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# MVA Govt in crisis as Shinde steals 30 MLAs

Sena removes Shinde as House leader, CM rushes emissaries to placate rebel leader

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Shiv Sena-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) Government in Maharashtra appeared to be on the verge of collapse on Tuesday evening, hours after politically influential senior Sena minister Eknath Shinde rebelled against the party leadership and looked all set to walk out of the party with his 30-odd supporting MLAs to join hands with the BJP.

A day after it suffered a massive setback in the Maharashtra Legislative Council polls in which the Opposition BJP mustered at least 26 extra votes from other parties and Independents to win five out of ten seats, Shinde dropped a bombshell on the Shiv Sena, rebelling with a band of 30-odd Sena MLAs, including two ministers.

According to reports emanating from Surat, as many as 33 rebel Shiv Sena MLAs and four Independents — all supporters of Shinde — are being flown to Guwahati to ensure they don't return to the parent



Policemen stand guard outside the residence of Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde, amid speculation of him joining the BJP, along with other Shiv Sena MLAs, in Thane on Tuesday

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party in the coming days.

In a belated damage control move that looked more like locking the stable door after the horses bolted, a rudely jolted Shiv Sena leadership removed Shinde as the party's leader in the State Assembly and replaced him with its senior party functionary Ajay Choudhury.

Notwithstanding a vehement denial by the principal Opposition party in the State that it had nothing to do with the major crisis facing the Shiv Sena, Shinde is understood to have been in touch with the State BJP leaders before rebelling against Uddhav and quietly moved out of Mumbai along with his supporting

MLAs and landed at Le Meridien Hotel at Surat, a city that comes under the BJP-ruled Gujarat.

A close aide of late powerful Shiv Sena leader from Thane Anand Dighe who was rumoured to have been upset with the Sena leadership before he died prematurely of heart attack in 2001, Shinde has not taken kindly to his being denied the number one post in the State. Shinde had been nominated as the leader of the second single-largest party, after the BJP, to form a government in the State after the 2019 Assembly polls, but he was eventually denied the CM's post to facilitate Uddhav Thackeray to become the Chief

Minister of the State.

Informed sources in the Shiv Sena said that Shinde, who had on a couple of occasions in the recent past attempted to stage a rebellion but shelved the plans after Uddhav spoke to him. Shinde was reportedly unhappy for quite some time due to hurdles created by the CM's office in discharge of his duty as the State Urban Development and MSRD Minister. He was also unhappy that despite his repeated requests to Uddhav, the Shiv Sena refused to extend its support to Maratha warrior Chhatrapati Shivaji's scion Chhatrapati Sambhaji, who wanted to contest the June 10, 2022 Rajya Sabha polls.

In an effort to douse the massive fire that is threatening burn down the Sena citadel, Shiv Sena president and chief minister Uddhav Thackeray spoke to Shinde over phone in the afternoon and later deputised to his close aides — Milind Narvekar and Ravindra Phatak — as emissaries to meet and placate aggrieved Shinde at Surat's five-star hotel.

While it is not immediately known as to what message they had carried from Uddhav, the two Sena emissaries had a half an hour-long meeting with Shinde. However, the outcome of the meeting was not known.

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## Aspirants training for Agnipath as nationwide stir wanes: Govt

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

In an obvious effort to claim that the protests against the Agnipath scheme are waning, the Government on Tuesday claimed aspirants for a career in the Armed forces have started their physical training for the upcoming recruitment process. Massive country-wide protests had broken out in several States against the scheme rolled out on June 14.

The Army and the IAF announced the schedule for the recruitment on Monday and the Navy said the process will start from Friday. The Armed forces also clarified that the procedure followed earlier for the recruitment process will be intact.

It means like in previous years the aspirants will have to first clear the physical fitness



(L to R): Air Officer-in-Charge Personnel Air Marshal Suraj Kumar Jha, Adjutant General of the Indian Army Lt General CB Ponnappa, Department of Military Affairs Additional Secretary Lt General Anil Puri and Indian Navy's Chief of Personnel Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi during a press conference regarding the Central Government's 'Agnipath' scheme, at National Media Centre in New Delhi on Tuesday

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and medical tests before becoming eligible for the written test for the Army. For the Navy and the IAF, the candi-

dates will have to clear the written tests online before the final call for medical test.

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## Modi meets three Services chiefs to review Agnipath implementation

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Against the backdrop of a massive agitation against the Agnipath scheme, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday reviewed the implementation process with the Chiefs of the three Services.

General Manoj Pande, Admiral Hari Kumar, and IAF chief VR Chaudhari apprised the PM about various aspects of the new scheme and selection schedule of the Agniveers, sources said.

Modi met each Chief separately for nearly 30 minutes, they added. The three Chiefs, last week, reached out to the agitators and tried to allay their apprehensions about the Agnipath scheme.

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## Single-use plastic banned in Delhi

'All shops, units must ensure zero inventories of SUP items from July 1'

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Starting from July 1, the Delhi Government will shut down all units dealing in single-use plastic (SUP) items. The State Government has made it clear that it would take punitive action against all manufacturers, suppliers, stockists, dealers, and sellers found violating the order.

Before that, it has decided to run an awareness campaign to ensure compliance with the ban on 19 identified SUP items, including earbuds, plastic sticks for balloons, flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, polystyrene (thermocool), plates, cups, glasses, forks, spoons, knives, straws, trays, wrapping or packaging films around sweets boxes,



invitation cards, cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners less than 100 microns, and stirrers.

"We have issued strict directions to manufacturers, stockists, suppliers and distributors of single-use plastic items to ensure zero inventories of the 19 SUP items. Those units found violating the order will be shut down," a senior Government official said.

Regular inspections will be conducted to ascertain compliance by manufacturers, brand owners, suppliers, and

stockists registered with the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC), he said, adding the Government will ensure strict enforcement.

Industrial areas and redevelopment areas are being inspected to identify and shut down units manufacturing SUP items illegally, the official said.

The DPCC has also asked the Sriram Institute of Industrial Research to conduct a survey to identify littering hotspots and quantify plas-

tic waste generation in the city as it inches close to the June 30 deadline for phasing out of 19 SUP items.

The survey will cover all 11 districts in Delhi and will have to be completed within four months, an official said.

The Sriram Institute has been tasked with surveying all renowned, major commercial establishments, malls, market places, shopping centers, cinema houses, restaurants, tourist locations, places of worship, colleges, schools, office complexes, hospitals, and other institutions, said the official.

It will have to prepare an inventory of stockists, retailers, sellers, street vendors, vegetable and fruit markets and importers dealing in bulk in SUP items and conduct district-wise mapping of generation, collection, and processing of plastic waste, and identify producers engaged in their production in the informal sector.

## CAPSULE

### 3 CRPF MEN KILLED IN MAOIST ATTACK

**Bhubaneswar:** Three CRPF personnel were killed in a Maoist attack in Odisha's Nuapada district on Tuesday, police said. The incident happened in Patadhara Reserve Forest in Bheden block when the CRPF personnel were going from one camp to another, they said.

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### RUCHIRA IS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UN

**New Delhi:** Senior diplomat Ruchira Kamboj was on Tuesday appointed India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York.

### SNAG HITS DELHI METRO YELLOW LINE FOR HOUR

**New Delhi:** Services were delayed for an hour on a section of the Delhi Metro's Yellow Line due to a technical issue.

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### ILLEGAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE IN K'TAKA

**New Delhi:** An illegal telephone exchange that converted foreign calls into local ones to aid spying activities in the country has been busted by the military intelligence and police.

## Ancient Indian practice 'Yoga' now global festival, says Modi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ MYSURU/NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said that yoga has become a global festival as there is a widespread acceptance of the ancient Indian practice. The PM participated in the eighth International Day of Yoga (IDY) celebrations in Karnataka's Mysuru. He was joined by tens of thousands of people, including Ministers and commoners across the world, who performed asanas and breathing exercises to mark the Yoga Day.

Speaking before the yoga demonstration which he joined for 45 minutes, Modi said, "The acceptance of that amrit spirit of India which gave energy to India's freedom struggle. That is why mass yoga demonstrations are being organised at 75 iconic locations across the country."

President Ram Nath



Prime Minister Narendra Modi performs yoga at a mass yoga session to celebrate the 8th International Day of Yoga at Mysore Palace in Mysuru on Tuesday

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Kovind tweeted that yoga is India's gift to humanity and it is a holistic approach to health and well-being, balancing mind, body and soul. He also asked everyone to make yoga a

part of their daily life and experience its benefits.

The Prime Minister said the physical fitness regime was forming a basis for cooperation among countries, and that it

can become a problem-solver.

"Yoga brings peace to our universe and gives the hope of a healthy life to humanity. Yoga brings peace for us, the peace from yoga is not only for

individuals, yoga brings peace to our society, nation, the world and the universe," Modi said, quoting rishis, maharshis and acharyas.

He said, "This might feel like an extreme thought to someone, but our sages have answered this in a simple mantra that this whole universe starts from our own body and soul. The universe starts from us and yoga makes us conscious of everything within us and builds a sense of awareness."

Stating that things start with self-awareness and proceed to awareness of the world, he said, "When we become aware of ourselves and our world, we begin to spot the things that need to be changed both in ourselves and in the world."

They may be individual problems or global problems like climate change and international conflicts."

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## Yoga against Islamic tenets, say Male event disrupters

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/MALE (MALDIVES)

A yoga event organised by the Indian Government in Male was disrupted on Tuesday by protesters who claimed it was against the Islamic tenets. Maldives President Mohamed Solih said those responsible for the disruption will be booked.

Reports said an irate group stormed into the national football stadium in Male and disrupted the yoga event organised by the Indian High Commission. More than 150 people, including several diplomats, Government officials and Ministers from the Maldives Government, were also present at the event when the mob barged in.

The police had to resort to firing tear gas shells to control the situation. The programme later continued.

Before the event, the protesters brandished placards proclaiming yoga was against

the tenets of Islam. A report from a Maldivian news agency, *The Edition*, mentioned that a section of Islamists believes performing yoga is akin to worshipping the Sun, a heretic act against Islamic tradition.

The yoga and meditation hour was an initiative by the Indian Cultural Centre (ICCR) in association with the Union Ministry of Youth, Sports, and Community Empowerment on the occasion of the International Day of Yoga.

The agitators carrying banners, placards, and shouting slogans reportedly demanded that the Yoga Day celebrations be called off and the attendees vacate the stadium immediately. Some attendees said they were threatened by members of the mob.

Videos shared on social media showed miscreants armed with sticks and flags charging towards people who were practising yoga and meditation on their yoga mats.

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# Baijal closed hospital case after thorough probe, Sisodia tells L-G

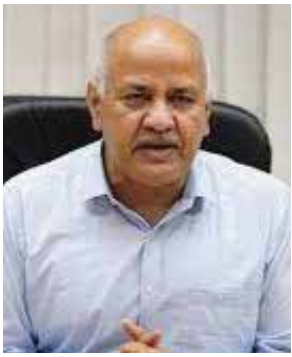
'Kindly have faith in your predecessor, there can't be repeated probes in same case'

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Expressing displeasure over Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) Vinai Kumar Saxena's order to probe allegations of corruption against senior Public Works Department (PWD) officials in building seven temporary hospitals, Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Tuesday urged Saxena to withdraw the said order which is incorrect both in terms of law and also in terms of effective governance.

In a letter to the L-G, the Deputy Chief Minister said that the same complaint was presented to the then L-G Anil Baijal and he found no substance in it.

"So far, Central Government agencies have



conducted innumerable investigations against us but could not detect any wrongdoing in any case. We never oppose any investigations because we take great pride in our honesty and integrity.

However, there cannot be repeated examination of the same case by successive constitutional authorities," Sisodia stated in the letter.

Sisodia's comments came days after Saxena gave his nod to the ACB to probe allegations of irregularities in the construction of seven temporary hospitals during the Covid

pandemic.

"Therefore, I am of the considered opinion that the present decision of the Lt-Governor is incorrect both in terms of law and also in terms of effective governance. Accordingly, the permission to the ACB may kindly be withdrawn.

The Government would like to work with Lt-Governor on the principle of mutual respect and mutual cooperation," reads the letter.

"Such repeated enquiries on the basis of frivolous complaints affect decision-making and severely affects governance. Why does the Lt-Governor think that his predecessor did not do a thorough examination? Kindly have faith in your predecessor. He closed the case after conducting thorough enquiries," Sisodia questioned in his letter.

"If you are really keen to act against corruption, I would advise you to call for corruption complaints from the public. You will receive innumerable complaints against the

MCD, Delhi Police and DDA. They have become dens of corruption.

Let's rise above party lines and collectively remove corruption from where it exists. We will fully cooperate with you, if you initiate any such exercise," Sisodia further stated in letter.

"I am reiterating that we are not afraid of any investigation, but you have to follow the legal procedure. Section 17 of the Prevention of Corruption Act says that no police officer, which in this case is ACB, can conduct any inquiry or investigation into any offence alleged to have been committed by a public servant, which is an engineer involved in the present case," said Sisodia, while addressing a press conference.

BJP MP from Northeast Delhi Manoj Tiwari, who had complained about matter, had alleged that Arvind Kejriwal Government had passed tenders worth Rs 1,216 crore to construction seven temporary hospitals, which was later raised to Rs 1,256 crore.

# Pathak will defeat BJP's candidate with huge margin in bypoll: AAP



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Campaigning for Rajinder Nagar bypoll ended on Tuesday evening with major contenders AAP and the BJP reaching out to the voters through roadshow as well as door-to-door campaigns and claiming victory ahead of voting on June 23.

Senior AAP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh asserted that party candidate Durgesh Pathak will defeat BJP's Rajesh Bhatia with a "huge margin" in the bypoll.

The AAP leaders also claimed on Tuesday that it will record a "historic victory" in the Rajinder Nagar assembly bypoll as the campaign for the election came to a close.

Singh exuded confidence about the Pathak's victory, saying "During the poll campaign, mood of the people was very positive and in favour of the AAP. In every ward, there was much appreciation for the work done by the Kejriwal government," he said.

Addressing the media, Singh said that BJP's Rajinder Nagar by-election candidate Rajesh Bhatia abuses the people while AAP candidate Durgesh Pathak hugs them. This makes us fundamentally different.

Everyone in constituency has a video of the BJP candidate abusing a vegetable seller. BJP's Candidate has alarmed the people by showing true face right before the elections.

"Rajinder Nagar is ready to give an enormous majority to Durgesh Pathak and sweep other candidates with Jhaadu.

In the past few months, we were able to effectively interact with the citizens which have assured us that the people have made up their mind to favour the AAP in the upcoming elections.

They have witnessed development work taking place in the area to improve water and electricity supply, education," Singh said.

The constituency has a total of 1,64,698 voters including 72,473 females. A total of 14 candidates, including eight independents are in the fray.

The result of the bypoll will be declared after counting of votes on June 26. The bypoll was necessitated after sitting AAP MLA Raghav Chadha was elected to the Rajya Sabha from Punjab.



# BJP holds mega roadshow for Rajinder Nagar bypoll

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Tuesday has accelerated its election campaign as the candidate Rajesh Bhatia conducted a mega roadshow in the area. During the roadshow, Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta MP Ravi Kishan and MP Hansraj Hans were also present.

Thousands of people including the party workers gathered during the roadshow and continuously chanted slogans like 'humara neta kesa ho, Rajesh Bhatia jesa ho'. Bhatia assured the people that as a legislator he will remain committed to maintain high quality maintenance and development.

He also said that till the time of next Assembly elections, the people of the area will feel proud of development of Rajinder Nagar.

Addressing the people at the roadshow, Gupta said my experience of two weeks of extensive campaigning in Rajinder Nagar tells that people are fed up of neglecting nature of two outgroup MLAs of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and have made up their mind to vote for BJP in this election.

The poor people are suffering due to non implementation of several central

schemes like Aayushman in the national capital by the Delhi Government. In the upcoming elections, I trust that most of the poor people of Rajinder Nagar will vote in the favour of BJP on 23rd June, said MP Kisan.

Hans said the lakhs of Punjabi people who choose to come and stay in India mainland from newly created Pakistan have felt insulted after being called Pakistani by AAP leader during this Rajinder Nagar by-election.

These Punjabis will teach AAP a lesson by voting in the favour of BJP candidate Rajesh Bhatia.

# Cong's Lata holds meetings, promises end to water woes



NEW DELHI: Congress candidate for the Rajinder Nagar Assembly by-election Prem Lata held door-to-door meetings and padayatras and promised voters to 'tackle water crisis' in the area as a priority on the last day of campaigning on Tuesday. Lata appealed to the voters of Rajinder Nagar to vote for her and claimed that she has been getting overwhelming support

from the youth and women in the area. "The voters of Rajinder Nagar have been suffering due to the betrayal of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the BJP as the governments led by these parties ignored the constituency, even when people were battling with severe water shortage," Lata alleged. She said that former AAP MLA Raghav Chadha, who was also the vice-chairman of

the Delhi Jal Board, was "busy serving the interest of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal" and "neglected" the water-related problems in the area. "I am a local political worker who understands the problems of the area. As a Municipal Councillor, my focus was to solve the basic problems of the area with regular interaction with the common people," she said. SR

# AAP Govt to start Yoga classes in schools



## Kejriwal invites Delhiites to be part of 'Dilli Ki Yogshala' for free

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday called for the introduction of daily yoga classes in all Government schools in the national Capital. He said that the city Government will soon roll out yoga classes in its schools so that children can learn and practice it from an early age. Celebrating International Yoga Day, Kejriwal performed yoga asanas with hundreds of people at the Thyagraj Stadium along with Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia.

"We started free yoga classes for Covid patients this year and around 4,600 people signed up for it during the third wave. I am not saying that yoga can cure Covid but research has shown that yoga helped the patients a lot in improving their immune systems and fighting the infection," he said.

He also said that his Government will continue to teach yoga to people for free and that it was on a mission to increase the number of beneficiaries manifold. "Come be a part of 'Dilli Ki Yogshala', if you want to take up yoga, then call us on 9013585858, the city Government will provide you yoga teachers for free," said the Chief Minister.

