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Uddhav resigns as CM after SC refuses to stay trust vote

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Minutes after the Supreme Court refused to stay Maharashtra Governor's direction to the Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress Maha Vikas Aghadi Government to take a floor test in the Assembly on Thursday, Uddhav on Wednesday announced his resignation as the Maharashtra Chief Minister.

"I am also quitting as the member of the Legislative Council," Thackeray said in a webcast, on Thursday night while appealing to the workers of his party not to take to the streets in protest. He said he was not interested "in playing the numbers game".

"Let the rebels who grew politically because of Shiv Sena and Balasaheb Thackeray get joy and satisfaction of pulling down his son from the post of Chief Minister," Thackeray said.

Earlier, after hearing all sides for more than three hours on Wednesday on Governor's order for a floor test by the Sena-led Government in Maharashtra, a Supreme Court Bench comprising Justices Surya Kant and JB Pardiwala delivered the order around 9 pm, refusing to stay the floor test. However, the court issued notice on Shiv Sena Chief Whip Sunil Prabhu's petition to all parties to respond and tagged the case with rebel MP's

case against disqualification

notice, scheduled on July 11.

The apex court said the final outcome of the floor test will be subject to the disqualification case. The court allowed is led Minister Name Makik jailed Ministers Nawab Malik and Anil Deshmukh to attend the floor test.

"We are not staying the floor test. We are issuing notices. You can file counter. We will hear on merits along with other cases on July 11. The result of tomorrow will depend on the final outcome of this petition," the court directed, adding that the results of tomorrow will be subject to the final outcome of the petition before the court.

Senior Counsel Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Prabhu, said the entire voting pool will change if the floor test is held after disqualification. "The decision of the Speaker will change the pool who will be voting. Before plunging into the pool, the size has to be

noted," he said.
"If on July 11, the court decides the petition, say the Speaker's bar is lifted, and certain MLAs are disqualified, then the test could have concluded the next day," said Singhvi arguing that the case before the top court will become infructuous.

Singhvi questioned the act of the Governor in showing undue haste in calling for floor test. "The Governor is bound to act on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers. Here



Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray with Maharashtra Minister Aaditya Thackeray leaves after attending a Cabinet meeting, in Mumbai on Wednesday

he may act on the advice of Ministers or not, but definitely cannot act on the advice of the Opposition," he contend-

Senior Counsel Neeraj Kishan Kaul, appearing for Eknath Shinde, said the Speaker cannot decide disqualification proceedings when no-confidence motion against him is pending. "You (Speaker) are seized of a matter, you know there are proceedings against you. You cannot proceed at all. It is a jurisdictional issue," Kaul said. "When the CM has lost

confidence in the House, the moment the CM shows reluctance, it shows that he knows he has lost the majority. This is all the more reason to have a floor test," Kaul argued.

"Assuming a floor test takes place, who are competent to participate," asked Justice

Rebel Sena **MLAs land at** Goa airport

Panaji: Rebel Maharashtra Shiv Sena MLAs led by Eknath Shinde on Wednesday evening landed at Dabolim airport in Goa from Guwahati en route to Mumbai. The MLAs arrived at the Dabolim airport by a

Udaipur killer has links with Pak outfit: Police

One of the two prime accused in the brutal killing of a tailor in Udaipur has links with the Pakistan-based organisation Dawat-e-Islami and had visited Karachi in 2014, the Raiasthan Police chief said on Wednesday.

A day after the brutal mur-

der of Hindu tailor Kanhaiya Lal Teli in Udaipur by two radical Muslims, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) took over the probe into the terror incident from the Rajasthan Police.

The police have detained three more people in connection with the killing so far, Director General of Police (DGP) ML Lather said at a press conference in Jaipur. One of the accused,

Ghouse Mohammad, has links with the Karachi-based Ismalist organisation Dawat-e-Islami. He had visited Karachi in 2014. So far, we have detained five people, including the two prime accused," Lather said. Meanwhile, a policeman

was slashed with a sword during a protest march in Rajsamand district's Bhim town, where police used tear gas to stop a stone-pelting mob from advancing towards a mosque. In Udaipur, hundreds took part in a funeral procession for Kanhaiya Lal.

Stones were hurled at a burial ground and some people tried to vandalise its gate as the procession passed by. Elsewhere in Rajasthan, markets were closed in Sojat (Pali), Bhinmal and Sanchore (Jalore) and Reodar (Sikar) in protest



Kanhiaya on Tuesday, in Udaipur on Wednesday

Two men, identified as Riaz Akhtari and Ghouse Mohammad, allegedly hacked Kanhaiya Lal to death with a cleaver at his shop in Udaipur on Tuesday and posted videos

an insult to Islam. The duo was taken into custody on Tuesday and booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the various sections of IPC, the

online saying they are avenging

police chief said. When asked whether both the accused had links with Dawat-e-Islami, Lather said that it cannot be ruled out as both of them were equally involved.

Lather said that looking into all the perspectives and on directions of the Chief Minister, it was considered as act of terror, so investigation was started after registering a case under the UAPA.

Lather said Ghouse Mohammad in 2014 had vis ited Dawat-e-Islami, Karachi. The outfit has its offices in Mumbai and Delhi, he said.

Detained accused Riaz works as a welder and Ghouse is into some petty works. "It is also found that the distinct weapon used to hack Kanhaiya was made by Riaz around four-five years ago," said the

On the trans-border connection of the two prime accused, he said all digital evi-

dence is being looked into. A case has been lodged under IPC sections 302, 452, 153 (A), 153(B), 295(A) and 34, and sections 16, 18 and 20 of UAPA, 1967. Lather also said a case was lodged against Kanhaiya Lal on June 10 by one Nazim at Dhan Mandi police station over an alleged objectionable post hurting sentiments of a community

VP election on August 6, 5% GST on pre-packed nomination from July 5 | flour, papad, paneer, curd

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The election to the post of Vice President will be held on August 6, the Election Commission (EC) on Wednesday announced

As per the poll panel, the notification for the election to decide the successor of M Venkaiah Naidu will be issued on July 5 and the last date for filing of nomination papers will be July 19. The votes will be counted on August 6.

Naidu's term as Vice President ends on August 10. The BJP-led NDA has a clear edge in the poll in which the members of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, including nominated members, are eligi-

ble to vote. As per Article 68 of the Constitution, the election to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of office of the outgoing Vice President is required to be completed



Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu being greeted by a young girl near Kelambakkam in Chennai

before the expiration of the term. At a meeting also attended by Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar finalised the schedule for the Vice Presidential poll.

The scrutiny of nomination papers will be done on July 20 and the last date for withdrawal of candidature is July 22. For the 16th Vice-

233 elected members of the Rajya Sabha, 12 nominated members of the Rajya Sabha and 543 elected members of the Lok Sabha. The voting is done by the secret ballot.

Open voting and showing the ballot to anyone under any circumstances in the case of presidential and vice-presidential elections are totally prohibited, the EC cautioned, adding that parties cannot issue whip to its MPs in the

matter of voting. A nomination paper of a candidate has to be subscribed by at least 20 electors as proposers and by at least other 20 electors as seconders. An elector can subscribe to only one nomination paper of a candidate as either a proposer or a seconder. A candidate can file a maximum of four nomination papers. The security deposit for the election is

online gaming put off for deliberation

PNS CHANDIGARH

In what will further hurt the middle class, pre-packed and labelled wheat flour, papad, paneer, curd, and buttermilk will be taxed at 5 per cent after the GST Council on Wednesday decided to stop allowing exemptions on such items while raising rates on a host of others

The GST Council, at a two-day meeting here, accepted recommendations for rate rationalisation made by different groups appointed by it, resulting in tax changes, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman told reporters. The tax rate changes will come into effect from July 18.

However, the council decided to refer the report of



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chairs the 47th meeting of the GST Council in Chandigarh on Wednesday

the GoM (Group of Ministers) on casinos, online gaming and horse racing back to the panel

for further deliberation.

The Finance Minister of Goa wanted further discussions on the GST rate to be applicable on casinos and in that context both online gaming and horse racing too would be relooked. The panel had recommended 28 per cent GST levy on all three activities and equalled them to gambling. The report is expected to be ready by July 15 and would be taken up by the council in its next meeting in

The ending of the exemption would mean the pre-packed and labelled meat (except frozen), fish, paneer, lassi, honey, dried leguminous vegetables, dried makhana, wheat and other cereals and puffed rice (muri) will now attract a 5 per cent tax.

RJD Bihar's largest party after Owaisi's 4 MLAs shift loyalty

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Paimim in Bihar on Wednesday defected to the RJD, helping it become the largest party in the 243-strong Assembly with a strength of 80 MLAs, three more than that of the BJP.

Leader of the Opposition Tejashwi Yadav, who hailed this as strengthening of secular forces, himself drove the four MLAs to the Assembly The MLAs submitted a letter to Speaker Vijay Kumar Sinha requesting him to accept their group's merger with the RJD.

Yadav was also present with them in the Speaker's chamber. The MLAs who have jumped ship are Syed Ruknuddin Ahmed (Baisi), Shahnawaz Alam (Jokihat), Mohd Izhar



RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav offers sweet to AIMIM MLAs after they joined the RJD in Patna on Wednesday

(Kochadhaman) and Mohd Anzar Naeemi (Bahadurganj).

The party, headed by Asaduddin Owaisi, which won five seats and cut into RJD-led alliance's vote on several seats in the 2020 Assembly elections is now left with only its State president Akhtarul Iman.

CAPSULE

RANDOM COVID TESTS ON INBOUND FLYERS New Delhi: In view of a fresh

spike in Covid cases being reported from various pockets of the country over the last six weeks, the Union Health Ministry on Wednesday issued fresh guidelines on Covid-19 surveillance, seeking sewage or wastewater surveillance as well as random screening of all international passengers coming to India. In a letter written to the health secretaries of the States. Union Health Secretary Raiesh Bhushan wrote that there should be random screening of 2 per cent of international flvers

LIGHTNING KILLS 17 IN UP IN TWO DAYS Ballia/ Fatehpur: Ten people

coming to India using RTPCR.

were killed after being struck by lightning in Ballia and Fatehnur districts, pushing the death toll due to such incidents in the state to 17 in two days

Amarnath yatra begins amid tight security

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Undeterred by the looming terror threats, the first batch of 4,890 pilgrims embarked on the Amarnath yatra on Wednesday under unprecedented security cover.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the convoy of 176 light and heavy motor vehicles after performing traditional prayers at the base camp at Jammu.

Chief Secretary Arun Mehta, senior police and administrative officers, along with local politicians, attended the ceremony and prayed for peace, prosperity and a safe

spiritual journey for pilgrims.
The LG is scheduled to perform pratham pooja inside the holy cave shrine on Thursday.

The atmosphere inside the

Jammu & Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha flags off the first batch of pilgrims for the Amarnath Yatra 2022 after conducting a base camp was upbeat since puja at the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu on Wednesday

early morning as a large number of pilgrims from different States were seen singing praises of Lord Shiva and chanting vedic mantras before embark-

ing on the journey. So far around 3 lakh pilgrims have registered themselves for the yatra this year. The shrine board authorities this year.

are expecting the largest ever footfall of 6 to 7 lakh pilgrims The shrine board authorities have also made elaborate arrangements for spot regis-

tration to facilitate rush of pilgrims. For the first time, a Radio Frequency Identification tag has been issued to the pilgrims by the shrine board, while drone cameras have been deployed across base camps and yatri niwas to maintain tight vigil. Pilgrims have been extended helicopter services from Srinagar for the first time

The Amarnath yatra was cut short in 2019 days ahead of Abrogation of Article 370. However, the yatra remained suspended in 2020 and 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Elaborate security arrangements have been made along the entire yatra route. The Centre has deployed over 350 companies of paramilitary troops to guard the yatra route and base camps along both the Baltal and Pahalgam axis.

J&K's regional parties, including the National Conference (NC) and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), have welcomed the pilgrims and asked people to ensure their security and safety.

The Amarnath shrine board authorities have thrown open both the traditional Pahalgam-Chandanwari route and Baltal route for pilgrims.

Rupee all-time low at 79.03/\$

Mumbai: The rupee depreciated 18 paise to close at a record low of 79.03 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday, weighed down by persistent foreign capital outflows, a strong dollar overseas and surge in crude oil

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened lower at 78.86 against the greenback and finally settled at 79.03, down 18 paise over its previous close. During the session, the

rupee touched an all-time low of 79.05 against the American currency On Tuesday, the rupee

plunged by 48 paise to close at the record low of 78.85 against the US dollar. The domestic unit has lost

1.97 per cent so far this month and has eroded a staggering 6.39 per cent since the start of this year.

Excesses on Muslims fuel extremism, says Owaisi

STAFF REPORTER III BHOPAL

resident of All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) Asaduddin Owaisi here on Wednesday blamed 'government sponsored excesses' on Muslims for the spurt in extremism in the country.

Without naming anyone, he said, "It was not me who spoke on 80:20 (population ratio), Kabristan and Shamshan; and houses were demolished without giving notices to occupants in Sendhwa and Khargone." If you are in power, please propagate principals of natural justice and accept replies, you are the none who is fuelling such things. He was talking to media persons here on Wednesday.

He gave an example of love marriage in MP town after

which the DM concerned had its, and tribal. demolished the house of the groom calling his family antinational. The girl later had to seek refuge in High Court seeking protection for herself and in laws, claimed Owaisi adding what kind of message is conveyed by such action. "If these things won't fuel extremism, what else will.

He underlined that none of the Muslim organisations is backing what happened in

He stated that the Congress party shall be finished, because this party had helped Prime Minister Narandra Modi to come to power twice.

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He criticised Congress for losing its government in MP, "Why did Congress ignore Jyotiraditya Scindia's claim in the government? Why the Congress was not ready to send Scindia in Rajya Sabha? All this lead to shift 22 MLA from the government and the Congress lost the government".

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Talking about Agniverr scheme, he claimed that the new scheme will be going to destroy the grace of the army personnel and also going to

bring unemployment. You apply the legal provisions in demolition, he demanded. If you start demolishing illegal structures, you will find 70% plus structures in mega cities illegal, will you demolish it, asked Hyderabadi parliamentarian.

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All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) Chief Asaduddin Owaisi addresses a press conference in Bhopal on

Class 10 students commits suicide by hanging at her Sunkhedi residence

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A class 10 student committed suicide by hanging with the ceiling at her residdence at Sunkhedi under Kolar police station area on Tuesday; reason behind the suicide remained unknown, said

The girl committed suicide on her mother's birthday who works with Mansarovar Dental College as Dentist. After the girl Hiya Verma was found hanging she was taken to hospital where she was declared dead.

In the afternoon when her mother contacted her over phone and asked that Hiya failed to wish her birthday she told mother that

Police have seized Hiya's phone from the spot which will be investigated. Hiya's last conversation on the phone was with mother Chitra

she was planning surprise and later committed suicide. No suicide note was found from the spot.

