banerjee Government during his past three-year tenure in Kolkata Raj Bhavan.“A person coming from a farmer’s family Dhankhar ji has been a people’s Governor ... before him seldom any Governor visited the people so frequently to listen to their woes ... he raised their issues and concerns ... he served the people with true intent,” Bengal BJP president Sukanto Majumdar said hoping the TMC would vote for him “if they have genuine regards for the on farmers whose votes they thrive on.”

He said “we hope that Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and her party will vote for Dhankhar ji considering his service to the people of Bengal,” adding however “even if they decide not to vote for him he will win anyway with comfortable margin.”

Earlier senior TMC leaders like MP Saugato Roy and minister Chandrima

Bhattacharya said that “Dhankhar has been made the NDA vice-presidential candidate for “relentless vexation that he created for the Bengal Government ... this is a reward for the way he maligned Bengal government, the Chief Minister and the way he obstructed the path of progress.”

Eyebrows had been raised over a secret tripartite parley featuring Dhankhar, Banerjee and her Assam counterpart Hemant Biswa Sarma last Thursday with both the Congress and the Left wondering how a “people’s Governor” who had an hour ago attacked the Chief Minister and her Government for pursuing appeasement politics and presiding over mafia-syndicate-cut money raj.“It is quite interesting that the two characters that fought continuously for two years in public were meeting for such a long time ... that too in Darjeeling ... and not discussing anything political is very difficult to digest,” said a senior CPI(M) central committee member adding “... that Mamata Banerjee was not passed on the information is also not digestible... but the question is why she was informed in advance about Dhankhar’s nomination.”

BJP’s J&K IT cell chief involved in terror acts for last 3 yrs: Cops



MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

In a stunning disclosure Jammu and Kashmir police Monday said that Lashkar-e-Tayyeba commander, Talib Hussain Shah, whose association with the Jammu and Kashmir BJP leaders recently created flutter in the corridors of power, remained instrumental in almost all major terrorist activities/incidents in Pir Panjal area over the last 3 years.

Addressing a press conference in Jammu along with several other senior police officers from Rajouri and Jammu, Additional Director General of Police Mukesh Singh said, “Talib Hussain Shah and his associates have been found to be involved in five criminal/terrorism related cases between 2020 and 2022”. Talib along with his associate was apprehended by the

villagers of Tukson Dhok in the Reasi district while they were searching for a safe hideout on July 3.

Since then different teams of investigators have been interrogating him at a joint interrogation centre.

Till May 27, 2022 Talib Hussain was working as IT and social media head of the BJP Minority Morcha in J&k and frequently visited party headquarters to attend routine events.On June 28, 2022 Jammu and Kashmir police declared him as an absconder and a reward was also announced for him.

Before he went absconding he was seen posing for pictures along with the central and senior most BJP leaders from Jammu and kashmir. On record, BJP has outrightly rejected the media reports claiming Talib Hussain Shah was associated with the

party for several years. Interestingly, the disciplinary committee of the party which has served show cause notice to Sheikh Bashir, President of the Minor Morcha has not issued any statement whether they have taken any action against any party leader for inducting Talib Hussain Shah into the party fold.

According to police, preliminary investigations have revealed that Talib was also involved in 5 major incidents of drone dropping-collection in which he received arms, ammunition, explosives and Indian currency from Pakistan.

“The details of these droppings are being thoroughly investigated,” police said in a written statement. Moreover, Talib received 2 groups of terrorists who were transported from Kashmir to Rajouri by Talib’s associate Mohd. Shabir S/O Ghulam Hussain R/O Draj. One of these terrorists, Faisal Ahmad Dar S/O Bashir Ahmad Dar R/O Pulwama was apprehended along with Talib.Two other terrorists- associates are still active in higher reaches of Pir Panjal.Efforts are on to arrest/neutralize them, police said.

With the arrest of Talib and his associates, Targain murder case, Kotranika blast case, firing on Ranjeet Singh, Anus jhuggi grenade and Shahpur grenade cases have been solved, ADGP Mukesh Singh said.

SC to hear plea seeking nod for puja at Gyanvapi campus

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to list for hearing on July 21 a fresh plea seeking its permission to worship the ‘Shivling’, which is stated to be found in the Gyanvapi mosque premises in Varanasi during a court-ordered survey. The plea also sought carbon dating of the ‘Shivling’ to ascertain its age.

A bench comprising Chief Justice N V Ramana and Justices Krishna Murari and Hima Kohli took note of the submissions of lawyer Vishnu Shankar Jain that the plea be listed for hearing on July 21

along with the pending petition of the ‘Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee’ which manages the affairs of the Gyanvapi mosque.

Another bench headed by Justice DY Chandrachud is seized of a plea of the mosque committee challenging the survey of the Gyanvapi-Shringar Gauri complex in which the ‘Shivling’ is stated to be found and listed it for hearing on July 21.

“This is a petition to allow ‘darshan and pooja’ of the ‘Shivling’ which has been found in the complex and also to direct the ASI to do the carbon dating of ‘Shivling’. The petition filed by Masjid Committee

challenging the commission survey is coming up on July 21. Please list it along with that,” Jain said.

The top court agreed to list the matter for hearing along with the Masjid committee’s matter being heard by the bench headed by Justice Chandrachud.

On May 17, the top court had directed the District Magistrate of Varanasi to ensure protection of the area inside the Gyanvapi-Shringar Gauri complex where the ‘Shivling’ was said to be found in the survey and allowed Muslims to offer ‘Namaz’ and perform “religious observances”.

SC Collegium reiterates Allahabad HC appointments

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Collegium headed by Chief Justice N V Ramana has reiterated its earlier recommendation for elevation of five advocates as judges in the Allahabad High Court.

The Collegium, which also comprises Justices U U Lalit and AM Khanwilkar, has also proposed fresh names of two advocates –Saurabh Srivastava, and Om Prakash Shukla-- as judges in the Allahabad High Court.

The names of advocates reiterated for judges in the Allahabad HC are Shishir Jain,

Manu Khare, Rishad Murtaza, Dhruv Mathur, and Vimlendu Tripathi. In another decision, the Collegium has approved the proposal for elevation of judicial officer Radhakishan Agrawal and advocate Rakesh Mohan Pandey as judges in the Chhattisgarh High Court.

The Collegium also approved the proposal for elevation of Judicial Officer Rajesh Sekhri as judge in the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. The three-member Collegium took the decision in a meeting held on July 14 and the resolution was uploaded on the apex court website Monday.

CBI books ex-president of IOA in corruption case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has registered a case against then president, Indian Olympic Association (IOA), New Delhi, Narinder Dhruv Batra and other executives of Hockey India for allegedly committing illegalities for renovation and furnishing of the office of President, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) during 2018.

Besides Dhruv, the then Executive Director, Hockey India, Cdr. R. K. Srivastava, then President, Hockey India, Rajinder Singh, then Secretary General, Hockey India, Mohd. Mushtaque Ahmad and unknown others have been booked in the case.

“It was alleged that during 2018, the then President,

Hockey India and the then Secretary General, Hockey India, New Delhi in conspiracy with then President, Indian Olympic Association (IOA), New Delhi & then Executive Director, Hockey India, New Delhi, got executed the work of renovation & furnishing of the office of then President of IOA without prior approval of Executive Board of Hockey India,” the CBI said in a statement.

The CBI further said, “It was further alleged that in order to justify and to cover up the fraudulent expenditure at approval stage, the accused fabricated and falsified the



records.”

Following the registration of the case, searches were conducted on Monday at offices of Hockey India and Indian Olympic Association,

residential premises of the accused at New Delhi and Jammu which led to recovery of incriminating documents/records, it added.

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Close on the heels of the Carrest of former Bahujan Samaj Party MLC Mehboob Ali from Mumbai, another leader of the party and former legislator Yakub Qureshi now faces trouble as the Meerut police have announced a cash reward of Rs 25,000 each on him and his two sons.

The development comes a day after police attached their properties worth more than Rs 100 crore in an ongoing probe against the alleged recovery of 2,000 quintals of meat.

According to the police, the meat was “illegally” kept inside the meat plant of Qureshi, a former UP minister.

“We have announced a cash reward for bringing Qureshi and his sons Mohd

Imran and Firoz into our custody. Before this, we had issued non-bailable warrants against Qureshi and 13 others, including his wife and sons,” Superintendent of Police (City) Vineet Bhatnagar said.

Earlier, on March 31, a raid was conducted at Qureshi’s meat plant. During the raid, processed meat weighing about 2,000 quintals was found on the premises. Subsequently, the meat, worth Rs 5 crore, was destroyed and a case was registered against 17 people as the factory was allegedly operating despite the expiry of its licence.

Following the raid at the meat plant, a hospital owned by Qureshi was also searched and sealed by a team of district health officials for allegedly “running the premises without renewing its registration”

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CMC/BY/22-23/ RS/SV/RD/32	"Providing Whats App Business Services to BYPL"	2 lacs	08.08.2022 15:00 HRS	09.08.2022 16:00 HRS

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Whereas
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As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Abhijeet Rana/ Shivani Sharma/ LBNOD00003132335	Flat No-1105, 11th Floor, Tower- E, Elegant Ville, Plot No GH-06B Sector-Techzone-IV, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ July 14, 2022	February 28, 2022/ Rs.23,03,025/-	Delhi/ NCR
2.	Alok Mishra/ Laxmi Kant Mishra/ LBNOD00005315536	Flat No- 505, Second Floor, Block-A, Sector- Mu II, Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ July 14 2022	February 28, 2022/ Rs.14,63,818/-	Delhi/ NCR
3.	Ashima Bhatia/ Kapil Bhatia/ Bharat Bhushan Bhatia/ LBDEL00002334912	Lig Flat No- C 8/275 A, 1st Floor, Block- C8, Lawrance Road, Delhi, 110035/ July 14, 2022	February 04, 2022/ Rs.19,52,177/-	Delhi/ NCR
4.	Chand Sharma/ Davinder Kaur Sharma/ LBDEL00001493262	Mig Flat No- 480, Fourth Floor, Block- GH-2, Sector-28, Rohini, Delhi/ July 14, 2022	February 28, 2022/ Rs.3,064,556/-	Delhi/ NCR
5.	Chhaya Shekhar/ Vikas Shekhar/ LBDEL00002384097	Flat No- 2203, 22nd Floor, Mahagun Mantra 2, Ganga Plot No- GH 01, Block- Ganga, Sec 10, Greater Noida, Noida/ July 14, 2022	September 27, 2021/ Rs.23,22,148/-	Delhi/ NCR
6.	Yakshi Singh/ Sourabh Singh/ LBNOD00002416884	Shop No- 8120, 8th Floor, Gaur City Mall Gaur City, Plot No- GH-01 Sec-4 Greater Noida/ July 14 2022	July 06, 2021/ Rs. 8,27,303/-	Delhi/ NCR
7.	Santram Singh/ Dharmendra/ Prakash Kumar Khari/ LBNOD00001980504	House No-12, Block- C, Pocket- P 7, Mitra Sekhari Awas Samiti Ltd, Plot No- 04, Sector- PSI-1, Greater Noida./ July 14 2022	August 18, 2020/ Rs.35,22,444/-	Delhi/ NCR
8.	Kanchan Verma/ Mukesh Verma/ LBNOD00003140245	Flat No- J- 1703, 17th Floor, Tower- J, Ajnara Le Garden, Plot No. GH- 02, Sector- 16, Greater Noida West/ July 14, 2022	September 25, 2020/ Rs.27,75,607/-	Delhi/ NCR
9.	Pradeep Kumar/ Rani Devi/ LBNOD00004803377	Flat No- 1802, 16th Floor, Tower-I, Skytech Mattrot, Plot No- GH-01/D, Sector- 76, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh/ July 14 2022	June 23, 2021/ Rs.51,91,250/-	Delhi/ NCR
10.	Praveen Sharma/ Anand Prakash Sharma/ LBGHZ00002913111	Flat No-0939, 9th Floor, Tower Saraswati, Mahagun Mantra-II, Plot No GH-01A, Sector-10, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ July 14, 2022	February 28, 2022/ Rs.2,580,381/-	Delhi/ NCR
11.	Renuka Raina/ Rohit Raina/ LBNOD00002253796	B-205, 2nd Floor, Tower-B, Ajnara LE Garden, Plot No GH-02, Sector-16, Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ July 14, 2022	September 27, 2021/ Rs.3,064,536/-	Delhi/ NCR
12.	Akash Deep Lohia/ Charan Dass Lohia/ Vandana Lohia/ LBGUR00002091618	Unit No-D-05/03 GF, DLF Exclusive Floors DLF City, Phase-5, Gurgaon Haryana./ July 14, 2022	December 10, 2021/ Rs.66,57,542/-	Delhi/ NCR
13.	Narender Lal/ Shanti Sah/ LBDEL00002449539	Flat No 221A, Block-Y, Sec- 12, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh/ July 14, 2022	February 28, 2022/ Rs.5,65,542/-	Delhi/ NCR
14.	Narender Lal/ Nir Sumit Sah/ Shanti Sah/ LBGHZ00005142447	Flat No-221A, Ground Floor, Block Y, Sector 12 Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh/ July 14, 2022	February 28, 2022/ Rs.4,20,261/-	Delhi/ NCR
15.	Pardeep Chauhan/ Ved Prakash Pandey/ Rishabh Interior Pvt Ltd./ LBDEL00004047269	Unit No-B1603, Project Ncr one (green), Tower-B, Sidhartha Buildhome Pvt Ltd, Sector- 95, Gurgaon Haryana/ July 14, 2022	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 1,27,33,862/-	Delhi/ NCR
16.	Pulkit Garg/ Garima Garg/ LBGUR00002085545	J-004, Ground Floor, Tower-J, Sec-omega-I, Block-P-2, Kings Park, Greater Noida:- 201301, Uttar Pradesh./ July 14, 2022	January 20, 2022/ Rs.22,93,799/-	Delhi/ NCR
17.	Pulkit Garg/ Garima Garg/ LBGUR00002085546	J-003, Ground Floor, Tower-J, Sec-omega-I, Block-P-2, Kings Park, Noida:-201301, Uttar Pradesh./ July 14, 2022	January 20, 2022/ Rs.22,95,836/-	Delhi/ NCR
18.	Sunita Singh/ Devendra Singh/ Rohit Singh/ Geetika Singh/ LBGUR00002430448	Plot No C 155, Mayfield Garden Sector 50 Gurgaon./ July 14, 2022	December 16, 2021/ Rs.9,16,020/-	Delhi/ NCR
19.	Sunita Singh/ Devendra Singh/ Rohit Singh/ Geetika Singh/ LBGUR00002423168	House No-C/155, Situated At Village Samaspur Adampur Tigra Bindapur & Wazirabad Now Known As Mayfield Garden Sector-50, Gurgaon, Haryana/ July 14, 2022	July 06, 2021/ Rs. 94,74,838/-	Delhi/ NCR
20.	Sunita Singh/ Devendra Singh/ Rohit Singh/ Geetika Singh/ LBGUR00002423171	House No-C/155, Situated At Village Samaspur Adampur Tigra Bindapur & Wazirabad Now Known As Mayfield Garden Sector-50, Gurgaon, Haryana./ July 14, 2022	July 06, 2021/ Rs. 42,68,996/-	Delhi/ NCR
21.	Vandana Sharma/ Himanshu Sharma/ LBDEL00002248284/ LBDEL00003073786/ LBDEL00002254446	Plot No.-61, 1st Floor Without Roof Right Block-B And Pocket -2, Sector 16, Rohini, Delhi/ July 14, 2022	January 18, 2022/ Rs.36,04,556/-	Delhi/ NCR
22.	Shailender Singh Gauchwal/ Shailender Singh Huff/ Renu Singh/ LBDEL00002370405	Flat No B-121, 12th Floor Tower B, Indiabulls Enigma, Village Pawala Khusrupur Sector-110, Gurgaon, Haryana/ July 14, 2022	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 1,91,88,737/-	Delhi/ NCR
23.	Vikas Tomar/ Nirupma Tomar/ LBNOD00002071902	Flat No 3244 Floor 24, Type-D, Tower-3, "ATS Tourmaline", Village Babupur, Sector-109, Gurgaon./ July 14, 2022	August 11, 2020/ Rs.1,21,93,010/-	Delhi/ NCR
24.	Nishith Srivastav/ Bobby Sharma/ LBNOD00004379938	Plot No-50, Block B, Sector XU-1, Greater Noida, Noida 201307./ July 14, 2022	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 63,14,857/-	Delhi/ NCR
25.	Anmol Sethi/ Sneha Lata Sethi/ LBGUR00002443068/ LBGUR00005354063/ LBGUR00002443069	Shop No-308, Third Floor, Block C, Nirvana Country, South City II Sec-50, Gurgaon-122001./ July 14, 2022	February 28, 2022/ Rs.1,22,94,488/-	Delhi/ NCR
26.	Vikas Aggarwal/ LBDEL00004425126/ LBDEL00005351729	Unit No- G- 17, Ground Floor, Ring Road Mall Plot No- 11, Mangalam Place, Sector-3 Rohini, Delhi-110085./ July 14, 2022	February 28, 2022/ Rs.43,56,735/-	Delhi/ NCR
27.	Subrat Kumar Saxena/ Sonal Saxena/ LBDEL00001495647	Sov-4/101, Vatika City, Badshahpur, Sector 49, Gurugram./ July 14, 2022	July 31, 2017/ Rs. 54,73,390/-	Delhi/ NCR