"Everyone in Delhi should be in good health. Our goal is that everyone, in every home,

should perform yoga first thing in the morning. The most important point is that yoga should be taught to children from an early age. I'll also ask the Delhi Education Minister to launch yoga classes in schools soon," said the Chief Minister.

Stressing that medical treatment for Delhiites had been made completely free in Government hospitals, Kejriwal said, "Our aim is to now ensure that every Delhiite takes up yoga and never falls sick. If yoga becomes a part of one's life, it frees them of all diseases and tension."

Walking down memory lane, Kejriwal said he had learnt several yoga asanas by enrolling himself at a yoga ashram during his school summer vacation days.

The Chief Minister said when the third wave of the pandemic hit the national Capital, the city Government began an experiment to evaluate if yoga could be beneficial to patients. "I am pleased that the Delhi Government's yoga teachers and the professors of DPSRU (Delhi Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research University) did such an excellent job. When people were infected, they were asked to practice yoga and were taught how to perform the asanas," said Kejriwal.

Under 'Dilli Ki Yogshala', the Delhi Government provides a free yoga trainer to groups of 25 people to learn the ancient Indian practice in community spaces and parks.

So far, 17,000 citizens have opted for the scheme at 546 parks and public spaces across the Capital, according to Government data.

# L-G leads NDMC's Yoga event at Charkha Park

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

On the occasion of International Day of Yoga, the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) organised events at 75 locations on Tuesday.

The main event was organised at Charkha Park in Connaught Place where Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena along with NDMC Chairperson Bhopinder Singh Bhalla and Vice-Chairperson Satish Upadhyay performed common yoga protocol. Besides Connaught Place, the NDMC organised yoga events at Lodhi Garden, Nehru Park, Talkatora Garden, Singapore Park, Sanjay Jheel, Commonwealth Park and many other locations in the national Capital.

Events were held at 45 NDMC Schools and several other locations like parks, gar-



dens, working women hostels and Residents Welfare Associations (RWAs). The NDMC collaborated with the Art of Living at Nehru Park, Gayatri Pariwar at Talkatora Garden and Patanjali at Lodhi Garden for yoga performances.

# Asthana, cops perform Yoga at HQ lawns



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana on Tuesday joined his fellow officers for a yoga session at the lawns of the Delhi Police Headquarters on Jai Singh Marg, on the occasion of Yoga Day. According to officials, all the 15 districts and other units of the force have also organised regular yoga sessions for

their personnel in their respective jurisdictions. Taking to Twitter, Asthana said, "Yoga is a way of life that brings positive health and well-being." During the session, asanas and pranayams were demonstrated by a trained yoga instructor. The participants learnt about the benefits of yoga and ways to strengthen their immune system by practicing yoga regularly, a senior police officer said.

# DDA approves redevelopment plan for AIIMS

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) on Tuesday has approved a redevelopment plan for All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS).

The authority also approved a proposal to get first one of its kind E-Waste Management Park. The decision to this effect was taken at the Authority meeting chaired by Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena.

As per the statement released by the DDA, the Lieutenant Governor has cleared the redevelopment of the premier All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) as a World Class Medical University with augmented



facilities and capacity, and enabled the concrete way-forward for setting up of a first of its kind E-Waste Management Park by providing land for it. While informing about the AIMMS redevelopment plan which would be spread in 79.73 hectare comprising of five land parcels for development of world class medical university and change of land use of 1.69 Ha of land from recreational including city park, district Park, community park to Public and semi Public for

AIIMS falling in planning zone- 'F' aiming to give fillip to the healthcare facilities in the national capital. On the e-Waste Management Park, the DDA said that the authority has given final approval for change of Land Use for land measuring 21 acres from Residential-RD to Utility-U4 for setting up E-Waste Management Park at village Holambi Kalan, Narela Sub-city.

"The purpose of setting up E-waste management (Eco park) is management of e waste in Delhi through formal recycling, ensuring that all Waste Electronic and Electrical equipments (WEEE) is collected, stored, dismantled and recycled in an environmentally sound manner," it said. "The activities in the park will target small and

medium scale enterprises (SMEs) clusters involved in e-waste recycling. This will be first of its kind in Delhi," it further stated. The Authority has also given final approval to a proposal for Change of Land Use of 0.6769 Ha land at Vasant Vihar, from Residential to Government (G2) allotted for Establishment of Headquarters for National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).

"The Authority held its meeting on 21.06.2022 at Raj Niwas under the chairmanship of the L.G, Delhi who is also the Chairman of DDA and was attended by Manish Kumar Gupta, IAS, Vice Chairman, DDA, and other members of the Authority including Vijender Gupta MLA, Somnath Bharti and O P Sharma MLA.

# Govt stops direct transfer of permit, vehicle to new buyer

Move comes in light of pleas related to transfer of auto rickshaws after repossession by financiers in loan default cases

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a move to curb malpractices and black marketing, the Arvind Kejriwal Government has issued an order to prevent direct transfer of permit and vehicle to a new buyer in case of default of loans.

This was done in light of various representations related to the procedure being followed for transfer of auto rickshaws after repossession by financiers like banks and Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) in the eventuality of loan defaults.

In a statement, the Delhi Government said that the provisions made under Section-51 of the Motor Vehicle Act 1988 and Rule-61 of the Central Motor Vehicle Rules 1989, clearly lay down rules regard-

ing the vehicles' repossession by the financiers (NBFCs/banks) from the Registered Owner on account of default in payment of loan towards the vehicles under hypothecation.

"In such cases the said vehicle shall be transferred in the name of the financiers (NBFCs/banks) on production of relevant orders of the Court/Arbitrator.

This reiterates the provision that a direct transfer of the vehicle and permit to another buyer is not legally permissible. The department has further clarified that the loan arrangement is only in respect of the vehicle and not the permit/letter of intent issued to the original owner," the statement said.

In case the registered owner is unable to produce any evidence to the contrary, the Registration Certificate (RC) of

the original registered owner will be cancelled on default of loan and a fresh RC shall be issued in the name of the financiers.

The statement said that the permits issued against such vehicles shall be deemed to be surrendered to the Transport Department and such repossessed vehicles can be sold by the financier to the auction purchaser following due process and legalities. Even in such cases, the permit will not be transferred or deemed to be transferred in favour of the auction purchaser.

According to Transport Department officials, the department is in the process of preparing guidelines to ensure that other transport/non-transport vehicles also comply with the same.

The department will also share the list of such surrendered permits and registration of vehicles in the name of financiers with the enforcement branch to check for any unauthorised playing.

Delhi Transport Minister



Kailash Gahlot said, "Despite an Act and Rule mandating the same, a lot of genuine loan defaulters are being harassed by financiers. Our Government believes in fighting against all such types of corruption and end malpractices.

This is especially crucial in a post-Covid scenario where auto drivers are bearing the brunt of heavy loans and inability to repay them. I am hopeful that this measure, along with strict enforcement by the department will bring down such malpractices and bring relief to a lot of auto drivers."



# ED questions Rahul for 5th time in National Herald case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday questioned Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for the fifth time in connection with the National Herald money laundering case. The former Congress President appeared at the ED headquarters here at 11.15 AM and his questioning began about half an hour later after completing formalities like marking his attendance and it went on **till about midnight**. The Congress MP from Wayanad has been questioned for nearly 50 hours spread over five days. Gandhi sought a break for 30 minutes and agency allowed it at around 8PM on Tuesday. He did not take a break post-noon as in earlier four sessions, officials

said. A strong contingent of police and paramilitary personnel was deployed around agency's office and Section 144 of Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) was clamped in area to prohibit people from amassing in wake of Satyagrah call by Congress. During multiple sessions of questioning, Gandhi's statements are being recorded under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. Last week, he was questioned for three consecutive days. Gandhi left agency office after midnight on Monday. The probe relates to alleged financial irregularities in Congress-promoted Young Indian Private Limited, which owns National Herald newspaper. The ED questions revolved around incorporation of Young Indian Private Limited, opera-

tions of National Herald, the loan given by party to newspaper's publisher Associated Journals Limited (AJL), and transfer of funds within the news media establishment as also decision-making hierarchy within three entities, officials said. Congress president Sonia Gandhi has also been summoned by agency for questioning in case on June 23. Both Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi are major shareholders of Young Indian. She was discharged from a private hospital on Monday where she was admitted for Covid-related issues and has now been advised rest. The Congress has accused Centre of targeting Opposition leaders by misusing investigative agencies and has termed entire action a political vendetta.

# Biocon AVP, Joint Drugs Controller, 3 others held for bribery

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has arrested Joint Drugs Controller S Eswara Reddy, Associate Vice President of Biocon Biologics L Praveen Kumar and three others in a case of bribery to waive Phase 3 clinical trial of 'Insulin Aspart' injection, a product developed by the company to manage Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes. Biocon Biologics, a subsidiary of Biocon, however, denied the allegations of bribery. Biocon is led by billionaire entrepreneur. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw. Besides Reddy and Kumar, the CBI has also arrested Dinesh Dua, director at Synergy Network India Private Limited, who allegedly gave Reddy Rs 4 lakh bribe, Guljit Sethi, an alleged conduit of Biocon Biologics, as well as Assistant Drug Inspector Animesh Kumar in the case,

officials said. Reddy, posted at the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) here, and Dua were apprehended on Monday during a 'trap operation' while the former was receiving the bribe to favour Biocon Biologics to waive phase 3 clinical trial of the insulin injection. They were formally arrested after necessary paperwork and would be produced before the special court soon, the officials said. The CBI has booked all the five accused under Indian Penal Code (IPC) Sections of criminal conspiracy, cheating and forgery besides provisions of Prevention of Corruption Act. A spokesperson for Biocon Biologics refuted the allegations. In its FIR, the CBI has alleged that Sethi, acting as a conduit for Biocon Biologics, conspired with Praveen Kumar, head of the company's

National Regulatory Affairs (NRA), and other senior executives of the company to pay Reddy a total bribe of Rs 9 lakh. The bribe was meant for favourably recommending the file of 'Insulin Aspart Injection' to the Subject Expert Committee (SEC) meeting on May 18, 2022 for waiving the Phase 3 clinical trial, it alleged. "Phase 3 clinical trials are an important regulatory mechanism to assess the safety of a pharma product. Any attempt to waive it can have serious public health safety repercussions," an official said. Reddy had attended the SEC meeting on May 18, 2022 and supported the waiver, the CBI has alleged in the FIR. He manipulated the minutes of the meeting of SEC held that day by changing some key words in the recommendations, giving "substantial wrongful gain" to the compa-

ny, the agency alleged. The CBI was working on the sensational case for over a month after getting inputs that Reddy was dealing with the processing of files related to applications for approval of drugs and vaccines by various pharmaceutical companies. Tracking Reddy's activities, the CBI also learnt that three files of Biocon Biologics, including one related to the waiver of Phase 3 clinical trial of the under development Insulin Aspart Injection, were referred to him for processing and approval. The CDSCO functions include approval of new drugs, conducting clinical trials and laying down the standards for drugs. The CBI also received information that Sethi handled government regulatory works related to Biocon Biologics and had business relations with Dua, the CBI FIR alleged. The agency dug into her

background to find that she had several pharmaceutical companies as her clientele. She allegedly delivered huge bribes through Dua and others to senior officers of CDSCO on different occasions for processing the files favourably on behalf of her clients, officials said. Praveen Kumar also told Sethi about the favourable decision taken during the meeting, it said. In return, Reddy provided his residential address at Chanakyapuri to meet him personally by the end of the week, the agency has alleged. Praveen Kumar allegedly gave Sethi the go-ahead to pay a total bribe of Rs 9 lakh to Reddy. On her instructions, Dua went to make a partial payment of Rs 4 lakh to the officer on June 20 at his residence for acting in favour of Biocon Biologics, officials said.

# BJP Parliamentary Board names Draupadi Murmu as Prez pick

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After several rounds of consultations on its presidential pick, the BJP Parliamentary Board, the highest decision-making body of the party, met on Tuesday to finalise its nominee for the top constitutional post. Draupadi Murmu, the former Jharkhand Governor, was picked as the NDA candidate. The parliamentary board met soon after the opposition had reached a consensus on former union minister Yashwant Sinha as the joint opposition candidate for the presidential election. The parliamentary Board members deliberated on the NDA choice for the Presidential candidate. The

long-drawn meeting discussing the NDA candidate was attended, among others, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Nadda, Shah, Rajnath Singh, Nitin Gadkari and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in the Party's headquarters at Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg. Heavy police deployment was made on all routes leading to the party office. A number of candidates, including the names of present and former state governors, were mullied over by the party over the last one month with final approval being left to the Prime Minister, sources said. During the day Union ministers, Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh and BJP president J P Nadda met Vice

President M Venkaiah Naidu ahead of a crucial party meeting on the presidential elections, creating a buzz about Naidu being considered by the ruling combine for the top constitutional post. Party sources, however, said that the top leadership had yet not zeroed in on any single candidate. A formal announcement is likely to be made a day later. The ruling combine has over 48 per cent vote share in the electoral college to pick the new president, and its candidate has a clear advantage over the opposition. The voting to elect the new president in place of Ram Nath Kovind whose term will come to an end on July 24 will take place on July 18. The last date for filing nominations is June 29 and the

votes will be counted on July 21. As per article 62 of the Constitution, an election to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of office is required to be completed before the term ends. On Sunday, BJP president had held a key meet to brainstorm on the upcoming election, where members of the management team were present. The meeting was attended by senior leaders like Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Ashwini Vaishnaw, G Kishan Reddy, Arjun Ram Meghwal, Vinod Tawde, CT Ravi, Sambit Patra and others. Nadda and Rajnath Singh were entrusted with the responsibility of holding talks with all political parties, including opposition, over the

candidate for presidential polls. With the announcement of Sinha as the opposition consensus candidate, a contest for the presidential post has become all evident. The president is elected by the members of the electoral college consisting of elected members of both houses of Parliament and elected members of the legislative assemblies of all states including national capital territory of Delhi and Union territory of Puducherry. "The NDA candidate has a clear edge over the opposition nominee and the announced candidate by Parliamentary Board would be new occupant of the 'Rashtrapati Bhawan'," said a senior BJP leader involved in deliberations.

# Congress deposes Kamal Nath to handle Maha crisis

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Amid instability in the ruling Shiv Sena-led coalition Government in Maharashtra, the Congress on Tuesday deputed its senior leader and former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Kamal Nath as AICC observer to the State. The decision came soon after reports that some Shiv Sena MLAs led by dissident leader Eknath Shinde are camping in Gujarat and could pose a threat to the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) Government. "The Congress president has deputed Kamal

Nath as All India Congress Committee (AICC) observer in the wake of recent political developments in the state, with immediate effect," said an official communication from the Congress. Congress shares power with the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and Shiv Sena in the MVA government in Maharashtra. On the sidelines of the Maharashtra crisis, the Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel accused the Centre of trying to destabilize his government and claimed that "illegal phone tapping" is being done in the state.

Baghel alleged that those standing with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi are being targeted. Citing the CBI raids against Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's brother and "illegal phone tapping" in Chhattisgarh, he alleged that the Centre is trying to destabilize state governments run by non-BJP parties. Baghel made the remarks while talking to reporters during a sit-in in front of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) office here to protest against Gandhi's questioning by the central agency in the National Herald case.

# Centre files caveat in SC over Agnipath scheme after PIL

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

With PILs started coming, the Centre on Tuesday filed a caveat in the Supreme Court and urged that it be heard before the court passes any order on petitions against the Agnipath scheme. Caveat is a petition asking courts that actions may not be taken without hearing the opposite side. Already more than five petitioners claimed filing PILs to stop the Agnipath scheme. Meanwhile another PIL was also filed in the apex court

for an SIT probe on the nationwide violence against the scheme. This petition was mentioned on Tuesday and the vacation bench agreed to list. Already more than five PILs are filed against Agnipath scheme, terming it as half baked one, seeking cancellation. The pleas sought to quash the June 14 notification/press note claiming it to be illegal and unconstitutional. With Centre filing caveat, Government will get ample chance to explain and opportunity to prevent stay order without hearing.

# Polluted air contributes to brain disorders: Study

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

A cocktail of many toxic components could be transported from the lungs to the brain via the bloodstream while breathing in polluted air - potentially contributing to brain disorders and neurological damage, a new study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences has said. Though it has been known that air pollution is significantly associated with an increased risk of hospital admissions for several neurological disorders, including Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, and other dementias, the scientists from the University of Birmingham and research institutions in China discovered a possible

direct pathway used by various inhaled fine particles through blood circulation with indications that, once there, the particles stay longer in the brain than in other main metabolic organs. The study conducted at the Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health and Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health is the first nationwide analysis of the link between fine particulate (PM2.5) pollution and neurodegenerative diseases in the United States. The researchers leveraged an unparalleled amount of data compared to any previous study of air pollution and neurological disorders. The scientists revealed they had found various fine particles in human cerebrospinal fluids taken from

patients who had experienced brain disorders - uncovering a process that may result in toxic particulate substances ending up in the brain. Co-author Professor Iseult Lynch, from the University of Birmingham, commented: "There are gaps in our knowledge around the harmful effects of airborne fine particles on the central nervous system. This work sheds new light on the link between inhaling particles and how they subsequently move around the body. "The data suggests that up to eight times the number of fine particles may reach the brain by travelling, via the bloodstream, from the lungs than pass directly via the nose - adding new evidence on the relationship between air pollution and detrimental effects

of such particles on the brain." Air pollution is a cocktail of many toxic components, but particulate matter (PM, especially ambient fine particles such as PM2.5 and PM0.1), are the most concerning in terms of causing detrimental health effects. Ultrafine particles, in particular, are able to escape the body's protective systems, including sentinel immune cells and biological barriers. The team of scientists discovered that inhaled particles can enter the bloodstream after crossing the air-blood barrier - eventually reaching the brain, and leading to damage of the brain-blood barrier and surrounding tissues as they do so. Once in the brain, the particles were hard to clear and were retained for longer than in other organs.