Hiya's mother Chitra Verma is a dentist at Mansarovar Dental College. Chitra told the police she came to college while hiya was alone at home. In the evening

she called his daughter. After some time, Hiya failed to answer even after calling two or three times, she immediately reached home and found Hiya hanging in the room. The police got information about the

incident around 10 pm. Kolar police said that at present no suicide note has been found from the spot. Hiya's last conversation on the phone was with mother

Police have seized Hiya's phone from the spot which will be investigated. Chitra said that she has separated from her husband. She lives in Kolar with her daughter, while her husband lives in Nehru Nagar. The police would also

Citizens facing hot and humid conditions

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

fter rainfall faded away state capital has wit-A state capital has wit-nessed hot and humid weather conditions in the past one week. Light to moderate rain is witnessed at isolated places in Madhya Pradesh for the last two days, still weather remained hot and humid.

Due to the system being built from Rajasthan to Odisha via Madhya Pradesh, monsoon rains have started again in the state monsoon has become more active from Wednesday.

Continuous moisture incursion from the Arabian Sea has induced rainfall. The Meteorological Department has issued an alert of moderate to heavy rain in 14 districts of the state.

In the afternoon it rained



heavily in Jabalpur. The Met has issued an alert of heavy rain in Jabalpur. In Sagar, Damoh, Guna, Khajuraho and Naugaon, water fell up to half an inch. It also rained at isolated places in Khandwa, Rajgarh, Chhindwara and

Met said that there is a ossibility of good rain for three to four days from Wednesday. With this the monsoon will also set in Madhya Pradesh.

Light to very heavy rain may occur at isolated places in Rewa, Satna, Sidhi, from North Maharashtra.

Singrauli, Umaria, Anuppur, Shahdol, Dindori, Chhatarpur, Niwari, Chhindwara and Balaghat **Vikas** districts. Moderate to heavy rain would be witnessed in in

Sheopurkalan, Morena, Bhind, Shivupari and Datia. Bhopal, Narmadapuram, Gwalior, Chambal, Dhar, Neemuch, Ratlam, Shajapur, Dewas, Agar and Mandsaur. Thunderstorms and thundershowers may occur at isolated places over Rewa, Shahdol, Jabalpur and Ujjain.

At present, a central cyclonic activity is active over west-central Arabian Sea. Simultaneously, the East-West Trough is extending from Southwest Rajasthan to West-central Bay of Bengal across Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and South Odisha. A trough is running parallel to North Kerala Coast

Central Secretariat Delhi defeats Delhi Secretariat

Chaudhary and Nitin Tigga scored 3-3 and Amit Midhilesh Kumar scored 1-1 for the winning team

STAFF REPORTER | BHOPAL

n the final match of All India Civil Services Hockey Tournament Central Secretariat Delhi defeated Delhi Secretariat by 6-2 goals.

Notably, in the first semifinal played in the All India Civil Services Hockey Competition being played at Major Dhyan

Chand Hockey Stadium. Vikas Chaudhary and Nitin Tigga scored 3-3 and Amit Midhilesh Kumar scored 1-1 for the winning team. Sandeep and Pradeep scored 1-1 for Delhi

Secretariat. In the second semi-final, RSB Indore easily defeated Uttarakhand Secretariat 7-0 to make it to the finals. Captain Mohammad Umar and Ñikki Koshal scored 2-2 goals for Indore. Apart from these, Navneet Mohammad Sahil and

Azam Baig scored 1-1 goals. It is noteworthy that the All India Civil Services Hockey Tournament being played from conducted under the guidance of Chief Coach Olympian and Tournament Director Samir Dad of Madhya Pradesh Hockey

Technical committee includes technical officer Muin



15-day ballet dance workshop at Utkal Bhavan

STAFF REPORTER III BHOPAL

¬he dance lovers of the city are experiencing the essence of Ballet dancing in a ballet workshop. A 15-day long workshop is being conducted for the dance lovers of the city at Utkal Bhavan. The workshop began from Wednesday.

The students are learning the basics of Indian Ballet dance. Ballet dance form is innovative and enjoyable. Little movements and expressions. The workshop is being organised by Chetanya Socio Cultural Society, Bhopal.

At the workshop, the students are able to explore the exquisiteness of ballet dance. The students are also exploring the different themes of ballet, plays and other cultural items and are learning the actual concept of staging them. The



artists are preparing with great emphasis on creative style of dance, folk, drama and music.

Here on Wednesday, the ballet expert Shruti Kirti Batik told the participants about contemporary dance moves. The workshop is based on musical drama. As many as 14 aspirants are a part of this

workshop. Notably, a 15-day long ballet workshop is being organized for the aspirants to learn the ballet form properly. The dance lovers of the city are enjoying the workshop as they are able to explore different style of dance which is mostly used in theaters.

Uddin Qureshi, judge Lokendra Sharma, umpire Feroz Dad, Shadab Khan, Mohammad Nadeem, Javed Khan and Amit Rathor.

20-year-old BTech student of TIT colleges drowns at Amargarh waterfall

STAFF REPORTER III BHOPAL

20-year-old BTech student of TIT College died of drowning in Amargarh waterfall near Sehore district on Tuesday afternoon when the youth has gone for picnic at the spot.

Dipesh Kumar Shah is a resident of Madhubani district of Bihar. Along with college friends from Bhopal he had gone for a picnic at Amargarh waterfall located near Shahganj in Sehore district.

All the friends were taking a bath in the pool of the waterfall, when Dipesh slipped and went into the deep water his friends tried to save him but failed. Dipesh Shah drowned in the deep water. There is a network problem in the forest due to which they failed to alert for help and rescue.

As soon as other friends informed the college management and police, the Shahganj police station reached the Amargarh waterfall site, started rescue work to find the student.

All the friends were taking a bath in the pool of the waterfall, when Dipesh slipped and went into the deep water his friends tried to save him but failed

After about two hours of hard work, the body of youth was fished out.

After the Shahganj police investigation, around 8 pm, his body was brought CHC Budhni for post-

Budni SDOP Shashank Singh told that the deceased student Dipesh Shah father Chandrakant Shah (20) was doing BTech from TIT College Bhopal.

Lived in a rented house Bhopal Indrapuri C Piplani. He came for picnic with his college students where the accident happened. The matter is being investigated.

Take out Dipendra safe and secure from borewell

STAFF REPORTER III BHOPAL

hief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has expressed concern over the incident of a child falling into a borewell in Chhatarpur and directed to carry out rescue and relief work expeditiously and seriously. He also wished the child would be took out safe and sound.

CM Chouhan, after discussing with the Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister and Collector Chhatarpur on phone, gave necessary instructions to make proper arrangements for early rescue of the child. On the instructions of the CM, the SDERF team has reached the spot.

Rescue operation has been started by Chhatarpur district administration. Chief Minister Chouhan is continuously receiving information about the rescue operation. Dipendra Yadav, 5-year-old son of Akhilesh Yadav, resident of Narayanpura and Patharpur village of Orchha Road police station area of Chhatarpur, had gone to the field with the family. While playing, Dipendra fell into a 40 feet deep

Two-day workshop on plastic waste management rules held at CIPET

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

two-day workshop on Transition Alternatives to SUP inline to Implementation of Plastics Waste Management (PWM)Rule:2021(Amendmen t) in MSME Units' is organized at CIPET Bhopal on June 28 and 29 in which Secretary, MSME Department, MP P Narahari was the Chief Guest.

Along with the other guests AA Mishra, Member Secretary MPPCB Bhopal, P Jagan, Regional Director CPCB Bhopal, MP Singh, Deputy Commissioner Municipal Corporation Bhopal were also present!

Various delegates and industry participants from different departments like Central Pollution Control Chhattisgarh Board. **Environment Protection Board**

Raipur, ITC Limited Bangalore, Bhopal Municipal Corporation, Thiagaraj College of Thiagaraj College of Engineering Madurai (Online) The Energy and Resources participated in the workshop. Around 53 participants

from different cities like Indore, Pithampur, Hoshangabad, Jabalpur, Mandideep, Raisen, were participated in the workshop.

inaugurated by lighting the lamp by the guests, after which all the guests were welcomed by the Principal Director and Head of the Institute, Dr. Sandesh Kumar Jain, with a book and a shawl.

In his Inaugural address P.Narahari, Secretary, MSME Department, M.P., told that the Govt. of M.P. is government requested all the concerned industries to follow the rules directed by the Government of India for single use plastic and expressed happiness to conduct such workshop by CIPET.

AA Mishra, Member Secretary, MPPCB Bhopal, gave necessary information regarding the restrictions on single-use plastic products to be implemented from July 1,

In this workshop, various National experts have their experiences and technical knowledge among all the people. A technical session has also organized by CIPET for manufacturing and testing of single use plastics as per latest Guidelines.

This workshop was organized with the support of CPCB, New Delhi and in association with MPPCB Bhopal and CECB Raipur The workshop was duly



Gond painting exhibition put up at State Tribal Museum

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

n exhibition of Gond A Paintings is being put up at Madhya Pradesh State Tribal Museum.

Udaipur, in Bhopal on Wednesday.

The exhibition that began on June 3 will continue till Iune 30. In her paintings, mainly the traditional Bhili environment and the fauna of animals and animals are seen.

In one of the paintings, she depicted the farmer's house in the village, his wife and chiland at other social events. dren, animals, birds and trees, Bhuri Bai described the



other events and festivals of Bhil tribe in her paintings.

The tribesmen use gond art in their daily life, festivals

paintings can best be described as 'on line work'. The artist makes sure to draw the inner as well as outer lines with as much care as possible so that the perfection of the lines has an immediate effect on the viewer. Lines are used in such a way that it conveys a sense of movement to the still images. Dots and dashes are added

life of Bhil tribe through Gond

paintings beautifully. Gond

to impart a greater sense of movement and increase the amount of detail.

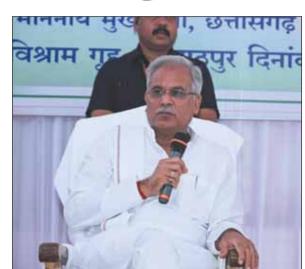


Baghel for continuing MGNREGA work till rains

STAFF REPORTER

 $\mathbf{I}_{ ext{deficient monsoon rains,}}^{ ext{n view of irregular and}}$ Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel Wednesday asked continuemployment-oriented work for the needy under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee (MGNREGA)..

The district Collectors and chief executive officers of Zila Panchayats have been calling for continuation of



Chhattisgarh has recorded an average rainfall of 113.5 mm till June 27. In the current year, it is almost **50** percent less than the average rainfall of 229.7 mm in the same period last year

sanction new work as per 72 percent deficiency requirement. It would help to ensure employment in the villages, an official communication said.

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About seven districts have recorded 40 percent less rainfall. Many districts have been hit by deficient

followed by Surguja percent), Balrampur (60), Raipur (56), Durg (48) besides Kondagaon and Kanker (47 percent each).

Low rainfall has affected the rain-fed agriculture in these districts, with less sowing of Kharif crops as compared to last year.

Till June 27 last year, the sowing area of Kharif crops was 4,76,000 hectares in the state. Now, the sowing area is just 2,27,000 hectares due to low rainfall.

Alert in C'garh amid rise in Covid-19 cases



STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR

 $K_{\text{Covid-19}}^{\text{eeping in view the rise in}}$ cases, the Chhattisgarh government on alerted Wednesday departments as well as district administrations.

In a circular issued to all the Secretaries, Divisional Commissioners, Collectors and Heads of Departments,

the General Administration Department (GAD) had asked them to follow the strategy of Test, Track, Treat, Vaccination and Covid-19 Appropriate Behavior.

In the coming months, various social and religious programmes are scheduled and this may cause a sudden spike in Covid-19 cases, the government warned.

No lack of funds for civic amenities: Min

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Chhattisgarh Minister for Urban Administration Shiv Kumar Daharia on Wednesday said there was no lack of funds for arranging amenities in urban civic bodies in the state.

Speaking at a review meeting of the department, the Minister said adequate funds have been made available to all the civic bodies.

At a two-day programme, the Minister reviewed the works of Municipalities and Municipal Corporations in them keep a vigil on the



Raipur, Durg and Surguja

Saying there was no shortage of funds, he told officials to work with sensitivity to arrange drinking water, healthcare facilities and housing and to develop

road infrastructure. The Minister also urged

fitness of Mobile Medical

Units and availability of medicines as well as testing equipment Mukhyamantri Urban Slum Health Scheme.

Similarly, the door-todoor collection of garbage and cleaning of drains must be monitored in this monsoon season, he added.

C'garh to plant 2.81 cr saplings

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The Chhattisgarh government has chalked out a programme for the current monsoon season when it will plant 2.81 crore saplings across the state.

Under the 'Tuhar Paudha Tuhar Dwar' ʻTuhar scheme of the Forest and Climate Department,

government will plant 1.14 crore saplings and distribute 1.67 lakh more to citizens for plantation, an official communication said on

This information was given at a review meeting chaired by Minister Mohammad Akbar here.

The Minister urged officials to plant herbal plants in order to increase the income of the State Development Forest Corporation.

The distribution of the saplings would start on July 1, the communication said.

The plantation drive was essential for environmental conservation and development of barren land, it

Gauthans no longer mere cow shelter: CM

STAFF REPORTER BAIKUNTHPUR

Tnaugurating the Katkona **▲**Gauthan in Korea district on Wednesday Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said Gauthans are no longer identified as just cow shelters. They have been transformed 'multi-activity centres'.

He said the tag of the Gauthans as shelter homes of cows has changed due to different economic activities conducted through women self-help groups (SHGs). They have become hubs to



employment opportunities in rural areas.

The villagers have developed a collective spirit towards it, an official communication quoted Baghel as

The Katona village Gauthan has 14 SHGs groups with 140 members involved in different activities.

The Jai Maa Kali Group manufactures potato chips, spices by Shri Ganesh Group, Dona Patal (leaf plate-cup) by Pratigya Group and LED assembling Mahamaya group.

Similarly, Pratigya group is operating a mini rice mill, Roshni group is processing pulses, while other groups indulge in poultry and goat farming, vermi-compost production and developing community kitchen gardens.

SHGs rendered iobless: BJP

STAFF REPORTER

hhattisgarh's women self-Chelp groups (SHG) have been rendered jobless by the Congress government after axing the manufacture of ready-to-eat food, and this has been done to benefit an industrialist, former Chief Minister Raman Singh said on Wednesday.

in procuring equipment for manufacture of ready-to-eat food. It will cause an additional burden on them, he told the media.

Only distribution work has been handed over to them. Instead of the



promised Rs 15 per packet, now agreement had been made for Re 1 per packet, he

Ready-to-eat is given as a nutrition supplement to He said the women SHGs eradicate anemia and malnutrition children, women, girls and pregnant women.

On large-scale shuffling of the bureaucracy, he said a district Collector should have a fixed tenure of minimum two years. It gives him time to work, which can be reviewed.



STAFF REPORTER BAIKUNTHPUR

The demand for pure 1 and organic has increased. The need is to cater to this niche market by utilizing all necessary resources present in the villages, said Chhattisgarh Chief Bhupesh Minister Baghel on Wednesday.

He was holding a review meeting of district officials at Baikunthpur as part of his Bhent Mulaqat (public interaction)

Baghel said a niche

developed for organic products mainly grains, fruits and vegetables. This needed to be tapped and the rural areas could play a key role through organic

The products will also get the right price. He said all the resources said officers and available in the villages can be utilized.