The above-mentioned borrower(s)/ guarantor(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.


Date : July 19, 2022
Place : Delhi/NCR

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Written and unwritten norms mark commonalities globally



VINAYSHIL GAUTAM


Documents and written frameworks of reference are much emphasised for the functioning of any civil society. This is understandable because of the current civilisational structure.

Another structure, which is also the underpinning of any civil society, is made of unwritten norms, which is generally accepted to be the pillars of individual and interpersonal behavior and more. For example, everyone knows that integrity, truthfulness and honesty are the basic pillars of interpersonal functioning. This holds true in relationships-one to one, one to many, many to many and so the sequence goes on. If people say one thing at a given point of time and go back totally, the next time, there is reference to it, then it is difficult to work. Something worse than chaos will emerge.

The purpose is to bring to attention, how simple values determine interpersonal dynamics and how it is so basic to the functioning of an orderly society. Taking this logic further, acculturalisation (shared cultural norm) becomes the foundation of any civil framework. It is something to which most must largely subscribe to.

Interestingly, norms have grown up in this area of behaviour in different parts of the world. Even though they have grown up independently and separately without any known pattern of interaction with each other, their assumptions for action and values are many times similar. Summing it up, it can be said that socially, different societies in different parts of the world have been known to grow in a parallel manner without any evidence of having interaction with each other.

A good example would be comparison points on how the Mayan civilization grew in ancient times in the South American continent and some similarity which it has with ancient Indian civilization. One obvious point is the kind of belief both civilizations have had in the occult affecting the material life situations.



Speaking the truth, for example, is considered desirable everywhere on this planet. Not claiming ownership of something which one has not created or bought has thrown up the idea of 'ownership' in human society in an acknowledged manner. Later on, as civilization grew this led to the concept of property and civil society became still more complex. It is not as if these commonalities cover all aspects and forms of living together. All that is being stated is that there is a substantial unity of values in many matters that touch the human species. For example, in no part of the world, would murder be condoned.

Yet, one feels that the basic unity of mankind is to find its due place as a cornerstone of educated and informed behavior. Hence, there is a need to take forward both in local and global frame, this recognition of many ways of universal unity.

This has other advantages, for example, stealth of behavior would be considered repugnant to civil society, dishonesty of word, deed or matter, would be disapproved without having the need for extensive social or legal documentation.

This purpose of the text is to underscore the environment of strengthening the positive universal values. The purpose is also to show that whereas duplicity or deception could temporarily succeed, it is not to be tolerated in any manner.

Early recognition of these basics will lead to a healthier society and in creating successive generations which not only are progressively and technologically savvy but are also normatively ahead of their preceding generation. That way all parts of the world would progress in a given direction and would create for a more fulfilling society.

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Rescuing development from environment czars

India in recent years has shielded the development agenda from the clutches of professional environmental agitators

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a span of a week unveiled two showcase development projects—the Deogarh International Airport and the Bundelkhand Expressway. They are worth a closer look, because the Prime Minister had laid their foundation stones and also inaugurated them within a few years. This is significant for the fact that the well-oiled machinery of NGOs, claiming to be sole custodian of the environment, failed to slow down the Prime Minister.

For decades, the people in Deogarh aspired for better connectivity. The holy town of Baba Baidyanath is visited by millions of pilgrims each year during the 'Shravan' month. Besides, Deogarh is a hub of the medium and small scale industries (MSME), as Madhupur and Jagdishpur on its outskirts are home to several industries, while also being home to Dabur. This part of Jharkhand could have become another Jamshedpur if the previous Congress government had the vision to provide connectivity. But they couldn't do so, because the environment czars drafted their policies and dictated their actions.

The foundation stone for the Bundelkhand Expressway was laid by the Prime Minister in February 2020. In less than 29 months, the 296-km four-lane expressway built at a cost of Rs 14,850 crore was dedicated to the nation by the Prime Minister. Bundelkhand region is known to be the most backward parts of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, and the UPA government and the Planning Commission spent crores of rupees to work out development plans for the region, which yielded no results.

The Bundelkhand Expressway along with the Defence Corridor in the Bundelkhand region are definitive attempts by the Modi government to bring a backward region to the forefront of progress. The region, known for perennial water shortage which forces the people to migrate, will have alternative sources of livelihoods.

Thus, the Deogarh International Airport and the Bundelkhand Expressway mark the Modi government's clear victory against the caucus of the environmental NGOs, which checked the progress of the nation by holding back land acquisition and setting up of industries by incessantly crying about environment damage.

This is in departure from the incidents of the recent past, e.g. when the Tata Nano project had to be shifted out of West Bengal. Reports revealed that while the project work was in full swing and agitations proving ineffective, the Naxalite faction of the 'Save Singur Farmland Committee' resorted to threats and violence against the locals who had voluntarily sold land for the project or were getting involved in the construction of the



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fencing. Reports also revealed that the police were receiving 12 complaints daily from the locals.

West Bengal, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and a few other states still remain in the strong groups of the environment NGOs, who continue to block big ticket projects, which could give India a quantum jump in quick time. The proposed steel manufacturing plant of JSW Steel Ltd to be set up across 1173.58 hectares of land spread across the three villages of Dhinkia, Nuagaon and Gadakujang about 60 kilometres from the Odisha capital Bhubaneswar, which is expected to manufacture 13.2 million tonnes per annum of steel, is also facing the text-book protest. Jagatsinghpur SP Akhileshwar Singh said police had to act as the villagers started throwing urine on them and some even attacked the police with razors. While opposing the setting up of the plant, the Lok Shakti Abhiyan leader claimed that the construction in the coastal area is a threat to the environment.

Another project facing protests is Vedanta's plan to build another copper smelter in Therkuveerapandiyapuram village in Tamil Nadu to double the company's total production in Thoothukudi from 400,000 tonnes to 800,000 tonnes a year and making it the second biggest in the world. The protests are spearheaded by the residents of Kumarettiyapuram village, which is within 200 m of the proposed plant. The shutdown of the plant affected as many as 20,000 direct

and indirect jobs, while about 98,400 more were affected in the consumer or downstream industries.

Incidentally, it has been found that such NGOs are not open to looking at facts and their only agenda is to shut down the plant. They have not visited the plant for the past seven years, and are not willing to come for discussion with the management of the plant, while rejecting all invitations for talks by arguing that "the pollution is outside, not inside the plant".

The management of the plant logically appears bewildered by the arguments of the NGOs, since pollution, if any, has to be more inside the plant than outside. Indeed, the NGOs are being used as a vehicle to destabilize the industry, with many of them reportedly having links with vested interests abroad and are funded by the business rivals.

The Ahmedabad-Mumbai high speed rail corridor project is India's showpiece achievement, which is being liberally funded by the Japanese agencies. The project once completed will have multiplier effects on the transformation of the Railways with the induction of the new technologies. The Rail University is one such spin-off of this project.

But the roadblock came from the MahaVikasAghadi (MVA) government in Maharashtra, which again had the Congress as its constituent. The MVA government had withheld the forest clearance and the land acquisition to derail the Rs 110,000 core pro-

ject, for which the Japanese agencies are funding to the tune of almost Rs 88,000 crores. While 70 per cent of the land required for the high speed rail corridor project had previously been acquired, the MVA government just sat over the files to frustrate the engineers. It was only the new government headed by the chief minister EknathShinde that gave all clearances to the Ahmedabad-Mumbai rail Corridor project within two days of taking oath of office.

The dream project of the late Japanese prime ministerShinzo Abe was sought to be derailed by former chief minister Uddhav Thackeray and his son Aditya by allowing the dubious NGOs, claiming to be the protector of the environment, to restrain the officials from giving the needed approvals.

India, while being home to 17 per cent population of the world, accounts just for less than 5 per cent of the global carbon emissions, while Prime Minister Modi has shown that the climate change response and development could be given equal priority. This is evident from the G7, I2U2 and Quad forum lauding India's strides in renewable energy, which is gaining unprecedented investment, while India has become a top nation for the carbon trading by the developed countries. This has been possible because the Prime Minister sent the Planning Commission packing, which was the resting place for the patrons of the dubious NGOs.

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

HOW CAN RAHUL AND TEJASHWI SUPPORT YASHWANT SINHAJI WHO ONCE CALLED SONIA "ARROGANT" AND LALU YADAV "EXTINGUISHED CARTRIDGE".
—MINISTER, UTTAR PRADESH
SIDHARTH NATH SINGH



THIS YEAR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IS NOT A CONTEST BETWEEN TWO INDIVIDUALS BUT TWO IDEOLOGIES.
—OPPOSITIONS' PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE
YASHWANT SINHA

Railway platform children face social exclusion

For want of identity cards such as Aadhar, street children at railway stations face deprivations

As Covid-19 raged and forced a shutdown on Indian Railways in March 2020, tens of thousands of children dependent on the railway platform - directly or indirectly -- for their livelihood suddenly had nowhere to go. Many such children spilled over to temples and gurdwaras in search of food, begging for alms, while others tried their luck at streetlights, though often chided by police from time to time. Some others took shelter in Rain Baseras (night shelters), and a few left with no choice returned to homes, which some of them had left after facing abuses, violence in the hands of elder relatives, sometimes their own parents. Not having an Aadhar Card, or an identity card, or a Jan-Dhan



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account meant many of them couldn't avail the basic ration and paltry welfare dole outs which were being distributed by the government.

"It was a very tough time. So many children just didn't know what to do, where to go. Some parents were suffering from illnesses. Others didn't have homes; so they were on lookout for food, shelter and other basic needs," said Rajan, a 20-year adolescent, who collected empty, plastic water bottles from Old Delhi railway station. Rajan was forced to return home to a neighbouring village in Delhi, which he frequented once in a month or two previously.