# India, Australia to explore new initiatives to expand bilateral defence engagements

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his visiting Australian counterpart Richard Marles will explore new initiatives to further expand bilateral defence engagements in their talks on Wednesday. The defence ministry said the two ministers will also exchange views on regional and global issues of shared interest. It said the India-Australia comprehensive strategic partnership is based on a shared vision of "free, open, inclusive and prosperous" Indo-Pacific region. The visit by Marles is the first high-level trip to India from Australia after Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's centre-left Labor Party came to power last month defeating predecessor Scott Morrison's conservative coalition in the parliamentary elections. Marles, who is also deputy prime minister of Australia, began his four-day visit to India on Monday. "The two ministers will review the defence cooperation between the two countries and explore new initiatives to further strengthen bilateral engagements. They will also exchange views on regional and global issues of shared interest," the defence ministry in a statement. Marles visited Goa Shipyard Ltd in Goa. "India and Australia share a comprehensive strategic partnership since June 2020 and defence is a key pillar of this partnership. The partnership is based on a shared vision of free, open, inclusive and prosperous Indo-Pacific region," the defence ministry said. "The two democracies have a common interest in peace and prosperity of the entire region," it said in a

statement. The deputy prime minister also participated in a Yoga session on the occasion of International Yoga Day. "An early morning start with some yoga, ahead of a busy couple of days here in India. Looking forward to a packed couple of days, meeting my counterparts and seeing firsthand our close partnership," he tweeted. In his response on Twitter, Sing said: "Glad to see the Deputy Prime Minister and the Defence Minister of Australia, @RichardMarlesMP doing Yoga on the #InternationalDayofYoga." "His participation in the Yoga Day programme makes these celebrations remarkable and special. Looking forward to meet him in New Delhi," Singh added. On Monday, Marles described India as one of Australia's "closest" security partners and said Canberra is keen to work closely with it for an open and inclusive Indo-Pacific. The ties between India and Australia have been on an upswing in the last few years. In April, the two countries inked a trade pact to diversify bilateral trade. In June 2020, India and Australia elevated their ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership and signed a landmark deal for reciprocal access to military bases for logistics support. The Mutual Logistics Support Agreement (MLSA) allows the militaries of the two countries to use each other's bases for repair and replenishment of supplies, besides facilitating scaling up of overall defence cooperation. The Australian Navy was part of Malabar naval exercise hosted by India in November 2020 as well as last year.

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# 'Women more susceptible to long Covid than men'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Women are "significantly" more likely to suffer from long Covid than males and will experience substantially different symptoms, finds a study, underscoring a critical need for sex-disaggregated research. Long Covid is a syndrome in which complications persist more than four weeks after the initial infection of Covid-19, sometimes for many months. Researchers from the Johnson & Johnson Office of the Chief Medical Officer Health of Women Team, who carried out the analysis of data from around 1.3 million patients, observed females with long Covid are presenting with a variety of symptoms including ear, nose, and throat issues; mood disorders, neurological, skin, gastrointestinal and rheumatological disorders; as well as fatigue. Male patients, however, were more likely to experience endocrine disorders such as diabetes and kidney disorders. The odds of females developing long Covid syndrome is 22 per cent higher than males, the researchers noted in the study published in the journal Current Medical Research and Opinion. "Knowledge about fundamental sex differences underpinning clinical manifestations, disease progression, and health outcomes of Covid-19 is crucial for the identification and rational design of effective therapies and public health interventions that are inclusive of and sensitive to the potential differential treatment needs of both sexes," the researchers explained. "Differences in immune system function between females and males could be an important driver of sex differences in long Covid syndrome. The patient required only one unit of blood transfusion during the surgery and was put on oral feeds the very next day. Lakshmi was later put in the post-operative ward and later discharged within a week. Dr Balamurugan said that such major surgeries can be done safely in SRM MCH&RC and entire procedure was covered under CM Insurance Scheme, without much financial burden to patient or her family.

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# SRM doctors successfully perform major liver surgery at minimal cost

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ CHENNAI

A team of doctors from super specialty hospital, SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Center (SRM MCH&RC), Kattankulathur here has successfully performed a major surgery of the liver at a very nominal cost. According to a statement here, 47-year-old Lakshmi (name changed), came to the hospital with complaints of discomfort in her upper abdomen. Following investigations, the doctors found that the patient had developed a tumor (15x15 cm) on the left lobe of her Liver. After confirming that it was the primary cancerous growth coming from the Liver (Hepatoma), a multi-discipli-

nary team including a general surgeon, surgical gastroenterologist, and medical oncologist evaluated the patient and decided to go ahead with resection (removal) of left lobe of liver as a means of initial treatment for the patient. Major surgeries like liver resection are offered only in specialized centres and the charges levied will be enormous. SRM MCH&RC, whose mission is to offer quality medical care at a very nominal rate, took up this challenge, said the statement. The team led by Dr.Balamurugan, Dr.Athira, Dr. Sivamareswaran, Dr.Mallikarjun, Dr. Padma,

Dr.Elakkiya, Dr.Jayadharshini, Surgical GastroEnterology head Dr. A. Ratnasamy and Anaesthesiologist Dr.Mirnalini, Dr.Sujina, Dr.K.Karthik operated on Lakshmi, said the statement. After a two-hour-long surgery, the doctors removed the left lobe of the liver (left hepatectomy). The patient required only one unit of blood transfusion during the surgery and was put on oral feeds the very next day. Lakshmi was later put in the post-operative ward and later discharged within a week. Dr Balamurugan said that such major surgeries can be done safely in SRM MCH&RC and entire procedure was covered under CM Insurance Scheme, without much financial burden to patient or her family.





# 118 ultras killed in J&K this year; LeT, JeM lose most

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Pakistan-based two terrorist outfits Lashkar-e-Tayyeba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) have suffered the maximum brunt of sustained anti-terrorist operations across Kashmir valley this year. Out of 118 terrorists killed so far 77 belonged to LeT and 26 were cadre of JeM.

Meanwhile, a joint team of security forces Tuesday eliminated four more terrorists in two different encounters in Sopore area of Baramulla and Tuijan area of Pulwama.

According to Senior Superintendent of Police, Pulwama GH Jelani Wani, "one of the killed terrorist in Pulwama encounter, identified as Mazid Nazir, was behind the killing of police Sub Inspector Farooq Ahmed Mir. His associate Abid was also killed in the encounter, police said.

Two local terrorists were also eliminated in the Tulibal area of Sopore town in the Baramulla district.

The operation was launched in the area on the basis of inputs about the presence of terrorists in one of the houses. As the security forces launched a cordon and search operation they were fired upon by the hiding terrorists leading to an encounter in which both the terrorists were eliminated.

So far 17 terrorists have been gunned down since June 15 in different anti-terrorist operations in Kashmir valley.

Compared to previous year the security forces have eliminated 63 more terrorists than 2021.

According to IGP Kashmir, Vijay Kumar, "so far security forces have killed 118 terrorists including 32 foreign terrorists since Jan 1, 2022. However, 55 terrorists including 2 foreign terrorists were



killed in 2021 during the same period". Kumar said, Pakistan based Lashkar-e- Tayyeba terrorist outfit has suffered maximum damages. Out of 118 killed terrorists, 77 were LeT cadre & 26 from Jaish-e-Mohammad terror outfit.

Ever since the security forces have launched sustained operations against the terror outfits and targeting foreign terrorists they are receiving pinpointed human intelligence

leading to elimination of the terrorists hiding in their safe hideouts.

In Srinagar, police attached five houses as per section 2(g) & 25 of UAP Act for being used for purpose of terrorism. It was also clearly found that such harbouring was wilful, repetitive & without any coercion. Many attacks on civilians & security forces were planned from these houses, Srinagar police tweeted.

## Didi congratulates Yashwant as TMC sees a ‘chance’

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Even as the ruling Trinamool Congress leaders congratulated Mamata Banerjee for taking the "lead role" in uniting the Opposition parties in the presidential elections the Bengal Chief Minister was on Tuesday all praise for the TMC vice-president Yashwant Sinha who would be the combined Opposition face in the race for the Raisina Hills.

Congratulating Sinha a former Union Minister in the AB Vajpayee Government the Chief Minister wrote "I would like to congratulate Shri ... Yashwant Sinha on becoming the consensus candidate, supported by all progressive opposition parties, for the upcoming Presidential Election. A man of great honour and acumen, who would surely uphold the values that represent our great nation."

Her nephew and party general secretary Abhishek Banerjee who represented the TMC in Tuesday's all-party meeting in Delhi also congratulated Sinha saying the former Union Minister was the most appropriate candidate and that he firmly believed that "for all progressive parties who share the same vision for our nation, there could not have been a better choice!"

Sinha was the third option put forward by the Bengal Chief Minister in an all party meeting called by her earlier this month. While NCP chief Sharad Pawar turned down the offer to contest in the presidential polls as the first choice former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah too opted out of the race. In Bengal the TMC leaders interpreted the Tuesday's development as "Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's first big success in the central politics," adding Sinha's victory in the presidential elections would pave the way for Banerjee in playing bigger role in New Delhi in 2024.

# Campaigning for Azamgarh, Rampur by-elections ends

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The campaigning for the bypolls to Rampur and Azamgarh Lok Sabha seats ended on Tuesday evening. The polling will be held on June 23. The Samajwadi Party expressed confidence that it would retain both the seats while the BJP was said to be struggling to make a dent in the SP's bastion.

For the SP, the battle is about retaining the momentum it generated in the UP assembly elections earlier. For the BJP, it's about breaking the

control of the Yadav and Khan families in the two Lok Sabha constituencies.

The Bahujan Samaj Party contesting only Azamgarh seat is struggling to remain relevant in Uttar Pradesh politics.

A prestige battle is on the cards for the SP on the two seats represented by party president Akhilesh Yadav (Azamgarh) and its Muslim face Azam Khan (Rampur). The two leaders vacated these seats after being elected to UP Vidhan Sabha in March earlier this year.

For the SP, it's a do-or-die battle as after a stellar show in the recent UP assembly elections, this party cannot afford any setback as a loss or even a very tight result could send wrong signals before the 2024 general elections.

In 2009, 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the SP had won both the seats twice while the BJP only once. In fact, in 2009, the BJP won Azamgarh after it fielded SP ex-MP Ramakant Yadav.

While the BJP has fielded former SP MLC Ghanshyam Lodhi (OBC) in Rampur, the

SP has given a ticket to Azam Khan's loyalist Asim Raza. The BSP has not fielded any candidates.

In 2019, the SP won the seat by a margin of 1.1 lakh votes and recorded 52.7 per cent vote share while the BJP's vote share was 42.3 per cent. As the SP and BSP had contested together as 'mahagath-bandhan, the transfer of votes of Mayawati's party helped the SP clinch the seat. Rampur in the western UP has a high minority population of 50.57 per cent while the SC population is 13.38 per cent.

# Assam flood situation critical, NDRF rushed to Barak Valley

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

NDRF was rushed to Cachar in Barak Valley of Assam for rescue operations as the flood situation in Assam remained critical on Tuesday with Brahmaputra and Barak rivers along with its tributaries in spate and affecting nearly 48 lakh people, officials said.

The devastating flood, triggered by incessant rains since last week, has inundated 32 out of 36 districts of the state in its second spell and 11 persons were reported missing during the last 24 hours, the officials said.

A total 44 people have lost their lives so far in floods and landslides in the state since June 14.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that four units of the National Disaster Response Force were rushed from Bhubaneswar to Silchar to carry out rescue operations as the flood situation in Karimganj and Cachar districts worsened due to the rising waters of Barak and Kushiya rivers following heavy rains.

"Four units of NDRF from Bhubaneswar with total 105 personnel have been sent to Silchar to carry out rescue operations in Barak Valley", he said and thanked Union Home Minister Amit Shah for the "prompt action and help".

In Cachar, a population of 2,07,143 in 449 villages have been affected, while in Karimganj 1,33,865 in 305 villages were hit by the flood, according to the bulletin issued by the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA).

A total crop area of 113485.37 hectares and 33,84,326 animals have been affected while 5232 animals have been swept away in the state, it said.

The calamity has affected 125 revenue circles and 5,424 villages across Assam forcing 2,31,819 people to take shelter in 810 relief camps. At least 11,292 people and 27,086 animals have been evacuated by agencies engaged in rescue operations in the past 24 hours.

Relief materials were distributed to the affected people who have not taken shelters in

relief camps through 615 temporary relief distribution centres and points opened by the government.

Among the worst affected districts Barpeta with a population of 12,30,721 is reeling under flood waters followed by Darrang where 4,69,241 people have been hit and Bajali where 3,38515 have been affected, according to the bulletin issued by the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA).

According to the bulletin of the Central Water Commission (CWC), Kopili river is flowing above its high flood level at Kampur in Nagaon district and Brahmaputra at Nimatighat, Tezpur, Guwahati, Kamrup, Goalpara and Dhubri. Puthimari, Pagladia, Beki Barak and Kushiara are flowing above the danger levels.

Urban flooding was reported from Barpeta, Cachar, Darrang, Goalpara, Kamrup (Metro) and Karimganj. Landslides occurred at Kamrup and Karimganj during the day, it said.

Two embankments were breached, 349 roads and 16



bridges were damaged on Monday, the CWC said.

Large-scale erosion of river banks was reported from Baksa, Biswanath, Bongaigaon, Chirang, Dhubri, Hailakandi, Lakhimpur, Morigaon, Nalbari, Sonitpur, South Salmara, Tamulpur, Tinsukia and Udalguri districts, it added.

In Kaziranga National Park 42 of the total 233 camps have been inundated by the flood water. Eight animals have died due to drowning and vehicle hit so far, while 12, including nine hog deers and three pythons have been res-

cued by forest officials.

In Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, 14 of the total 25 camps have been inundated though there are no reports of animal casualty so far, officials said.

Northeast Frontier Railways has cancelled, short terminated or diverted several trains following damages in railway tracks due to flood induced breaches at Chaparmukh – Kamrup and Chaparmukh – Senchoa sections of Lumding and Harisinga - Tanga section of Rangiya divisions in the state on Tuesday, NFR official said.

# Thambis of MRC Wellington turn to Yoga for delightful life

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ WELLINGTON, NILGIRIS

The picturesque landscape of Madras Regimental Centre, Wellington, one of the oldest military establishments in the country, adored with lake, valleys and vast greenery in the backdrop presented a serene ambience on Tuesday morning as more than 600 Army personnel and civilian staff took part in the International Yoga Day.

The elegant Srinagesh Barracks which come alive on days when young soldiers are inducted into the Indian Army after strenuous military training for almost six months was a different picture on Tuesday as instructors from nearby Isha Foundation led the Yoga session. They explained in lucid style the significance and impact of each asana, yogic kriyas and pranayama.

Yoga's importance in the everyday life in the Army is




beyond words as the responsibilities fluctuate from protecting and guarding the nation from the prying eyes of the enemies and offering rescue and help to the civilians surrounding the Army establishments during times of natural disasters and pandemic, said a senior jawan who took part in the Yoga event.

The two year long pandemic in Tamil Nadu that witnessed a dance of death saw the Thambis of MRC (as they are

known in Indian Army parlance) distributing free food to the entire population in Nilgiris throughout the lockdown due to Covid-19.

Brigadier S K Yadav, Commandant, MRC Wellington, said that Yoga was already a part of the physical fitness curriculum in the Army. "For us Yoga is of paramount importance because it is the way to a happy, delightful and stress free life," said the Brigadier.

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| 11.   | Maya Devi/ Naresh Kumar, LBGHZ00004406478 200/14 3rdfloor Rachनाविशाली Sector-3A/ Esahibabad Ghaziabad 201010  | Plot No GC 3C Gh 03, Flat No. 2002, Floor 20, Tower 2 White Orchid Sector 16c, Gaur City-2 Greater Noida Noida Uttar Pradesh 201307   | 30/04/2022 Rs. 26,06,374/-                            | 31-01-2021                              |
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| 17.   | Pravin Kumar Malhotra/ Priyanka Malhotra , LBDEL00002414855 B-28 Sector-51, Noida Up Noida 201303  | Flat No 2828, Second Floor, Block-C-1, Country Home Scheme, Sushant Lok Phase-I, Gurgaon, Haryana, Gurgaon  | 04/05/2022 Rs. 31,73,188/-                            | 28-01-2022                              |
| 18.   | Rajesh Kumar Yadav/ Anil Kumar Yadav, LBDEL00002587330 Flat No.77, Venus Apartment, Rohtak Road, Paschim Vihar, Near Indor Enclave, West Delhi, Delhi 110087                     | Flat No-09, Plot No-7, Ground Floor, Lig Flat, Venus Apartment, Cghs, Paschim Vihar, Delhi  | 04/05/2022 Rs. 39,21,595.99/-                         | 04-09-2021                              |
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| 21.   | Sameena Ahmad/ Kamran Ahmad, LBDEL00002411969 RZ-L-4, 2nd Floor, Geeta Apartment, Mahavir Enclave, Opp Pnb Bank, Bengali Colony, New Delhi Delhi 110045                          | Flat No.05151, 15th Floor, Tower 5, Ats Allure, Plot No P7/TS-02A, Sector 22D Yamuna Expressway, Industrial Development Authority, Noida  | 04/05/2022 Rs. 35,96,777/-                            | 03-02-2022                              |
| 22.   | Manoj Mishra/ Nisha Mishra, LBDEL00002045300 N-411/14 Saurabh Vihar Near Amar Market, Badarpur New Delhi Delhi 110044  | Unit No-C GF17, Ground Floor, Tower-C Gardenia Gateway Plot No -9, Sector-75 Uttar Pradesh, Noida   | 04/05/2022 Rs. 30,14,568                              | 08-02-2022                              |
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| 26.   | Ritu Gaba/ Ravi Gaba/ Sudesh Rani/ LBGUR00003020938, LBGUR00003735382/ Flat No 117 C5, Shivalik Apartment First Floornear District Park, Sector 1, Manesar Gurgaon Gurgaon122052 | Flat No 117, Block C5 First Floor Tower C5 SIDCO Shivalik Apartments Sector 1 HSIIDC IMT Manesar Gurgaon Haryana 122001   | 26/04/2022 Rs. 19,29,948/-                            | 11-01-2022                              |
| 27.   | Kulwant Kaur/ Gurmeet Singh/ Karanjot Singh Juttal/ LBDEL00004660255, LBDEL00005332879/ 269 GROUND Floorrajouri Apartment Srajouri Garden, West Delhidelhi110027                 | Dda Lig, Flat No- 107A, Ground Floor, LIG Colony, Rajouri Garden, Delhi-110027  | 04/05/2022 Rs. 22,46,328/-                            | 03-02-2022                              |
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| 30.   | Bhupinder Singh Negi/ Mangal Singh Negi, LBDEL00004460557 H. No F- 221, 3rd Floor, Near Rakesh Marg, Nehru Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh Ghaziabad-201001                      | Plot No F- 221, GF, Block F, Nehru Nagar, Sector 3 Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad 201001  | 12/05/2022 Rs. 12,99,603/-                            | 11-08-2021                              |
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| 37.   | Neha Sharma/ Sharad Kumar, LBNO00003689332 A 604 Quantum Homes24 Meter Road, Near Fortune Residency Raj Nagar Extension Uttar Pradesh Ghaziabad- 201010                          | Flat No A-604, 6th Floor Tower-a Quantum Homes, Khasra No 1116 And 1123 Noor Nagar, Raj Nagar Ext Uttar Pradesh Ghaziabad- 201004   | 12/05/2022 Rs. 12,87,073/-                            | 03-02-2022                              |
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RUSH TO BUILD ROADS, DAMS RUINS HIMALAYAS

The nation has learnt little from the June 2013 Kedarnath tragedy



SHIVAJI SARKAR

Damage to the fragile Himalayas is said to be the reason for most natural calamities and severe heating up of the Indian subcontinent, and even the economic woes. An Indo-US Monsoon study linked the Himalayas to the formation of cyclones up to South Africa. About 10,000 Himalayan glaciers are receding at a rate of 30 to 60 metres per decade; temperatures are rising with road and dam constructions. Around 10.76 million trees were felled between 2015 and 2018 for development, as per a Rajya Sabha answer. Thankfully, the Supreme Court has stayed the chopping of 11,000 trees in Dehradun.