Baghel said with the establishment of a centre to process forest medicine, those making the collection and involved in value addition will get better

He called for streamlining the works related certificates. The process should be done on a regular basis. The sub-castes should also

The Chief Minister employees are an integral part of the governance system.

get the certificates, he

Appreciating the officers and employees, he said the feedback from the people was excellent. He urged to keep going a good job.



Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Wednesday ploughed a field with a pair of oxen in Paradol village in Manendragarh assembly segment. He also sowed paddy seeds.

CM flies 'Hexacopter Drone'



STAFF REPORTER MANENDRAGARH

Chhattisgarh Minister Chief Bhupesh Baghel tried a hand on flying a 'Hexacopter Drone' on Wednesday after students of the Manendragarh Swami Atmanand English School said: "It is an easy task."

The Chief Minister was inspecting the school when he met the children in the robotics lab.

Two of them, Dhairya and Avinish, briefed him on different technical the aspects of the Hexacopter Drone made by them. The drone has a camera. It can be used for security and school building.
cinematography. He then asked Dhairya:

Both urged the Chief Minister to operate the drone. "It is very simple to fly

it, Sir," both said almost in

Baghel could not resist the invitation. The drone was brought to the school ground. Under Dhairya's guidance, Baghel flew the drone to the height of the

Does it go even higher? Dhairya told him that its range is up to one and a half kilometers in the sky.

The Chief Minister then took the drone to the maximum height. And he slowly landed it on the ground.

Appreciating technical skills of the children, Baghel wished them a bright future.

Earlier, he played billiards with students Aradhya Yadav and Neeraj Yadav.

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BJP terms Udaipur murder as 'terror attack'



The BJP on Wednesday accused the Congress-led-Gehlot Government in Rajasthan of pursuing "vote bank politics of appeasement" and termed the killing of tailor Kanhaiya Lal in Udaipur as a "terror attack".

The party also saw a pattern in the State Government's failure to prevent f such terrorist incidents in the past. BJP leader and Union Minister Anurag Thakur lashed out at Ashok Gehlot over the killing saying the State Government

remained a "mute spectator" as the Congress' internal rivalries affected law and order. The Information and Broadcasting Minister was responding to reporters' questions on the killing of Lal Monday.

At a separate Press conference, BJP spokesperson and former Union Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore said Lal's killers filmed the incident and made the video viral in an attempt to terrorise society and accused the State police of not acting on the complaint of the deceased and allowing a free-run to the 'jehadi nexus' in

India's desi mRNA Covid-19 vaccine approved for 18+

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 $T^{
m he\ Drugs\ Controller}_{
m General\ of\ India\ (DCGI)}$ has approved country's first indigenously developed mRNA vaccine GEMCOVAC-19 against Covid-19. The vaccine has been given approval for restricted emergency use for those aged 18 years and

above.

" G e n n o v a sidiary of Emcure Pharmaceuticals Ltd., announced that its mRNA vaccine - GEMCOVAC-19 - against Covid-19 received the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the office of the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI)," said

a statement from the vaccine

manufacturer Gennova Biopharmaceuticals on Wednesday. It is a two dose vaccine to be administered intramuscularly at 28 days

The vaccine will be sold under the brand name GEM-COVAC-19. GEMCOVAC-19 is the very first mRNA vaccine developed in India and only third mRNA vaccine to be approved for Covid-19 in the

"These vaccines are highly efficacious because of their inherent capacity of being translated into the protein structure inside the cell cytoplasm. mRNA vaccines are considered safe as mRNA is non-infectious, non-integrating in nature, and degraded by standard cellular mechanisms". said the vaccine manufacturer.

Government," he said while leveling charge of appease-ment on the Gehlot govern-ment. "Not a single week has gone by in the last six months when terrorist, jihadi incidents have not happened in Rajasthan. The Government of Rajasthan is solely responsible for this," he said adding the Gehlot Government is seen as "giving support to terrorist organisations".

The BJP spokesman said the State. He said the Chief

gions are given different treat-

fundamentalist are running a free-run and "sleeper cells" have penetrated the state and "law and order has turned zero". "Police intelligence is being used for political intelligence", he alleged and sought to know as to why the Chief Minister was there if he was to look at the Prime Minister to do everything. On a question that the opposition has blamed BJP for creating a negative atmosphere, Rathore hit-out at them saying such arguments are dished-out to justify 'Jehadi' killings. BJP spokesman, however, said National Investigation Agency is "competent enough" to unravel conspiracy and terrorist nexus and will investigate as who was giving protection to them in state.

Former Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje also slammed the Gehlot government over the beheading incident in Udaipur saying "policies of incitement and appease-ment" led to the Communal violence in state. " ..it has become clear that due to the instigation and appeasement of the state government morale of criminals is high.

Due to this policy of the state government, a situation of communal frenzy and violence has arisen in the state ", Raje tweeted. The tailor was killed on Tuesday by two men, who had posted videos online that said they were avenging an insult to Islam.

Tailor's killing un-Islamic, say Muslim bodies



Prominent Muslim organisations on Wednesday condemned the brutal killing of a tailor in Udaipur, calling it "un-Islamic" and asserting that no person has the right to take law into one's hands.

Bodies like All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) and Jamiat Ulemae-Hind issued statements condemning the murder of Kanhaiya Lal by two men who had posted videos online that claimed they were avenging an insult to İslam.

Delhi Jama Masjid Shahi Imam Syed Ahmed Bukhari called the killing an "act of cowardice" and "an act against Islam". Islam is a religion of "peace and tranquillity," be In its statement, the AIM-

PLB said such acts were against the principles of Islam and no one should take law in their hands. "Insulting holy personali-

ties of any religion is a serious crime. BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma made derogatory remarks about the holy Prophet of Islam, which is very sad for Muslims.

"The Government not called it "un-Islamic". taking any action against Nupur Sharma is like rubbing salt on the wounds. But despite In a statement, Maulana Arshad Madani said that just as "we had opposed mobthis, taking the law into one's own hands and killing a perlynching in many places, we also consider this an inhu-

son by declaring him a crim-

Board strongly condemns the

incident in Udaipur (Rajasthan)," the statement

Government to make stringent

laws regarding disrespectful

comments against holy personalities and take immediate

to the Muslim community to

act patiently and not take law

into their own hands as well as

not indulge in any such action

that might disturb communal

harmony in the country. Both

the Arshad Madani and

Mahmood Madani factions

of the Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind

condemned the incident and

action in such cases.

The board also urged the

The board also appealed

Rahmani

mane act".

"We are always against anyone taking the law into their own hands. The Udaipur inal is a condemnable act," the statement issued on behalf of AIMPLB general secretary Maulana Khalid Saifullah incident is a very tragic, un-Islamic and inhumane act, it is Neither the law allows it highly condemnable. The law nor does the Islamic Shariah of the state would work justify it. Therefore, the All accordingly in this case as India Muslim Personal Law well," he said.

Madani also said that whatever happened "due to derogatory words" was bad, but in order to maintain law and order and communal harmony in the country, it is necessary to show tolerance and patience.

"Just as we oppose this incident, we are strongly opposing insulting the dignity of any religious figure," Arshad Madani said.

"We once again demand the government to immediately arrest those who have insulted the Prophet and punish them severely according to the law so that no one will dare to do so again in the future," he said.

Those talking of appeasement forgot Shambhu incident: Congress to BJP

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Minister who is also Home

Minister is treating the terror-

ist act as a "simple murder" and

accused the Congress

Government of pursuing "vote-

bank politics of appeasement".

Rathore charged the Congress

Government in Rajasthan was

responsible for Lal's killing

and that it has taken many steps

during its tenure to appease one

 $T^{\text{he Congress on Wednesday}}_{\text{asserted that the Ashok}}$ Gehlot Government in Rajasthan was aware of its "raj dharma" and said action in the brutal killing of a tailor would be taken in accordance with law, unaffected by the religion or caste of those involved. Two men with a cleaver

murdered a tailor in Udaipur and posted videos online, claiming that they are avenging an insult to Islam.

Gehlot said the Rajasthan Police has booked the two men who brutally murdered Kanhaiya Lal in Udaipur a day before under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

The case will be investigated by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and the Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) of Rajasthan Police will fully cooperate with the probe agency, he said. Gehlot made the remarks after chairing a

high-level meeting in which he reviewed the situation in Udaipur. Gehlot also convened an all-party meeting at his residence over the Udaipur incident. Congress' media department head Pawan Khera

said the party condemns the

incident and said the Gehlot

Government had acted swiftly

in the matter. "The Ashok Gehlot Government got the accused arrested within six hours. An all-party meeting has been called in the evening. This whole matter has been fasttracked. On the basis of what came up during the probe,

Ashok Gehlot has assured all

help to the NIA," Khera said at

AIĈC Press conference. "With the atmosphere being vitiated in the entire country for the last two months, Gehlot has been urging Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah that they address the country, take steps to stop the spread of hatred in society, and appeal for maintaining peace,

Khera alleged that polarisation is evident in every nook and corner of the country, and asked why this was not the case earlier. The Congress spokesperson asserted that whoever is found guilty in the probe, strictest action will be taken against that person There should be no doubt regarding that. Hitting out at the BJP over

its claim that terror outfits are flourishing in the Rajasthan due to its "appeasement policy" towards one community, Khera said, "Those talking of appeasement forget that in 2017 in Rajasthan's Rajsamand district, Shambhu Lal Regar had made a video while murdering someone and people of a particular party had climbed atop a court complex in his favour and hoisted their flag after removing the tricolour."

Those talking of appease-

ment forget the murder of inspector Subodh Singh and that his murderers were garlanded, Khera said.

SC stays Tripura HC order seeking scrutiny of security cover of Ambani, family

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The Supreme Court on ■ Wednesday stayed the orders of the Tripura High Court on a PIL challenging the grant of security cover to industrialist Mukesh Ambani and his

family members in Mumbai. A vacation bench of Justices Surva Kant and JB Pardiwala issued notice to the PIL petitioner before High Court on Centre's plea by which it had challenged the two orders of the High Court dated May 31 and June 21.

"Issue notice that is returnable on July 21.

"Meanwhile, implementa-tion of orders dated May 31 and June 21 shall remain stayed", the bench said in its

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for Centre,

said further proceedings before

the High Court on the PIL shall also be stayed as Tripura has nothing to do with the security of individuals provided in

He said if the proceedings are not stayed, then again he will have to knock on doors of the top court.

The bench told Mehta, 'When we have stayed the orders of High Court do you think there will be a need for you to come here. Even if the

need arises, we are here". The Tripura High Court had on a PIL filed by one Bikash Saha had passed two interim orders on May 31 and June 21 and had directed the Central Government to place the original file maintained by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) regarding threat perception and assessment report of Ambani, his wife and chil-

dren based on which security

has been granted to them.

JD(S) indicates support to Murmu in presidential poll

anata Dal (S) leader and former Chief Minister of Karnataka H D Kumaraswamy on Wednesday indicated support to BJP-led NDA's candidate for Presidential polls Droupadi Murmu.

"Already she (Murmu)

has discussed with our national president (H D Deve Gowda) over phone twice and has requested support. Also, she had sought time to come and meet. I requested our national President that there is no need for her to come personally in the current situation," Kumaraswamy said.

Speaking to reporters at Bengaluru, he said Murmu already has the majority on her side and she has expressed her desire to seek Gowda's support out of goodwill and generosi-

need not come so far...We will decide in the party...You (media) may have understood by now what our decision might be. Before taking a final decision, we will look into the background of both candidates. There is no question of Congress or BJP or any B-team here," he said, adding that he has gone through Murmu's

background and her struggle. Recently calling Murmu, as a "suitable" and "non-controversial" candidate, Gowda had noted that he doesn't want to refer to her as merely a tribal candidate, but wants to say that she is "competent" for the post of President.

Jharkhand Chief Minister who recently met Union Home minister Amit Shah is also to decide whether his party JMM, would switch its support to the from Delhi.

NDA nominee backing-out from the opposition side.

Meanwhile, as many as 15 nominations were filed till Wednesday, the last day of the filing papers for the July 18 presidential election, the Rajya Sabha Secretariat.

The scrutiny of the nominations would be done on Thursday. Those who filed their papers include NDA nominee i Murmu and joint Opposition candidate Yashwant Sinha, who are the main contestants.

Besides them, a host of commoners have also filed their papers for the top constitutional post in the country, which include a slum dweller from Mumbai, a namesake of RJD founder Lalu Prasad Yaday, a social activist from Tamil Nadu and a professor

India slams UN Human Rights for comments on Teesta, calls it unwarranted

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Taking exception to a comment by the UN Human Rights office regarding the arrest of social activist Teesta Setalvad and two others, India on Wednesday termed them as "unwarranted." It also said it constitutes an interference in India's independent judicial sys-

The sharp reaction by the ministry of external affairs(MEA) here came a day after the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)voiced concern over the arrest and detention of Setalvad and called for her immediate release. "#India: We are very concerned by the arrest and detention of #WHRD @TeestaSetalvad and two expolice officers and call for their



immediate release. They must not be persecuted for their activism and solidarity with the victims of the 2002 #GujaratRiots," the UN Human Rights office said in a tweet on

Making India's stand clear, MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said, "We have seen a comment by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) regarding

legal action against Teesta Setalvad and two other persons. The remarks by OHCHR are completely unwarranted and constitute an interference in India's independent judicial system. Authorities in India act against violations of law in accordance with established judicial processes. Labelling such legal actions as persecution for activism is misleading and unacceptable," he said.

'Rotavirus survives for up to 3 days in lake water'

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 $A^{\text{s pollutants, microplastics}}$ environment and animal health. But now a team of scientists have found that the microplastic also acts as a potential surface for the lethal virus to move into the fresh-

For instance, they found that Rotavirus, which causes diarrhoea and an upset stomach, was surviving for up to three days in lake water by attaching itself to the surfaces of microplastics.
Microplastics are tiny plas-

tic particles that result from both commercial product development and the breakdown of larger plastics. As a pollutant, microplastics can be harmful to the environment and animal health Previous

studies have focussed only on the spread of such viruses in sterile hospital settings, however, the new study published in the journal Environmental Pollution has shown how they are present in the fresh water

This study has come close on the heels of an almost similar report by researchers at IIT-Bombay which has found the presence of microplastics in food, air and water at the institute's Powai campus. The study conducted by

the Centre for Environmental Science and Engineering, published on June 24 in the Elsevier journal Environmental Research, analysed 35 samples each of ambient air and drinking water, and 10 samples of food and deduced that an individual at the campus may 2,610 microplastic particles two types of viruses - those

being the dominant mode.

Professor Quilliam, lead researcher from the varsity whose study has been published in.journal Environmental Pollution said, We found that viruses can attach to microplastics, which allows them to survive in the water for three days, possibly longer," said "Even if a wastewater treatment plant is doing everything it can to clean sewage waste, the water discharged still has microplastics in it, which are then transported down the river, into the estuary and end up on the

We weren't sure how well viruses could survive by 'hitchhiking' on plastic in the environment, but they do survive, and they do remain infecbe ingesting between 1,414 to tious." The researchers tested

with an envelope, or "lipid coat" around them, such as the flu virus (they tested bacteriophage Phi6), and those without: enteric viruses, such as rotavirus and norovirus (they tested rotavirus strain SA11).