Another civil society volunteer said that some of the kids, dependent on a Delhi railway station, had to take

refuge in a temple or Gurudwara after their earnings dried up once the pandemic struck. Some others like Lokesh, another ragpicker near a railway station in Delhi, said he hung around the railway station and lived off the food distributed outside the premises -- Indian Railways, sometimes through its catering unit Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation, and at other times by NGOs, was distributing food. There were children who could not avail of such benefits.

Plights of children during the pandemic who were dependent on the railway ecosystem, including trains and stations, have also been covered in a newsletter brought out by street connected children. 'Street Connected

Children were anyway hand-to-mouth: the coronavirus epidemic made it worse," was the top story of the April-May 2020 edition of Balaknama. It narrated the story of Munna, a 13-year-old rag-picker near a railway station, and many like him who were suddenly left without food and clean clothes, even as their only earning opportunities near railway stations dried up. Another edition of Balaknama quotes Pankaj, another child ragpicker near Nizamuddin railway station, whose slippers gave away, and without footwear, his feet nearly burnt on the roads. "Life was never easy, but it turned to hell during Corona," Pankaj was quoted saying in the Balaknama July 2020 edition. It narrates many stories around how parents of children dependent on railway platforms and streets were losing jobs, forced to borrow, and were pushed into the debt traps. Many such families reduced the frequency of two daily meals to once a day eating, show the case-studies in the newsletter. Not having an identity card, or Aadhar card, did become a problem for many of us when ration was being distributed, said Amar.

As Railways return to normalcy in phases, after periodic interruptions since March 2020, (from a phase of complete halt during first wave, and curtailed operations during Delta wave to slowly opening certain stations and running trains keeping with the spread and intensity of the pandemic and local lockdown

rules, too close to normal operations since late 2021), many children, if not all are returning to railway platform ecosystem to seek means of livelihood.

After witnessing a dramatic drop in children rescued from railway platforms during the pandemic period, railway authorities and NGOs are seeing a steady and clear uptick in the numbers, even though trends vary from one station to the other.

Number of children rescued from stations in 2020 by Railway Police Force (RPF) dropped to a quarter of the numbers rescued the year before. The RPF rescued 5193 children in 2020, substantially low compared to 16,294 in 2019, 17,479 in 2018 and 13,779 in 2017. This number

has climbed back to 11,900 in 2021. In March 2022 alone, 1420 children were rescued, and in the January-March 2022, the number of rescued children who needed care and protection was at 3621.

"Till three-months after the Delta wave, there was a drastic drop in children rescued on platforms. Later, as train operations normalised, children started trickling in. This trend also varies from one station to the other. Some stations in North India and Eastern part of the country started seeing children coming back to railway platforms in great numbers, almost at the pre-pandemic levels," said a not-for-profit stakeholder, which helps rescue children from the platforms.

(To be continued)

Amid Russia shelling, Zelenskyy seeks to strengthen ranks

AP ■ KYIV

With Russian shelling across the country showing no signs of easing, Ukraine's leaders on Monday were looking to strengthen their own ranks after President Volodymyr Zelenskyy removed from office some of his most prominent officials because of alleged "poor performance" over clearing their agencies of "collaborators and traitors."

Internal investigations and checks will be launched following the replacement of the head of Ukraine's Security Service, or SBU, Ivan Bakanov, and Prosecutor General Iryna Venediktova, said Andriy Smirnov, deputy head of Ukraine's presidential office. Acting heads of the two agencies have been appointed in the meantime. Officials said.

"Six months into the war, we continue to uncover loads of these people in each of these agencies," said Andriy Smirnov, the deputy head of Ukraine's presidential office.

Analysts said the move is

designed to strengthen Zelenskyy's control over the army and the security agencies that have been led by people appointed before the war. Zelenskyy "needs an effective Prosecutor (General's) office, and (an effective) SBU" agency, Volodymyr Fesenko, political analyst with the Penta Center think tank, told The Associated Press.

"In the conditions of a war, Zelenskyy needs leaders that are capable of tackling several tasks at the same time -- to resist Russia's intrigues within the country to create a fifth column, to be in contact and coordination with international experts, to do their actual job effectively," Fesenko said.

Bakanov and Venediktova both have held key positions amid Ukraine's efforts to defend itself from the Russian invasion and hold the Russian attackers accountable for the crimes against civilians during the war, which started on Feb. 24.

Bakanov is Zelenskyy's childhood friend and former business partner whom he had



appointed to head the SBU. Bakanov had come under growing criticism over security breaches since the war began and reports have emerged in the past few months that Zelenskyy was looking to replace him.

Venediktova, the first woman to serve as Ukraine's prosecutor general, has won international praise for her relentless drive to gather evidence against Russian President Vladimir Putin and Russian officials and military com-

manders over the destruction of Ukrainian cities and the killing of civilians.

The 43-year-old former law professor has opened thousands of criminal investigations and identified hundreds of suspects while in office, inter-

viewing victims while also coordinating her efforts with foreign donors and officials. When she took office in 2020, Venediktova started as a reformer set to curb inefficiency and corruption in her office.

After appointing the acting chief prosecutor on Sunday, Zelenskyy on Monday signed a decree naming first deputy head of the SBU, Vasyl Maliuk, as the acting head of the agency. Maliuk, 39, is known for his efforts to fight corruption in the security agencies and his appointment is seen as part of Zelenskyy's efforts to get rid of pro-Russian staffers with in the SBU.

"Maliuk was fighting corruption within the SBU, so (he) has compromising materials on many staff members and can control the personnel, many of whom are looking in the direction of Russia," political analyst Vadym Karasiov, head of the Global Strategies Institute, told the AP.

Fesenko, the political analyst, added that discontent with the two officials has been brew-

ing for a while and that it was possible that Ukraine's Western partners pointed out the under-performance of the SBU and the prosecutor general's office to Zelenskyy.

Meanwhile, Russia pressed forward with its attacks, which Ukrainian officials said were designed to intimidate the civilian population and sow panic among them.

Ukraine's presidential office said Monday that Russian shelling over the past day killed at least four civilians and wounded 13 more. Cities and villages in seven Ukrainian regions have suffered from the attacks, the update said.

The highest number of civilian casualties was reported in the eastern Donetsk region, where the most intense fighting is focused at the moment -- two people were killed there and 10 others were wounded.

Donetsk governor Pavlo Kyrylenko said that the shelling of the region is incessant. Four strikes have been carried out on the city of Kramatorsk, he said, urging civilians to evacuate

from the area.

"We're seeing that the Russians want to sow fear and panic among the civilians -- the shelling continues day and night," Kyrylenko said in televised remarks. "The front line is moving, so civilians must leave the region and evacuate."

The southern city of Mykolaiv was shelled on Monday morning, while two people were killed and two others were wounded in the shelling of residential buildings in In Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city.

"The shelling either intensifies, or dies down, but the Russian army doesn't stop the fire on the Kharkiv region and keeps civilians in constant tension," Kharkiv Gov. Oleh Syniehubov told Ukrainian TV.

Also Monday, a funeral was held at a monastery in Kyiv for a Ukrainian soldier who was killed when his car hit a land mine near Izium on July 14, but whose family couldn't bury him in their hometown in eastern Ukraine because it remains under Russian occupation.

EU zooms in on tighter Russia sanctions, backs Ukraine aid

AP ■ BRUSSELS

European Union foreign ministers are zooming in Monday on tightening the extensive package of sanctions on Russia and looking at ways to add a ban on gold exports in hopes that the measures might finally start to have a decisive impact on the war in Ukraine.

The EU ministers also made a commitment to add another 500 millions euros in military aid to Ukraine's war chest to beef up the defense of the nation.

The decision came after a video debriefing on the latest developments through a video conference by Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba, who said he was "grateful" for the new funds, which brings the EU total to 2.5 billion euros but still urged the 27 nations to provide more.

"If anything needs to be continued, it is weapons deliv-

eries," said Lithuanian Foreign Minister Gabrielius Landsbergis, insisting it was also essential to secure the port of Odesa enough to make sure grain shipments could resume. "And anybody who can who can do that, obviously, this is the main industrial countries of of the Western world. They have to step up with that."

On restrictive measures, EU foreign affairs chief Josep Borrell said that at the moment "the most important thing is a ban on Russian gold," which is Moscow's second-largest export industry after energy. The Group of Seven leading industrial nations last month already committed to a gold ban, arguing that Russia has used its gold to back up its currency to circumvent the impact of several rounds of sanctions that nations around the world had already imposed on Moscow after its Feb. 24 invasion of Ukraine.

Pain for Europe now, later for Russia

AP ■ KYIV

Across Europe, signs of distress are multiplying as Russia's war in Ukraine drags on. Food banks in Italy are feeding more people. German officials are turning down the air conditioning as they prepare plans to ration natural gas and restart coal plants.

A giant utility is asking for a taxpayer bailout, and more may be coming. Dairies wonder how they will pasteurize milk. The euro has sagged to a 20-year low against the dollar, and recession predictions are on the rise.

Those pressure points are signs of how the conflict — and the Kremlin gradually choking off natural gas that keeps industry humming — provoked an energy crisis in Europe and raised the likelihood of a plunge back into recession just as the economy was rebounding from the

Economics of war



COVID-19 pandemic. Meanwhile, high energy costs fuelled by the war are

benefiting Russia, a major oil and natural gas exporter whose agile central bank and years of

experience living with sanctions have stabilised the ruble and inflation despite economic isolation.

In the long run, however, economists say Russia, while avoiding complete collapse, will pay a heavy price for the war: deepening economic stagnation through lost investment and lower incomes for its people.

Europe's most pressing challenge is shorter term: battle record inflation of 8.6% and get through the winter without crippling energy shortages. The continent relies on Russian natural gas, and higher energy prices are flowing through to factories, food costs and fuel tanks.

Uncertainty weighs on energy-intensive industries like steel and agriculture, which could face natural gas rationing to protect homes if the crisis worsens.

Molkerei Berchtesgadener Land, a large dairy cooperative

in the German town of Piding outside Munich, has stockpiled 200,000 liters (44,000 gallons) of fuel oil so it can keep producing power and steam for pasteurizing milk and keeping it cold if electricity or natural gas to its turbine generator is cut off.

It's a critical safeguard for 1,800 member farmers whose 50,000 cows produce a million liters of milk a day. Dairy cows have to be milked daily, and a shutdown would leave that ocean of milk with nowhere to go. "If the dairy doesn't function, then the farmers can't either," managing director Bernhard Pointner said. "Then the farmers would have to discard their milk."

In one hour, the dairy uses the equivalent of a year's worth of electricity for a home to keep up to 20,000 pallets of milk cold.

The dairy also has stockpiled packaging and other supplies to guard against sup-

pliers being hit by an energy shortage: "We have a lot stored ... But that will only last a few weeks."

The economic woes also appear at the dinner table. Consumer groups estimate a typical Italian family is spending 681 euros (dollars) more this year to feed themselves.

"We're really concerned about the situation and the continuous increase in the number of families we're supporting," said Dario Boggio Marzet, president of the Food Bank of Lombardy, which groups dozens of charities that run soup kitchens and provide staples to the needy. Their monthly costs are up 5,000 euros this year.

Jessica Lobli, a single mother of two from the Paris suburb of Gennevilliers, pays close attention to surging grocery prices. She's reduced her consumption of milk and yogurt and renounced Nutella or branded cookies.

PUBLIC NOTICE
NATIONAL CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION
Under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019
Telephone No. :011-24608801-04 Fax No. : 011-24651505
Upphokta Nyay Bhawan 'F'- Block, General Pool Office Complex,
INA, NEW DELHI- 110023
Consumer Complaint No. 2409 of 2018
RAJESH KHOSLA & 12 ORS.Complainant
Versus
AIR FORCE NAVAL HOUSING BOARD ..Opposite Party
To,
THE PURCHASERS/ALLOTTEES OF THE RESIDENTIAL PLOTS / UNITS IN "JALVAYU FARM UNITS SCHEME", PROJECT SITE "Y", LOCATION - VILLAGE MOTIPUR AND TILWARA, TEHSIL, SIKANDRABAD (UTTAR PRADESH) DEVELOPED BY AIR FORCE NAVAL HOUSING BOARD THROUGH ITS DIRECTOR GENERAL.
Whereas the above Complainants have, through MR. R. L. Singnal, Advocate, T-3/1303, Supreme Towers, Sector - 99, Noida - 201304 (Uttar Pradesh) Mobile No. 9313166783, filed the captioned Consumer Complaint before the Hon'ble National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, New Delhi on behalf and/or for the benefit of all the consumers who have either booked or have been allotted a Plot / Unit, in the project namely "**Jalvayu Farm Units Scheme**" Village Motipur and Tilwara, Tehsil, Sikandrabad (Uttar Pradesh), being developed by the Opposite Party named above for redressal of their common grievances, and seeking the following reliefs:-
1. Allow the present complaint;
2. Direct the Opposite Party to pay a sum of ₹1,80,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Lakhs) (₹2,40,000/- to each complainant) as compensation for per year due to loss of opportunity caused to the Complainant for unfair practice;
3. Direct Opposite Party to pay a sum of ₹5,00,000/- to each Complainant, total amounting to ₹65,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs) as compensation for mental harassment and agony to the Complainant which was caused solely by the act of Opposite Party.
4. Opposite Party may also be directed to pay the cost of the Complainants to the tune of ₹50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) to each as litigation expenses;
5. Pass any other or further order/orders as may be deemed fit and proper on the facts and in the circumstances of this case.
And whereas the Hon'ble Commission vide its order dated 01.04.2022 (Copy enclosed) is pleased to direct issue of notice of the institution of the above captioned complaint to all the consumers having same interest in the matter. Accordingly all allottees of the above referred Project having the same grievance against the Opposite Party, may appear before the Commission in-person or through an Advocate/Authorized Representative on **22.07.2022 at 10:30 a.m.** They can inspect the file of the aforementioned complaint in the office of the Counsel for the Complainant (s) and apply for being impleaded as a party to the complaint. They may also note that the decision of the Commission in the captioned complaint will be binding on all the consumers on whose behalf and/or for whose benefit the complaint is instituted.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Commission on this 20th day of April, 2022.