The nation has learnt little from the June 2013 Kedarnath tragedy that wiped out a large chunk of the Himalayas. The cost of damages is difficult to assess but one can get some idea from the fact Uttarakhand allocates one-third of its annual budget to disaster relief.

Arunachal's largest Dibang dam will result in felling 2.7 lakh more trees. Uttarakhand is often discussed but the North-East is suffering a lot. It lost about 1.45 million hectares (Mha) of tree cover between 2001 and 2020, amounting to roughly 76 per cent of the country's total tree cover loss, according to a global study by the University of Maryland's Global Land Analysis & Discovery (GLAD) laboratory, released by Global Forest Watch (GFW).



It says India as a whole lost 1.93 Mha of tree cover in 2001-20, including Uttarakhand's 50,000 hectares.

Assam has the highest share of the national tree cover loss—14 per cent. From 2001 to 2020, the state lost 269 kilo hectare (kha) of tree cover—9.8 per cent decrease. Among other North-Eastern states, Mizoram lost 247 kha, Nagaland 225 kha, Arunachal Pradesh 222 kha, Manipur 196kha, Meghalaya 195 kha and Tripura lost 102 kha tree cover in 20 years, the report said.

Arunachal, with proposed 169 hydropower projects, is in the throes of protests against construction of mega dams over Brahmaputra and its tributaries. The All Assam Students Union, which once pleaded for a dam on Subansiri in 1985, now opposes it.

The no-more-dam movement is popular in Arunachal but not effective as far as resisting the projects is concerned. So now comes the world's largest concrete gravity Dibang dam with 2,880 MW capacity in a fragile region. It would lead to clearing 1,165 hectares of rare, traditionally protected biodiversity forest and home to the Idu Mishmi tribe. Hundreds of families in 39 villages of Dibang Valley will be displaced. Sudden meltdown of glaciers is also probable at the dam site.

The pattern is almost a repeat of Kedarnath. DP Dobhal, a senior glaciologist of the National Institute of Mountaineering, says that expert suggestions were ignored in the new construction.

Floods, landslides, and forest fires are becoming frequent in the Himalayas as reckless road, rail, and dam constructions, tree felling, blasting and tunneling in the fragile hills cause continuous landslides. A Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG) study has found that the landslide-proneness of 51 per cent of Uttarakhand is 'high' and 'very high.' Local aspirations and big money often lead to undesirable ends.

The recent spate of activities on the higher Himalayas for railways to Karnaprayag and comfort zones for tourism is adding to the problems. Today, most dams have only one-third capacity of power generation.

Another side effect of the projects is hundreds of kilometers of embankment constructions after the Tehri Dam. If the cost of these is added to that of the Tehri Dam, it would be stupendous.

(The writer is a senior journalist. The views expressed are personal.)

Youngsters must get ready for career, life

After your academic excellence, soft skills are the next most important requirement since each day, every moment you are being observed



RAVI CHANDER KOCHHAR

At this time of the year, students having completed their graduation and post-graduation are getting ready for joining the corporate world or getting any other job of their choice in accordance with their qualifications.

The academic part of their competency is tested through examinations as part of their selection process. Those having crossed the laid-down threshold would be getting ready for the next stage of the selection process—group discussions, interviews, etc.—for placements to grab what best is available. There is still a dearth of jobs in India.

This makes proper self-grooming very important, for youngsters have to face the world. Life is not always a bed of roses; there are ups and downs, but once you are ready to face challenges, you will do far better than others.

After your academic excellence, soft skills are the next most important requirement. You must be able to present yourself at all times, you can't say that only when I go for an interview that I will shave, wear a tie, or dress up smartly.

You have to remember that each day, every moment you are being observed. It is not that you must have expensive clothes but one must be meticulously dressed up.

Communication skills are the next highest priority; it is the way you communicate with others. One doesn't necessarily have to have very high-flown English but one must be grammatically correct. Easy-to-pronounce words will do the trick. For this, one has to practice and practice; if needed, stand in front of the mirror and speak to yourself; you will see a marked change in the way you communicate.

One must do a lot of reading, be it newspapers, books or even fiction. It's the sure way to improve communication skills. Also try to talk to your friends and discuss the current national and international issues, so as to be more comfortable when interacting with others.

Before you go for the most important event called an interview, you must fully prepare yourself to face it. Sometimes there's only one person who interviews you, or two persons. There can also be a board to consider your candidature. You must do adequate research and read everything about the prospective employer, company or organisation, and also, if possible, about those likely to be there for interviewing you. These days everything is available on Google and you must use it to your advantage.

It goes without saying that you must reach the interview destination well in time so that you can familiarise yourself with the surroundings. Ensure that there are no delays due to a traffic jam.

During the interview, never lie or offer answers you are not sure about. If you don't know something say so; you are not Google that you ought to know each and



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everything. You can always try to lead them to your area of interest.

Keep a cool head. Be observant so that you don't miss any important aspect of the question you have been asked.

Your biodata submitted to the recruiters will be the basis of your interview, so be very careful while filling up you're the information about you. Know fully well about your home town, district, and state, and also about the places you stayed for long, your hobbies, your favourite sport and author, the last book you read, and so on.

There are some additional soft skills and traits you need to develop. Always treat others with the same respect as you expect from others.

There are many who have been very successful and have all the money, education, and luxuries of life. But there are still many others who may not be so privileged or successful; that, however, doesn't mean that they need to be treated differently.

Respect the rich and the poor, the educated and the uneducated. In fact, help all those who are not so lucky and successful; you may be the trigger to be successful.

Be humble as you climb the ladder of success and do not forget those who in one way or the other helped you in your journey upward because you will meet them on your way down.

Learn to coexist: as you move along in life, you will get various opportunities to work with different people; never hesitate to partner with the underprivileged; be a team player; take everyone with you. As the legendary business tycoon Rattan Tata said, if you want to walk fast, walk alone, but if you want to walk far, walk together.

Hard work: it is the essence of life to survive and succeed in the corporate world or anywhere else. You must be a willing worker and always ready to take on additional work; only then can you prove that you are better than others.

This will always help you during your annual appraisal as well as prepare you for the next higher post. Further, you must be thorough in your work, no one likes mistakes repeatedly; it does not matter how small these mistakes are or how apologetic you are for making them. Zero error should be the goal.

Humility will always pay you rich dividends, so be humble. Never try to boast that you are better than others, let your boss decide that. Always maintain good interpersonal relations and be amicable. No one can take away your strong points and it will add value if you remain humble and amicable.

Always extend a helping hand to your peers if they are in a difficult situation. Don't expect rewards every time you have done some good; rewards will find a way to come to you when due.

Time management is another important skill you need to develop. Try to manage your time well; always plan your work and proceed accordingly. There should be some time for unplanned work also, because your boss may ask you for something to be done which you haven't planned.

There are only 24 hours in a day and it's the same time available for everyone; it depends how you plan your day and that decides how effective you are. Emotional stability and resilience should be your traits. In life, there are good days and bad days. Good days everyone likes; it's the bad days, and how you deal with them, that will decide what kind of stuff you are made of. You have to face such times upfront. Don't sweep the problems under the carpet, for the dirt will come out, and then it will be too late to get rid of. Such times are part of the learning curve; they will surely add to your experience.

Moreover, this experience will make you more adaptable in the changed environments. Finally, remember what you want to be and then behave like that always, irrespective of where you are and what you are. Think like that and act like that.

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Prez poll: Ideal to have a consensus candidate

While Prime Minister Modi keeps his cards close to his chest, the Opposition is yet to arrive at a consensus candidate

Presidential elections are the buzz of the season as India is poised to get its new President next month following the end of the incumbent Ram Nath Kovind's term. Since Independence, these polls have witnessed close contests, surprises, and upsets. Generally, the ruling party gets its candidate elected, and the contests are a mere formality. The Opposition, too, puts up a candidate as a symbolic gesture.

This time, the ruling National Democratic Alliance and the Opposition are looking for a suitable candidate. The electoral college—consisting of 776 members of Parliament (543 from the Lok Sabha, 233 from the Rajya Sabha) plus 4,809 members of state legislative assemblies—will elect the next President on July 18. The



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Modi government is comfortable even as it is short of the required majority mark (less than 20,000 votes). To fill this gap, the BJP might rope in neutral parties like the BJD, YSRCP, and the AIADMK

In the past 75 years of India's Independence, from first president Rajendra Prasad to Ram Nath Kovind, Neelam Sanjiva Reddy (sixth president) was the only unopposed independent who won the presidential race in 1977. The election authorities had rejected 36 other nominations.

Ironically, a decade earlier, in one of the most nail-biting presidential polls, the same Congress Party's official candidate, Sanjiva Reddy, had lost to independent V.V. Giri, supported by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Before and after

that, the official candidates carried the day. The Congress party split took place after that.

Everyone looks to the Rashtrapati Bhavan after every general election if no party gets a majority, as the President invites the majority party leader to form the government. Some of them faced tricky issues and handled them in different ways.

Presidents like R. Venkataraman, Shankar Dayal Sharma, and K.R. Narayanan took sensitive and controversial decisions during their terms. Sharma gave the BJP leader Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the leader of the single largest party, a chance to form the 13-day government in 1996. However, the government fell because it could not mobilize support

for a majority.

When Indira Gandhi was assassinated in 1984, President Zail Singh installed her son Rajiv Gandhi in strange and tragic circumstances.

It would have been ideal had the relationship between prime ministers and presidents been smooth. Rajendra Prasad's letters speak of the differences between him and Nehru on the Hindu Code Bills. Sanjiva Reddy and Indira Gandhi were not on the same page. Giani Zail Singh and Rajiv Gandhi did not hit it off. PV Narasimha Rao and Sharma were also not on the best of terms.

Presidential polls have witnessed some surprising candidates. In 2002, Vajpayee sprung a surprise and chose the 'Missile man' APJ Abdul Kalam

as the presidential candidate. For the first time, Congress and the BJP supported his candidature. In 2007, the Congress decided to support Pratibha Patil against the NDA's Bhairon Singh Shekhawat. It was a close fight, resulting in the victory of Patil, who became the first woman president.

In 2012, Congress leader Pranab Mukherjee got the support of the Left and other Opposition parties to win the polls.

Kovind was a complete surprise, and he is finishing his term without any controversy. Prime Minister Modi might spring another surprise this time.

What kind of President do we need? Most occupants of Rashtrapati Bhavan had been men of stature, some of whom

won the highest civilian title Bharat Ratna—S Radhakrishnan (1954), Prasad (1962), Zakir Hussain (1963), V.V. Giri (1975), and Abdul Kalam (1997).

Secondly, most communities and professions had a chance to see one of their own occupied Rashtrapati Bhavan. Narayanan was the first Dalit president (1997), Abdul Kalam the first scientist (2002), and Patil the first woman (2007).

Three Muslims—Zakir Hussain, Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, Abdul Kalam—and one Sikh, Zail Singh, have been presidents. The only two prominent groups not represented since Independence have been OBCs and tribals. So, the ruling dispensation might field a candidate from either community.

Thirdly, the person should not be a rubber stamp, as Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed was perceived to be. Presidents like Narayanan, Pranab Mukherjee, and Venkataraman had been rule-book presidents and assertive.

In the next few days, we will know the names of the candidates. As of now, Prime Minister Modi keeps his cards close to his chest. The Opposition is yet to arrive at a consensus candidate.

Modi is reaching out to the Opposition as he should. It would be ideal to have a consensus President. In these polarised times, a widely-respected person and a consensus candidate would be perfect. After all, as the country's highest constitutional functionary, the President is also the guardian of the Constitution.



# Everything is on fire: Ukraine region weathers bombardment

AP ■ KYIV

Russian attacks laid down a curtain of fire Tuesday across areas of eastern Ukraine where pockets of resistance are denying Moscow full military control of the region, almost four months after the Kremlin unleashed an invasion.

"Today everything that can burn is on fire," Serhiy Haidai, the governor of Ukraine's eastern Luhansk region, told The Associated Press.

Russia's war has caused alarm over food supplies from Ukraine to the rest of the world and gas supplies from Russia, as well as raising questions about security in Western Europe.

The Russian military currently controls about 95% of the Luhansk region. But Moscow has struggled for weeks to overrun it completely, despite deploying additional troops and possessing a massive advantage in military assets. In the city of Sievierodonetsk, the hot spot of the fighting, Ukrainian defenders held on to the Azot chemical plant in the industrial outskirts. About 500 civilians are sheltering at the plant, and Haidai said the Russian forces are turning the area "into ruins."

"It is a sheer catastrophe," Haidai told the AP in written comments about the plant. "Our positions are being fired at from howitzers, multiple rocket launchers, large-caliber artillery, missile strikes." The defence of the chemical plant recalled the besieged Azovstal steel mill in the brutalised city of Mariupol, where Ukrainian troops were pinned down for weeks.

The neighbouring Lysychansk, the only city in the Luhansk region that is still fully under Ukrainian control, is



also the target of multiple airstrikes.

The Ukraine president's office said Tuesday that at least six civilians had been killed over the previous 24 hours, and 16 others were wounded.

According to its daily update, Russian forces over the day shelled the northern Chernihiv region, and intensified their shelling of Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city. Explosions also occurred on Tuesday morning in the southern city of Mykolaiv.

Airstrikes on Sievierodonetsk and nearby Lysychansk have ruined more

than 10 residential buildings and a police station. In the city of Avdiivka in the Donetsk region, a school burned down as the result of the shelling, the president's office said.

International support for Ukraine's plight was demonstrated once more when a Nobel Peace Prize medal auctioned off by Russian journalist Dmitry Muratov sold Monday night for \$103.5 million, shattering the old record for a Nobel. The auction aimed to raise money for Ukrainian child refugees.

Meanwhile, Russian authorities blocked the website of British newspa-

per The Telegraph over an article it published, the internet rights group Roskomsvoboda reported Tuesday.

The group said in an online statement that Russia's media and internet regulator, Roskomnadzor, blocked Russian access to a story Moscow described as "fake news." The move made the entire Telegraph website inaccessible for some Russians.

The Telegraph story alleged that Russian forces had prepared a mobile crematorium for use in its war with Ukraine, possibly to hide its military casualties.

# EU: Blame Russia, not sanctions, for global food crisis

AP ■ BRUSSELS

The European Union's top diplomat said on Monday he has written to all African foreign ministers to explain that the bloc's sanctions on Russia are not responsible for the looming global food crisis, and pledged to work out ways for exports of food and fertilisers to reach their continent.

The EU has not banned exports of Russian food or fertilizers to non-EU nations as part of its sanctions package.

Earlier this month, the chairman of the African Union, Senegal's President Macky Sall, told Russian President Vladimir Putin that the fighting in Ukraine and Western sanctions had worsened food shortages, and appealed to other countries to ensure grain and fertilizer exports from Russia and Ukraine aren't blocked.

"Russia is blockading Ukrainian exports," Josep Borrell said after a meeting of EU Foreign Affairs ministers. "Not us. Russia is destroying ports, and destroying food stocks, destroying transport infrastructure."

Russia's war against Ukraine has been preventing some 20 million tons of Ukrainian grain from getting to



the Middle East, North Africa and parts of Asia.

Borrell said it is "a deliberate attempt (by Russia) to create hunger in the world," adding that the Kremlin's attempt to blame Western sanctions for the crisis was just "propaganda."

Sall also complained that the collateral effects of the EU decision to expel many Russian banks from the SWIFT financial messaging system will hurt African countries' ability to make payments for food imports.

Borrell said he understands the concerns of African leaders about the consequences of EU sanctions.

"If there is a problem, we will solve it," he said. "But I

have to know the problem. Not the whole financial system of Russia is de-Swifted."

Meanwhile, Borrell said the bloc is ready to look into whether sanctions imposed on Belarus before the war targeting exports of potash — a common fertilizer ingredient — can affect its distribution across the world.

In addition, Borrell said the European Commission, the EU's executive arm, will send letters to all financial and economic actors to explain what they can do under the sanctions regime.