They found that in those with an envelope, the envelope quickly dissolved, and the virus was deactivated, whereas those without an envelope successfully bound to the microplastics and survived.
"Viruses can also bind to

natural surfaces in the environment. However, plastic pollution lasts a lot longer than those materials," said Quilliam.

"This research is very much a proof-of-concept for conducting more research into how long pathogens can survive by binding to microplastics, as we only tested for three days, and what happens to

Global warming to impact water resources, agriculture: Study PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ regional disparities in their

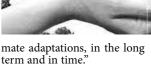
Global warming is expected to increase the intensity and frequency of future drought in several global regions, adversely affecting the water resource, agriculture, and energy sectors, as per a study by the National Institute for Environmental Studies

"Given that the current water management practices and existing infrastructures in these sectors are based on historical statistics or experiences, under a changing climate, these practices and infrastructures may eventually become insufficient. "Therefore, it is critical to better understand when severe drought conditions expressed as "unprecedented" will become frequent," said the study. The projected impacts of warming show significant

intensity and the pace of their growth over time," said the corresponding lead author Yusuke Satoh, a research associate professor at Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology. "Regarding precipitation and temperature, preceding studies report the timing at which the impact of

climate change emerges.

However, no study had successfully estimated the timing in terms of drought focusing on river discharge at a global scale," added Tokuta Yokohata, a coauthor and a Chief Senior Researcher of the Earth System Risk Analysis Section at the Earth System Division, NIES. "A temporal evaluation about future drought conditions in comparison to our historical experiences is essential to take appropriate climate change strategies, especially for cli-



term and in time. The paper published in

Nature Communications estimates the periods when drought conditions will shift to an unprecedented state in a warmer world. The research group evaluated changes in drought day frequency for 59 global subcontinental regions until the end of the 21st century. They estimated the time of first emergence (TFE) of consecutive unprecedented drought, which is the first onset of exceedance beyond the

torical climate variability during the reference period (1865-2005) that occurs consecutively for a certain number of "Appropriate and feasible

maximum bound of the his-

climate mitigation and adaptation plans are essential for overcoming the expected extraordinarily severe dry conditions. Particularly regarding adaptation, it is crucial to improve our preparedness in the given time horizon before unprecedented drought conditions emerge," said Satoh.

Lightning claims 2 dozen lives in UP

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m gave}$ ains and thundershowers gave the much needed relief to the people but also played havoc in the eastern parts of the Uttar Pradesh, where lightning and thunderstorms claimed about two dozen lives.

According to information received here, the spire of a temple built in Kashi Vishwanath Dham also collapsed due to rain and lightning

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has expressed grief at the death of people due to lightning and expressed condolences to the bereaved families. He also directed senior officers to extend all possible help to the family members of the victims.

Two deaths were reported from Kanpur and one from Fatehpur due to lightning. A minor girl died after being struck by lightning in Prayagraj. The girl was in the house of her maternal grand-

Two minor children died due to lightning in Varanasi.

Mirzamurad police station area where 11-year-old Hemant and 15-year-old Prabhat, residents of Adamapur village, died after being struck by lightning. In Varanasi, a former cook of a government school working in a field was also struck by lightning, and died on the

A 15-year-old boy and a 50-year-old woman died due to lightning at two different places in Bhadohi. Besides, three more people, including a teenager, died after being struck by lightning late in the evening on Tuesday in Bhadohi. Additional Superintendent of Police Rajesh Bharti said that Shashi Bhushan Dubey (45), Sukhna Devi (60) and Ankit Gautam (45) died of

Two children died due to lightning in the Baldi Rai area Sultanpur district on Tuesday. Police officer Rajaram Choudhary said that three children were grazing their buffaloes on Tuesday afternoon in the Dihwa village under Baldiray police station area when suddenly it started rain-



ing with thunder, during which all the three children were scorched after being struck by lightning. He said the relatives of the victims and villagers took the three children to the hospital where Shatrughan (11) and Amit (13) died during the treatment while the third child Aham (8) was undergoing treatment.

According to a report received from Maharajganj, Raghuvar Nayak (45) and Khushi (16) died after being struck by lightning in the field in Badi village under Nichlaul police station. Additional District Magistrate Satya Prakash Mishra said that two other people also sustained burns in this incident.

Three people lost their lives in Ballia's Bairia, Dokati and Sikanderpur due to lightning. In Mirzapur's Lalganj, two people, including a teenager, died after being hit by a thunderstorm while one person each died in Siddharthnagar and Basti due to lightning.

Meanwhile, as many as 26 passengers were injured, three of them seriously, when a private bus hit a road divider and overturned on Agra- Lucknow Expressway on Wednesday. The injured were admitted to a community health centre and three of the injured were referred to the district hospital.

According to reports, the bus was coming from Chhapra in Bihar and was on its way to Delhi. Most of the passengers were sleeping when the accident took place. It is presumed that the driver had dozed off and lost control of the vehicle.

Mamata, Bengal clerics condemn Udaipur killing

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee too joined the group of leaders in condemning the brutal murder of a tailor at Udaipur in Rajasthan by some religious fanatics.

Taking to the Twitter the Chief Minister wrote "violence and extremism are unacceptable, no matter what! (might be the provocation). I strongly condemn what happened in Udaipur." She further appealed for calm saying "as the law takes its own course of action, I urge everyone to maintain

Two men from a particular community carrying a cleaver murdered a tailor and posted online videos of the brutal act saying that they were avenging the insult to Islam by eliminating the tailor belonging to another community.

The victim has made social media post where he had supported BJP leader Nupura Sharma for her alleged remarks against Prophet Muhammad.

Curiously the Chief Minister who had from a public rally attacked Sharma for her offensive statements promising legal action against her would not condemn the Udaipur attack in a similar manner.



Baneriee had on Tuesday told a public rally at Asansol that "those who are spreading hatred and creating animosity among communities in the country are let off ... they are not being touched ... they are

even being given protection whereas those who are criticizing such acts are being arrested," adding in reference to Nupur Sharma case that "we will not spare her ... my Government has already taken action and she had been sum-

She also condemned the arrest of journalist, Md Zubair and social activist Teesta Sitalvad for fighting the cases of the victims of Gujarat riots.

Meanwhile, a group of Bengal Imams too condemned the Udaipur killing saying Islam never permitted taking

Md Yahia Chairman of Bengal Imams Association an organization of Muslim clerics on Wednesday condemned the killing of the Udaipur tailor saying "no true Muslim will support a heinous crime as this," and asked for exemplary punishment for the perpetrators of the crime.

"There are people who are out to malign religions ... no religions preach violence ... there is no issue that cannot be settled through legal way ... such acts must be condemned and strict actions must be taken against the perpetrators of such crimes," he said.

Another cleric from Nakhoda Masjid however said, "an entire community must not be judged by the acts of a few

Bahujan Bharat for strict action in Udaipur case

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Condemning the Udaipur incident, Bahujan Bharat, a social organisation, has demanded stern action against the guilty and a probe without any discrimination.

In a meeting held at the organisation's headquarters, Bahujan Bharat president and former IAS officer Kunwar Fateh Bahadur said that the governments, both state and Central, should set an example and take strict action against the fanatics so that they could not incite religious hysteria any

more.
"The Indian Constitution is secular and does not allow the promotion of any particular religion by the government. It is the responsibility of the secular forces as well as the governments to oppose religious bigotry and they should not give social recognition to those who spread religious fanaticism," Singh said in a statement issued here on Wednesday.

He said the government should conduct an impartial probe and take action against such elements who spread hatred in the name of religion.

Mumbai building collapse: Owner who had rented out flats arrested

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 $P^{\text{olice on Wednesday arrest-}}_{\text{ed a 40-year-old }} \text{ man who}$ had allegedly rented out his flats in the ill-fated building in suburban Kurla which collapsed and claimed the lives of 19 persons. A case of culpable homi-

cide not amounting to murder was registered earlier in the day against some flat owners and others at Nehru Nagar police station in connection with the Monday midnight's incident. Most of those who died in

the incident were tenants. Dilip Vishwas, the arrested

man, was a contractor by profession, and named in the First Information Report, said a police official.

He had allegedly rented out his flats in the building, locat-



ed in Naik Nagar Housing Society, he said.

As per the FIR, flat owners including Rajni Rathod, Kishore Chavan, Balkrishna Rathod and Vishwas rented out their flats even though the building had been declared as dilapidated by the civic body BMC. A case under Indian Penal Code (IPC) sections 304 (2) (culpable homicide not repairs were carried out.

amounting to murder), 338 (causing grievous hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others) and 34 (common intention) has been registered against them.

Senior BMC officials had claimed that residents of the building, constructed in 1973, had undertaken to carry out repairs, but apparently no

High tea at Raj **Bhawan at J&K**

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Reaching out to the leaders belonging to different polit-Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha Wednesday hosted them over high tea at Raj Bhawan, Srinagar.

During the meeting, the Lieutenant Governor held deliberations focusing on the smooth conduct of the Amarnath yatra with these leaders.

National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah, Peoples Democratic Party Chief Mehbooba Mufti, BJP unit Chief Ravinder Raina, Peoples Conference Chairman Sajjad Lone, President of Jammu and Kashmir Apni party Altaf Bukhari, CPI(M)



leader Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami, JKPCC president G A Mir, PDF president Hakeem Mohammad Yaseen and several others were invited for the

Significantly, PDP Chief Mehbooba Mufti chose to stay away from the meeting.

During the meeting, it is learnt, JKNC President Dr Farood Abdullah advised Lt-Gov Manoj Sinha to separately convene another meeting to deliberate on the prevailing political situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

Hope Cong fades away paving way for new political era: Owaisi

AIMIM leader Asaduddin Owaisi on Wednesday said Congress is losing its relevance fast and should wither away which will pave the way for the beginning of new politics in the Taking a swipe at Congress,

the All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief also said Narendra Modi could become the prime minister twice because of Congress' (performance). He dismissed the allegation

that the AIMIM cuts into the votes of Congress in elections.

....If that is the case then it seems Pragya Thakur (BJP MP from Bhopal) won the election and also the 22 legislators of Congress joined hands with BJP to bring Shivraj Singh Chouhan to power again due to AIMIM," he said

Ally Rajbhar attacks Akhilesh

"You see that Congress is

going down. We expect the Congress will not only be weakened but should fade away so that a new politics can begin in the country. Narendra Modi became the prime minister twice due to Congress," Owaisi told reporters. The Hyderabad MP said

Congress's politics will finish if Muslims understand the exact share of their representation in political leadership.

He said the poor condition of Congress could be gauged from the fact that it failed to gather even 100 people when its leader (Rahul Gandhi) was summoned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for question-

Owaisi appealed to Muslim residents of the Hindi heartland to ensure their adequate representation in local bodies and the Assembly, and create lead-ership in alliance with Dalits

He said some legislators have been representing their respective constituencies for three decades but have failed to develop the education infrastructure, resulting in the lowest literacy among Muslims.

Queried on a proposal before the Maharashtra government demanding that Aurangabad city be renamed Sambhaji Nagar, Owaisi said the Maha Vikas Aghadi should first face the floor test in the state Assembly (on Thursday as directed by the state gover-

The Shiv Sena should take care of its flock and the government instead of Aurangabad, which is facing a water crisis, he said referring to the political crisis in Maharashtra.

Muslim bodies in UP demand stern action against Udaipur killers

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 $M^{
m uslim\ clerics\ and\ organisations}$ in Utttar Pradesh have condemned the beheading of a tailor by Islamic extremists at Udaipur in Rajasthan on Tuesday and have demanded stern action against the accused who have been arrested.

Prominent Shia cleric Maulana Kalbe Jawwad said the murder of a person at his shop by criminal elements was most dastardly and condemnable. He said the govtake tough action against those who had violated the

Maulana Jawwad added that Islam does not permit such acts and Muslims condemn this act.

Maulana Jawwad said the government should also take action against anti-social elements who were in the habit of making provocative statements and vitiating the atmosphere. He said that had action been taken against those making provocative

ernment should act fast and statements, such a situation would not have arisen.

The Shia cleric said under the prevailing circumstances in the country it was the first duty of every citizen of the country to maintain peace and harmony in the country.

Imam of Aishbagh eidgah, Maulana Khalid Rashid Farangi Mahali, also condemned the incident and demanded stern action against the accused. He appealed to the people to maintain peace and social harmony.

UP Madarsa Shiksha

Parishad chairman Iftikhar Ahmed Javed also condemned the incident. He said such incidents in the cover of religion tarnished religion as well as the image of the country at the global level. Bunkar Beradrana Tanzeen, an organisation of the weavers' community of Muslims, also condemned the Udaipur incident. Its president Sardar Ikramuddin said, "We con-Sardar

demn this incident. There is no

place for such persons in Islam

who commit violence against

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ontinuing his tirade Cagainst the senior ally Samajwadi Party, Om Prakash Rajbhar, who heads the Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party, said on Wednesday that "can Akhilesh Yadav point out one election that he has won on his

Akhilesh Yadav has drawn flak from allies after the Samajwadi Party's debacle in the by-polls to Rampur and Azamgarh Lok Sabha seats.

Rajbhar said Akhilesh Yadav had become the chief minister of UP in 2012 because of his father Mulayam

Singh Yadav's "largesse".

The 2012 election was fought under Mulayam Singh Yadav's strong leadership," he said, listing out a string of losses under Akhilesh Yadav -- the assembly elections in 2017 and earlier this year; and the Lok Sabha polls in 2014 and

He added, "Akhilesh Yadav could not retain even the strongholds of his party."

The Samajwadi Party is harming itself. A party whose chief does not campaign in elections, what election will that party fight? He should step out of air-conditioned rooms and go to the ground.

No one will join you if you sit

in AC rooms," Rajbhar added. The SBSP chief has been repeatedly using the "AC room" jibe against Akhilesh Yadav. However he has repeatedly clarified that he would not quit the alliance.

Continuing with his jibes, Rajbhar added, "How many villages has Akhilesh Yadav visited? How much grassroots leadership has he built? Let him ask Mulayam Singh Yadav and his uncle Shivpal Singh Yadav and they will tell him about blocks and villages they had visited in last couple of decades." Rajbhar's party has considerable influence among

the non-Yadav Other Backward Classes in eastern UP. He was part of a rainbow coalition stitched by Akhilesh Yadav ahead of the UP assembly elections to add to his party's Yadav-Muslim core basé. With 125 seats --

Samajwadi Party won 111-the opposition alliance improved its position but could not unseat the Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance in UP. In 2017, Rajbhar had con-

tested the assembly polls as part of the BJP-led coalition. But he left the coalition in May 2019 -- after the Lok Sabha

Driven by property greed, toddler 'sacrificed' to appease deity

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self-styled exorcist killed a Atwo-and-a-half-year-old boy in the name of "sacrifice" in Kheragarh tehsil of the Agra district.

The accused, Bhola alias Hukam Singh, a self-styled exorcist who was arrested by the police on Tuesday night, killed Hrithik "to please Chamad Mata" in the village.

As per the police, the accused confessed that on June 15, he kidnapped the son of Ramavatar, a resident of Barigwan, after seeing him playing alone near a well and took him to his room and strangled him to death and placed the toddler's body at

the feet of the deity.