By Order
(S. Hanumantha Rao)
Joint Registrar

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NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulations 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Friday, the 28th July, 2022 *inter-alia* to approve the Audited Financial Results for the first quarter ended 30.06.2022.
The above details of the said meeting are also available on the website of the Company www.arotile.com and also at the website of the Stock Exchanges www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com.
For **Aro granite industries Ltd.**
Sabyasachi Panigrahi
Place : New Delhi Company Secretary & Compliance Officer.
Date : 19.07.2022

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E- Tender Notice
Office of the Executive Engineer (M&G) Kulhal Power Station, Kulhal, invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below :
Tender No. e- 10/UJVNL/EE (M&G)/KPS/2022-23 "Supply and fixing of various valves and pump at Kulhal Power Station"
Estimated cost : Rs 43.06,588/-GST Extra
Date of availability of bid document on website: 19/07/2022 11:00 Hrs
Last date for submission of tender on website : 10/08/2022 15:00 Hrs
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in".
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LOOK OUT NOTICE
On 10.07.2022 one Jamail Singh S/O Duni Chand R/O Najote Tehsil Lohai Malhar lodged a written report at P/S Billawar stating therein that on 08.07.2022 at about 1800 hours his wife went for cutting the grass for catties and his daughter namely Madhu Devi age 17 years was present at home. When complainant's wife returned back at home after cutting the grass and found that his daughter was not there. The complainant searched his daughter every where but no any clue could be struck out. The complainant has doubt that his daughter has been kidnapped by some unknown culprit(s). On this, case FIR No. 93/2022 U/S 363 IPC was registered at P/S Billawar and investigation of the case is entrusted to ASI Mulkh Raj.
During the course of investigation, best efforts were made to locate missing individual, whereas she is still un-traced.
As such Description Roll/Photograph of said missing individuals is being shared with the appeal that anybody having clue/information about her whereabouts may inform us accordingly. The informer will be rewarded suitably:-
Description Roll :-
• Name: Madhu Devi
• Father: Jamail Singh
• Permanent Address: Vill. Najote
• Present Address: Vill. Najote
• Tehsil: Lohai Malhar
• Police Station: Billawar
• Age: 17 years
• Height: 05 Feet 02 Inch
• Complexion: Wheatish.
• Built: Average
• Face: Long
• Eyes: Black
• Languages known: Dogri/Hindi.
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2. dpokathua@kpjpolice.gov.in (Mail ID)
3. PCR Kathua-01922-234311(Phone/Fax)
4. Police Station Billawar: 01922-222022
No: DIP/J-5256/22 Sd/- Sr. Superintendent of Police
Dated: 18.07.2022 Kathua
PHOTOGRAPH

Italy's embattled PM Draghi visits Algeria for gas talks

AP ■ ALGIERS

With his government's fate in limbo, Italian Premier Mario Draghi is visiting Algeria's capital Monday to finalize deals boosting Algerian gas supplies to Italy as Europeans brace for a possible cutoff of Russian gas.

In a sign of the importance of the visit, the Italian delegation includes the foreign minister, interior minister, justice minister and ecological transition ministers. They'll hold a day of talks, meet with Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune and sign joint agreements.

Algeria is set to displace Russia as the main supplier of gas to Italy, after a major agreement was reached during a trip by Draghi to Algeria in April between Algerian energy giant Sonatrach and Italian company ENI to increase gas exports. EU countries have scrambled to diversify energy sources after

Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Monday's trip comes at a precarious time for Draghi, who had to cut it a day short because of political troubles at home.

A main partner in his pandemic unity government, the populist 5-Star Movement, boycotted a confidence vote in the Senate last week on an energy costs relief bill, jeopardizing the survival of the 17-month-old government.

The political turmoil forced Draghi to reduce his Algeria visit from two days to just one. Amid concerns that payments for Russian gas and oil are funding President Vladimir Putin's war, Europe is trying to cut its reliance on Russian natural gas imports and prepare for a potential Russian cutoff in reprisal for EU sanctions.

Prior to the war, Russia provided Italy about 29 billion cubic meters of gas per year, compared with about 23 billion from Algeria.

US disputes UAE's explanation of arrest of Khashoggi's lawyer

AP ■ DUBAI

The United States on Monday said it had not sought the arrest of the former lawyer of slain Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, contradicting the United Arab Emirates' official explanation for the American citizen's detention.

The UAE on Saturday sentenced the civil rights lawyer, U.S. Citizen Asim Ghafoor, to three years in prison followed by deportation on charges of money laundering and tax evasion. Ghafoor has rejected the charges and said he had no idea he had been convicted on the charges at some point in the past, in absentia.

Policemen arrested him from Dubai airport on Thursday as he was transiting to Istanbul for a wedding and took him to an Abu Dhabi

detention center. An Emirati court rejected Ghafoor's request to be released on bail Monday as he seeks to appeal his conviction, said his lawyer, Faisal Gill.

The UAE portrayed Ghafoor's arrest as a coordinated move with the U.S. To "combat transnational crimes," saying American authorities had requested Emirati help with an investigation into Ghafoor's alleged tax evasion and suspicious money transfers in the autocratic country.

But the U.S. Disputed that account, with the State Department saying it has "not sought the arrest of Mr. Ghafoor" and referring further questions to the Department of Justice.

The Department of Justice did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Berlin hosts envoys for heart-to-heart talks on climate

AP ■ BERLIN

With the world reeling from the economic fallout of the pandemic and the war in Ukraine, senior officials from 40 countries met Monday in Berlin for heart-to-heart talks on how to stay focused on fighting climate change and addressing its impact.

Organisers have billed the two-day gathering as an opportunity to rebuild trust between rich and poor nations ahead of this year's U.N. Climate summit in Egypt, after technical talks last month achieved little progress on key issues such as climate aid for developing countries.

"Many of the poorest and most vulnerable countries in the world are experiencing severe climate impacts now," Germany climate envoy Jennifer Morgan told The Associated Press. "The question is how to support them in both adapting to those impacts and when they experience



real losses and damages. We must also show more solidarity."

Developing countries are still waiting for rich nations to provide \$100 billion in climate aid each year, a target they were meant to reach by 2020.

Big polluters, however, have also long resisted the idea that they should pay for the destruction their greenhouse gas emissions are causing around the world.

The closed-doors talks in Berlin kicks off with experts delivering a presentation on the issue of "loss and damage" to ministers, who will then break into small groups to discuss and listen to each other in the hope of building trust ahead of November's U.N. Summit in Sharm el-Sheikh.

The meeting in Berlin comes as scientists say the extreme heat slamming large parts of the northern hemisphere in the past few weeks could become the new normal in summer if global warming continues.

"As this meeting is taking place, parts of Europe are baking, indeed they're burning; and sadly, it's an experience that is all too familiar to many millions across the globe already," said Alok Sharma, the British official who led last year's climate talks in Glasgow. He told delegates at the meeting opened: "My plea to you all is, please, let's speed up our work."

Acting Prez Ranil declares Emergency in Sri Lanka

Opp slams it as 'undemocratic draconian act'

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's Acting President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Monday declared a state of emergency giving him broad powers ahead of the crucial presidential election on Wednesday, a move dubbed as an "undemocratic draconian act" by the opposition leaders amid growing demands for his resignation.

Wickremesinghe, who was sworn-in as acting president on Friday after President Gotabaya Rajapaksa fled to the Maldives and then to Singapore from where he resigned in the face of public revolt against his government's mishandling of the country's economy, imposed the emergency as protests demanding his resignation too have continued in most parts of the country.

The government gazette dated July 17 imposing a state of emergency in the troubled nation was issued on Monday morning.

Wickremesinghe in the notification said that he was of the opinion enforcing public emergency was required in Sri Lanka in the interests of public security, the protection of public order and the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the life of the community. The 225-member Parliament is expected to elect the new president on July 20. The seat fell vacant after Rajapaksa's resignation last week.

The president is empowered to impose emergency regulations in part 2 of the public security ordinance which says "(a) if the president is of the opinion that the police are inadequate to deal with a situ-



Lankan President urges political parties to form all-party Govt

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's Acting President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Monday urged the political parties to put aside their differences and form an all-party government which would allow the country to recover from the economic crisis as he assured the public that talks with the IMF were nearing conclusion.

Wickremesinghe, who earlier in the day declared a state of emergency giving him broad powers ahead of the crucial presidential election on Wednesday, made the appeal in a special statement in which he said that when he took over as the Prime Minister on May 13, the economy had collapsed.

ation he may gazette an order calling out the armed forces to maintain public order".

This means that security forces gain the power to search, arrest, seize and remove weapons and explosives, and enter and search premises or persons. Opposition leaders slammed the move to impose an emergency.

"Imposition of Emergency is an undemocratic draconian act. Peace loving citizens of our motherland have the sacred privilege to exercise their fundamental rights in a democratic society. Long live democracy," Leader of the Opposition and Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) party leader Sajith Premadasa tweeted.

Opposition Tamil National Alliance (TNA) MP M A Sumanthiran in two separate tweets tagged media reports and wrote "Ranil Rajapaksa: Wickremesinghe's Power Grab Will End Badly for Sri Lanka", "Why @RW_UNP has become unacceptable to the country to succeed @GotabayaR as President for the rest of the term?"

The emergency order comes as Parliament is set to

accept on Tuesday the nominations for the post of president, which fell vacant last week after Rajapaksa fled the country and later resigned. Rajapaksa is currently in Singapore.

At least four candidates, including Wickremesinghe, are in the race to become the new president who will serve the remaining tenure of Rajapaksa till November 2024. The voting in parliament is to take place on Wednesday.

On Sunday, the acting president's office said he had ordered the police to keep track of those who threaten and influence parliamentarians in Wednesday's vote. The security around the Parliament complex has been tightened and all the entry roads leading to the parliament have been closed off with roadblocks, according to local media.

Besides Wickremesinghe and Premadasa, Marxist Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) leader Anura Kumara Disanayake and Dullas Alahapperuma, a breakaway SLPP candidate, are the other two leaders who have so far announced their candidacy to

contest the vote in Parliament.

The ruling SLPP has officially announced its backing for Wickremesinghe.

The 73-year-old politician is currently the frontrunner though his United National Party (UNP) was routed in the 2020 parliamentary election.

The decision to impose the emergency also came amid growing protests demanding Wickremesinghe's resignation. Sri Lankan protesters on Sunday vowed to continue their struggle for a complete change of the system by abolishing the presidency.

Sri Lanka is facing its worst economic crisis in seven decades, with a severe foreign exchange shortage hampering the import of essentials including food, fuel and medicines.

Trial expected to begin for ex-Trump adviser

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Jury selection is scheduled to begin on Monday in the trial of Steve Bannon, a one-time adviser to former President Donald Trump who faces criminal contempt of Congress charges after refusing for months to cooperate with the House committee investigating last year's January 6 Capitol insurrection. Bannon is charged in Washington's federal court with defying a subpoena from the January 6 committee that sought his records and testimony.

He was indicted in November on two counts of criminal contempt of Congress, one month after the Justice Department received a congressional referral. Each



count carries a minimum of 30 days of jail and as long as a year behind bars.

The trial follows a flurry of activity in the case since July 9. Over a week ago, the former White House strategist notified the committee that he is now willing to testify.

His lawyer, Robert Costello, said the change was because Trump has waived his executive privilege claim from preventing the testimony.

Bannon, 68, had been one of the most prominent of the Trump-allied holdouts in refusing to testify before the committee. He has argued that his testimony is protected by Trump's claim of executive privilege.

Trump has repeatedly asserted executive privilege — even as a former president — to try to block witness testimony and the release of White House documents.

The Supreme Court in January ruled against Trump's efforts to stop the National Archives from cooperating with the committee after a lower court judge — Ketanji

Brown Jackson, now on the Supreme Court — noted, in part, "Presidents are not kings".

The committee has also noted that Trump fired Bannon from the White House in 2017 and Bannon was thus a private citizen when he was consulting with the then-president in the run-up to the riot.

US District Judge Carl Nichols declined motions to delay the trial in separate hearings last week, including on Thursday when Bannon's lawyers raised concerns about a CNN report that has since aired about their client and what they said were prejudicial comments made during a hearing last week held by the House committee investigating the riot.

4 killed in shooting at Indiana mall, two injured, say police

AP ■ GREENWOOD (US)

Four people, including a gunman, were killed Sunday evening at an Indiana mall after a man with a rifle opened fire in a food court and an armed civilian shot him, police said.

The man entered the Greenwood Park Mall with a rifle and several magazines of ammunition and began firing in the food court, Greenwood Police Department Chief Jim Ison said.

An armed civilian killed the man, Ison said at a news conference. In total, four people were killed and two were injured, he said.