"Because our sanctions don't forbid them to participate on the trade on food, fertilizers with Russia and third countries," he said.

# Nobel sold for Ukrainian kids shatters record at \$103.5M

AP ■ NEW YORK

The Nobel Peace Prize auctioned off by Russian journalist Dmitry Muratov to raise money for Ukrainian child refugees sold Monday night for \$103.5 million, shattering the old record for a Nobel.

A spokesperson for Heritage Auctions, which handled the sale, could not confirm the identity of the buyer but said the winning bid was made by proxy. The \$103.5 million sale translates to \$100 million Swiss francs, hinting that the buyer is from overseas.

"I was hoping that there was going to be an enormous amount of solidarity, but I was not expecting this to be such a huge amount," Muratov said in an interview after bidding in the nearly 3-week auction ended on World Refugee Day.

Previously, the most ever paid for a Nobel Prize medal was \$4.76 million in 2014, when James Watson, whose co-discovery of the

structure of DNA earned him a Nobel Prize in 1962, sold his. Three years later, the family of his co-recipient, Francis Crick, received \$2.27 million in bidding also run by Heritage Auctions.

Muratov, who was awarded the gold medal in October 2021, helped found the independent Russian newspaper Novaya Gazeta and was the publication's editor-in-chief when it shut down in March amid the Kremlin's clampdown on journalists and public dissent in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

It was Muratov's idea to auction off his prize, having already announced he was donating the accompanying \$500,000 cash award to charity.

Muratov has said the proceeds will go directly to UNICEF in its efforts to help children displaced by the war in Ukraine. Just minutes after bidding ended, UNICEF told the auction house it had already received the funds.



Online bids had begun June 1 to coincide with the International Children's Day observance. Many bids came by telephone or online. The winning bid, tendered by telephone, catapulted the bidding from the low millions to astronomical levels.

Muratov had left Russia on

Thursday to begin his trip to New York City, where live bidding began Monday evening.

Early Monday, the high bid was only \$550,000. The purchase price had been expected to spiral upward — but not over \$100 million.

"I can't believe it. I'm awestruck. Personally, I'm flabbergasted. I'm

stunned. I don't really know what happened in there," said Joshua Benesh, the chief strategy officer for Heritage Auctions.

"We knew that there was a tremendous groundswell of interest in the last couple of days by people who were moved by Dmitry's story, by Dmitry's act of generosity, that the global audience was listening tonight," he said.

Muratov and Heritage officials said even those out of the bidding can still help by donating directly to UNICEF.

Muratov shared the Nobel Peace Prize last year with journalist Maria Ressa of the Philippines.

The two journalists, who each received their own medals, were honored for their battles to preserve free speech in their respective countries, despite coming under attack by harassment, their governments and even death threats.

Melted down, the 175 grams of 23-karat gold contained in Muratov's

medal would be worth about \$10,000.

Muratov has been highly critical of Russia's 2014 annexation of Crimea and the war launched in February that has caused nearly 5 million Ukrainians to flee to other countries for safety, creating the largest humanitarian crisis in Europe since World War II.

Independent journalists in Russia have come under scrutiny by the Kremlin, if not outright targets of the government. Since Putin came into power more than two decades ago, nearly two dozen journalists have been killed, including at least four who had worked for Muratov's newspaper.

In April, Muratov said he was attacked with red paint while aboard a Russian train.

Since its inception in 1901, there have been nearly 1,000 recipients of the Nobel Prizes honoring achievements in physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine, literature and the advancement of peace.

## Russian border guard helicopter violates Estonia's airspace

AP ■ HELSINKI

NATO member Estonia said Tuesday that a Russian border guard helicopter violated the airspace of the Baltic nation over the weekend, and Russia's ambassador was summoned and given a note over the incident.

Estonia's military said in a statement that the Russian Mi-8 helicopter entered the country's airspace in southeastern Estonia in the Koidula area — not far from the Russian city of Pskov — without permission on Saturday evening. The helicopter was in Estonia's airspace for almost two minutes, Estonia's military said, adding that it hadn't presented a flight plan, had its transponder switched off and failed to maintain radio contact with Estonian Air Navigation Services.

## Africa 'taken hostage' by Russia's invasion, says Zelenskyy

AP ■ NAIROBI

"Africa is actually taken hostage" in Russia's invasion of Ukraine amid catastrophically rising food prices, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy told the African Union continental body

during a closed-door address on Monday.

It took weeks of requests for Zelenskyy to address African nations, many of whom retain close ties to Russia and failed to support a U.N. General Assembly resolution con-

demning the invasion earlier this year.

Ukraine and the West hope to weaken those ties by emphasizing that Russia's actions are to blame for dramatic shortages of wheat and edible oils and skyrocketing food and fuel prices across the African continent of 1.3 billion people. Russia's blockade of Ukrainian exports is a "war crime," the European Union's top diplomat, Josep Borrell, said on Monday.

They appealed to other countries to ensure grain and fertilizer exports from Russia and Ukraine aren't blocked. Millions of people in the Horn of Africa, including Ethiopia and Somalia, are now struggling to find food or even humanitarian food aid amid a historic drought. The Associated Press was the first to report hundreds of deaths this year in Somalia alone.

"We know for a fact there will be increased deaths ... Well into 2023," USAID Ethiopia mission director Sean Jones told the AP last week. Official reaction to Zelenskyy's speech was muted. African Union Commission chair Moussa Faki Mahamat, one of those who met with Putin, tweeted that African nations "reiterated the AU position of the urgent need for dialogue to end the conflict."

Current AU chair and Senegalese President Macky Sall tweeted that Africa respects "the peaceful resolution of conflicts and the freedom of commerce."

## Ukraine's secret, deadly impossible rescue missions

AP ■ KYIV

As was his habit before each flight, the veteran Ukrainian army pilot ran a hand along the fuselage of his Mi-8 helicopter, caressing the heavy transporter's metal skin to bring luck to him and his crew.

They would need it. Their destination — a besieged steel mill in the brutalized city of Mariupol — was a death trap. Some other crews didn't make it back alive.

Still, the mission was vital, even desperate. Ukrainian troops were pinned down, their supplies running low, their dead and injured stacking up. Their last-ditch stand at the Azovstal mill was a growing symbol of Ukraine's defiance in the war against Russia. They could not be allowed to perish. The 51-year-old pilot — identified only by his first name, Oleksandr — flew just the one mission to Mariupol, and he considered it the most difficult flight of his 30-year career. He took the risk, he said, because he didn't want the Azovstal fighters to feel forgotten.

In the charred hell-scape of that plant, in an underground bunker-turned-medical station that provided shelter from death and destruction above, word started reaching the wounded that a miracle might be coming.

Among those told that he

was on the list for evacuation was a junior sergeant who'd been shredded by mortar rounds, butchering his left leg and forcing its amputation above the knee.

"Buffalo" was his nom de guerre. He had been through so much, but one more deadly challenge loomed: escape from Azovstal.

A series of clandestine, against-the-odds, terrain-hugging, high-speed helicopter missions to reach the Azovstal defenders in March, April and May are being celebrated in Ukraine as among the most heroic feats of military derring-do of the four-month war. Some ended in catastrophe; each grew progressively riskier as Russian air defense batteries caught on.

The full story of the seven resupply and rescue missions has yet to be told. But from exclusive interviews with two wounded survivors; a military intelligence officer who flew on the first mission; and pilot interviews provided by the Ukrainian army, The Associated Press has pieced together the account of one of the last flights, from the perspective of both the rescuers and the rescued.

Only after more than 2,500 defenders who remained in the Azovstal ruins had started surrendering did Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy first give word of the missions and their deadly cost.

## No nukes? Ukraine-Russian war will shape world's arsenals

AP ■ KYIV

The headlines on the newsstands in Seoul blared fresh warnings of a possible nuclear test by North Korea. Out on the sidewalks, 28-year-old office worker Lee Jae Sang already had an opinion about how to respond to North Korea's fast-growing capacity to lob nuclear bombs across borders and oceans.

"Our country should also develop a nuclear programme. And prepare for a possible nuclear war," said Lee, voicing a desire that a February poll showed was shared by 3 out of 4 South Koreans.

It's a point that people and politicians of non-nuclear powers globally are raising more often, at what has become a destabilising moment in more than a half-century of global nuclear nonproliferation efforts, one aggravated by the daily example of nuclear Russia tearing apart non-nuclear Ukraine.

That reconsideration by non-nuclear states is playing out in Asia. The region is home to an ever-more assertive North Korea, China, Russia and Iran — three nuclear powers and one near-nuclear power — but is unprotected by the kind of nuclear umbrella and broad defense alliance that for decades has shielded NATO countries.

Vulnerable countries will look to the lessons from Ukraine — especially whether Russia succeeds in swallowing big pieces of Ukraine while brandishing its nuclear arsenal to hold other nations at bay — as they consider keeping or pursuing nuclear weapons, security experts say. As important, they say, is how well the US and its allies are persuading other partners in Europe, the Persian Gulf and Asia to trust in the shield of US-led nuclear and conventional arsenals and not pursue their own nuclear bombs.

For leaders worried about unfriendly, nuclear-armed neighbours, "they will say to their domestic audiences, Please support our nuclear armament because look what happened to Ukraine," right?" said Mariana Budjeryn, a researcher with the Project on Managing the Atom at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

As a schoolgirl in 1980s Soviet-era Ukraine,



Budjeryn drilled on how to dress radiation burns and other potential injuries of nuclear war, at a time that country housed some 5,000 of the Soviet Union's nuclear weapons. Her country renounced nuclear weapons development after the Soviet Union shattered, opting for economic assistance and integration with the West and security assurances.

"Ultimately, I think a lot is riding on the outcome of this war in terms of how we understand the value of nuclear weapons," Budjeryn said.

Around the world, the U.S. Military is reassuring strategic partners who are facing nuclear-backed rivals.

Near the North Korea border this month, white-hot ballistic missiles arched through the night sky as the U.S. Joined South Korea in their first joint ballistic test launches in five years. It was a pointed response to North Korea's launch of at least 18 ballistic missiles this year.

In Europe and in the Persian Gulf, President Joe Biden and U.S. Generals, diplomats and troops are shuttling to countries neighbouring Russia and to oil-producing countries neighbouring Iran. Biden and his top lieutenants pledge the U.S. Is committed to blocking nuclear threats from Iran, North Korea and others. In China, President Xi Jinping is matching an aggressive foreign policy with one of his country's biggest pushes on nuclear arms.

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# US, Iran in tense sea incident; Tehran preps new centrifuges

AP ■ DUBAI

A US Navy warship fired a warning flare to wave off an Iranian Revolutionary Guard speedboat coming straight at it during a tense encounter in the strategic Strait of Hormuz, officials said Tuesday.

The incident on Monday involving the Guard and the Navy comes as tensions remain high over stalled negotiations over Iran's tattered nuclear deal with world powers and as Tehran enriches uranium closer than ever to weapons-grade levels under decreasing international oversight.

Meanwhile, the United Nations' nuclear watchdog said Iran now plans to enrich uranium through a second set of advanced centrifuges at its underground Fordo facility amid the stand-off.

The Cyclone-class patrol ship USS Sirocco and Spearhead-class expeditionary fast transport USNS Choctaw County found themselves in the close encounter with three Iranian fast boats while coming through the Strait of Hormuz to enter the Persian Gulf, the Navy said.

In a video released by the Navy's Bahrain-based 5th Fleet, a high-speed Guard Boghammar is seen turning head-on toward the Sirocco. The Sirocco repeatedly blows its horn at the Boghammar, which turns away as it closes in. The flare shot can be heard, but not seen, as the Boghammar passes the Sirocco with the Iranian flag flying above it.

The Navy said the Boghammar came within 50 yards (45 metres) of the Sirocco, raising the risk of the vessels running into each other. The overall encounter lasted about an hour, the Navy said.

The Guard's "actions did not meet international standards of professional or safe maritime behaviour, increas-



ing the risk of miscalculation and collision," the Navy said.

Iran did not immediately acknowledge the incident in the strategic waterway - a fifth of all traded oil passes through the strait.

The Navy separately told The Associated Press that this marked the second so-called "unsafe and unprofessional" incident it had with Iran in recent months.

On March 4, three Guard ships had a tense encounter for over two hours with Navy and US Coast Guard vessels as they travelled out of the Persian Gulf through the strait, the Navy said. In that incident, the Guard's catamaran Shahid Nazeri came within 25 yards (22 metres) of the USCGC Robert Goldman, the Navy said.

"The two US Coast Guard cutters issued multiple warnings via bridge-to-bridge radio and deployed warning flares," the Navy said.

The Navy did not elaborate on why

it did not announce the previous incident, particularly since a larger vessel came even closer to an American warship. However, that was just as a deal in Vienna between Iran and world powers on restoring the nuclear deal looked possible, before the talks broke down.

Iran and world powers agreed in 2015 to the nuclear deal, which saw Tehran drastically limit its enrichment of uranium in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions. In 2018, then-President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew America from the accord, raising tensions across the wider Middle East and sparking a series of attacks and incidents.

Talks in Vienna about reviving the deal have been on a "pause" since March. Since the deal's collapse, Iran has been running advanced centrifuges and rapidly growing stockpile of enriched uranium. Earlier this month as well, Iran removed 27 surveillance cameras of the UN's International

Atomic Energy Agency. The agency's head warned it could deal a "fatal blow" to the nuclear deal.

On Tuesday, the IAEA said its inspectors verified Iran was preparing to enrich uranium through a new cascade of 166 advanced IR-6 centrifuges at its underground Fordo facility. Already, Iran has one cascade of IR-6s operating at Fordo, near the holy Shiite city of Qom, some 90 km (55 miles) southwest of Tehran. They enrich up to 20% purity.

The IAEA said Iran has not told it yet the level at which the second cascade will be enriching. Iran has yet to publicly acknowledge the new cascade.

The 2015 nuclear deal prohibited all enrichment at Fordo. Shielded by mountains, the facility is ringed by anti-aircraft guns and other fortifications. It is about the size of a football field, large enough to house 3,000 centrifuges, but small and hardened enough to lead US officials to suspect it had a military purpose when they exposed the site publicly in 2009.

Amid the tensions, Israel is suspected of carrying out a series of attacks in and outside of Iran targeting the country, including the killing of the architect of its one-time military nuclear program with a remote-controlled machine gun.

On Tuesday, the state-run IRNA news agency quoted the prosecutor of Iran's southeastern Sistan and Baluchistan province as alleging three people arrested in April there on suspicion of working with Israel's Mossad intelligence agency wanted to kill Iranian nuclear scientists.

It's unclear why the three would have been in Sistan and Baluchistan, which has no nuclear sites. The restive province that borders Afghanistan and Pakistan faces sporadic attacks from armed insurgent groups.

# Lanka's Parliament sessions curbed as fuel crisis bites

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's Parliament sessions will be restricted to two days this week instead of four days amid the current fuel supply crisis in the country, the leader of the House Dinesh Gunawardena said on Tuesday.

The island nation, home to around 22 million people, is currently facing its worst economic crisis in more than 70 years. Sri Lanka's economy is experiencing extreme fuel shortages, soaring food prices and a lack of medicines.

"In view of the current fuel supplies crisis we have decided to limit the parliamentary sessions for today and tomorrow," Gunawardena announced.

When Parliament met this morning, the main Opposition Samagi Jana Balawegaya party and the Marxist National People's Power party said they were boycotting the sessions to protest the government's inaction to tackle the current economic crisis.

SJB leader Sajith Premadasa said since the government lacked a strategy to tackle the crisis there was little use in spending time in Parliament.

"We see no plan on the part of the government to solve the current economic and fuel shortages issue," Anura Kumara Dissanayake the NPP leader said.

He said the fuel queues have lengthened since the new prime minister Ranil Wickremesinghe was appointed in mid-May.

At the start of today's session Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardene said the main opposition's proposal on the 21st Amendment to the Constitution has been deemed to require a national referendum for most of its provisions which are inconsistent with the Constitution.

The Speaker was reading the determination he received from the Supreme Court.

Sri Lankan Cabinet on Monday approved the 21st Amendment to the Constitution aimed at empowering Parliament over the executive president. The 21st Amendment is expected to annul the 20A to the Constitution, which gives unfettered powers to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa after abolishing the 19th Amendment that strengthened Parliament. Sri Lanka is in talks with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for an economic programme that could be supported by the global lender's lending arrangement for the country which is seeking to find



USD 6 billion to keep it afloat for the next six months.

The IMF, however, has placed a number of conditions in order to agree to a bailout package.

The nearly bankrupt country, with an acute foreign currency crisis that resulted in foreign debt default, announced in April that it is suspending nearly USD 7 billion foreign debt repayment due for this year out of about USD 25 billion due through 2026. Sri Lanka's total foreign debt stands at USD 51 billion.

The crisis has forced Sri Lankans to wait in lines lasting hours outside stores to buy fuel and cooking gas.

# ISIS claims Syria bus attack that killed 13

AP ■ BEIRUT

The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for Monday's attack on a civilian bus in northern Syria that killed 13 people and wounded three.

The extremist group said in a statement late Monday that its gunmen attacked the bus with automatic rifles. It also posted photos of the attack. The Syrian army said 11 of those killed were soldiers. Three soldiers were also wounded, the military said.

The bus was attacked while on the road in the northern province of Raqqa, heading to the central city of Homs.

IS militants proclaimed their so-called "caliphate" in a third of both Iraq and Syria in 2014 and the city of Raqqa was their de-facto capital. They were defeated in 2019 but IS sleeper cells still carry out deadly attacks. The cells have been active in eastern, northern and central Syria.

# Election 2022: Trump endorsement flip scrambles Alabama race

AP ■ MONTGOMERY (US)

Standing in the sweltering summer heat on the steps of the Alabama Capitol earlier this month, Republican Senate candidate Mo Brooks was hailed by organizers of the Jan. 6, 2021, rally in Washington for his efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 election and keep former President Donald Trump in power.

"I was proud to stand with Mo Brooks on that stage that day," said Amy Kremer, chair of Women for America First. "Mo has the truth on his side."