The self-styled exorcist later put Hrithik's body in a

The body was recovered by the police and the villagers on June 16 last. The police, however, zeroed in on the accused on Tuesday night, and he told the police that at 4 o'clock in the morning of June 16, he had thrown the child's body in the dry river Kibar.

sack and hid it in the bushes. accused had killed the boy "for

It is learnt that one Sheru of the village saw Bhola taking Hrithik with him but was threatened by the exorcist of dire consequences if he disclosed it to anyone. Despite the threat, Sheru mustered courage and provided a tip-off to the police which finally led to the arrest of the accused.

Agra's Superintendent of Police (West) Satyajit Gupta said that the victim's father had filed a missing complaint on June 16. Gupta said that the sacrifice" after his exorcism was not working. Sources also confirmed

that Bhola tried to take advantage of a property dispute between two families. He believed that offering a young child to the goddess would solve his problems. He chose the kid from the opposing family itself for the sacrifice. After murdering the child, he offered the child's blood to the goddess, wrapped the body in a sack, and dumped it in the

The property dispute involved Ramavatar and his stepfather, Gareeba. Bhola had thought that after Ritik's death Ramavatar would leave the village and he would purchase Gareeba's property at a throw-

UP CM stresses safety of people during floods

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innocent people?

Ctressing on the safety of Opeople during floods, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ordered field officers to be on their toes to provide relief to the people affected by floods and asked them to ensure that relief reached the people at the

earliest.
"The highly sensitive embankments should be inspected by the district magistrates and district police chiefs while the remaining embankments should be inspected by officials of the level of deputy collector and deputy superintendent of police. For a quick response, assistant engineers should be made in-charge of embankments and they should be put on 24×7 alert mode. Keep an eye on the condition of the breach in embankments

during the initial days of rain

so that major damage can be prevented," Yogi said during a review meeting held here on

There are 523 embankments of 3,869 kilometre length constructed on various rivers in The chief minister said

efforts had been made in the Budaun, Ambedkar Nagar, last five years to find a permanent solution to the problem of Azamgarh, Sant Kabir Nagar, floods, which was a factor in extensive loss of life and property in the state. He said good work had been done by inter-Rampur, departmental coordination in the last five years for the pro-tection of public life from floods and this year also, with category.
"We have to make conbetter coordination, quick action and better management,

ensured in the event of floods. As per the government record, there are 24 districts which are in the 'very sensitive'

view of floods. They include Maharajganj, Kushinagar, Lakhimpur Kheri, Gorakhpur, Basti, Bahraich, Bijnor, Siddharthnagar, Ghazipur, Gonda, Ballia, Deoria, Sitapur, Balrampur, Ayodhya, Mau, Farrukhabad, Shravasti,

Pilibhit and Barabanki. Saharanpur, Shamli, Aligarh, Bareilly, Hamirpur, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Prayagraj, Bulandshahr, Moradabad, Hardoi, Varanasi, Unnao, Lucknow, Shahjahanpur and Kasganj are in the 'sensitive'

the safety of people should be certed efforts to prevent waterlogging. By June 30, the work of cleaning drains should be completed," the chief minister

1 held in connection with Meerut house blast

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One person has been arrested in connection with the blast in a house here that left a woman dead and seven others injured, a senior official said on Tuesday.Police, however, did not disclose the name of the arrested accused.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Rohit Sajwan said on Tuesday that one person has been arrested in connection with Monday's blast.

Earlier in the day, police had said the blast took place as firecrackers being illegally manufactured inside the house in Summer Garden Colony caught fire.

Sajwan said during an on-

site investigation by a field

unit of police, evidence of fire-

crackers being manufactured in

the house was found.

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terrorists

2 LeT

killed

On the eve of the start of Amarnath yatra two more terrorists belonging to the Pakistan based Lashkar-e-Tayyeba terrorist outfit were gunned down by the joint team of the security forces in Nawapora area near Mir Bazar in South Kashmir dis-trict of Kulgam on Wednesday.

Inspector General of Police Kashmir Vijay Kumar said both the terrorists have been identified as categorised local terrorists of proscribed terror outfit LeT. He said it was an impor-

tant encounter as the operation site was very close to the National Highway (Yatra

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Murder most foul

The Udaipur incident is another reminder that timely action can prevent a situation from unravelling

The gruesome murder of Kanhaiya Lal, a tailor in Udaipur, is a reminder to all, especially the political class, that there is a lot that is rotten in the statecraft and politics of India. The killers, Gos Mohammad and Riyaz Akhtari, not only slaughtered Lal in his shop but also shot a video of their misdeed. They cut his throat with a cleaver and, according to the police, wanted to behead him but couldn't. In another video, the murderers not only gloated over the killing but also threatened to kill Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The case has been handed over to the National Investigation Agency (NIA). Meanwhile, in Udaipur, after a few violent incidents, curfew has been imposed; in entire Rajasthan, large gatherings have been disallowed



for a month; mobile internet services have been shut down for 24 hours across the State. The authorities are alert now, but a little action and some alertness earlier by the local cops could have preempted the murder and the unfortunate situation that has arisen now. What led to the murder is still not quite clear. There are reports that Lal supported former BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma, who was recently in the news for her controversial remarks about Prophet Muhammad. But it has also been reported that Lal did not know how to operate a mobile phone. When he was arrested following a complaint against him, he told the police that it was his child who, while

playing a game, had shared an objectionable post by mistake. Lal was arrested but was bailed out the next day, that is, June 11.

Whatever be the truth, it is undeniable that he had informed the police that he was receiving death threats, and yet no action was taken. ADG (Law and Order) Hawa Singh Ghumaria told a newspaper, "Then, on June 15, he submitted a written complaint that he is getting death threats and sought police protection. The SHO concerned called the persons who were allegedly issuing the threats. And then, fiveseven responsible persons from both the communities sat down and reached an agreement. In a handwritten note, Kanhaiya Lal said he doesn't need any more action against anyone. Hence, the police did not proceed on the security threat." All this may be correct, but what was local intelligence doing? That Gos Mohammad and Riyaz Akhtari were quite radicalised is evident from not just their crime but also their belief that anyone offending their Prophet has to be executed. As they said in their video, "Gustakh-e-Nabi ki ek hi saza, sar tan se juda (There is only one punishment for disrespect to the Prophet, beheading)." This is a favourite slogan of Pakistan's Muslim fundamentalists. Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has denounced Lal's murder, as also have other prominent leaders. Typically, they appeal to people to maintain peace. There is something that our political masters also need to do: Strengthen the law-enforcement apparatus and detox politics.



Men walk at the Nokian Tyres manufacturing plant in Vsevolozhsk, outside St Petersburg, Russia

A soldiers' soldier

Sam Bahadur, the architect of the 1971 victory against Pakistan, deserves the Bharat Ratna

■ e is the only military commander in modern times who can be described as the "soldiers' soldier". Sam Hormusji Framji Jamshedji Manekshaw, or Sam Manekshaw, led India in the 1971 war against Pakistan which resulted in the birth of Bangladesh. How he won the war despite odds like shortage of weapons and manpower has been recorded in golden letters in military history. He was the country's Chief of Army Staff from 1969 to 1973 and was promoted as India's first Field Marshal in January 1973. An Army commander who never hesitated to speak his mind to the highest political leadership, Sam Manekshaw is not a name to be remembered only on his birth or death anniversaries because he was much more than a military chief. Born as the son of a doctor in a middle class family, Sam could have opted for any profession of his choice but he ended up in the

military academy. The story of Manekshaw as a soldier, officer and commander is folklore. Bravery, gallantry, intelligence and the willingness to go to the extra mile to realise his mission endeared him to his officers and subordinates.

The best example of his professional prowess was the decision of his British commander Major General David Cowan honouring a critically injured Manekshaw, then a captain fighting on the Burma front in 1942, with a Military Cross. The award was in recognition of his valour and fighting spirit against the Imperial Japanese Army. Since a dead man cannot be awarded the

Military Cross, the British commander decorated Manekshaw, who was fighting for his life after being felled by Japanese bullets. The appointment of Manekshaw as CoAS was a morale booster to the Indian Army which has not looked back since. India owes a lot to Sam for the win in the 1975 World Cup Hockey Championship at Kuala Lumpur. It was Sam who asked MAM Ramaswamy, an industrialist in Chennai, to pay for the air tickets of the Indian team with the day's Government looking the other way. Each person who has met him at least once has many things to reminiscence about this legendary soldier. This great son of India is a real Bharat Ratna and it would be ideal to honour him with the top civilian award during the 75th anniversary of India's freedom.

Unsettled queries in l'affaire Nupur

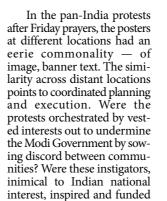


There's no merit in demands to lynch anybody without first appreciating the circumstances under which the person may have uttered angry words

n the emotional thrust and parrying of viewpoints over Nupur Sharma's remarks, some fundamental points have been lost sight of. Now that an authentic video of the TV programme is no longer available, we can only go by inferences and deductions and try to answer some fundamental questions based on these. What exactly did Nupur say that sparked this outrage both domestically and in Islamist nations? Indications are that she alluded to some details of the Islamic Prophet's life. Did she invent these details to malign Islam and mock its followers? If so, she deserves the strongest condemnation and a harsh punishment. If, however, what she mentioned was derived from Islamic sources, then her misdemeanour falls in the category of an unfortunate choice of words or a tactless iteration in the heat of debate. In that case, her immature simplicity was her only sin, quite understandable in somebody in her 30s. And that requires at best a reprimand from her party, the BJP, and an admonition to be more circumspect and to avoid such indiscretions.

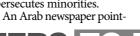
The veracity of the above scenarios notwithstanding, was the overblown reaction to an off-thecuff remark on national TV discussion, in response to provocation, proportionate and justifiable? Are the rabid chants of sar-tan-se-juda asking for her beheading, in Kanpur and elsewhere, condonable in civilised society? Should it be par for the course for any community to make children hold up posters asking for somebody's head? And all this when Nupur had already apologised unconditionally?

Something forgotten in the present overcharged discourse is what Nupur stated in a video flicker, since gone missing; that she cannot remain silent when her Mahadev is insulted and that she had made the remarks in anger. What did her Muslim interlocutor on the TV debate say about Lord Shiva that she was referring to? And why are his comments muted and lost in the din of her universal condemnation by the secular lobby in India and the Islamist one abroad?



by foreign agencies?

Now about the protests abroad. Does Qatar have any right to demand a public apology from the Government of India when in 2010 it had given shelter and honorary citizenship to artist MF Husain who, after painting Hindu goddesses in the nude, refused to appear before court and fled the country? Almost every Islamic nation, as well as the 57-member OIC, initially lambasted India for the intemperate remarks by somebody not holding any Government position. The Pakistan press lamented that "the idea of India was facing an existential crisis", presumably because the idea was secular, quite forgetting that the country itself is a theocratic State that unabashedly persecutes minorities.





THE SIMILARITY IN

PROTESTS ACROSS DISTANT **GEOGRAPHICAL** LOCATIONS POINTS TO COORDINATED PLANNING AND EXECUTION. WERE THE PROTESTS ORCHESTRATED BY **VESTED INTERESTS OUT TO UNDERMINE** THE MODI **GOVERNMENT BY** SOWING DISCORD **BETWEEN** COMMUNITIES?

ed out that Nupur's Muslim copanellist was not blaspheming Ram or Sita when in anger she uttered the offending remarks. While that may well be true, she was instead provoked probably by the worst blasphemy possible for Hindus — the ritual washing of feet, Vazoo, by Muslim worshippers at Gyanvapi mosque That surely is an offence much greater than a tactless, angry remark.

Why was the reaction overblown? The Grand Mufti of Oman exhorted all Muslims to rise as one nation, there were calls in the Gulf countries for boycott of Indian goods, and there were reminders of India's dependence on the Gulf countries for oil imports and inward remittances.

Under Modi, India has tried its best to improve relations with the Gulf countries and obtained significant success. Modi himself has paid several visits to the region, been received warmly and had national honours bestowed on him. Pakistan often invokes the Islamic Ummah for undermining India; it did so this time also, especially with OIC. However, since its credibility is rather iow, many islamic countries did not take long to recover ideas has turned him towards from the initial kneejerk reaction. The Iranian Foreign

Minister after his recent visit to New Delhi approved of the Indian Government's handling of the controversy and its fallout. The Kuwait Government has taken strict action against the anti-India protesters, even deporting some expatriates and banning them from entering the country again.

Domestically, it was a godsend opportunity for the Opposition to malign Modi and BJP. Though religious fig-ures like the Shahi Imam of Jama Masjid in Delhi distanced themselves from the unruly protests and violent rioting, leaders who cultivate the simple, unaware Islamic vote bank played to their gallery and feigned righteous indignation. The fact that major rioting started 10 days after the TV episode lends credence to the allegation that mob anger was built up over time deliberately by leaders like Owaisi. One of the downsides of democracy is that unscrupulous politicians may pander to the rabble's irrational sentiments for electoral gains at the cost of social cohesion; this episode illustrates it vivid-

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PROBE SHOULD BE FAIR. UNBIASED

Sir — The reports suggest that the PMO has responded to a letter by the Contractors' Association of Karnataka, in which the body alleged that the Ministers and MLAs demand hefty commissions of about 40 per cent for giving approval to development projects in the State. Meanwhile, the contractors' association president has said the relevant documents pertaining to the case have been submitted to the officer sent by the Union Home Ministry. It's a positive development as the Centre has taken an initiative to dig out the truth in the serious charges of corruption.

However, the Centre's initiative to probe the menace of corruption among Ministers making headlines shouldn't become an eyewash and a ploy to give the clean chit to the BJP leaders — just to blunt the Opposition attack. The corruption deals between the Ministers and contractors executing Government projects are an open secret. The investigation shouldn't end up as an image makeover exercise ahead of the Assembly elections. Also, the Prime Minister's oft-repeated public statement "Na khaunga, na khane doonga" should hold good universally. Transparency and fairness should be the prime criteria to make the investigation convincing and justifiable.

N Sadhasiva Reddy | Bengaluru

31% RS MPS FACE CRIMINAL CASES

Sir — It's a big shock to the citizens that 31 per cent of the Rajya Sabha members across political parties have criminal cases against them, according to Association for Democratic reforms, National Election Watch. The Members of Legislative Assemblies elect the required number of MPs to the Rajya Sabha. The RS also includes men of integrity excelling in arts, literature, games and social service as they are nominated by the President on the Government's advice. Though ours is the biggest democracy, the way these leaders are elected is concerning for the democ-

Modi makes a point at G-7



n his address to the G-7 Summit recently. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's concern for global development and its betterment was noteworthy. Through his worthy words, the Prime Minister mentioned the utmost contribution made by India that was aimed at throwing a major light on the ultimate goal of global development. With special emphasis on the contributions made by the country, he further reiterated that we are the country that has been able to transform robustly with the help of concept of women-development to women-led develop-

ment. The importance of agriculture, thereby availing trusted fertilisers for producing healthy and safe food, were the major aspects of discussion carried out at the Summit

The special emphasis on the concept of India as the world's first solar-power airport leaves a serious sense of concern towards maintenance of environmental health. The concept of the import-export culture since the ancient times has led to the foundation of robust and resilient relations among the countries. Along with other important topics, this significant Summit also highlighted the importance of alliance among one another other, especially the Indo-Canadian relations, strengthening the platform of companionship and thus combating the terrific global threats like terrorism. This G-7 Summit is surely going to render the message of staunch relations among all the invited nations and, therefore, could prove to be a threat to various ordeals.