Officers went to the mall at about 6 pm for reports of the shooting. Authorities are searching the mall for any other victims, but they believe the shooting was contained to the food court.

Police have confiscated a suspicious backpack that was in a bathroom near the food court, Ison said.



Indianapolis Metropolitan Police and multiple other agencies are assisting in the investigation.

"We are sickened by yet another type of incident like this in our country," Indianapolis Assistant Chief of Police Chris Bailey said.

There is no active threat to the area and police have at least one suspect, he said.

Authorities said they would provide more details Sunday night.

Britons asked to stay indoor as UK faces hottest day ever

PTI ■ LONDON

People in the UK are being advised to stay indoors and avoid non-essential travel as the country faces its hottest day on Monday, with temperatures set to edge towards the 40-degree Celsius mark for the first time since records began.

A national emergency is in place by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and the Meteorological (Met) Office has issued its first-ever red alert for extreme heat, warning of danger to life from the extreme heat.

The heatwave is set to peak on Tuesday before some rain forecast for Wednesday.

"We may well see the hottest day in UK history," said Professor Penny Endersby, chief executive of the Met Office.

"Tomorrow [Tuesday] there's a higher chance of 40C and above, possible numbers 41 are on the cards, some 43 in some models, but we're hoping it won't be as hot as that," she told the BBC.



She urged people to take the warnings seriously as they would any forecast of storm or other harsh weather.

"These temperatures are unprecedented and we're not used to dealing with them — heat causes many hundreds or thousands excess deaths, so people need to follow the advice of keeping the shade, keeping cool and hydrated,"

she added.

The highest temperature ever recorded in Britain is 38.7 C (101.7 F), a record set in 2019. People are being warned of major disruption to journeys by train and car. Downing Street said railway speed restrictions may be needed "on some parts of the network... To manage the hot weather and to avoid any

potential damage".

Very hot temperatures can affect rails, overhead power lines and signalling equipment, as well as "bend and buckle" tracks.

Network Rail, which runs the country's railway networks, warned that journeys will take significantly longer and delays are likely. It, along with Transport for London (TfL), is

strongly encouraging customers not to travel on Monday and Tuesday.

"Due to the exceptionally hot weather that is expected... Customers should only use London's transport network for essential journeys. If customers do need to travel, they should check before they travel as we are expecting there to be some impact to Tube and rail services," said TFL chief operating officer Andy Lord.

London Mayor Sadiq Khan said he supports calls for some industries to adapt working hours to make sure employees aren't in danger in the hottest temperatures.

"New buildings now have cooling systems, rely on renewable energy and are insulated," he said.

Some schools have also decided to cancel planned sports days or shut down, with others keeping some staff on site and allowing children to wear their cooler sports uniforms if their parents are unable to find childcare at short notice.

Thai pro-democracy activists hit by spyware, say researchers

AP ■ BANGKOK

Cybersecurity researchers reported details Monday of cases where Thai activists involved in the country's pro-democracy protests had their cell phones or other devices infected and attacked with government-sponsored spyware.

Investigators of the internet watchdog groups Citizen Lab, Thailand's Internet Law Reform Dialogue, or iLaw, and Digital Reach said at least 30 individuals — including activists, scholars and people working with civil society groups — were targeted by an unnamed government entity or entities for surveillance with Pegasus, a spyware produced by the Israeli-based cybersecurity company NSO Group. The reports from the two

groups named many of those targeted, confirming earlier reports of the surveillance, which John Scott-Railton of Citizen Lab said shows that governments are exploiting their ability to buy technologies designed to fight crime and terrorism to spy on critics and other private citizens.

"Citizen Lab believes there is a fundamental challenge for civil society," John Scott-Railton of Citizen Lab said in an online presentation at a briefing in Bangkok.

The attacks on the individuals' devices spanned from October 2020 to November 2021, a timing "highly relevant to specific Thai political events" since they took place over the period of time when pro-democracy protests erupted across the country.



But Scott-Railton said Citizen Lab, which exposes digital espionage campaigns and insecure software, believed there was still an active Pegasus operator in Thailand.

Those whose devices were attacked were either involved in the protests in 2020-2021, or were publicly critical of the

Thai monarchy. Lawyers who defended the activists also were under such digital surveillance, the researchers said.

The Pegasus spyware is known for "zero-click exploits," which means it can be installed remotely onto a target's phone without the target having to click any links or download software.

The spyware can obtain any data on the devices, including contact lists and group chats, making it highly effective against political groups and movements, Scott-Railton said.

NSO Group's products, including the Pegasus software, are typically licensed only to government intelligence and law enforcement agencies to investigate terrorism and serious crime, according to the company's website.

Malaysia seizes African tusks, pangolin scales worth \$18M

AP ■ PORT KLANG

Malaysian authorities said Monday they seized a container of African elephant tusks, pangolin scales and other animal skulls and bones estimated to be worth 80 million ringgit (\$18 million).

The Customs Department said in a statement it discovered the contraband hidden behind sawn timber following checks on July 10 on a ship coming from Africa. This included 6,000 kilograms (13,227 pounds) of elephant tusks, 100 kilograms (220 pounds) of pangolin scales, 25 kilograms (55 pounds) of rhino horns and 300 kilograms (661 pounds) of animal skulls, bones and horns, it said.

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INFORMATION REGARDING THE 34TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 34th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members of Aro granite industries ltd. ("the Company") will be held on Friday, August 26, 2022 at 12:30 p.m. through video conference (VCO/AVM), to transact the businesses as set out in the Notice of AGM in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act") and Rules framed thereunder and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations") read with General Circular No.14/2020 (dated 8th April 2020), 17/2020 (dated 13th April 2020), 20/2020 (dated 5th May 2020) followed with Circular No. 02/2021 (dated January 13, 2021), 2/2022 (dated 5th May 2022), 3/2022 (dated 5th May 2022) issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA Circulars") and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2021/11 dated 15th January 2021 read with Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated 12th May 2020, SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2022/62 dated 13th May 2022 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI Circular"), without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue. Electronic copies of the Notice of the AGM and the Annual Report for the financial year ended 31st March, 2022 of the Company shall be sent to all the members whose e-mail IDs are registered with the Company/RTA/Depository participant(s). Please note that the requirement of sending physical copy of the Notice of the 34th AGM and Annual Report to the Members have been dispensed with vide MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular. The Notice and the Annual Report will also be available on the website of the Company www.arogranite.com and on the website(s) of the stock exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively, where the Company's shares are listed. The Company is providing remote e-voting facility ("remote e-voting") to all its members to cast their votes on all the resolutions set out in the Notice of the AGM. Additionally, the Company is providing the facility of voting through e-voting system during the AGM ("e-voting"). Detailed procedure for remote e-voting/e-voting has been provided in the Notice of the AGM which will be sent to you shortly. Members, who are holding shares in physical/electronic form and their e-mail addresses are not registered with the Company/their respective Depository Participants, are requested to register their e-mail addresses at the earliest for receiving the Annual Report 2021-22 along with AGM Notice. Members are requested to provide their e-mail addresses and bank account details for registration to Alankit Assignments Limited, RTA of the Company. The process of registering the same is mentioned below: 1. Members, who are holding shares in physical/electronic form and their e-mail addresses are not registered with the Company/their respective Depository Participants, are requested to register their e-mail addresses at the earliest by sending scanned copy of a duly signed letter by the Member(s) mentioning their name, folio number, scanned copy of share certificate (front and back) along with self-attested scanned copy of the PAN Card and self-attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card in support of the address proof of the Member as registered with the Company for receiving the Annual Report 2021-22 along with AGM Notice by e-mail to ramap@alankit.com. Members holding shares in demat form can update their e-mail address with their Depository Participants. Alternatively, shareholders/members may send a request to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com for procuring user ID and password for e-voting by providing above mentioned documents. 2. Please note that the updation/registration of e-mail addresses on the basis of the above scanned documents will be only for the purpose of sending the notice of 34th AGM and Annual Report for 2021-22. The Member(s) will therefore be required to send the e-mail ID updating request along with hard copies of the aforesaid documents to RTA for actual registration in the records to receive all the future communications including Annual Reports, Notices, Circulars, etc. from the Company electronically. Members holding shares in demat form can update their e-mail address with their Depository Participants. The Notice of the AGM shall contain the instructions regarding the manner in which the shareholders can cast their vote through remote e-voting or by e-voting at the time of AGM and join the AGM through VC. The Notice of AGM and Annual Report for financial year 2021-22 will be sent to members in accordance with the applicable laws on their registered e-mail addresses in due course.

For Aro granite industries ltd.

Sabyasachi Panigrahi
Company Secretary

25 kg plus cereals, pulses, flour exempt from 5% GST

New Delhi: Single packages of unbranded pre-packed and labelled food items like cereals, pulses and flour weighing in excess of 25 kg are exempt from 5 per cent GST levy.

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs on Sunday late night issued FAQs clarifying various doubts and said only pre-packed items up to 25 kg will attract 5 per cent GST but if a retail shopkeeper supplies in loose quantity the item bought from a manufacturer or a distributor in a 25-kg pack, such sale to consumers will not attract GST.

Last week, the government had notified that from July 18, unbranded pre-packed and labelled food items would attract 5 per cent Goods and Services Tax. So far, only branded items used to attract the levy.

As per the FAQs, pre-packaged and labelled food items (such as pulses, cereals like rice, wheat, flour etc), would fall within the purview of the definition of 'pre-packaged commodity' under the Legal Metrology Act, 2009, if such packages contain a quantity up to 25 kilogram (or 25 litres).

"It is clarified that a single package of these items (cereals, pulses, flour etc.) containing a quantity of more than 25 Kg/25 litre would not fall in the category of pre-packaged and labelled commodity for the purposes of GST and would therefore not attract GST," it



said. Giving illustration, the CBIC said the supply of 25-kg pre-packed atta meant for retail sale to ultimate consumer shall be liable to GST. However, supply of such a 30-kg pack thereof shall be exempt from levy of GST.

The board also said that GST would apply on a package that contains multiple retail packages, for example a package containing 10 retail packs of flour of 10 kg each, the CBIC, under Ministry of Finance, said.

"If several packages intended for retail sale to ultimate consumer, say 10 packages of 10 kg each, are sold in a larger pack, then GST would apply to such supply. Such package may be sold by a manufacturer through distributor.

These individual packs of 10 kg each are meant for eventual sale to retail consumer," the CBIC said.

However, a package of, say, rice containing 50 kg (in one individual package) would not be considered a pre-packaged and labelled commodity for the purposes of GST levy, it added.

GST would apply when pre-packaged and labelled package is sold by a distributor/manufacturer to a retailer purchasing food items in packages weighing up to 25 kg/25 litre.

"However, if for any reason, retailer supplies the item in loose quantity from such package, such supply by retailer is not a supply of packaged commodity for the purpose of GST levy," the CBIC said. **PTI**

Few States seek extension of GST compensation for five years, says Sitharaman

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday informed the Lok Sabha that a few states including Telangana have sought a five-year extension for the compensation paid to them for revenue shortfall due to GST implementation.

As per section 18 of the Constitution (One Hundred and First Amendment) Act, 2016, Parliament shall, by law, on the recommendation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council, provide for compensation to the states for loss of revenue arising on account of implementation of the goods and services tax for a period of five years.

When a nationwide GST subsumed 17 central and state levies from July 1, 2017, it was decided that states will be compensated for any loss of revenue from the new tax for five years. That timeframe has ended on June 30 this year.

GST Council, in its 42nd meeting, has recommended extending the period of levy of GST Compensation cess beyond June 2022 to cover the entire shortfall as well as servicing the back-to-back loan released to states to meet their resource gap due to the short release of compensation, she said in a written reply to Lok Sabha.

Centre borrowed ₹1.1 lakh crore in 2020-21 and ₹1.59 lakh crore in 2021-22 as back-to-back loans to meet part of the shortfall in cess collection, she said.

In addition, she said, the

government of India has further released ₹86,912 crore to states/UTs on May 31, 2022 and cleared the entire provisionally admissible GST compensation due till May, 2022.

This decision was taken to assist the states in managing their resources and ensuring that their programmes especially the expenditure on capital is carried out successfully during the financial year, she said. This decision has been taken despite the fact that only about ₹25,000 crore was available in the GST Compensation Fund, she said, adding, the balance ₹62,000 crore was released by the Centre from its own resources pending collection of cess.

As a result of the continued reforms in GST undertaken by Centre and states, on the recommendations of the GST Council, the finance minister said, buoyancy in GST revenue has been achieved in the recent months.

The average monthly gross GST collection for the first quarter of FY23 has been ₹1.51 lakh crore against the average monthly collection of ₹1.10 lakh crore in the first quarter of the last financial year, showing an increase of 37 per cent.

In reply to another question, the Finance Minister said, global factors such as the Russia-Ukraine conflict, soaring crude oil prices and tightening of global financial conditions are the major reasons for the weakening of the Indian rupee against the US dollar. **PTI**

Sensex, Nifty climb over 1% amid firm global market trends

Mumbai: Benchmark Sensex and Nifty spurted over 1 per cent on Monday following hectic buying in IT, oil and gas and banking shares bolstered by firm global trends.

Rising for a second straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex rallied 760.37 points or 1.41 per cent to settle at 54,521.15. During the day, it jumped 795.88 points or 1.48 per cent to 53,760.78.

The broader NSE Nifty advanced 229.30 points or 1.43 per cent to 16,278.50 as 41 of its constituents advanced.