Less than 10 hours later,

Trump returned the favor by snubbing the congressman — for a second time — and instead endorsing rival Katie Britt in Tuesday's Republican runoff election for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Britt's former boss, retiring GOP Sen. Richard Shelby.

Alabama is one of a handful of states holding contests Tuesday at the midpoint of a primary season that has been shaped by Trump's effort to influence the GOP. In Virginia, Republicans are choosing between Trump-aligned congressional candidates to take on some of the most vulnera-



ble Democrats in the fall. And in Georgia, Democrats will set-

tle several close races, including deciding which Democrat will challenge Brad Raffensperger, the Republican secretary of state who overcame a Trump-backed challenge last month.

In Washington, D.C., meanwhile, Democratic Mayor Muriel Bowser is seeking reelection amid concerns over homelessness and rising crime.

But the Alabama Senate runoff has drawn particular attention both because of the drama surrounding Trump's endorsement and the fact that the winner will likely prevail in November in a state Trump

won twice by more than 25 percentage points.

Trump initially endorsed Brooks in the spring of 2021, rewarding an ardent champion of his baseless claims of a stolen election. Brooks had voted against certifying President Joe Biden's victory and delivered a fiery speech at the rally that proceeded the U.S. Capitol insurrection, telling the crowd, "Today is the day that American patriots start taking down names and kicking ass."

But nearly a year later, Trump rescinded his support after the pair's relationship

soured and as the conservative firebrand languished in the polls. Trump blamed his decision on comments Brooks had made months earlier, at an August rally, when he said it was time for the party to move on from the 2020 presidential race — comments Trump claimed showed Brooks, one of the most conservative members of

Congress, had gone "woke."

But the move was widely seen as an effort by Trump to save face amid other losses, and Brooks alleged that it came after he informed Trump that there was no way to "rescind" the 2020 election, remove Biden from power, or hold a new special election for the presidency.

# Israel coalition to fast-track bill to dissolve parliament

AP ■ JERUSALEM

Israel's outgoing coalition government will fast-track a bill this week to dissolve parliament, setting up the country for its fifth elections in three years, a Cabinet minister said Tuesday.

The development comes after Prime Minister Naftali Bennett announced on Monday that he would disband his alliance of eight ideologically diverse parties, a year after taking office, and send the country to the polls.

A series of defections from

his Yemina party had stripped the coalition of its majority in parliament.

Bennett cited the coalition's failure earlier this month to extend a law that grants West Bank settlers special legal status as a main impetus for new elections.

His key ally, Foreign Minister Yair Lapid, will become the caretaker prime minister until a new government is formed in the aftermath of elections, which are expected to be held in October.

Welfare Minister Meir Cohen, a member of Lapid's

Yesh Atid party, told Israeli public broadcaster Kan that the coalition would bring the bill to a preliminary vote on Wednesday.

"We hope that within a week we will complete the process," Cohen said.

"The intention is to finish it as soon as possible and to go to elections."

New elections raise the possibility that longtime leader Benjamin Netanyahu, now opposition leader, will be able to stage a comeback.

Netanyahu was ousted by the eight-party alliance after four inconclusive elections

that were largely seen as referendums on the his fitness to rule. The alliance's factions range from dovish liberals opposed to Israeli settlements to hawkish ultranationalists who reject Palestinian statehood and were united solely in their opposition to Netanyahu.

Netanyahu is currently on trial for corruption, but has denied any wrongdoing and has repeatedly dismissed the charges as part of a witch hunt to drive him from office.

Israeli law does not explicitly state that a politician under indictment may not become prime minister.

# Biden nominates 1st Native American US treasurer

AP ■ WASHINGTON

A Native American has been nominated to be US treasurer, a historic first.

President Joe Biden's nomination Tuesday of Marilyn "Lynn" Malerba comes as his administration establishes an Office of Tribal and Native Affairs at the Treasury Department, which will be overseen by the US treasurer.

The treasurer's duties include oversight of the U.S. Mint, serving as a liaison with the Federal Reserve and overseeing Treasury's Office of Consumer Policy. The treasurer's signature appears on U.S. Currency.

Malerba, who is the lifetime chief of the Mohegan Indian Tribe, previously worked as a registered nurse, according to the tribe's website, and has served in various trib-

al government roles. The tribe's reservation is located on the Thames River in Uncasville, Connecticut.

"For the first time in history, a Tribal leader and Native woman's name will be the signature on our currency," Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said in remarks prepared ahead of the announcement.

"Chief Malerba will expand our unique relationship with Tribal nations, continuing our joint efforts to support the development of Tribal economies and economic opportunities for Tribal citizens," Yellen said.

Yellen was set to visit the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota on Tuesday, the first time a Treasury secretary has visited a tribal nation. She is expected to focus on how the American Rescue Plan has affected tribal communities.

AP ■ PARIS

French President Emmanuel Macron was holding talks Tuesday with France's main party leaders after his centrist alliance failed to win an absolute majority in parliamentary elections.

The meetings at the Elysee presidential palace came after Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne formally offered her resignation Tuesday, in line with the tradition after parliamentary elections. Macron immediately rejected the offer and maintained the current government.

Macron's Together! alliance won 245 seats in Sunday's parliamentary elections — but fell 44 seats short of a majority in the National Assembly, France's most powerful house of parliament.

The leftist Nupes coalition



won 131 seats to become the main opposition force. The far-right National Rally got 89 seats in the 577-member chamber, up from its previous eight.

Macron was to hold successive meetings with opposition members, including the president of The Republicans,

Christian Jacob, the head of the Socialist Party, Olivier Faure, and far-right leader Marine Le Pen. Other meetings were scheduled Wednesday.

Macron was also to meet with representatives of his own party and allied movements.

Talks were aiming at finding "potential constructive solutions" to the situation, according to Macron's office.

Macron has not publicly commented on the elections' results yet.

With the most seats at the National Assembly, his government still has the ability to rule, but only by bargaining with legislators. To prevent potential deadlock, Macron's party and allies may try to negotiate on a case-by-case basis with lawmakers from the center-left and from the conservative party.

# Polish official: Europe can't defend itself without US

AP ■ WARSAW

Poland's foreign minister said Tuesday the current security crisis on the continent shows that Europe can't defend itself without the United States, but that NATO members in the region should take more responsibility for their own protection.

"Poland perceives the engagement of the United States in European security as a fundamental condition of peace in Europe," Foreign Minister Zbigniew Rau told a gathering of Polish ambassadors, in comments carried by the state news agency PAP.

He credited US leadership in NATO as being key to a decision for a "rapid and effective adaptation to the Russian threat in 2016".

It was then that NATO increased its presence on the eastern flank of NATO following Russia's seizure of Ukraine's Crimea Peninsula in 2014 and its support for pro-Moscow insurgents in Ukraine's eastern Donbas region.

After Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the US this year deployed more soldiers to Poland and is using the country as a hub for weapons going to help the Ukrainians.

"The current crisis clearly shows that without the United States, Europe cannot defend itself," Rau said.

He expressed gratitude to Washington, but said it shouldn't have to take "all the responsibility," which also "rests on the shoulders" of European allies.

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| <b>PUBLIC NOTICE</b><br>This is to inform to all concern that Shri Kaish Nath Kaushal S/o Late. Baboo Ram R/o B-61, Sector 15 Noida who is the original allotted of commercial shop No. 7 Block D 75 A Sector-56 Noida had sold the said shop on General power of attorney basis to the following person GPA was executed on in favour of Shri Ram Chandra S/o Late Ganga Charan R/o D-54 sector-56 Noida which is registered sub Register office Subdivision IV Delhi on date 29-09-2003 bali no. 4 Jil NO. 884 Page No. 146 to 147 & serial no. 39296 The Agreement to sell was not registered or not executed. Because the Agreement to sell not Registered or no Agreement to sell executed. So it is informed to all concern that said shop is going to be transferred in favour of Shri Manas Singh S/o Shri Ram Chandra R/o D-54 Sector-56 Noida. If anyone has/have any objection he/she may file his/her objection along with the sufficient proof in the commercial Department of the Noida Authority within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice<br>Shri Manas Singh | <b>PUBLIC NOTICE</b><br>It is informed to all concern that Smt. Kailash Rani W/o Sh. Baldev Raj Anand R/o A-71 Vivek Vihar Delhi-110032 was the owner of Plot No. D-131 Sector-55, Noida 201301. Smt. Kailash Rani has executed a Registered Agreement to sell on 19/12/1991 in book no.-1 volume no. 749/772 on page no. 52/283 to 290 document no. 5335/91 and registered WILL on 12/12/1991 in book no.3 volume no. 114/133 on page no. 90/103 to 106 document no. 2146 at sub-registrar Noida of said above property in favour of Smt. Abha Saxena W/o Sh.S.P Saxena R/o D-131, Sector-55, Noida 201301. Smt Kailash Rani was expired on 08/11/2001 Now the said above plot is applied to transfer in Noida Authority through registered WILL in favour of Smt. Abha Saxena W/o Sh. S.P. Saxena R/o D-131, Sector-55, Noida. If anyone has/have any objection, he/she may file his/her objection along with the sufficient proof in the Residential Plot Section of the Noida Authority, Sector 6, Noida within the 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.<br>Abha Saxena |
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# Markets climb for 2nd day; Sensex, Nifty rally nearly 2%

**Mumbai:** Benchmark indices advanced for the second straight session on Tuesday, with the Sensex and Nifty jumping nearly 2 per cent each, mirroring a rally in global equity markets.

Buying in index majors Reliance Industries and IT stocks buoyed the benchmarks. The BSE Sensex zoomed 934.23 points or 1.81 per cent to settle at 52,532.07. During the day, it rallied 1,201.56 points or 2.32 per cent to 52,799.40.

The NSE Nifty climbed 288.65 points or 1.88 per cent to finish at 15,638.80.

From the Sensex pack, Titan, SBI, TCS, HCL Technologies, Dr Reddy's, Tata Steel, Wipro, Infosys, ITC and Tech Mahindra were the major gainers. Only Nestle India ended marginally lower.

Elsewhere in Asia, markets in Hong Kong, Tokyo and Seoul ended with smart gains, while Shanghai settled in the red.

European markets were trading in the green in mid-session deals.

The US markets were closed on Monday for a holiday.

Absence of fresh selling triggers in the domestic and global economy along with falling commodity prices relieved the heavily discounted equity market to showcase recovery. The recovery indicates that the current uncertainties of inflation and monetary policy tightening have been factored in," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

However, with the highly



sensitive nature of the current equity market, even the slightest inconvenience can trigger volatility, he added.

Meanwhile, international oil benchmark Brent crude jumped 1.57 per cent to USD 115.9 per barrel.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) remained net sellers in the capital market, as they sold shares worth ₹1,217.12 crore on Monday, as per exchange data. **PTI**

# WGC: India ranks 4th in global gold recycling

**Mumbai:** India has emerged as the fourth largest recycler in the world and the country has recycled 75 tonnes in 2021, according to a World Gold Council (WGC) report.

According to the WGC report titled 'Gold refining and recycling', China topped the global gold recycling chart as it recycled 168 tonnes of the yellow metal, followed by Italy in the second position with 80 tonnes and the US at the third rank with 78 tonnes in 2021.

India was ranked fourth in the list as the country recycled 75 tonnes in 2021.

According to the WGC report titled 'Gold refining and recycling' from 300 tonnes in 2013, India's gold refining capacity increased by 1,500 tonnes (500 per cent) in 2021.

The report further noted that the gold refining landscape in the country has changed over the last decade, with the number of formal operations increasing from less than five in 2013 to 33 in 2021.

While the informal sector accounts for as much as an additional 300-500 tonnes, it is worth noting that the scale of unorganised refining has fallen, largely due to the government's tightening of pollution regulations.

On the other hand, tax advantages have underpinned the growth of India's gold refining industry like the import duty differential on dore over refined bullion has spurred the growth of organised refining in India. As a result, gold dore's share of overall imports has risen from just 7 per cent in 2013 to around 22 per cent in 2021, it noted.

"India has potential to emerge as a competitive refining hub if the next phase of bullion market reforms promotes responsible sourcing, exports of bars and consistent supply of dore or scrap.

"Domestic recycling market, driven by local rupee prices and economic cycle, is relatively less organised but should gain support from initiatives such as revamped GMS (Gold Monetisation Scheme) as various policy measures sync to make it attractive to bring surplus gold mainstream and liquidity is enhanced via bullion exchanges," WGC Regional CEO, India, Somasundaram PR commented.



# ONGC seeks minimum \$17 price for Bokaro coal gas

**New Delhi:** State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) is seeking a minimum USD 17 price for the gas it plans to produce from coal seams in its Bokaro CBM block in Jharkhand.

ONGC invited bids for the sale of 0.20 million standard cubic metres per day of gas it plans to produce from the Bokaro CBM block by the year-end, according to a tender document.

It sought bids on a formula indexed to the prevailing Brent crude oil price.

The reserve or floor price of gas will be 14 per cent of the Dated Brent crude oil Price plus USD 1 per million British thermal unit, ONGC said in the tender.

Bidders will have to quote a premium they are willing to offer over this reserve price.

The floor price will be the government-mandated price for domestic natural gas plus a USD 1 per mmBtu mark-up.

The "Contract Gas price shall be the higher of the 14 per cent of Dated Brent Price plus USD 1 per mmBtu plus 'P' (the biddable parameter); or the floor price," it said.

At the current Brent crude oil price of USD 115 per barrel, the reserve gas price comes to USD 17 per mmBtu.

The government-mandated price of domestic gas is currently USD 6.1 per mmBtu.

The price sought by ONGC is in line with recent industry trends.

In March, Reliance Industries Ltd sold coal-bed methane (CBM) gas from a Madhya Pradesh block for over USD 23 per mmBtu to firms, including GAIL, GSPC and Shell.

Reliance sold 0.65 mmscmd of gas from its coal-bed methane (CBM) block SP-(West)-CBM-2001/1 at a USD 8.28 premium over prevailing Brent crude oil prices. The firm had sought bids at a premium over the base of 13.2 per cent of Brent crude oil prices.

At the current Brent crude oil price of USD 115 per barrel, the base comes to USD 15.18 per mmBtu and adding USD 8.28 premium bid by state-owned gas utility GAIL and other firms, the final price comes to USD 23.46 per mmBtu. While the government every six months fixes the price of natural gas produced from conventional fields, the pricing of gas from coal seams, called CBM, is free or market-determined. **PTI**



# FTAs with UAE, Australia to boost apparel exports: AEPC

**New Delhi:** Free trade agreements (FTAs) signed by India with the UAE and Australia will boost product and market diversification of the apparel sector's existing basket, AEPC said on Tuesday.

Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) Chairman Naren Goenka said the global apparel market, which was just under USD 1.5 trillion in 2013, is expected to generate revenues to the tune of USD 1.8 trillion in 2022 and USD 1.9 trillion in 2025.

He said India offers the world a complete value chain solution from farm to fashion.

Talking about the ongoing 67th India International Garment Fair (IIGF) at Greater Noida, he said it provides a direct marketing platform to MSME exporters from across the country, as it has brought together almost 500 exhibitors and more than 2,000 overseas buyers and buying agents.

The buyers are visiting from countries like the US, Brazil, Japan, UK, Spain, Australia, Poland, Colombia, Greece, Italy, and Egypt."The council is taking efforts towards promoting Brand India at various global platforms, showcasing its strength on sustainability, circularity, ethical sourcing and manufacturing, labour standards, women employment with no child labour," Goenka added. The fair was inaugurated by Textiles Minister Piyush Goyal on June 20. "I have set a modest target for the apparel sector, which is to double the production and triple the exports. So, this 15 per cent growth is achievable," Goyal has said. **PTI**

# 5G subscriptions in India seen at 500 million by 2027-end: Report

**New Delhi:** The 5G subscriptions in India will touch 500 million by 2027-end, accounting for 39 per cent of mobile subscribers, according to a report by Swedish telecom gear maker Ericsson.

The commercial launches of 5G networks are planned for the second half of 2022 in India, with enhanced mobile broadband expected to be the initial main use case, the Ericsson Mobility Report said.

5G will represent around 39 per cent of mobile subscriptions in the region at the end of 2027, with about 500 million subscriptions, it predicted.

"Total mobile data traffic in the India region is estimated to grow by a factor of four between 2021 and 2027. This is driven by high growth in the number of smartphone users and an increase in average usage per smartphone," Thiaw Seng Ng, Head of Network Evolution, SEA, Oceania and India at Ericsson said.

The average data traffic per smartphone in the India region is the second highest globally. Further, it is projected to rise from 20 GB per month in 2021 to around 50 GB per month in 2027, growing at 16 per cent CAGR.

In India, where 5G deployments have yet to begin, 5G is expected to account for nearly 40 percent of all subscriptions by 2027. In global terms, 5G is forecast to account for almost half of all subscriptions by 2027, topping 4.4 billion subscriptions.

North America is expected to lead the world in 5G subscription penetration in the next five years with nine-of-every-ten subscriptions in the region expected to be 5G, by 2027. **PTI**



# Gold marginally lower by ₹24; silver gains ₹13

**New Delhi:** Gold prices in the national capital on Tuesday dipped marginally by ₹24 to ₹50,686 per 10 grams, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal settled at ₹50,710 per 10 grams.

Silver, however, gained ₹13 to ₹60,609 per kg from ₹60,596 per kg in the previous trade.

In the international market, both gold and silver were trading flat at USD 1,837 per ounce and USD 21.66 per ounce, respectively.

"Gold prices traded weak with spot gold prices at COMEX trading at USD 1,837 per ounce on Tuesday.

Gold prices have kept a steady in trading range on mixed global cues over US Federal Reserve rate hike and dollar movement," said Tapan Patel, Senior Analyst (Commodities) at HDFC Securities. **PTI**

# Metro projects to generate ₹80,000-cr business opportunities for construction cos: ICRA

**New Delhi:** The domestic metro rail projects will provide business opportunities worth ₹80,000 crore for construction companies over the next five years, according to ICRA.