Sarthak Sharma I Ujjain

racy as several ills need to be cured.

Thanks to former Chief Election Commissioner TN Seshan for bringing reforms in election procedures and implementing the existing rules strictly. It gave good results but not totally. Many things still have to be strictly implemented due to interference by politicians of ruling parties as they go by their convenience, resulting in the disappointment of citizens. But when the Elders are sent to the Rajya Sabha, everything should be transparent. When many RS members are involved in criminal cases, how can they feel comfortable with the title of Elders?

JP Reddy | Telangana

THE INTERNATIONAL ASTEROID DAY

Sir — June 30, the International Asteroid Day, will have everyone looking toward the skies. The day was founded after the 2014 release of the film 51 Degrees North, which seeks to explore what would happen if an asteroid were to strike London. The film's creative team (many of whom are actual

scientists) wanted to raise more awareness about the threat of asteroids to earth, and how we can help protect ourselves. To make that happen, they formed a foundation, and in 2015, they celebrated the world's first International Asteroid Day. There are over one million asteroids in space that could potentially strike the earth, but modern scientists have discovered only about one per cent of them.

To combat this real and actual threat the Asteroid Day's founders as well as a host of accomplished scientists, created the 100X Asteroid Declaration. The declaration aims for scientists to work towards increasing the rate of asteroid discovery to 100,000 per year within a decade. The International Asteroid Day focuses on spreading the word of the declaration and helping fellow earthlings prepare for a potential asteroid impact.

Faizan Khan | Ujjain

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The deputy CM is unnecessarily politicising a desirable administrative



-VK Saxena



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French President —Emmanuel Macron

More layers, characters and mysteries will unfold when the audience will watch Shamshera on the big screen



—Karan Malhotra I will be gunning

Director



Indian spinner -R Ashwin

It is clear from the brutal daylight murder that miscreants feel confident under this State

Government



Former Raiasthan CM -Vasundhara Raje

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LET'S BE THE CHANGE THAT WE WANT TO SEE

We have to develop a culture that springs from non-violence



RAJYOGI BRAHMAKUMAR NIKUNJJI

n the past couple of years, there has been a growing concern across the world with regards to ruthless killings of whistleblowers, most of whom were courageous citizens who fought to secure the truth at the risk of their lives. These whistle blowers play an essential role in exposing corruption, fraud, mismanagement and other wrongdoing that threaten public health and safety, financial integrity, human rights, the environment and the rule of law.

By disclosing information about such misdeeds, these courageous people have helped save countless lives and billions in public funds, while preventing emerging scandals and disasters from worsening. Hence, such violent resistance to truth and its custodians in innumerable cases across the world shows extreme moral degradation of our society and the erosion of values. What kind of society would punish its whistleblowers and stifle the truth? Perhaps that's the question we all need to ask ourselves. When muscle and money power call the shots everywhere, it is obvious that truth will always be on the run and evil on a perpetual

The dictum of might is right has been strengthened by the depiction of violent episodes in history as well as through religious writings. There are many religious scriptures that show that even the Almighty showed His might by decimating the evil forces by means of a violent war to contain unrighteousness in the world. Hence, using force to set a wrong right or to discipline a wrong doer has been adopted as a norm by humans at all levels of existence.



To change this scene, patchwork solutions will no longer suffice. Because we need a complete transformation that can emerge when we change the powers we use. From the power of might, we now have to shift to the power of right and develop a culture that springs from non-

Discarded as a theoretical tool and reduced to a mere embellishment in books, non-violence is actually a magic wand that can protect against the wrong and wrongdoer. One should not forget that we have already witnessed that the policy of an eye for an eye has made the whole world blind, so we need to now make use of the power of values to con-

The great potential of non-violence needs to be explored—a value nich asks its users to refrain from aggression not just in action but also in words and even thoughts. The simplicity of non-violence lies in the fact that it can be used by anyone and at all levels—personal, social and global. Peace, spirituality and self-sustainability will be dominant in a culture nourished by non-violence. It will naturally ooze with security and brotherhood and any anti-social elements will soon be forced to the road of guilt and self-realisation.

Ideals that we struggle and fight for today—freedom, justice and equality—will be natural there. From a place where anything can happen to anyone at any time, the world will be transformed to a place where everything would happen at the right place, at the right time and in the right manner. There, the right would not just be right but right would be

Is it all as simple as it sounds? Yes, it is! Together, we all can, through spiritual empowerment, create such a way of life, but the fundamental rule for it is self-change. Most of us have wasted much of our precious time and energy in checking others and the quality of people at the social level, without realising that the creation of a fair society would begin from personal change that would work from the inside out. This change would be contagious which would spread through all of us, thus triggering a social transformation at global level. So, Let's Be the Change.

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Higher education has to become meaningful



Indians going to the US for education need to be informed about the world-class institutions India has

y mind goes back to 1945 and 1946. I was a postgraduate student in pure mathematics. ■We were just six students. Shree Satyen Bose was our Professor. He used to wear Dhoti Kurta (snow-white). Our classes were on the 3rd floor and there

Bose and Einstein were collaborating on some research which resulted in the discovery of the Bose-Einstein (Bosen) theory. Bose used to love me and was keen that after finishing studies, I go to study astronomy at Mount Wilson observatory in America. He was disappointed when I did not continue my studies.

I came from a very poor family. My mother died of tuberculosis without proper treatment for want of funds in 1936. My family had great expectations from me, that I would earn money as I was brilliant in education. But I became brilliant in business. I started learning business from my uncle in 1946 side by side with studies.

I came into business full-fledged in 1946 and retired in 2000. I have been very close to the Ramakrishna Mission since 1951. The mission had a splendid educational institute at Narendrapur in the suburb of Calcutta with about 3,000 students. Of the top 10 students in Calcutta University, at least two students were from Narendrapur. I was dreaming of having something like Narendrapur but on a tiny scale run by the Ramakrishna Mission monks. Shree Arjun Singh was the human

resource development minister. He belonged to Madhya Pradesh where I had established a technologically challenging graphite electrode plant. I had become very close to him. He would attend lectures of Swami Atmanandaji, whom we used to invite to Bhopal for lectures.

The mission had a number of educational institutions but no university. They decided to establish one at Belur Math in their large compound on the banks of the Ganges. They decided to send a delegation of monks to meet Arjun Singh. Knowing my closeness with him, they asked me to accompany them. His response was good; the next meeting was fixed after a month.

The Ramakrishna Mission had three subjects in mind for the University: (i) disaster management whose practical experience they had in floods and famines; (ii) rural development; and (iii) poverty alleviation. I was keen that they included matr ematics so that their performance could be compared internationally.

I met Arjun Singh alone and requested him, while interacting with them, to emphasise on mathematics. He was enthusiastic. The ministry did their homework. An additional secretary and other officers attended the meeting. Five senior monks of the mission and I attended the meeting. On Singh's emphasis, mathematics was agreed

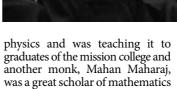
He was highly impressed that the proposed vice-chancellor was a scholar of Emeritus Chairman, LNJ Bhilwara



SATYEN BOSE

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The author is



and famous internationally. The mission pointed out that the mathematics education would be expensive. Faculty will have to be paid liberally. As there are Nobel Laureates in other subjects, mathematics also has able laureates. The mission wanted a grant of Rs 40 crore and Singh agreed to that.

The mission started looking for a mathematics scholar to start this course. Fortunately, there was a Bengali mathematician, Abhijeet Dutt, at the Kyoto University who was engaged in research with Japanese students. He was keen to come to Bengal. With his coming back, the RK Mission University became a hub of mathematics in India. The board of governors included four monks of the mission and four officials of the Ministry. Singh nominated me on the board. He told the mission that I had vast experience in dealing with the bureaucracy and that I would be helpful. Thus I became a board

Unfortunately, Arjun Singh passed away in 2011. Dealing with tne ministry decame difficult.

The senior Sanyasinis of Sarda Math once came to visit the university. Abhijeet Dutt welcomed them in his half pants and a sports T-shirt. The Sanyasinis were not very comfortable. Nobody told anything to the professor but he started feeling uncomfortable. He resigned and went back to Kyoto. This was unfortunate. I wish the mission had handled the professor better.

After the demise of Arjun Singh, I found my name had disap-

peared from the board without my knowledge. I was not happy. In 2020, I came across an IIT

dean. I informed him that I have four thousand students studying for higher secondary at four places where we have schools. I requested his assistance. He visited one of our institutes and was highly impressed with our research activities. We were looking forward to some kind of association with IIT. But nothing came up.

Recently, my daughter became very enthusiastic for our schools. Therefore, I fixed a meeting with the Dean of an IIT. The Dean was warm and he briefed me about their activities in mathematics research done by postgraduate mathemati-

Similarly, I am now associated with the Harish-Chandra Maths research institute at Allahabad. With my daughter's involvement and my good health and alert mind, I am hopeful that I will be alive to see India produce an able laureate in mathematics.

I requested the Vice-Swami Chancellor, Atmapriyanadaji, to include artificial intelligence and I donated Rs and India. India spends a large thinking about artificial intelligence. One of his students is teaching artificial intelligence at the South African University; he has agreed to join soon. I hope something emerges.

I look across at my friends and my own family. My grandson went to the United States to study mathematics. After two years, he wanted to specialise in some branch of mathematics whose expertise was available at Cambridge; he moved to Cambridge. I was hopeful that he would make his mark internationally but he lost interest in mathematics.

It is difficult for me to evaluate whether his education abroad for five years did him some good. He took up music and joined Fayaaz Dagar, where I also joined him to renew my interest in vocal music. He lost interest in vocal music too and joined sarod, and moved to Bombay because his teacher was in Poona.

One of my grandsons from my daughter's side did his graduation abroad and entered the business. It is difficult to conclude whether his foreign education was helpful.

Similarly, my granddaughter from my daughter's side did architecture in the US with great enthusiasm. On her return, she joined an architecture firm where she did well. But she is no longer in the field of architecture.

The younger generation of rich people is not accustomed to hard work for a livelihood.

They are guided by their tem-

porary whims.

The US earns billions of dollars from students coming from China 15 lakh for that. He was also amount in foreign exchange on Indians studying abroad. Amuent families send them abroad even after higher secondary education. After graduation, the US is well equipped for studies in artificial intelligence, space travel, mathematics, etc. But what do we get?

The Institute of Science in Bangalore and the Atomic Research Institute are world-class. IITs are growing well. Indians going to the US for education need to be informed about the international status of some such institutions.

AS HEAD OF THE FAMILY. I TELL YOU THE TIME HAS NOT PASSED YET. I APPEAL TO YOU... WE'LL RESOLVE ALL DIFFERENCES. —SHIV SENA CHIEF AND MAHARASHTRA CM **UDDHAV THACKERAY**





Telangana and Odisha have

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tions. They will see that one

When Murmu takes the

decline in Maoist violence.

ALL THE MLAS HERE (GUWAHATI) ARE HAPPY AND UNITED. THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY. WE'LL ALL GO TO MUMBAI SOON.

—REBEL SENA LEADER **EKNATH SHINDE**

Murmu: NDA's choice for inclusive democracy

Draupadi Murmu struggled to raise her children, while also becoming a foremost social and political worker

emocracy serves people best when it's inclusive. The Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance, by picking up former Jharkhand governor Draupadi Murmu as its candidate for the July 18 Presidential election, has abided by the inclusive

Dharma of democracy. The two successful candidates of the NDA in the past who made to Rashtrapati Bhavan equally emphasised inclusivity and most suitable to hold the top Constitutional post. APJ Abdul Kalam, India's missile man, not only lived to give the country strategic deterrence but also became a role model for all, particularly youth. His life was a living testimony to the Indian tradition of pursuit of knowledge and



In Ram Nath Kovind, India got a President who was most humble and democratic, who opened the doors of Rashtrapati Bhavan for the people while being most courteous in his conduct and discharge of the duty. The political commentators sought to bracket him as the BJP's Dalit bet, but he eventually proved that he could conduct the Constitutional duties most effi-

Murmu struggled all her life but beat the odds to raise her children, while also becoming a foremost social and political worker. From being a legislator, she proved her mettle in Odisha as a minister and thereafter as the governor of

Iharkhand. She would be the first tribBiju Janata Dal and the YSR Congress for the July 18 election. The BJP has for long been pursuing an inclusive agenda. Even in 1996, when the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government fell in 13 days despite being the single largest party, it had the largest number of the tribal MPs in its ranks. The BJP's foremost commitment to take all sections of society has been an abiding principle.

Murmu will be a candidate in the Presidential election at a time when the Narendra Modiled government has given a new hope to the tribal population in the country by taking his mantra of 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Viswas aur Sabka Prayas' to every nook and corner of the country, including the tribal al President of India since the areas in Jharkhand, Odisha

NDA has the support of the and Chhattisgarh. During the Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, rule of the United Progressive Alliance, Leftwing or Maoist extremism was at its peak; people talked about the Red Corridor, connecting the hotbed of Maoist violence in Nepal to the deep forests in Sukma in Chhattisgarh. The violence cost several lives of paramilitary forces. The NDA government set

violence.

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they have been brought in the country turned their backs to mainstream of the economy with financial inclusion, pucca In the last few years, houses with toilets, pension

schemes and so on. They don't need to fall for the allurements of the evangelists to embrace their religion.

The elevation of Murmu to the post of the President of India will be the firm democratic empowerment of the tribal population, as well as women of the country. She has thoroughly been a spiritual person and her association with Brahmakumaris is well known.

She was sweeping the floor of a temple a day after her name was announced by the BJP president JP Nadda; people have seen how humble a person she is. She stands for simplicity, spirituality.

She is a Constitutionalist, a firm believer in the Indian Constitution's capacity to fulfill the aspirations of all sections of society. Her life is also a living testimony of perseverance. She never lost hope even when she faced personal losses. In her, India will have a President who will give hope to the vast majority of the people that all hardships can be won over with honesty and patience. While the Opposition par-

ties were busy in elimination rounds to find a candidate for the Presidential election, the BJP was thinking of national interest. When the BJP named Murmu as its Presidential candidate, even the rivals suggested that the contest has become one-sided. The Opposition candidate, Yashwant Sinha, can save his lost reputation by gracefully withdrawing from the Presidential election to pave way for the unanimous election of Murmu as India's President.

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AIDE: TRUMP DISMISSED JAN 6 THREATS, WANTED TO JOIN CROWD

Pormer US president Donald Trump rebuffed his own security's warnings about armed protesters in the January 6 rally crowd and made desperate attempts to join his supporters as they marched to the Capitol, according to dramatic new testimony before the House committee investigating the 2021 insurrection.

Cassidy Hutchinson, a little-known former White House aide, described an angry, defiant president who was trying that day to let armed protesters avoid security screenings at a rally that morning to protest his 2020 election defeat and who later grabbed at the steering wheel of the presidential SUV when the Secret Service refused to let him go to the Capitol.

And when the events at the Capitol spiralled toward violence, with the crowd chanting to "Hang Mike Pence", she testified on Tuesday that Trump declined to intervene.

Trump "doesn't think they're doing anything wrong", Hutchinson recalled hearing from her boss, White House chief of staff Mark Meadows.