Stock markets opened on a positive note following gains in Asian markets. Key indices extended gains in afternoon session after buying in IT, banking, tech and capital goods stocks.

"Gains in frontline blue-chip stocks such as Infosys, Tech Mahindra also helped to lift the markets," said Narendra Solanki, Head Fundamental Research -Anand Rathii-Investment Services.

Among Sensex constituents, IndusInd Bank rose the most by 4.36 per cent.

IT companies ended their losing run with Infosys rising by 4.16 per cent, Tech Mahindra by 3.67 per cent, Wipro by 2.77 per cent and TCS by 2.23 per cent.

Reliance Industries rose by nearly 1 per cent after a spurt in crude oil prices.

Bajaj Finserv spurted by 3.46 per cent, Axis Bank by 3.31



per cent, Kotak Bank by 3.25 per cent, ICICI Bank by 2.78 per cent and SBI by 2.35 per cent.

Ultratech Cement, L&T, Tata Steel, HCL Tech, Bharti Airtel, Bajaj Finance also gained.

On the other hand, Dr Reddy's fell the most by 1.7 per cent while HDFC twins also dropped up to 1.19 per cent. M& M dropped by 0.86 per cent and Maruti by 0.84 per

cent. "Strong US retail sales data scaled down the worries of an aggressive rate hike higher than 75bps providing the much-needed optimism to global equities. The European Central Bank, in its meeting this week, is set to increase its interest rates for the 1st time to contain record-high inflation," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services said. **PTI**

Investors richer by over ₹4.73 L crore in 2 days

New Delhi: Investors became richer by over ₹4.73 lakh crore in two days of market rally amid an overall firm trend in global equities.

On Monday, the 30-share BSE benchmark Sensex jumped 760.37 points or 1.41 per cent to settle at 54,521.15. On Friday, the benchmark had climbed 344.63 points or 0.65 per cent to 53,760.78.

The two-day rally has added ₹4,73,814.1 crore to the market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms, which now stands at ₹2,55,39,794.75 crore.

"Firm global cues bolstered market sentiment as the benchmark Sensex closed above the psychological 54,000-mark on strong all-round buying support. The recent sell-off had made some stocks attractive, hence traders bought IT, metals & telecom stocks," said Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Equity Research (Retail), Kotak Securities Ltd.

Among the Sensex constituents, IndusInd Bank, Infosys, Tech Mahindra, Bajaj Finserv, Axis Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank and UltraTech Cement were the major gainers on Monday.

Dr Reddy's Lab, HDFC Bank, Mahindra & Mahindra, Maruti, Nestle, Hindustan Unilever and HDFC were the laggards.

Ajit Mishra, VP - Research, Religare Broking Ltd, said markets are largely mirroring their global counterparts, especially the US while domestic factors like macroeconomic data and earnings cause volatile swings in between.

"Markets started the week on a buoyant note and gained nearly one and a half per cent, tracking firm global cues. After the gap-up start, the benchmark gradually inched higher as the day progressed and finally settled around the day's high," Mishra added.

Among BSE sectoral indices, IT jumped the most by 3.07 per cent, followed by tech (2.96 per cent), metal (2.72 per cent), bank (2.08 per cent), basic materials (1.97 per cent) and capital goods (1.96 per cent).

FMCG was the only laggard.

As many as 2,302 firms advanced, while 1,152 declined and 158 remained unchanged. **PTI**

Rupee settles at 79.97 against US dollar; touches 80/USD mark

Mumbai: The rupee slid to the psychologically low level of 80 in intra day trade before settling down by 15 paise at 79.97 (provisional) against the US currency on Monday due to a surge in crude oil prices and unrelenting foreign fund outflows.

At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 79.76 against the greenback but later lost ground to touch the psychological low mark of 80.00 against the American currency.

The local unit recovered some lost ground and closed at 79.97 (provisional), registering a fall of 15 paise over its previous close.

The rupee on Friday rebounded from the near-80 levels to close higher by 17 paise at 79.82 against the US currency.

"Indian rupee, opened in the green on strength in

domestic equity markets and a weak US Dollar. However, rupee weakened in the latter half of the day on surge in crude oil prices and selling pressure by FIIs. FII outflows rose to ₹1,649 crores on Friday," said Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas.

Choudhary further said that the rupee is likely to trade with a positive bias of rise in risk appetite in global markets and weakness in US Dollar. Improved global risk sentiments may also support the rupee.

"However, pullback in crude oil prices and continued selling pressure by FIIs may cap sharp gains in the rupee. USDINR spot price is expected to trade in a range of ₹79.20 to ₹80.80 in next couple of sessions," Choudhary said. **PTI**

Stock exchanges, persons dealing in securities market to pay 18 pc GST on Sebi's fee



New Delhi: Market infrastructure institutions, including stock exchanges, and persons dealing in the securities market will need to pay a GST of 18 per cent on the fees charged by the regulator Sebi.

The new tax rate will be effective from Monday, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in a circular.

"All the market infrastructure institutions, companies who have listed/are intending to list their securities, other

intermediaries and persons who are dealing in the securities market are hereby informed that the fees and other charges payable to Sebi shall be subject to GST (Goods and Services Tax) at the rate of 18 per cent with effect from July 18, 2022," it added.

This comes after the GST Council last month recommended to withdraw the exemption granted to services by Sebi and the same was notified on July 13. **PTI**

Ola to invest USD 500 mn to set up battery innovation centre in Bengaluru

Bengaluru: Ola Electric on Monday announced the investment of USD 500 million for setting up its state-of-the-art Battery Innovation Centre (BIC) in Bengaluru.

BIC will be one of the world's largest and most advanced cell R&D facilities with more than 165 "unique and cutting-edge" lab equipment to cover all aspects of cell related research and development, the electric vehicles company said.

"Ola's BIC will host Protolines that can produce all form factors Cylindrical, Pouch, Coin, Prismatic cells, it said.

The centre will have capabilities to develop complete packages of battery pack design, fabrication and testing under one roof, the company said in a statement.

"BIC will also be equipped with in-house production capability of mg to kg scale of anode and cathode material, integrated facility for Hand in

Hand Nanoscale analysis and Molecular Dynamics simulation and an in-house crystal structure analysis to develop new battery materials", it said.

The BIC will recruit top global talent including 500 PhDs and engineers who will be supported by an additional 1000 researchers in India and multiple other global centres, the company said.

Ola Electric's Founder and CEO Bhavish Aggarwal said, electric mobility is a high growth sector which is R&D intensive.

"Ola's Battery Innovation Centre in Bengaluru will be the cornerstone for core cell tech development and battery innovation out of India for the world.

BIC will house advanced labs and high-tech equipment for battery innovation and will power India's journey towards becoming a global EV hub," he said. **PTI**

Indigo bars LDF convenor, YC activist from flying for onboard unruly behaviour

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

IndiGo has barred Kerala's Ruling Left Democratic Front's convenor E P Jayarajan and two Youth Congress activists from flying with the airline over their alleged unruly behaviour onboard a flight in which Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan was travelling to Thiruvananthapuram from Kannur last month.

The ban is up to three weeks for Jayarajan, from travelling on international as well as domestic flights of IndiGo, while a travel ban of two weeks was slapped on the Youth Congress workers. The ban, which is currently under effect, is likely to end on July 30 for the Youth Congress workers.

On June 13, two Youth Congress workers shouted slogans against the chief minister inside the IndiGo aircraft from Kannur, after it landed at Thiruvananthapuram airport. Jayarajan, who was also onboard, allegedly pushed aside the two protesters.

Sources said the ban was imposed on Jayarajan and YC workers Farzeen Majeed and Naveen Kumar by the airline's internal committee formed under the DGCA rules on unruly passengers.

Ramp up safety oversight: Scindia to airlines' chiefs

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia held one-on-one meetings with chiefs of Indian carriers on Monday, asking them to ramp up safety oversight. There have been multiple technical malfunction incidents in Indian carriers' planes during the last one month. Scindia told each airline to take all necessary steps that are needed to ramp up safety oversight, the sources said.

Scindia had on Sunday held a meeting on safety issues with senior officials of his ministry and regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). During the Sunday meeting, the minister had taken a detailed report from officials about the incidents over the last one month and told them that there should be no compromise over passengers' safety.

On Sunday, IndiGo's Sharjah-Hyderabad flight was diverted to Karachi as a precautionary measure after pilots observed a defect in one of the engines.

On Saturday night, the Calicut-Dubai flight of the Air India Express was diverted to Muscat after a burning smell was observed in the cabin mid-air.

A day earlier an alive bird was found in the cockpit of the Air India Express Bahrain-Kochi flight.

Govt declares 'zero coupon zero principal instruments' as securities

New Delhi: In the run up to setting up a social stock exchange, the Government has declared "zero coupon zero principal instruments" as securities.

Zero coupon zero principal instrument means an instrument issued by a Not for Profit Organisation (NPO) which will be registered with the social stock exchange segment of a recognised stock exchange.

These instruments will be governed by rules made by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), according to an official notification issued on Friday.

The Social Stock Exchange (SSE) is a novel concept in India and such a bourse is meant to serve private and non-profit sector providers by channelling greater capital to them. The idea was floated by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her Budget Speech 2019-20.

SSE will be a separate segment of the existing stock exchanges. As per the notification, the central government has declared "zero coupon zero principal instruments" as securities for the purposes of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956.

In September 2021, Sebi's board cleared a framework for SSE for fund raising by social enterprises, which has been developed on the basis of the recommendations of a working and technical group. **PTI**

VIT-AP holds 3-day Int'l conference on Advances in Transport Phenomena

PNS ■ AMRAVATI

VIT-AP University, School of Advanced Sciences organised International Conference on Advances in Transport Phenomena (ICATP 2022)— a three-day virtual conference which began on Saturday, 16th July 2022 and ended on 18th July 2022.

K. Hemachandra Reddy, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, JNTU-Anantapur, Chair-man, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) during his inaugural address mentioned the availability of vast avenues for research in the field of fluid dynamics and transport phenomena. The advancement in computational aspects has



opened doors to better prospects for young researchers and scholars.

Conference like this will be of great help for aspiring young minds and has been pleased with the facilities and infrastructure of VIT-AP University, Amaravati for better education.

G Viswanathan, Founder and Chancellor, VIT encouraged the young minds to follow

the legacy of the esteemed researchers in the conference to bring changes in the field of transport phenomena nationally and globally.

S. V. Kota Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, VIT-AP University, elaborated the prominent achievements of VIT-AP towards placements, publications, patents, infrastructure, and ranking.

Beer market gaining prominence in India

New Delhi: The beer market is gaining prominence in India owing to a rise in disposable incomes, popularity of low-alcohol beverages and growing social acceptance, said United Breweries Ltd.

The company, which is controlled by Dutch brewing firm Heineken NV, intends to enhance its product line through innovation thus catering to a larger audience, both in India and abroad, according to the latest annual report of UBL (United Breweries Ltd).

"We intend to leverage and contribute to the in-house

expertise of Heineken thus augmenting our mutual growth," said UBL, adding, "Its initiatives are driven to encash the young demographics and increasing disposable income in India."

Besides, UBL also intends to fine-tune its supply chain, which is crucial in adequately catering to consumer demand, the company said in its outlook.

While discussing the industry overview, UBL said: "In India, we believe our best days are ahead of us as young people continue to choose beer

BUSINESS BRIEFS

ABSTEM INVESTS TO SET UP NITROGEN UNIT
New Delhi: Absstem Technologies on Monday said it has invested over Rs 3 crore to set up a nitrogen unit in Manesar, Haryana. In a statement, the company said it has made the investment through its new business Absstem Industrial Solutions Private Limited (AISPL). AISPL has invested Rs 30 million (Rs 3 crore) on nitrogen plant with capacity of 50 units per month. The company is also planning to set up plants in locations like Bombay (Mumbai), Ranchi, and other cities," it said.

SWIZZLE RAISES FUNDS
New Delhi: Alcoholic beverages startup Swizzle on Monday said it has raised an undisclosed sum in seed funding round from multiple investors, including Log9 Materials Founder & CEO Akshay Singhal and AIFMetrics co-founder and CEO Monika Rao. The amount raised will be utilised for market expansion in both B2B and B2C segments and also to increase manufacturing capacity, marketing enhancement and new product development, Swizzle said in a statement.

GMRV TO START E-AUTO DRIVER'S TRAINING PROG
NEW DELHI: GMR Varalakshmi Foundation (GMRVF) on Monday announced that they are commencing e-Auto driver's training programme for underprivileged women in collaboration with ETO Motors, aiming to support Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) in providing safer and greener last mile connectivity through eautos.

Management capability of Indian firms has risen: AIMA-KPMG study

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The 2022 study of management capability of Indian enterprises by All India Management Association (AIMA) and KPMG has produced a higher overall score compared to the previous edition of the study in 2018.

This year's overall Management Capability Development Index (MCDI) score stands at 74.5 compared to 71.6 in 2018. In fact, the self-

rating scores have improved on all 10 parameters assessed in the survey.

The gist of the report says "Indian enterprises are feeling more confident about their management competence as they recover from the covid crisis". The 2022 MCDI also offers a view of the progress of India's management capability over the past decade, as it is the 6th management capability survey since 2010, according to a Press note by AIMA.

Batra resigns as FIH president, gives up IOC membership

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Veteran sports administrator Narinder Batra resigned as President of International Hockey Federation (FIH) on Monday and also gave up his IOC membership, almost two months after a High Court ruling ended his reign as IOA President. Batra quit his positions, hours after CBI conducted multiple raids at his residence and offices in New Delhi and Jammu.