In India, 15 cities have operational metro networks of about 746 km (many of which are undertaking expansion), the agency said adding another seven cities have under-implementation metro projects of about 640 km.

This is apart from 1,400 km of metro rail projects worth ₹2 trillion in the approval/proposal stages, of which a 352-km of new metro network has been approved, with the balance being in the proposal stage.

Metro rail projects offer ₹80,000 crore business opportunities to construction firms over the next five years, it said.

"Given the government's thrust for infrastructure development, the metro rail network is likely to witness 2.7 times expansion in the next five years.

"Typically, the metro rail development cost ranges between ₹280-320 crore/km for elevated metro and the cost could be much higher in the case of an underground metro network," Abhishek Gupta, Sector Head & Assistant Vice President, Corporate Ratings, ICRA, said.

He said civil construction forms 35-45 per cent of the overall cost. Given the large size of the metro projects, this is likely to offer sizeable opportunities for construction companies over the next five years. **PTI**



# Rupee drops 12 paise to 78.10 against US dollar

**Mumbai:** The rupee declined 12 paise to close at 78.10 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday, as persistent foreign fund outflows and a jump in crude oil prices weighed on investor sentiment.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened at 78.00 and finally ended at 78.10, down 12 paise over its previous close.

On Monday, the rupee had appreciated 7 paise to settle at 77.98.

"This was another quiet day for the rupee even after strong intermarket cues. Global equities are up while the dollar is down against major trading currencies," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

Parmar further said higher crude oil prices and yields restricted gains in the rupee.

"The USD-INR has been in the range of 77.95 to 78.10 after touching an all-time high of 78.28 on June 13.

"Near-term bias for USD-INR remains range-bound within 77.70 to 78.30. Swing traders can use a lower range for long and cover at the upper range," Parmar said.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.68 per cent to 103.99.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, advanced 1.68 per cent to USD 116.05 per barrel.

On the domestic equity market front, the BSE Sensex ended 934.23 points or 1.81 per cent up at 52,532.07, while the broader NSE Nifty jumped 288.65 points or 1.88 per cent to 15,638.80.

Foreign institutional investors remained net sellers in the capital market on Monday as they offloaded shares worth Rs 1,217.12 crore, as per stock exchange data. **PTI**



# Mutual funds can resume investing in international stocks: Sebi

**New Delhi:** Capital markets regulator Sebi has permitted mutual funds to again invest in foreign stocks within the aggregate mandated limit of USD 7 billion for the industry.

This came in the wake of a major correction in global markets that brought down the valuation of international stocks.

In January, Sebi had asked mutual fund houses to stop taking fresh subscriptions in schemes investing in overseas stocks. The directive to stop subscription was mainly on account of the mutual fund industry crossing the mandated limit of USD 7 billion for overseas investments.

The recent meltdown in global stocks reduced the cumulative value of investments made by all the mutual fund houses together.

"Mutual fund schemes may resume subscriptions and make investments in overseas funds/securities up to the headroom available without breaching the overseas investment limits as of end-of-day of February 1, 2022, at the mutual fund level," Sebi said in a communication sent to Amfi on Friday. Also, the regulator has asked Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi) to ensure that the total utilisation of the overseas limit by each AMC remains capped at the February level. **PTI**

# MG Motor India partners with Siemens to leverage digital technologies to boost productivity

**New Delhi:** MG Motor India on Tuesday said it has partnered with Siemens to leverage cutting-edge digital technologies to increase productivity, save energy and cost and reduce emissions in its operations.

Under the partnership, the two firms will collaborate to develop innovative digital solutions to conserve energy and build a sustainable future, MG Motor India said in a statement.

"Our partnership with Siemens is focused on industrial digitalisation and intelligent manufacturing. It will strengthen our commitment to lowering carbon footprints, increasing production efficiency, and providing significant energy and cost-saving solutions," MG Motor India, Director - Manufacturing, Ravi Mittal said.

MG will use Siemens' MindSphere and Plant Simulation software as a closed-loop digital twin. These can connect plant assets and processes and provide insights into more streamlined paint processes, resulting in a 15 per cent increase in the future pre-treatment and electro-coating paint process, the statement said.

"What we have created with MG Motor is the digital twin of production. It allows MG to connect the plant through automation and monitor real-time operational performance," Siemens Ltd Head of Digital Industries Suprakash Chaudhuri said.

This generates valuable insights by applying advanced analytics to real-time data in a closed-loop simulation environment, he said, adding the seamless combination of the real and the digital world sets the basis for continuous improvement. **PTI**



# Hindustan Motors to sell 'Contessa' brand to SG Corporate Mobility

**New Delhi:** CK Birla Group firm, Hindustan Motors Ltd on Tuesday said it has agreed to sell its 'Contessa' brand to SG Corporate Mobility Pvt Ltd for an undisclosed sum.

The company has executed a brand transfer agreement with SG Corporate Mobility Pvt Ltd on June 16, 2022 for the transfer of the Contessa brand, including the trademarks having application number and certain related rights of the brand, Hindustan Motors said in a regulatory filing.

The transfer of the brand shall be effective upon fulfilment of the terms and conditions as prescribed in the agreement, it added.

Contessa was a premium sedan sold in India by Hindustan Motors during the 1980s to early 2000s. It was positioned above the company's then popular model Ambassador.

While it succeeded in creating a mark for itself in the market, the entry of players like Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai, Ford and others in the Indian market posed a stiff challenge to the brand, which it could not withstand and led to its phasing out.

The competition from global players also hit Hindustan Motors badly, which has shut its manufacturing unit at Uttarpara in West Bengal since 2014 and stopped production of the Ambassador car as well. The Ambassador brand was then acquired by French automaker PSA Groupe (now part of Stellantis) for ₹80 crore in February 2017. **PTI**

# GIL announces jobs for Agniveers in Raxa Security Solutions Ltd

**STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI**

Ahead of the several protests regarding the "Agnipath" Scheme introduced by the centre, the GMR Infrastructure Limited (GIL) on Tuesday announced that it would give priority in jobs to Agniveers in its subsidiary RAXA Security Solutions Limited.

As per the statement released by the GIL, Raxa Security Solutions Ltd is a premier security company of the GMR Group and provides man-guarding services, techno security solutions, fire services, and cyber security services. With an eye for detail and quality, RAXA is now one of the finest security solutions companies in India.

"The Government of India has recently introduced the innovative "Agnipath" Scheme for youth willing to join the Armed forces and serve the nation. This scheme would produce trained soldiers, many of whom would be available for jobs beyond the defense services after the completion of the four-year period. Inspired by the scheme, GIL decided to give priority to Agniveers who are willing to pursue a new career in the private security domain and offer them employment in RAXA Security Solutions," it stated.

According to the CEO of GMR Services Business, Ashwani Lohani, corporate world would offer a vast horizon to these Agniveers after they retire from active duty of the armed forces.

# GE Steam Power inks \$165 mn pact to supply 3 nuclear steam turbines to BHEL

**New Delhi:** GE Steam Power on Tuesday said that it has inked a USD 165 million pact with state-run engineering firm BHEL to supply three nuclear steam turbines.

GE Steam Power has signed a USD 165 million contract with BHEL for the supply of three nuclear steam turbines out of six units for NPCIL's domestic nuclear program-phase 1 being developed at Gorakhpur, Haryana (units - 1 to 4 (GHAVP)) and Kaiga (Kaiga-5&6) Karnataka, a company statement said.

This domestic program includes 12 units of 700 MWe being developed by NPCIL with their own nuclear reactor technology i.e., Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors (PHWR). In total, it will represent 8.4GW of CO2-free electricity for the country, enough to power more than 14 million homes, it stated.

In 2018, GE and BHEL had signed a business cooperation agreement and a License and Technology Transfer Agreement to enable them to manufacture nuclear steam turbines of 700 MW.

The two companies are well positioned to respond to the country's needs for a lower carbon source of energy. Supporting the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative launched by the government of India, GE will manufacture the nuclear steam turbines at its facility in Sanand, Gujarat. These turbines are being engineered and manufactured with an improved design for enhanced output that will meet the requirements of the customer. **PTI**

# Monthly instalment scheme can help discoms save one-fourth of additional payout to gencos: Crisil

**New Delhi:** New equated monthly instalment scheme introduced by power ministry can help electricity distribution companies (discoms) save a quarter of their additional payouts and clear around ₹20,000 crore payments to generation firms (gencos) this fiscal, according to Crisil Ratings.

"Electricity distribution companies (discoms) could potentially save a quarter of their additional payouts, and effectively pay ₹20,000 crore to generation companies (gencos) this fiscal — in addition to their annual cost of power purchase — if they subscribe to the ministry of power's new scheme," Crisil said in a statement.

Under this scheme, overdues, including past Late Payment Surcharge (LPS) on the cut-off date of June 3, 2022, will be converted into Equated Monthly Instalments (EMIs) that discoms have to pay over 12 to 48 months, based on different slabs.

If discoms clear the fresh dues and EMIs on time, going forward, they won't be billed for LPS by gencos, it stated.

Success of the scheme will depend on two factors, firstly, how discoms are able to enhance their revenues, and secondly, an enforcement mechanism that ensures timely payment to gencos.

In fiscal 2021, the central government unveiled the Aatmanirbhar Bharat package worth ₹1.35 lakh crore to clear discom dues. **PTI**



# Murray hopeful of being fit for Wimbledon



**AP ■ LONDON**

Andy Murray faces a race against time to be fit for Wimbledon next week, but believes he is in a better position than he was ahead of the championships last year.

The three-time Grand Slam champion was forced to pull out of last week's tournament at Queen's due to an abdominal injury suffered in losing the final of the Stuttgart ATP event to Matteo Berrettini.

"The positives are I've been able to practise but there are certain shots I've not been able to practise, so that has obviously disrupted my preparations. The injury is healing but still not perfect," said the two-time Wimbledon winner.

"I've been practising for the past three or four days and have been practising well. But unfortunately in matches you can't just not hit certain shots. In the next couple of days hopefully I'll get the chance to test that and hopefully it will be fine."

Murray made it through to the

## Djoker, Nadal top 2 seeds; Serena unseeded

**AP ■ LONDON**

This time, Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal will be on opposite sides of the draw.

The seedings for Wimbledon were announced on Tuesday, with Djokovic and Nadal being Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, in the men's draw because of the absence of Daniil Medvedev and Alexander Zverev.

The top-ranked Medvedev cannot take part as a result of the All England Club's decision to not allow players from Russia or Belarus to enter the event in 2022 over the invasion of Ukraine. Medvedev is Russian. The No 2-ranked Zverev is out because of an ankle injury.

That means Djokovic and Nadal have been bumped up to being the top two seeded players and cannot now meet until the final.



That wasn't the case at the French Open last month, when Nadal beat Djokovic in the quarterfinals en

route to winning a men's-record 22nd Grand Slam title.

There will be a 23-time Grand Slam winner in the women's draw in Serena Williams, but she will not be seeded.

The draw is Friday and the tournament begins Monday.

Since 2021, the seedings for both the men's and women's singles have been based on the world rankings.

Williams hasn't played competitively since retiring from her first-round match at last year's Wimbledon. She has been awarded a wild-card entry for the singles tournament at the All England Club starting next week and could therefore be drawn to play anyone in the first round.

Top-ranked Iga Swiatek of Poland will be the top-seeded player at Wimbledon.

third round at Wimbledon last year despite an injury-disrupted preparation.

His form on the grass at Surbiton, where he reached the semi-finals, and Stuttgart has edged the 35-year-old back up to 51 in the world.

And he is confident of performing well at the All England Club, as long as he is not hampered by injury.

"Going into Wimbledon last year I'd gone in with hardly any proper practice at all, hadn't really played much in the build-up to it and the fact I got through a few matches was a great effort considering what I was able to do in the build-up," added Murray.

"I was in a good position against Berrettini as well before the issues so that for me is the biggest thing.

"I practised really well the last few months and worked on a lot of things with my team. I'm in a good place tennis wise. Physically I do feel good overall, I just unfortunately got this slight injury, which is frustrating."

Wimbledon begins on June 27.

### MUGURUZA WINS

**Eastbourne:** Garbine Muguruza kick-started a difficult season as the former Wimbledon champion beat Poland's Magdalena Frech 6-1, 7-6 (9/7) to reach the last 16 of the Eastbourne International on Monday.

The number five seed earned just her third win on the WTA Tour since February.

"The conditions were hard today. I feel like I fought hard against the wind, and I haven't played many matches on grass either," said Muguruza.

"I could see today that if I didn't fight as hard as I can, I wasn't going to win."

Muguruza next faces the winner of the second round match between 12th seed Camila Giorgi and Canadian lucky loser Rebecca Marino, who got the better of Britain's Heather Watson 7-6 (7/1), 6-4.

Magda Linette produced an upset to beat 17th seed Alison Riske in a marathon encounter lasting over three hours.

World number 66 Linette came from a set down to outlast Riske 6-7 (3/7), 6-3, 7-6 (7/4).

In the men's event, Australia's Alex de Minaur began the defence of his title with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Chilean Cristian Garin.



## Ramanathan, Yuki out in 1st round qualifying matches

**PTI ■ LONDON**

India's singles players yet again failed to cross the qualifying hurdle at the Grand Slam stage as both Ramkumar Ramanathan and Yuki Bhambri exited the Wimbledon championships with first round defeats.

Bhambri lost to top seed from Spain Bernabe Zapata Miralles 5-7, 1-6 while Ramkumar fell 5-7, 4-6 to Czech Republic's Vit Koprivá on Monday night.

The 29-year-old Bhambri got off a flying start as he got an early break in the opening set and, at one point, was leading 5-3.

However, despite Bhambri being in an advantageous position, squandered two set points and it was Miralles who took the lead.

The second set, however, was a drab affair and Bhambri was eliminated from the grass court event.

Ramanathan, on the other hand, India's no.1 ranked tennis player, took on the 19th seed Koprivá, and the script turned out to be something similar.

The 27-year-old Ramanathan, thanks to his aces and winners, looked comfortable but lost steam soon after to lose the opening set.

He made a desperate attempt to bring things at level and even led 3-1 lead in the second but Koprivá bagged four games on the trot to regain control over the proceedings.

With both Bhambri and Ramanathan bowing out, Sania Mirza, who is in her last year on tour, remains the only Indian confirmed to play at SW19 this year.

The 35-year-old former double's world number one will be all set to feature in the women's double draw alongside her partner Lucie Hradecká of Czech Republic.

Rohan Bopanna has decided not to play this event since ATP is not offering points this year as Russian and Belarusian players have been banned from competing by the organisers in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

## Indian women's U17 football team faces tough Italy test

**PTI ■ UDINE**

Indian women's football team will begin its preparation for the upcoming FIFA U-17 World Cup by taking on Italy in a four-nation tournament at the Gradisca d'Isonzo Stadium near here on Wednesday.

The Thomas Dennerby-coached side, who had a preparatory camp in Jamshepur before coming here, will compete in two tournaments during its exposure tour ahead of the U-17 women's World Cup in India during October-November.

Italy and Mexico are the two other teams com-



peting in the 6th Torneo Female Football Tournament in Italy from June 22-26.

Coach Dennerby said Italy would be a tough nut to crack but his priority is not the result but the overall progress of the team.

"We are playing Italy,

and it is bound to be a tough game. The only expectation is to have a good performance. I am not thinking about the result, I want to see how the team develops," the Swede said ahead of their opening match.

"The players are adapting with each day,

and they understand how we need to play in, and against different styles. This is the first real game the girls will play. Hopefully, we will have a good game.

"I have respect for the opponents, and this is a really good start for the team. It will show us the

time the team will be participating in the Nordic tournament where eight teams will compete against each other -- Netherlands, India, Norway, Iceland, Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland and Sweden.

"The preparation has been good. We have worked a lot on the strength and conditioning, as well as the technical part. It is a step-by-step process, which is getting better," he said.

"I have been with the team for a while, and we have been training at a good pace. I hope we find a good way to handle every situation as a team, rather than an individual." ss

## Giggs resigns as Wales boss

**AP ■ CARDIFF**

Ryan Giggs resigned from his role as manager of Wales on Monday as the former Manchester United great awaits trial on an accusation of domestic violence.

Giggs has been on leave since November 2020 when he was arrested.

The 48-year-old is accused of controlling and coercive behaviour against his former girlfriend Kate Greville between August 2017 and November 2020.

Giggs is also accused of assaulting Greville, causing her actual bodily harm, and common assault of her younger sister, Emma Greville, at his home in the Manchester area in November 2020.

He has denied the allegations and pleaded not guilty to all charges.

His trial has been delayed until August in January to a courts backlog.

Since then, his former assistant Rob Page, has led Wales to their first World Cup since 1958.

Giggs' decision to step aside means Page will take charge of games against the USA, Iran and England in Qatar in November.

"After much consideration, I am standing down from my position as manager of the Wales men's national team with immediate effect," Giggs said in a statement.

"It has been an honour and a privilege to manage my



country, but it is only right that the Wales FA, the coaching staff and the players prepare for the tournament with certainty, clarification and without speculation around the position of their head coach."

Giggs won 13 Premier League titles and two Champions Leagues among 25 major honours during a 24-year career with United at club level.

He began his coaching career at Old Trafford, taking temporary charge at the end of the 2013/14 season after David Moyes was sacked before working as an assistant to Louis van Gaal for two years.

Giggs was appointed Wales boss in January 2018 and helped them secure qualification for Euro 2020.

And he said he hopes to return to management in the

future.

"I do not want the country's preparations for the World Cup to be affected, destabilised or jeopardised in any way by the continued interest around this case," he added.

"It is my intention to resume my managerial career at a later date and I look forward to watching our national team alongside you in the stands."

In a statement, the Football Association of Wales (FAW) said: "The FAW places on record its gratitude to Ryan Giggs for his tenure as manager of the Cymru Men's National Team and appreciates the decision he has taken, which is in the best interests of Welsh football.

"The full focus of the FAW and the Cymru Men's National Team is on the FIFA World Cup in Qatar later this year."



## Mane lands in Munich to complete Bayern move

**AP ■ MUNICH**

Sadio Mane arrived in Germany on a private jet on Tuesday in order to undergo a medical with the Liverpool forward reportedly on the verge of signing for Bundesliga champions Bayern Munich.