Hutchinson's explosive, momentby-moment account of what was happening inside and outside the White House offered a vivid description of a Republican president so unwilling to concede his 2020 election defeat to Democrat Joe Biden that he acted out in rage and refused to stop the siege at

It painted a damning portrait of the chaos at the White House as those around the defeated president splintered into one faction supporting his false claims of voter fraud and another trying unsuccessfully to put an end to the violent attack.

Her testimony, at a surprise hearing announced just 24 hours earlier, was the sole focus at the hearing, the sixth by the committee this month. The account was particularly powerful because of her proximity to power, with Hutchinson describing what she witnessed first-hand and was told by others in the White House.

Hutchinson said that she was told Trump fought a security official for control of the presidential SUV on January 6 and demanded to be taken the Capitol as the insurrection began, despite being warned earlier that day that some of his supporters were armed.

The former aide said that she was told of the altercation in the SUV immediately afterward by a White House



ecurity official, and that Bobby Engel, the head of the detail, was in the room and didn't dispute the account at the

Engel had grabbed Trump's arm to prevent him from gaining control of the armored vehicle, she was told, and Trump then used his free hand to lunge

at Engel.

That account was quickly disputed on Tuesday, however. Engel, the agent who was driving the presidential SUV, and Trump security official Tony Ornato are willing to testify under oath that no agent was assaulted and Trump never lunged for the steering wheel, a person familiar with the matter said.

The person would not discuss the matter publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

As the events of January 6 unfurled, Hutchinson, then a special assistant to Meadows, described chaos in White House offices and hallways.

Trump's staff — several of whom had been warned of violence beforehand — became increasingly alarmed as rioters at the Capitol overran police and interrupted the certification of

Trump was less concerned, she said, even as he heard there were cries in the crowd to "Hang Mike Pence!" Hutchinson recalled that Meadows told aides that Trump "thinks Mike

The president tweeted during the attack that Pence didn't have the courage to object to Biden's win as he presided over the joint session of

The young ex-aide was matter-offact in most of her answers. But she did say that she was "disgusted" at Trump's

tweet about Pence during the siege. "It was unpatriotic, it was un-American, and you were watching the Capitol building get defaced over a lie,' Hutchinson said, adding that, "I still struggle to work through the emotions

Trump denied much of what Hutchinson said on his social media platform, Truth Social. He called her a 'total phony" and "bad news".

Members of the panel praised Hutchinson's bravery for testifying and said that other witnesses had been intimidated and did not cooperate.
"I want all Americans to know that

what Ms. Hutchinson has done today is not easy," said Wyoming Rep. Liz Cheney, a Republican who led ques-

Some of Hutchinson's former colleagues, too, defended her account. Mick Mulvaney, who preceded Meadows as Trump's chief of staff, tweeted that he knows Hutchinson and "I don't think she is lying".

Sarah Matthews, a former Trump press aide who has also cooperated with the committee, called the testimony

As she described the scene in the White House after the election, Hutchinson depicted a president flailing in anger and prone to violent outbursts. Some aides sought to rein in his impulses. Some did not.

At one point on January 6, Hutchinson said, White House counsel Pat Cipollone barreled down the hallway and confronted Meadows about rioters breaching the Capitol. Meadows, staring at his phone, told the White House lawyer that Trump didn't want

to do anything, she said. The person Earlier, Cipollone had worried out anonymity.

with every crime imaginable" if Trump went to the Capitol after his speech at the rally, Hutchinson recalled.

Before the crowd left for the Capitol, Hutchinson said she also received an angry call from House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy, who had just heard the president say he was coming. "Don't come up here," McCarthy told

her, before hanging up.

Hutchinson told the panel that
Trump had been informed early in the day that some of the protesters outside the White House had weapons. But he responded that the protesters were 'not here to hurt me", Hutchinson

She quoted Trump as directing his staff, in profane terms, to take away the metal-detecting magnetometers that he thought would slow down supporters who were gathering for his speech on the Ellipse, in back of the White

In a clip of an earlier interview with the committee, she recalled the president saying words to the effect of: "I don't f-in' care that they have weapons."

As a White House insider, Hutchinson told stories of a raging president who was unable to acknowledge his defeat. At the beginning of December, she said, she heard noise inside the White House around the time an Associated Press article was published in which Attorney General William Barr said the Justice Department had not found evidence of voter fraud that could have changed the election's outcome.

She said she entered a room to find ketchup dripping down a wall and broken porcelain. The president, it turned out, had thrown his lunch at the wall in disgust over the article. Trump denied it in his social media posts.

In the days before the attack, Hutchinson said she was "scared, and nervous for what could happen" on January 6 after having conversations with Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani, Meadows and others. Meadows told Hutchinson that

"things might get real, real bad", she said. Giuliani told her it was going to be "a great day" and "we're going to the

Eventually, both men would seek pardons related to what happened that day, Hutchinson said. A person familiar with the matter denied that Meadows had ever sought a pardon. The person spoke on condition of

Iran report says nuclear talks in Qatar to end without deal

Indirect negotiations between Iran and the US Lover Tehran's tattered nuclear deal with world powers will end on Wednesday in Qatar, authorities in Tehran said.

A semiofficial news agency reported the talks wouldn't break a diplomatic deadlock over the accord. The US State Department and the European Union, which is mediating the talks in Qatar, did not immediately acknowledge an end of the negotiations in Doha.

However, the semiofficial Tasnim news agency, believed to be close to Iran's hard-line Revolutionary Guard, described the negotiations

as finished and having "no effect on breaking the deadlock in the talks". Tasnim claimed that the American position did not include "a guarantee for Iran benefiting economically from the deal," quoting what it described as unnamed 'informed sources.'

"Washington is seeking to revive the (deal) in order to limit Iran without economic achievement for our country," the Tasnim report

US Special Representative Rob Malley spoke to the Iranians through EU official Enrique Mora during the talks. Mora then took messages to Iran's top nuclear negotiator Ali

Higher fuel prices spark social unrest in South America

AP ■ DANIEL POLITI

 $P^{\text{olice in Argentina blocked}}_{\text{a major entry point to the}}$ capital's centre on Tuesday to keep a group of truckers from joining a downtown protest, adding traffic snarls in Buenos Aires to a series of disruptions caused by anger over rising prices and shortages of fuel across South America, largely as a result of Russia's war in Ukraine.

Cars were backed up for several kilometers (miles) until truckers agreed to open up a lane to regular traffic as they moved to take a protest over diesel shortages and prices that has been going on for weeks to Argentina's capital.

Argentina is only one of several countries in South America to see reverberations from increasing fuel prices, largely as a result of Russia's war in Ukraine. In Peru, truckers launched an indefinite strike on Monday to protest higher fuel prices while in Ecuador, at least five people have been killed during more than two weeks of a protest led by Indigenous people that has as its main rallying cry a demand for lower gasoline prices.

The reverberations of higher prices are also hitting executive offices. In Brazil, the chief executive of state-run oil giant Petrobras resigned last week amid political pressure due to curb prices.

Nepal imposes ban on sale of street food items in Kathmandu as cholera cases touches 12



PTI ■ KATHMANDU

Nepal on Wednesday banned the sale of street food items in the Kathmandu valley in an effort to contain the spread of cholera disease in the capital city.

The decision to ban the sale of street food items was issued by the Kathmandu Metropolitan City (KMC) as 12 positive cases of cholera were reported in the area since

"As the number of cholera patients have been increasing in Kathmandu at present, the sale and distribution of food items has been banned for the time being," said Balram Tripathi, the Chief of the Health Department of the metropolis. The KMC has also warned

of action against those who breach the order.

Last week, the Lalitpur Metropolitan City decided to stop the sale and distribution of

Pani Puri in the metropolis, claiming that cholera bacteria were found in the water used in

The KMC has also requested the Department of Food Technology and Quality Control to check the level of food hygiene in hotels and restaurants across the city. Tripathi said that the

Kathmandu Upatyaka Khanepani Limited has been urged to keep eye into the condition of the water pipeline and sewage

The KMC has also instructed the urban health facilities to prepare for any possible shortage of Oral Rehydration Salt and water purification tablets.

Cholera is a bacterial disease usually spread through contaminated water. The disease causes severe diarrhea and dehydration. Left untreated, cholera can be fatal within hours, even in previously healthy people.

Yemen car bomb targeting security official kills 4

AP ■ SANAA

car bomb targeting a top provin-Acial security official in the southern Yemen city of Aden killed four people Wednesday and wounded 10 others, Yemeni officials said.

A car carrying explosives detonated while the convoy of a security official from a neighbouring province was driving by, the officials said. Three of his guards were wounded, but the dead were all civilians. The top security official for Lahi

province Brig. Saleh Saved was not seriously hurt, added the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to brief the media. Videos from the scene showed the

dead and injured lying in a minibus, while a cloud of black smoke rose from the explosion site.

Colombia truth commission gives scathing report on civil war

AP ■ BOGOTA (COLOMBIA)

Truth Commission pre-Asented its final report on Colombia's armed conflict on Tuesday, urging the govern-ment, military and rebel groups that are still fighting in the countryside to recognise the suffering victims have endured and ensure that political disputes are no longer solved through violence.

The commission is made up of academics and representatives of civil society groups and was set up as part of a 2016 peace deal between the government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces

of Colombia that ended five decades of conflict in which at least 450,000 people were

It was tasked with documenting war crimes and publishing its findings in a digital format that will be available to the public. The commission also issued a series of recommendations aimed at stopping future conflicts from taking root in Colombia, including changes to drug policy and transformations in the nation's military forces.

The commission's final report is based on interviews with 30,000 war victims, military leaders, former guerril-



la fighters and five former Colombian presidents.

The 900-page report said 50,000 people were kidnapped between 1990 and 2018 as a result of Colombia's armed conflict, often by rebel groups who kept hostages for ran-It also mentioned that

more than 7 million people were forced to flee their homes and that 56,000 civilians were killed by Colombia's armed forces, including 6,300 people who were murdered in remote areas and presented to authorities as rebel fighters killed in action.

The report called for major changes to Colombia's military and police forces, which have received more than \$8 billion from the U.S. Over the past two decades.

It said the military's objectives should be re-evaluated and that all human rights violations committed by security forces should be tried by civilian courts.

The truth commission's report also discussed drug

related violence in Colombia and called on the nation's government to regulate the drug trade so that its profits go to government agencies and not drug trafficking groups. It suggests that Colombia restart peace negotiations with the National Liberation Army, Colombia's largest remain-

The Truth Commission's recommendations are not legally binding. But some will likely be implemented by Colombia's new government which will take over in August. President-elect Gustavo Petro attended the ceremony where the report

ing rebel groups.

was presented to the public and said its recommendations would "effectively become part of Colombia's history.

The leftist senator, who was once a member of a rebel group, said during his campaign that he will re-establish diplomatic relations with neighbouring Venezuela whose socialist government is not recognized by the United States. Petro has also called for reforms to Colombia's defense forces, suggesting he police should stop being used for military operations and be placed under greater civilian oversight.

Abortion ban takes effect in Tennessee, paused in Texas

AP ■ WASHINGTON

federal court has allowed A Tennessee to ban abortions as early as six weeks into pregnancy, while a Texas judge temporarily blocked enforcement of that state's decades-old ban on virtually all abortions, in a flurry of activity set off at courthouses across the US by the overturning of Roe v.

Statewide bans or other restrictions that were either left on the books for generations, tied up by legal challenges or specifically designed to take effect if Roe were to fall are now in play as a result of last week's Supreme Court ruling eliminating the constitutional right to terminate a

pregnancy.
Roughly half the states are expected to prohibit or severely limit the procedure now that the high court has left it up to

Since Friday, judges have agreed to allow bans or other restrictions to take effect in Alabama, Ohio, South

Carolina and Tennessee. But abortion bans remained temporarily blocked

in some states, including Louisiana, Texas and Utah. Decisions are pending in other places, including Florida and Indiana. Abortion rights

advocates also dropped some of their legal efforts in Indiana, Minnesota and Missouri. Some clinics initially turned patients away soon after the high court ruling

came down, but then reopened as judges ruled in their favour. That happened in Louisiana on Tuesday. In Houston, a Democratic city in a conservative State, a

judge blocked enforcement for now of a statewide ban on virtually all abortions.

Abortions in Texas are still prohibited at about six weeks because of a law that took effect last year.

Hong Kong in limbo 25 years after British handover to China

AP ■ HONG KONG

When the British handed its colony Hong Kong to Beijing in 1997, it was promised 50 years of self-gov-

invites sealed tenders for following works:

assembly, speech and press Hong Kong's honeymoon perithat are not allowed Chinese on the Communist-ruled mainland. As the city of 7.4 million people marks 25 years under Beijing's rule on Friday, those

od, when it carried on much as it always had, has passed, and its future remains uncertain, determined by forces beyond

Before the handover, many in Hong Kong worried that life would change when Beijing took over. Thousands rushed to obtain residency elsewhere and some moved abroad. For the first decade or so, such measures looked overly dramatic - this bustling bastion of capitalism on China's southern coast appeared to keep its freedoms, and the economy was booming.

In recent years, Beijing has been expanding its influence and control.

Those moves appeared to be hastened by mass prodemocracy protests in 2014 and 2019. Now, schools must provide lessons on patriotism and national security, and some new textbooks deny Hong Kong was ever a British colony.

Verdict looms in trial over 2015 Paris attacks

AP ■ PARIS

Over the course of an extra-ordinary nine-month trial, the lone survivor of the Islamic State extremist team that attacked Paris in 2015 has proclaimed his radicalism, wept, apologised to victims and pleaded with judges to forgive his "mistakes".

For victims' families and survivors of the attacks, the trial for Salah Abdeslam and suspected accomplices has been excruciating yet crucial in their quest for justice and closure. At long last, the court will hand down its verdict on Wednesday. Abdeslam faces up to life in prison without parole on murder and other counts, the toughest sentence possible

under France's justice system. The historic trial in Paris is of 20 men suspected of critical roles in the ISIS massacres that killed 130 people on November 13, 2015.

Israeli troops kill Palestinian during West Bank raid

AP ■ JERUSALEM

Tsraeli forces shot and killed **L**a Palestinian man early on Wednesday in the occupied West Bank during clashes that broke out during an arrest raid, Palestinian officials said.

The Palestinian Health

Ministry said that Mohammad

Marei, 25, was wounded by

Israeli gunfire near Jenin during an arrest raid by the Israeli military and later died. The Israeli military said that while troops arrested two Palestinians in the northern West Bank city, Palestinians

"hurled explosive devices" at

soldiers, who responded with

gunfire. It confirmed that a Palestinian was shot, but gave no additional details about the man's condition. The army said no troops were injured in the overnight arrest raids.

Recent months have seen a rise in deadly violence in the West Bank. The Israeli military has carried out near-daily raids

following a string of deadly attacks by Palestinians inside Israel that killed 19 Israelis, with several of the attackers coming from the northern West Bank town of Jenin. Several dozen Palestinians

have been killed in Israeli military raids. Most of the dead were alleged to have opened fire on Israeli forces or hurled stones or firebombs at them. The dead also include two apparent passersby.