According to CBI officials, searches were made in five locations across the two cities after filing an FIR against Batra in an alleged corruption case.

In April, the CBI had initiated a preliminary inquiry against Batra for alleged misappropriation of Hockey India funds to the tune of Rs 35 lakh.

Batra ceased to be President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) when the Delhi High Court, on May 25, struck down the post of 'Life member' in Hockey India, courtesy which he had contested and won the IOA elections won back in 2017.

Batra had appealed against the ruling but a larger bench of the High Court had refused to stay the earlier order and listed the matter for the next hearing on July 26. The sports administrator also officially resigned as IOA President.

In three separate handwritten notes, Batra officially tendered his resignation from the three positions. In all



the letters, he cited "personal reasons" for his decision.

"Due to personal reasons I submit my resignation from the post of President FIH," Batra wrote to the Executive Board of FIH.

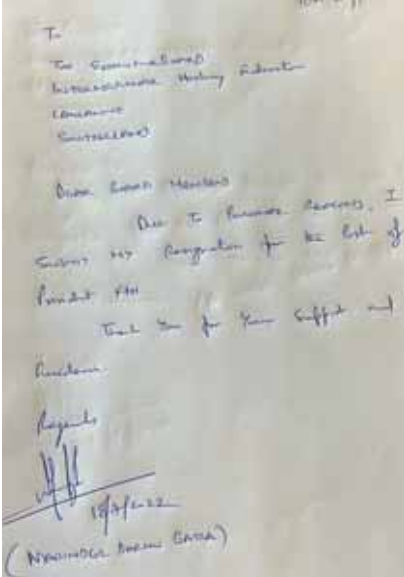
Batra became president of FIH in 2016 and reclaimed the position last year for a second term till 2024.

The FIH Board accepted the resignation and said an acting president will be appointed soon in Batra's

place.

"As stipulated in the FIH Statutes (Article 7.4 a), the Executive Board shall appoint an acting President to hold office until the FIH Congress appoints a person to fill the vacancy. Therefore, a meeting of the EB will be organised as soon as possible," the FIH said in a statement.

"In accordance with the same article, the next Presidential elections will take place during the upcoming



FIH Congress which is planned to be held virtually on 4 and 5 November this year."

Batra's IOC membership was linked to IOA presidency but his resignation from FIH has come as surprise since in May he had said that he wants to focus on his job in the world hockey body.

After he was removed by the High Court, Batra had issued a statement, announcing his decision not to contest

the upcoming IOA elections, saying that his focus will now completely shift to managing world hockey.

"At a time when world hockey is going through an essential development phase, with the promotion of Hockey5s, the creation of a new competition this year - the FIH Hockey Nations Cup - and the launch of fan-engaging platforms and activities, my role as President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) requires more time for all these activities," Batra had said.

"Consequently, I've decided to not run for a further term as president of the IOA."

The 65-year-old Batra took charge of the IOA for the first time in 2017 and was eligible to contest for re-election.

The IOA elections were due in December last year but could not be held as per schedule due to ongoing amendments in the election process.

Batra became an IOC member in 2019 and later went on to become a member of the Olympic Channel Commission.

The Delhi High Court ordered Batra to stop functioning as IOA president "in a contempt proceeding", filed by Olympian and hockey World Cup winner Aslam Sher Khan.

Distance not on Neeraj Chopra's mind ahead of World Championships

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra expects to breach the coveted 90m mark this year but doesn't want to think about "distance" going into the World Athletics Championships, currently underway in Eugene, USA.

Chopra had set a new national record of 89.94m, just 6cm shy of the 90m mark, the gold standard in the world of javelin throw, at the prestigious Diamond League in Stockholm last month en route to a silver medal.

The 24-year-old finished second behind Grenada's Anderson Peters, who recorded a best throw of 90.31m.

"I was 6cm short of the 90m mark, I was pretty close. I hope to cross 90m this year. But I never think or focus on distance going into a competition. I just try to give my 100 per cent," Chopra said in a virtual interaction from Eugene after he was named as a partner by Underdog Athletics to represent its Under Armour brand.

A strong field awaits Chopra in the World Championships, where he will be seen in action, starting with the qualifiers on July



21.

Besides, Chopra, Peters, Olympic silver medallist Jakub Vadlejch of Czech Republic, Finland's Oliver Helander and the German duo of Julian Weber and Johannes Vetter will be in action.

"It is the biggest competition of this year for me. I want to perform without any pressure. It is the biggest stage, the competition will be very tough. There are 5-6 throwers who are performing consistently so the level is similar this year," Chopra said.

"But every day, every competition is different. My focus is just on one thing -- to throw as big as possible."

Lewandowski promises to help Barca 'return to the top'



AP ■ MIAMI

Polish striker Robert Lewandowski said Monday he was raring to go at new club Barcelona and determined to help them "return to the top and win as many titles as possible".

"I'm finally here. I'm delighted to be at Barça," the former Bayern Munich star told Barca TV after joining his new teammates in Miami where Barcelona are starting a four-match US tour this week.

"The last few days have been long, but finally an agreement has been reached. I'm ready to take on this new challenge," continued the 33-year-old.

"I've always wanted to play in La Liga and in the big teams, so Barca is a great opportunity for me."

"I'm here to help Barca get back to the top and win as many titles as possible."

Barcelona's last domestic title was in 2019 and their last Champions League trophy in 2015.

On Saturday, Bayern Munich announced that they had reached an agreement with

Barcelona for Lewandowski after two months of endless negotiations between the clubs.

The two-time FIFA men's player of the year has reportedly agreed a four-year deal worth 50 million euros (\$50.4m), including five million in potential add-ons.

He is the club's fourth summer transfer after Ivory Coast midfielder Franck Kessie from AC Milan and Chelsea defender Andreas Christensen on a free transfer, and Brazil winger Raphinha, recruited for 70 million euro from Leeds.

The club has also extended the contract of French winger Ousmane Dembele, who is committed until 2024.

A very generous transfer window for a club which suffered from an abysmal debt.

Ibrahimovic extends stay with AC Milan

AP ■ MILAN

Zlatan Ibrahimovic will stay at AC Milan for at least one more year after the veteran striker signed a new one-year contract with the Italian champions on Monday.

"AC Milan is pleased to announce the renewal of Zlatan Ibrahimovic's contract until June 30, 2023. The Swedish forward will continue to wear the number 11 shirt," the team said in a statement.

Ibrahimovic, who turns 41 in October, has signed a deal which will net him around one million euros (\$1.02 million) in fixed salary, with large bonuses linked to appearances and achievements.

The Swede is out of action until at least early

next year after having had the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee reconstructed in May.

The former Inter Milan, Paris Saint-Germain and Manchester United forward said in May he endured six months of sleepless nights due to the pain in his knee because he was determined to fulfil his promise to AC Milan of delivering their first Serie A crown in 11 years.

He had already missed Euro 2020 after surgery on his left knee last year before an Achilles tendon problem which cost him his starting position up front for Milan.

Ibrahimovic returned to Milan in January 2020 eight years after leaving and his arrival kick-started the rise of Stefano Pioli's team to the top of the Italian game.

Mairaj Khan wins historic skeet Gold in WC

PTI ■ CHANGWON

Veteran Indian shooter Mairaj Ahmed Khan on Monday created history by winning the country's first-ever ISSF World Cup gold medal in men's skeet here.

In the 40-shot final, the 46-year-old from Uttar Pradesh shot 37 to finish ahead of Korea's Minsu Kim (36) and Britain's Ben Llewellyn (26), who won the silver and bronze respectively.

The shooter shot 119/125 over two days of qualifying before coming through in a five-way shoot-off enroute his maiden individual gold.

The two-time Olympian, who is the oldest member of the Indian contingent in



Changwon this year, had won a silver at the 2016 World Cup in Rio de Janeiro.

Earlier in the day, the trio

of Anjum Moudgil, Ashi Chouksey, and Sift Kaur Samra won bronze in the women's 50m rifle 3P team event.

Cressy wins ATP Hall of Fame Open title

AP ■ NEWPORT

American Maxime Cressy won his first career ATP title on Sunday by rallying to defeat Kazakhstan's Alexander Bublik 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7/3) in the Hall of Fame Open final.

French-born Cressy, who competed for his homeland until becoming an American in 2018, reached his first two ATP finals earlier this year, losing to Rafael Nadal at Melbourne in January and Taylor Fritz at Eastbourne last month.

But the third time proved charmed as Cressy outlasted Bublik at the grass-court event to win after two hours and 23 minutes, firing 14 aces against 13 double faults and hoisting the trophy after falling behind by a set and a break.

"It's an incredible feeling to win my first title," Cressy said. "I never thought I would win my first title this way. I stuck with it and I got lucky."

"I look forward to more titles. It's a very special feeling."

Bublik, who won his first ATP crown in February at Montpellier, failed to become the first Kazak player to own multiple ATP titles.

"I'm very upset with the outcome but I'd like to congratulate Max on his first title," Bublik said. "He had great luck."

Sweden, the Netherlands reach Euro 2022 quarter-finals

AP ■ SHEFFIELD

Sweden thrashed Portugal 5-0 to reach the quarter-finals of Euro 2022 on Sunday as holders the Netherlands needed a flurry of late goals to beat Switzerland 4-1 to ensure their place in the last eight.

Silver medallists at last year's Olympics, Sweden are the highest ranked team in the tournament, but failed to hit top gear in drawing with the Dutch and squeezing past the Swiss 2-1 in their opening two games.

Peter Gerhardsson's women clicked into gear in Leigh and were 3-0 up by half-time.

Manchester City's Filipa Angeldal struck twice before Carole Costa headed into her own net in first half stoppage time.

Kosovare Asllani's penalty made it 4-0 before Arsenal striker Stina Blackstenius finally got on the score-sheet after having two earlier efforts ruled out.

Sweden will face whoever finishes second in Group D with Belgium, Iceland and Italy all in with a chance to finishing behind France in Monday's matches.



The Netherlands lie in wait for the French in the last eight as they had enough to get through despite missing star striker Vivianne Miedema for the second consecutive game due to a positive case of coronavirus.

In front of a new record crowd of 22,596 for a women's Euro group match not involving the hosts, Ana-Maria Crnogorčević's own goal put the Dutch in front in Sheffield.

Switzerland responded almost

immediately when Geraldine Reuteler coolly finished from Romana Bachmann's pull-back just three minutes later.

A draw would have been enough for Mark Parsons' side to reach the knockout stages, but they made sure of the three points with three goals in the final six minutes

Substitute Romee Leuchter struck twice, either side of Victoria Pelova's effort, which survived a lengthy VAR check for offside.

'I'm a competitor with belief!' Warns record breaker Fraser-Pryce

AP ■ EUGENE

To maintain a track career at the top of one's game demands raw ability, good coaching and a drive that supersedes all.

Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce has that in spades and on Sunday once again demonstrated her steely desire and sprinting prowess as she bagged a record fifth women's 100m title. "The secret behind my success is that I am a competitor, I love to compete and I believe God has given me a gift," said the 35-year-old.

At Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon, she raced home in her trademark dyed flowing locks in a championship record of 10.67 seconds.

Teammate Shericka Jackson

took Silver in a personal best of 10.73sec, with four-time Olympic sprint champion Elaine Thompson-Herah claiming Bronze (10.81).

What stands out is Fraser-Pryce's winning time: that is to say that at the age of 35, she bagged a fifth Gold in a faster time than when she was won in 2009, 2013, 2015 and 2019.

No matter how you look at it, that is an astonishing accomplishment.

"I somehow feel special," she said. "I always want to compete and show the work that I have been doing."

"I'm hard-working, keen, driven and always hungry to do more."

"It's special, it's my fifth world title in the 100m, and doing it at 35,



yes I said 35!

"A lot of times people talk about my age or being a mother, but I think of it as part of the journey in life."

"And instead of thinking of it as something that will negatively affect me, I look at it as a positive experience."

With her sights now firmly set on the women's 200m, Fraser-Pryce fired out a warning shot to rivals as she eyed a sprint double.

"I definitely believe I can run faster and once I have that belief I'm not going to stop until I do it," the Jamaican said.

"I've always just trusted myself and my coach and believed in my abilities and once I'm healthy I'm always going to compete."

Fraser-Pryce said predictions of the Jamaican sweep had been well founded.

"It was definitely something on the cards!" she said. "I'm glad I was the one who finished first in the sweep and I'm glad the other ladies came through and we were able to celebrate the 1-2-3."

It was the first time a nation had swept the medals in the women's 100m at the worlds.

"This is the third 1-2-3 that I've been a part of and I'm so excited. Today I was able to come away with the win."

"I feel blessed to have this talent and to continue to do it at 35, having a baby, still going, and hopefully inspiring women that they can make their own journey."



Holder recalled for ODIs against India

PTI ■ JAMAICA

Former captain Jason Holder has returned to a 13-member West Indies squad for the upcoming three-match ODI series against India, beginning here on July 22.

The seasoned all-rounder was not part for the preceding home T20 series against Bangladesh, but the Cricket West Indies selection panel decided to recall him for the assignments against India.

Nicholas Pooran will continue to lead the side after his impressive outing in the series against Bangladesh. While the West Indies were swept aside 0-3 by Bangladesh, Pooran scored a 39-ball 74 in the third T20.

Shai Hope will be Pooran's deputy. "As we all know Jason is one of the leading all-round cricketers in the world and we're happy to have him back in the team," chief selector Desmond Haynes was quoted as saying by Cricket West Indies in a statement.