Broadcaster Sky showed footage of the 30-year-old touching down at Munich airport before being taken to a hospital in the city centre for a medical exam by Bayern's team doctor.

According to media reports, Mane's transfer will cost Bayern around 41 million euros (£35 million, \$43 million).

"I am happy he (Mane) has landed," Thomas Mueller said while attending a golf tournament in Munich on Tuesday.

Bayern's Germany forward, a golf fan, joked that he soon hopes to see Mane hit "lots of birdies" on the city's courses.

The Senegal forward is expected to sign a three-year contract and is set to hold his first Bayern press conference Wednesday.

Mane would be a replacement for want-away Bayern striker Robert Lewandowski, who has been linked to a Barcelona transfer.

## Athletics chief Coe favours 'fairness' over inclusion

**AP ■ LONDON**

World Athletics president Sebastian Coe has hinted track and field could follow swimming in bringing in a tougher policy on transgender athletes competing in women's events.

Swimming's governing body FINA announced on Sunday it intends to set up an "open category" to allow transgender athletes to compete in a separate class.

According to FINA's new policy, transgender athletes will not be allowed to compete in female events unless they can "prove they



have not experienced any element of male puberty."

That ruling came in response to American swimmer Lia Thomas becoming the first known transgender athlete to win an elite US collegiate title in March.

Thomas, a freestyle specialist, competed for the University of Pennsylvania men's team from 2017-19.

Cycling's governing body, the UCI, has also toughened its rules on transgender eligibility by doubling the time period before a rider transitioning from male to female can compete.

"My responsibility is to

protect the integrity of women's sport and we take that very seriously, and if it means that we have to make adjustments to protocols going forward, we will," said Coe, who was present in Budapest for FINA's swimming world championships on Sunday.

"I've always made it clear: if we ever get pushed into a corner to that point where we're making a judgement about fairness or inclusion, I will always fall down on the side of fairness.

"We see an international federation asserting its primacy in setting rules, regulations and policies that are in the best interest of its sport.

"This is as it should be. We have always believed, and repeated constantly, that biology trumps gender and we will continue to review our regulations in line with this."

# GÖTZE IS BACK IN BUNDESLIGA!

**AP ■ BERLIN**

World Cup winner with Germany in 2014, Mario Götze has completed a return to the Bundesliga, joining Eintracht Frankfurt after two seasons with PSV Eindhoven.

The 30-year-old has signed a three-year deal with the Europa League winners.

Frankfurt will reportedly pay €4m for the attacking midfielder after activating a release clause in his PSV contract.

Götze won two Bundesliga titles with Borussia Dortmund before moving to Bayern Munich in 2013.

The Germany international went on to win three more league titles in as many seasons and scored the only goal in the 2014 World Cup final before he returned to

Dortmund in 2016.

A second stint with Dortmund lasted four years before Götze moved to the Netherlands, where he scored 11 goals and provided 13 assists in the Eredivisie and Europa League over the course of the last two seasons.

Götze sat out the start of pre-season training with Eindhoven on Monday as the club said the attacking midfielder was busy "finalising a transfer".

Götze burst onto the scene in the 2010/11 season as a fresh-faced teenager whose goals helped Dortmund win the first of back-to-back Bundesliga titles.

Götze's arrival would boost the attack of Frankfurt, who beat Rangers in the Europa League final last month and finished 11th in Germany's top flight.



## German FA backs Ceferin for re-election

**AP ■ BERLIN**

The German Football Association (DFB) announced on Tuesday they are backing Aleksander Ceferin in his bid to be re-elected president of European football's governing body UEFA.

The senior board of the DFB voted unanimously to support the candidacy of Ceferin, who hopes to be re-elected at the UEFA Congress next April in Lisbon.

The 54-year-old Slovenian has led UEFA since 2016.

"Aleksander Ceferin has made a name for himself in this role and has safe-

ly led European football through challenging crises such as the Covid pandemic," DFB president Bernd Neuendorf said in a statement.

Neuendorf praised Ceferin for his strong stance and "rejection" of last year's short-lived bid by Europe's top clubs to form a breakaway Super League to rival UEFA's Champions League.

"The DFB has full confidence in his actions and in him as a person," Neuendorf added.

The DFB is one of UEFA's strongest member associations and its backing will boost Ceferin's re-election bid.



# MUMBAI vs MP IN RANJI FINAL



PTI ■ BENGALURU

There's a common adage in sport. "You never win a silver. You always lose a gold."

Mumbai cricket has followed this old concrete jungle saying to the "T" as its team now chases an unprecedented 42nd Ranji Trophy title. It now finds a bunch of bravehearts from Madhya Pradesh standing in its way with tricks of trade learnt from a Mumbaikar.

MP head coach Chandrakant Pandit won't let his team settle for anything less than a championship but Amol Muzumdar's men have dominated the proceedings since the start of the business end of the season.

On paper, the Mumbai team is overwhelming favourite in the final match starting on Wednesday with the best Gen-Next talent in its repertoire.

Sarfaraz Khan, after a few indifferent seasons, has raised his game to an altogether different level with 800-plus runs in just five games.

Yashasvi Jaiswal is one youngster who is as passionate about his red ball performance as he is about donning the garish pink jersey of Rajasthan Royals. Three hundreds in four innings of quarterfinal and semi-final showed his voracious appetite for runs.

Prithvi Shaw isn't the typical Mumbai khadoos (stubborn) batter but more of Virender Sehwag mould with penchant for butchering any attack.

Arman Jaffer is a chip of old block and it will be good for him if he could achieve even 50 per cent of what his illustrious uncle Wasim did.

Add to it the likes of Suved Parkar or Hardik Tamore, who knew the opportunity of wearing the Lion's crest

on the white flannels come at a premium.

Mumbai have always had formidable batting line-ups that can scare the opposition team but this time the two under-rated performers have been left-arm spinner Shams Mulani (37 wickets and 292 runs) and off-spinner Tanush Kotian (18 wickets and 236 runs). Mulani or Kotian are by farthest stretch of imagination not India prospects or even India 'A' contenders but they are a rare breed of domestic performers who know how to win crunch games as they did against Goa in a do-or-die situation.

However, MP is one of the most improved teams in recent times and under Pandit inculcated the discipline that's needed to reach the summit clash in a tournament like Ranji Trophy.

Missing Venkatesh Iyer in batting and pace spearhead Avesh Khan in

bowling didn't do them any good but unheralded Kumar Kartikeya, with his stamina to bowl for hours, has done the job for his team.

The Himanshu Mantris and Akshat Raghuvanshis have all executed their assigned roles to perfection.

In this team, there is only one player who is true blue talent and that's Rajat Patidar.

For Mumbai, it will be imperative to ensure that Patidar doesn't walk away with the game in one session with his wide array of strokes.

MP, with its two spinners in Kartikeya and Saransh Jain, will like to play the waiting game, something that Pandit as a coach has injected in his wards across the states.

It would be a game of chess played on 22 yards but enticing enough for all those who get to watch it.

## In cricket & life, graph always moves up & down, says Shaw

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Only three half-centuries in five Ranji Trophy games doesn't match the lofty standards that he has set for himself but a pragmatic Mumbai captain Prithvi Shaw also knows that cricket is mirror image of life where the change in graph is the only constant thing.

Leading domestic powerhouse Mumbai in the Ranji Trophy final against a gutsy Madhya Pradesh team is Shaw's current assignment and he doesn't want his tunnel vision to waver thinking about not being in England or not even finding his name in the Ireland-bound T20I team.

"I have scored a couple (three) of fifties but that's not enough for me for sure and no one even congratulated me after scoring a fifty and you feel bad as well (jokingly).", the Mumbai skipper said on the eve of the big final.

"It happens sometimes but I am glad that my team is doing well. As a captain, I have to think of all 21 players I have got here and not just about me," he added.

And then the flamboyant stroke-maker turned a tad philosophical.

"In cricket and in life, the graph always goes up and down and it's never going to always go up. So it's a just a matter of time that I middle those balls and get those big runs again. But right now, I want to ensure that my team is doing fine and is enjoying its game," the skipper said.

So doesn't national comeback bother him at all?

"It's nowhere near my mind you know — comeback to the Indian team. Getting the Cup is my main motive and not

thinking anything other than winning this one," the skipper made his priorities clear.

"The preparation what we have done for the Ranji Trophy and not focusing on what's happening on the outside. It's about winning the Ranji Trophy and getting those happy moments back."

### AWESOME TRIO FROM SAME SCHOOL

Shaw and the two pillars of this Mumbai team, Arman Jaffer and this season's top-scorer Sarfaraz Khan have one thing in common — they have all been students of the same school Rizvi Springfields, known for its formidable cricket team that dominates Harris and Giles Shield (iconic Mumbai school tournaments) events.

"Myself, Sarfaraz and Arman went to the same school (Rizvi Springfield) at the age of 9-10. We came up together and all three of us are doing pretty good so far for Mumbai cricket," one could sense his pride.

While it is Prithvi's second Ranji Trophy final (he played one in 2017 vs Gujarat), Arman and Sarfaraz will be playing their first summit clash.

"It's about how we look at this game and it's going to be a different pressure for a lot of people," he said.

"And we have got a young side and not many of them have played these kind of finals and are not experienced that much.

"But they are ready for it and what they are doing since the league games is what I am watching. We have got a skillful, talented side and what they have achieved till now, they just have to carry on for one more game."



## Stokes misses training ahead of third Test



AP ■ LONDON

England captain Ben Stokes missed training after feeling unwell on Tuesday as his side started their preparations for the Headingley Test.

Stokes was absent while the rest of the squad trained ahead of Thursday's first day of the final Test in the three-match series.

An England and Wales Cricket Board spokesperson

indicated that Stokes had tested negative for Covid-19 on Tuesday morning.

Stokes is being kept away from the group as a precautionary measure.

The 31-year-old, in his first Test series as skipper, will be assessed again ahead of Wednesday's net session.

Stokes hit 75 from 70 balls in the second innings of England's second Test victory over New Zealand at Trent Bridge.

That was England's second successive win against the Test world champions, clinching their first Test series triumph since January 2021.

New Zealand have had several positive Covid cases in their squad over the last couple of weeks.

Black Caps skipper Kane Williamson was forced to miss the second Test after testing positive on the eve of the match in Nottingham.

As well as Williamson, the tourists have seen Henry Nicholls, Devon Conway, Michael Bracewell and two members of their backroom team return positive results since arriving in England.

All four players are fit and available to play in Leeds this week.

## Chahar will take another 5 weeks to get fit



PTI ■ BENGALURU

India's T20 specialist Deepak Chahar will take four to five more weeks to completely recover from the hamstring injury, which had kept him out of Indian Premier League (IPL).

Pacer Chahar and another centrally-contracted cricketer Washington Sundar, recovering from a hand injury, are currently doing their rehabilitation at NCA along with the likes of T Natarajan.

In another significant development, spin all-rounder Washington is set to fly to England to play for leading county side Lancashire.

"Washington is nearing full fitness and he needs a lot of game time, which he will get only in red ball cricket. He is going to

play for Lancashire and this exposure will do him a world of good," a BCCI source said.

### WI TOUR OR ASIA CUP COULD BE CHAHAR'S COMEBACK VEHICLE

Chahar, who sustained injury during home series against West Indies in Kolkata, looked in good shape during his morning session at the NCA.

"I am bowling four to five overs at one go as per my rehab programme right now. My recovery is going pretty well and I think it will take another four to five weeks for me to get match fit," Chahar told PTI after his rehab session.

The Rajasthan seamer admitted that it will not be possible for him to get fit by the

time India play T20 series against England in the second week of July.

"It's a step by step process as far as recovery is concerned. I don't think I will be fit for England T20s. Once I am match fit, I will need to play some club level games to check my fitness," Chahar said.

He looked very comfortable when he batted for a considerable amount of time.

So, can one expect that he will be fit for tour of West Indies?

"I can't say that but I will definitely try and get fit by then. Let's see," the swing bowler said.

India are scheduled to play three ODIs and five T20Is between July 22 and August 7 in West Indies.

## Head coach Dravid joins India's Test team



**LONDON:** India head coach Rahul Dravid on Tuesday joined India's Test team in Leicestershire ahead of the much-anticipated rescheduled 5th Test against England, scheduled to be held in Birmingham from July 1 to 5.

In the pictures, shared by BCCI's official Twitter handle, the head coach can be seen interacting with the players, who had their training session in Leicestershire County Ground.

IANS

## Ashwin missed England flight after testing Covid +ve

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Senior off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has not travelled to the United Kingdom along with his India team-mates for the one-off 'fifth Test' after testing positive for COVID-19, a BCCI source said.

Ashwin is currently in quarantine and will only join the squad after meeting all protocols requirements.

The Indian team had left for UK on June 16.

"Ashwin hasn't travelled with the squad to UK as he has tested positive for COVID-19 before departure. But we are hopeful that he will recover well in time before the Test match starts on July 1," the BCCI source said.

"However, he might miss the practice game against Leicestershire," the source added.

After the IPL, Ashwin had played a Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) League red-ball match where he had bowled 20 overs to get some long form game time.

On Tuesday in a later update via IANS, it is reported that Ashwin will reach England in the next couple of days. He is expected to join the squad in Leicester before the four-day warm-up game against the county which begins on June 24.

It has been learnt that new travel arrangements are being made for the veteran cricketer and he should be with the rest of his teammates soon, a Cricbuzz report said.

Jayant Yadav was kept as a standby should Ashwin fail to recover in time. The Haryana spinner was called to the NCA in Bangalore. However, that option has been ruled out as Ashwin has recovered fully and is expected to fly out in the next 24 hours, most probably on Wednesday.



## Savita to lead India at FIH Women's Hockey WC

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian women's hockey team will participate in next month's FIH Women's World Cup 2022 without talismanic striker Rani Rampal as the former skipper is still undergoing rehabilitation for a hamstring injury.

There were reports recently that Rani has recovered from her injury and had travelled with the squad to Rotterdam for the last round of FIH Pro League matches. However, on Tuesday chief coach Janneke Schopman said she is still undergoing rehabilitation for the injury.

In her absence, goalkeeper Savita will continue to lead the 18-member squad with defender Deep Grace Ekka as her deputy. Savita led the Indian team in the FIH Pro League matches this year and the team had done well, presently in the third position in the event.

Hockey India on Tuesday named the 18-member Indian women's hockey team for the

FIH Women's Hockey World Cup to be held in Netherlands and Spain from July 1-17, retaining the majority of players that had figured in last year's Tokyo Olympic Games in which the Indian team narrowly missed a Bronze medal.

India placed in Pool B along with England, New Zealand and China will begin their campaign on July 3 against old nemesis England, to whom they lost the bronze medal match in Tokyo.

The 20-member squad, including two replacement players as per Covid protocols, also includes defenders Gurjit Kaur, Nikki Pradhan, Udita and midfielders Nisha, Sushila Channu, Monika, Neha, Navjot Kaur, who all were part of the Olympics squad.

The forward line features the very experienced Vandana Katariya, Lalremisiami, Navneet Kaur, and Sharmila Devi. The selectors have picked talented young stars Akshata Dhakale and Sangita Kumari as replacement players.



In the previous edition of the prestigious quadrennial event held in London, the Indian team reached the quarterfinals but lost to Ireland in a shootout after a 0-0 stalemate in regulation time.

Speaking about the team

selection, chief coach Janneke Schopman said, "We have chosen the best squad for the World Cup. It is a mix of experience and young talent who have shown great promise when they were given a chance against top teams in the FIH

Pro League."

"Except Rani, who is still not fully recovered from injury rehabilitation, the team has all the players who were part of the Olympic campaign with inclusions like Jyoti and Sonika who have done well in their roles when given a chance. We will also have Sangita and Akshata who will travel with the team as replacement players," Jenneke was quoted as saying in a release by Hockey India.

"The team is absolutely excited and eager to begin its World Cup campaign and we will utilize the next ten days to finetune our game basis analysis from Pro League performances," she added.

The Indian team will play its group-stage matches in Amstelveen, Netherlands and if they top the group, they will play the quarter-final too in Amstelveen. The semifinals and final will be played in Terrassa, Spain. The crossover matches for pool B will be played in Spain.

## Asalanka takes SL to 258



AP ■ COLOMBO

Charith Asalanka cracked his maiden ODI hundred as Sri Lanka finished with a competitive score of 258 against Australia in the fourth ODI in Colombo. Dhananjaya de Silva gave the middle order batter valuable support and ended up with 60.

The hosts, who were inserted into bat, found themselves in early trouble as Niroshan Dickwella, Kusal Mendis and Pathum Nissanka were dismissed within the first 10 overs. With Sri Lanka in a precarious position, Dhananjaya and Asalanka joined

forces to prop up the innings with a stand of 101.

Despite losing his batting partner, Asalanka continued to play with a calm head on his shoulders and found an able ally in Dunith Wellalage. Matthew Kuhnemann broke the promising stand by removing Wellalage and followed it up by sending Chamika Karunaratne back to the hut. At that stage, Wanindu Hasaranga collected a couple of boundaries off Kuhnemann in the 45th over to keep the scorecard moving. In the same over, Aslanka completed his first ODI century with a single.

## Smriti static at 8th in women's ODI rankings

PTI ■ DUBAI

Star opener Smriti Mandhana held on to her eighth position but veteran pacer Jhulan Goswami slipped a spot in the bowler's list in the latest ICC Women's ODI rankings issued here on Tuesday.

The 25-year-old Mandhana, who has scored 411 runs in ODIs this year from nine matches, including a century against the West Indies at the World Cup earlier this year, is the lone Indian in the top 10 of the batting chart which is headed by Alyssa Hailey followed by England's Natalie Sciver.

Goswami, on the other hand, slipped one spot to number six in the bowler's rankings. The 39-year-old has played nine ODI games this year and has scalped 12 wickets so far.

Goswami lost her position to Proteas pacer Ayabonga Khaka after her brilliant performance in South Africa's ODI series sweep against Ireland.