"He will be refreshed, re-energised and ready to go and we can expect to see his brilliance on the field as well as meaningful contributions off the field as well."

After the debacle against Bangladesh, Haynes hoped the team would be able to turn things around against India.

"We had a very challenging three matches against Bangladesh in Guyana so we will be looking to rebound when we face India in the conditions in Trinidad.

"We have seen some growth among some players, but overall we need to regroup and play better against the Indians," Haynes added.

The three matches will be played on July 22, 24 and 27 at the Queen's Park Oval.

Squad: Nicholas Pooran (c), Shai Hope (vc), Shamirh Brooks, Keacy Carty, Jason Holder, Akeal Hosein, Alzarri Joseph, Brandon King, Kyle Mayers, Gudakesh Motie, Keemo Paul, Rovman Powell, Jayden Seales.

Stokes to retire from ODIs

PTI ■ LONDON

England's Ben Stokes will retire from one-day international cricket after Tuesday's series opener against South Africa on his Durham home ground, citing an "unsustainable" schedule as the motivation for his shock decision.

Stokes, who became England Test captain in April, made his ODI debut in 2011 and his standout performance in the format came in the 2019 World Cup final against New Zealand.

The charismatic all-rounder scored an unbeaten 84 in the Lord's final to force a super over that ended with England becoming 50-over world champions for the first time by the slenderest of margins.

But in the three years since that triumphant moment, the 31-year-old has played just nine more ODIs due to injuries, a mental health break and workload management.

He will turn out one last time at Chester-le-Street against South Africa on Tuesday before focusing on his Test captaincy and Twenty20 career.

Stokes, who has scored 2,919 runs and taken 74 wickets with his lively fast-medium bowling in 104 ODIs, said in a social media post on Monday that it had been an "incredibly tough decision to make".

"As hard as a decision as this was to come to, it's not as hard (as) dealing with the fact I can't give my teammates 100 percent of myself in this format any more," he said.

"The England shirt deserves nothing less from anyone who wears it. Three formats are just unsustainable for me now.



STOKES MADE HIS ODI DEBUT IN 2011 AND HIS STANDOUT PERFORMANCE IN THE FORMAT CAME IN THE 2019 WC FINAL VS NEW ZEALAND

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"Not only do I feel that my body is letting me down because of the schedule and what is expected of us, but I also feel that I am taking the place of another player who can give (captain) Jos (Buttler) and the rest of the team their all.

"I will give everything I have to Test cricket, and now, with this decision, I feel I can also give my total commitment to the T20 format."

Stokes's decision to quit ODIs follows the retirement last month of World Cup-winning captain Eoin Morgan, who helped shape England into a formidable force in the white-ball game.

Clare Connor, interim CEO at the England and Wales Cricket Board, described Stokes as a "superstar in every format of our game".

"Ben is not only one of the world's best players, but an inspirational figure too so our ODI team will miss him," she said.

"But having taken on the Test captaincy and with today's busy calendar of cricket, we completely understand and respect his decision."

Stokes's decision to step down comes after England's 2-1 series defeat against India, in which he scored 48 runs in three innings but only bowled three overs.

He has been rested from the three T20 games against South Africa that will follow the three-match ODI series against the Proteas.

England have crammed seven Tests and 12 limited overs internationals into their home season following a punishing touring programme.

Former England captain Nasser Hussain criticised the "joke" schedule, lamenting Stokes's retirement.

"If the ICC (International Cricket Council) just keeps putting on ICC events, and the individual boards just keep filling in the gaps with as much cricket as possible, then eventually these cricketers will say 'I'm done'," he told Sky Sports. Stokes and new red-ball head coach Brendon McCullum have been widely praised for reviving England's Test fortunes with an aggressive approach that has led to spectacular wins against New Zealand and India in recent weeks.

A three-Test series against South Africa starts at Lord's on August 17.

Chandimal powers Sri Lanka's lead past 300 in 1st Test vs Pak

AP ■ GALLE

Red hot Dinesh Chandimal struck his second successive half-century to take Sri Lanka's lead past 300 and thwart the Pakistan attack on day three of the opening Test on Monday.

The hosts were 329 for nine when bad light stopped play for the day in Galle.

Chandimal, on 86, and Prabath Jayasuriya, on four, were batting at close of play with Sri Lanka leading by 333 in their second innings.

Mohammad Nawaz claimed his maiden five-wicket haul and combined with fellow spinner Yasir Shah, who took three, to rattle the opposition middle-order in the second session.

But Chandimal, who struck blazing form with his maiden double century -- 206 not out -- in his team's series-leveling Test win over Australia last week, stood firm in another lower-order show of defiance after the hosts slipped to 235-7.

"Chandi batted so well in the first innings too. He has done what the team needs," Kusal Mendis, who hit 76, said of the veteran batsman.

"This is a good total but if we get to that 350 mark, the bowlers will have lot of runs to play with.

"Tomorrow I think the wicket will get even better for spinners once you get the roller on," he added.

Chandimal reached his fifty and put



on 41 runs with Maheesh Theekshana for the ninth wicket in a repeat performance from the hosts, who had hit back from 133-8 to post 222 in their first innings.

Earlier Kusal and opener Oshada Fernando scored 64 and put on a key third-wicket stand of 91 to fight back after an early wicket in the morning session.

Oshada reached his sixth Test fifty in the first session but fell to Yasir on the second ball after lunch.

Kusal raised his fifty and took on the opposition attack with a few boundaries before Yasir bowled him with an unplayable delivery that pitched outside leg and turned to hit the top of off stump.

Nawaz, who is making a Test comeback after nearly six years and playing his fourth five-day match, kept chipping away and got key wickets including Angelo Mathews and Niroshan Dickwella.

"It's every bowler's dream to get a five-for in Test cricket and the same goes for me," Nawaz, who previously played just three Tests in his team's 2016 West Indies tour, told reporters.

"I just concentrated on transferring my preparation from the nets to execute it in the middle and keep my basics right. We needed to bowl well, especially on this pitch."

Nawaz, an all-rounder who bats left-handed, hoped the target would not be much more than the current total, adding that would be "achievable" with two or three good partnerships.

India consolidate third spot in ICC ODI Rankings

PTI ■ DUBAI

India have consolidated their third spot in the latest ICC ODI Team Rankings after the away series victory over England.

Rishabh Pant's maiden ODI century and Hardik Pandya's all-round heroics fired India to an emphatic five-wicket win over England in the third ODI, helping the visitors seal the series 2-1.

With a rating of 109 points, India are three rating points clear of Pakistan (106) in the list.

New Zealand continue to reign supreme at the top of the table with 128 rating points, while England are second with 121.

However, there may be a change in the charts in the coming weeks as sixth-placed South Africa, currently only seven rating points behind Pakistan, could rise to fourth if they can sweep their upcoming three-match series against England.

India could stretch their lead even further with a good show in their three-match series against West Indies, starting this week.

Pakistan's next ODI assignment is in Rotterdam against the Netherlands next month, with Babar Azam's team scheduled to play three 50-over matches during a five-day period.

Nawaz relishing Test return with 'dream' 5-wicket haul

AP ■ GALLE

Pakistan all-rounder Mohammad Nawaz said Monday that his maiden five-wicket haul on return to Test cricket was a "dream" performance he aimed to repeat.

The 28-year-old Nawaz, who played just three Tests for Pakistan in 2016, impressed with his left-arm spin to dent the Sri Lankan top and middle-order in the first match in Galle.

He combined with leg-spinner Yasir Shah to reduce Sri Lanka to 267 for eight but the hosts hit back with Dinesh Chandimal's unbeaten 86 to lead by 333 at the end of the third day's play.

"It's every bowler's dream to get a five-for in Test cricket and the same goes for me," Nawaz told reporters.

"I am very happy and I will keep working hard and repeat this kind of performance again."

Nawaz made his debut across formats in 2016 but his five-day career came to a halt after just three Tests against West Indies in the United Arab Emirates.

His white-ball reputation has grown, with 19 one-day internationals and 30 Twenty20 matches for the national team, but he insists red-ball cricket is what excites him most.

"I kept on playing first-class cricket, obviously played a lot of white-ball international cricket but a Test opportunity didn't come my way," Nawaz said of his cricketing journey.

"Focus was to play red-ball cricket which makes you grow as a player. My 2022 red-ball season at home was good as I made over 700 runs and took 28-29 wickets.

"I'm happy to bowl well on my comeback



and hoping to turn up with the bat as well."

Babar Azam's Pakistan will need to bowl out Sri Lanka, who were 329-9 at stumps, on the fourth day and then chase an already challenging-looking total.

But Nawaz remains confident of the Pakistan batting that fought back from 87-5 to just four runs short of Sri Lanka's 222 in the first innings.

"They have put up a good total, looking at the conditions, but it's not impossible," he said. "As a batting unit if we get two-three good partnerships then it will be achievable I think."

Hardik bowls at his quickest only when required

PTI ■ MANCHESTER

Hardik Pandya, the bowler, feels he has finally got his rhythm back and going forward, the India star will continue to be 'smart' about his job and bowl at full pace only when 'required'.

Not being able to bowl regularly due to fitness issues had cost Hardik his place in the Indian team but he made a roaring comeback with the IPL. More recently, he was at his absolute best with bat and ball in the white-ball series in England.

His ability with the bat was never in doubt but he has turned heads with his brilliant bowling performances against England.

The 28-year-old took career-best figures, 4/33 and 4/24, in the T20 and ODI series.

The standout figures in the 50-over format came on Sunday when he bowled at good pace before making a match winning contribution with the bat alongside Rishabh Pant.

Speaking to media post the third ODI, Hardik said to be able to bowl regularly gives him a lot of satisfaction.

"So firstly with my bowling, you know post IPL. After every series I take maybe four or five days to train because that is refuelling for my fitness and just to get fresh. I like to play 100 per cent because then it gives me the opportunity to do all the things which I did today," said Hardik.

He could not find the rhythm in the preceding series in Ireland but England brought the best out of him.

"After IPL, I came back to play

the South Africa series. I bowled one over and I did not bowl in couple of games. As a bowler for me, it's very important to keep bowling. So I was not finding the rhythm.

"Even in Ireland when I played I was not getting the rhythm which I wanted to because I find myself a control bowler. I don't have much skills you know, get the batter out by opening him up and nipping the ball inside and all that, I play with smartness. I try to outsmart the batter," he said.

Hardik said the four-wicket burst in the first T20 gave him the much-needed confidence.

"So for me, it's very important to get my consistency, something which I worked on. I went back to the videos which I saw before and it was more about the feeling so it was just before the first T20 game against England.

I generally don't practice before the game but I just went in and bowled couple of hours with full run up and full effort.

"That's where I got my rhythm and when obviously that four-wicket haul (against England in T20s) kind of changed everything and gave me my consistency and my confidence to pitch wherever I want to, so that's where I come into the picture and be effective," he added.

Hardik also doesn't see the point in bowling full tilt at all times.

"I think I bowl smart. I only bend my back and bowl quick as possible when required. If you see my couple of games back, I was bowling in 130s because it was not that I was not able to bowl quick.



"It was more about that situation. I felt that would have been the ideal thing rather than coming and hitting the deck. Today the grounds were big, I wanted them to hit, take on the square leg and fine leg fielder. I fancied my chances," said Hardik.

After taking four wickets, Hardik and Pant shared a memorable 133-run stand that tilted the third ODI in India's favour.

"It is always very good to contribute in all departments. I think that has given me a lot of confidence in the past, it adds more layers to my game and to my confidence.

"And Rishabh... His innings was very important for us, the partnership as well and obviously the way he finished, we all know what kind of a talent he has. It is just when it comes out, it is very easy to the eye, and also gives a lot of people..."

"But at the same time, it gives the eyeballs as well... All the kinds of shots he plays," he said.

Hardik rose to the occasion in Jasprit Bumrah's absence. Bumrah sat out of the decider due to a niggle.

"I knew that Jasprit was not going to play this game. Obviously, yes, when someone like him (is injured)... He was telling me, 'you may have to bowl a couple of overs in the death as well' (and) I said, 'very big shoes to fill'.

"I had to step up, not at the death, but in making sure that in the middle overs I got the breakthroughs. Whenever things happen to me, the way I planned, it gives confidence," he added.



Cummins rested for Australia's series against Zimbabwe, NZ

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Test captain Pat Cummins will miss Australia's limited-overs series against Zimbabwe and New Zealand starting next month as part of his preparations for the Twenty20 World Cup.

Australia is scheduled to play Zimbabwe in three one-day internationals in Townsville on Aug. 28, 30 and Sept. 3 starting August 28 before a three-game series against New Zealand in Cairns on Sept. 6, 8 and 11.

Fast bowler Sean Abbott and spinners Ashton Agar and Adam Zampa have been recalled to the squad that will be led by Aaron Finch.

Australia's extended tour of Sri Lanka ended last week with the teams splitting the T20 and ODI series before the two-match test series ended 1-1.

Cricket Australia on Monday announced the team for the so-called Top End series, saying pace bowler Cummins "is being managed through a period of rehabilitation and physical preparation for the upcoming summer."

"These series against New Zealand, the world's No. 1-ranked ODI side, and Zimbabwe will be good contests, providing an opportunity to play some great cricket in the lead up to the home summer," Australia selector George Bailey said.

Middle-order batter Travis Head will miss the series to be with his partner, Jess, for the birth of their first child.

Australia will host the Twenty20 World Cup, with the first round starting Oct. 16. Defending champion Australia's tournament opener is against New Zealand on Oct. 22.