Nearly 500,000 Israeli settlers live in more than 130 set-

tlements scattered across the West Bank, many of which are fully built up and now resemble suburbs or small towns

> state. Israel views the West Bank as the biblical and historical heartland of the Jewish

> Nearly three million Palestinians live in the West Bank under Israeli military Israel captured the West Bank in the 1967 Mideast war and the Palestinians want it to be the main part of their future

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"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

US to boost military presence in Europe for Russia threat

S President Joe Biden on Wednesday said the US will significantly increase its military presence in Europe for the long haul, including by establishing its first permanent presence in Poland, to bolster regional security after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Meeting NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg at the opening of the alliance's annual leaders' summit in Madrid, Biden said "NATO is strong and united" and that steps to be taken during the gathering will "further augment our collective

Biden opened his participation in the summit by announcing the permanent basing of a US military garrison in Poland.

He also said the US is sending two additional F-35

and other capabilities to Germany and Italy.

Today I'm announcing the US will enhance our force posture in Europe and respond to the changing security environment as well as strengthening our collective security,"

Stoltenberg, who earlier on Wednesday said the alliance was facing its biggest chal-lenge since World War II because of Russia's aggression toward Ukraine, welcomed Biden's announcement.

This really demonstrates your decisive leadership and strength in the trans-Atlantic bond," Stoltenberg said, thanking Biden for the "unwavering support from you and from the to Ukraine."

Biden said the US will permanently station the US Army V Corps forward command in Poland, a move that he said fighter jet squadrons to the UK would strengthen US-NATO



inter-operability across the alliance's eastern flank.

The move marks the first permanent basing of US forces on NATO's eastern edge.

Biden added that the US is also stepping up its rotational

deployments of troops to Romania and the Baltic region. Celeste Wallander, an assis-

tant US secretary of defence for international affairs, told reporters that having a permanent presence in Poland will be key to helping NATO navigate the changed security environment in Europe caused by Russia's invasion. The US supplies the bulk of NATO's military power.
US officials emphasised

that the permanent basing applied only to headquarters units, not combat troops, and was therefore consistent with a 1997 agreement between NATO and Russia in which the alliance agreed not to permanently base combat troops in Eastern Europe as it aimed to build more constructive ties in the post-Cold War environ-

Poland's Deputy Foreign Minister Pawel Jablonski told Poland's state PAP news agency that the decision to add US command structure was a "manifestation of the ever closer cooperation between the US and Poland" and would give give NATO allies a frontline insight into the Russian threat.

sending to Romania and the Baltic region are on rotational deployments, rather than permanent assignment, to remain in compliance with that agree-

'There has been no communication with Moscow about these changes, nor is there a requirement to do that," John Kirby, a spokesman for Biden's National Security Council. Biden announced on

Tuesday after arriving for the summit that the US would base two additional destroyers at its naval base in Rota, Spain, bringing the total number to The US currently has more

than 100,000 service-members deployed across Europe, up by about 20,000 since just before Russian President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine began four months

ings this week would make for a "history-making summit" as leaders were set to approve a new strategic framework, announce a range of steps to boost their defense spending and capabilities, and clear the way for historically neutral Finland and Sweden to join

Biden said Putin thought NATO members would splinter after he invaded Ukraine, but got the opposite response

instead.
"Putin was looking for the Finland-isation of Europe,"
Biden said. "You're gonna get the NATO-isation of Europe. And that's exactly what he didn't want, but exactly what needs to be done to guarantee security for Europe.

Turkey, the last remaining holdout to approve the Nordic countries' accession into NATO, reached an agreement on the eve of the summit late

While the White House said the US was not a direct party to the negotiations, a senior administration official said Biden spoke with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Tuesday to encourage him to clear the way for Sweden and Finland to join. The two leaders are set to meet on Wednesday afternoon to discuss other issues, the White House said.

Biden will also sit down on Wednesday with South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, who are attending the NATO summit as the alliance looks to strengthen its ties in the Indo-Pacific region and address challenges from China.

The White House said the three leaders would also discuss North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile pro-

Putin has become 'a terrorist': Zelenskyy



EDITH M. LEDERER

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy accused Russian President Vladimir Putin Tuesday of becoming "a terrorist" leading a "terrorist state" and urged Russia's expulsion from the United Nations.

In a virtual address to the UN Security Council, Zelenskyy urged the UN to establish an international tribunal to investigate "the actions of Russian occupiers on Ukrainian soil" and to hold the country accountable.

"We need to act urgently to do everything to make Russia stop the killing spree," Zelenskyy said, warning that otherwise Russia's "terrorist activity" will spread to other European countries and Asia, singling out the Baltic states, Poland, Moldova and Kazakhstan.

"Putin has become a terrorist," he said. "Daily terrorist acts, without weekends. Every day they are working as terrorists."

In urging Russia's ouster from the 193-memthe UN Charter which states that a member "which has persistently violated the principles contained in the present Charter may be expelled from the organization by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the

Russia's expulsion, however, is virtually impossible. That's because as a permanent council member Russia would be able to use its veto to block any attempt to oust it.

Ukraine called the council meeting after Russia's recent upsurge in attacks including Monday's fiery airstrike on a crowded shopping mall in the central city of Kremenchuk that Zelenskyy said killed at least 18 people and wounded 30 others. "Dozens are missing" and body fragments have been found including hands and feet, he said, adding that unfortunately there may be more victims.

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy chided NATO for not

embracing his embattled country more

fully and asked for more weapons to

fight Russia's invasion, as the leaders of

the alliance met amid what its chief

called its biggest crisis since World War

II. Russia's invasion of its neighbour

shattered Europe's peace, drove NATO

to pour troops and weapons into east-

ern Europe on a scale not seen since the

Cold War and is set to give the defence

organisation two new members in

sent billions in military and civilian aid

to Ukraine. But Zelenskyy lamented

that NATO's open-door policy to new

shouldn't resemble old turnstiles on

Kyiv's subway, which stay open but

close when you approach them until

you pay," Zelenskyy said by video link.

systems and other weapons and warned

the leaders that they either had to pro-

vide Ukraine with the help it needed

to defeat Russia or "face a delayed war

NATO membership is a distant

prospect. The alliance is trying to strike

Zelenskyy has acknowledged that

He asked for more modern artillery

"Hasn't Ukraine paid enough?"

between Russia and yourself".

members did not apply to Ukraine.

Members of the alliance have also

"The open-door policy of NATO

Sweden and Finland.

AP ■ MADRID

ing Russia's attacks in recent days and giving the first names and ages of many of the victims. He ended his address asking the 15 Security Council members and others in the chamber to stand in silent tribute to commemorate the "tens of thousands" of Ukrainian children and adults killed in the war.

All members rose including Russia's deputy UN ambassador Dmitry Polyansky.
When he took the floor later, Polyansky

protested against giving Zelenskyy a second opportunity to address the Security Council, a decision by Albanian which holds the council presidency this month.

The Russian envoy said the Ukrainian resident's video address violated the council's traditions and existing practices which state that leaders who wish to speak to the council must be present in the chamber.

The U.N. Security Council should not be turned into a platform for a remote PR campaign from president Zelenskyy in order to get more weapons from participants at the NATO summit" starting Wednesday in Madrid, Polyansky

He claimed that there was no Russian strike on the shopping centre in Kremenchuk, saying Russian precision weapons struck hangars in the Kremenchuk road machinery plant with weapons and ammunition from the United States and Europe destined for Ukrainian troops in eastern Donbass.

The shopping center was some distance away but the detonation of ammunition "created a fire which then spread to the shopping centre," Polyansky said.

The Russian envoy told Western nations that by supplying weapons to Ukraine they were pro-longing the time when Ukraine's leaders "will sit down at the negotiating table with a realison rather than with slogans.

"We began a special military operation in order to stop the shelling of Donbass by Ukraine and so that the territory of this country, which has been turned into anti-Russia at the behest of a number of Western countries, as well as its nationalist leadership, ceases to pose a threat to Russia or the inhabitants of the south and southeast of Ukraine," he said. "And until those goals are achieved, our operation will con-

US deputy ambassador Richard Mills, like many other Western ambassadors, accused Russia of destroying the shopping center, saying the attack "fits into a cruel pattern, one where the Russian military kills civilians and destroys civilian infrastructure in Ukraine.

He stressed that there is ample publicly available evidence "that Russia, and Russia alone" is responsible for this and other attacks.

nations arm Ukraine without sparking

Madrid, Secretary-General Jens

Stoltenberg acknowledged the alliance

is "in the midst of the most serious

security crisis we have faced since the

country provides the bulk of NATO's

military power, said the summit would

send "an unmistakable message ...

that NATO is more needed now than

America's military presence in Europe,

including a permanent US base in

Poland, two more Navy destroyers

based in Rota, Spain, and two more F35

have also emerged as the cost of ener-

gy and other essential goods has sky-

rocketed, partly because of the the war

and tough Western sanctions on Russia.

the war will end and what, if any, con-

cessions Ukraine should make to stop

issue — just nine of NATO's 30 mem-

bers currently meet the organisation's

There also are tensions over how

Money could also be a sensitive

But strains among NATO allies

That NATO is strong and united".

it ever has been," said Biden.

squadrons to the UK.

the fighting.

US President Joe Biden, whose

"We're stepping up. We're proving

He announced a hefty boost in

As 30 NATO leaders met in

a direct confrontation between NATO

and nuclear-armed Russia

Second World War".

Ukraine's leader pushes for fuller NATO embrace, more arms

a delicate balance, letting its member- target of spending two per cent of gross

domestic product on defence.

defense in the decade ahead".

troops, by next year.

War".

British Prime Minister Boris

The war has already triggered a big

Johnson, whose country does hit the

target, urged NATO allies "to dig deep

to restore deterrence and ensure

increase in NATO's forces in eastern

Europe, and allies are expected to agree

at the summit to boost the strength of

the alliance's rapid reaction force near-

ly eightfold, from 40,000 to 300,000

home nations, but dedicated to specif-

ic countries on NATO's eastern flank,

where the alliance plans to build up

stocks of equipment and ammunition.

taking "the biggest overhaul of our col-

lective defense since the end of the Cold

NATO's new Strategic Concept, its

once-a-decade set of priorities and

called Russia a "strategic partner".

Now, the alliance is set to declare

Moscow its No. 1 threat. The document

will also set out NATO's approach on

issues from cybersecurity to climate

change — and the growing economic

For the first time, the leaders of

and military reach of China.

Stoltenberg said NATO was under-

The leaders are also set to publish

The last such document, in 2010,

The troops will be based in their

Ukrainian survivor: Only 'monster' would attack mall



AP ■ KREMENCHUK (UKRAINE)

The mall was nothing extraordinary, but in the middle of a war it was an escape for those in this Ukrainian city who had decided not to flee. Then it exploded in a Russian airstrike. In moments on Monday afternoon, a summer hangout

became a hellish inferno. Life and death depended on a shopper's decision whether to heed yet another air raid siren and take shelter. Among those who stayed, at least 18 are dead, more than 20 are missing and scores are wounded. The crowded mall in Kremenchuk, which housed the largest

tov store in town, is now the latest shorthand for allegations of war crimes against Russia. As with earlier attacks on a theater, a train station and a hospital elsewhere in Ukraine, authorities in Moscow said the mall was not the target.

One day after the airstrike, the scene still smelled of charred debris. Grit hung in the air, irritating the skin and throats. Visitors laid red carnations, a spot of color in the still-smok-

Images on social media showed the burned body of a woman, white sneakers still intact, who appeared to have been caught in the blast as she tried to run. In another video, around the time of impact, a man could be heard calling for his moth-One mall employee, who gave only his first name,

Oleksandr, said he had stepped outside with a colleague for a cigarette when the air raid siren went off. He described the "There was darkness in my eyes for two minutes," he said. "There was a black tunnel, smoke, fire. I started to crawl. I saw

the sun up there, and my brain was telling me I needed to save Everything was on fire, he said. A blast wave threw him

under a car. He couldn't hear. Bits of shrapnel were embedded "Thank God that was it," he said. "I was very lucky.

He estimated 1,000 shoppers and employees had been in the mall at the time, contradicting Russia's claim that it was

Kateryna Romashnya had just reached the mall on her walk home from work when the explosion threw her to the ground and blew out nearby windows. Stunned, she estimated that 10-15 minutes passed before another explosion occurred.

to our security"

Japan, Australia, South Korea and

New Zealand are attending the summit

as guests, a reflection of the growing

importance of Asia and the Pacific

NATO's adversary, but posed "chal-

lenges to our values, to our interest and

meeting with Japanese Prime Minister

Fumio Kishida and South Korean

President Yoon Suk Yeol on the side-

lines of the summit, focused on North

problem solved, after Turkey agreed on

Tuesday to lift its opposition to Sweden

Nordic nations abandoned their long-

held nonaligned status and applied to

ioin NATO as protection against an

increasingly aggressive and unpre-

dictable Russia — which shares a long

Turkish President Recep Tayyip

Erdogan threatened to block the Nordic

pair, insisting they change their stance

on Kurdish rebel groups that Turkey

leaders of the three countries, alliance

Secretary Stoltenberg said the impasse

After urgent top-level talks with

NATO operates by consensus, and

The summit opened with one

In response to the invasion, the two

Korea's nuclear programme.

and Finland joining NATO.

border with Finland.

considers terrorists.

Stoltenberg said China was not

Biden was due to hold a rare

'Reports of deaths of civilians in ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict deeply disturbing'

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS

Voicing grave concern over reports of civilian deaths in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, India has said that critical civilian infrastructure in urban areas have become easy targets in situations of armed

Speaking at the UN Security Council Briefing on Ukraine on Tuesday, India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador R. Ravindra said the conflict has resulted in the loss of lives and countless miseries for its peoples, particularly for women, children and elder-

ly, with millions becoming homeless and forced to take shelter in neighbouring coun-Under-Secretary-General

for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs Rosemary DiCarlo told the Council that the Russian missile strike on a mall in the Ukrainian city of Kremenchuk killed 18 civilians and injured 59 and the final toll may be much higher.

"India remains deeply concerned over the situation in Ukraine," Ravindra said.

The Council meeting was also addressed virtually by Ukraine's President Volodymyr

Zelensky, the second time that

leader spoke directly to the powerful 15-nation UN organ since the start of the conflict in February.

"Reports of deaths of civilians in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict are deeply disturbing and in this regard, we express our grave concern. In recent years, critical civilian infrastructure in urban areas have become easy targets in situations of armed conflict," Ravindra said.

India added that the issue of the protection of civilian objects in armed conflicts should be considered within the framework of applicable international law.

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O.A. No. 312/2021

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Stocks halt 4-day winning run, Sensex down 150 pts

Weak global mkts stir fall

Mumbai: Snapping its four-day winning run, benchmark Sensex declined by over 150 points on Wednesday due to profit booking in IT, FMCG and banking shares following weak global trends and persistent foreign capital outflows. tent foreign capital outflows.

In a volatile session, the 30-share BSE Sensex settled 150.48 points or 0.28 per cent lower at 53,026.97 as 20 of its stocks ended with losses. During the day, it tumbled 564.77 points or 1.06 per cent to a low of 52,612.68 ahead of the expiry in the derivatives segment on Thursday.

The broader NSE Nifty declined by 51.10 points or 0.32 per cent to 15,799.10 with 34 of its constituents closing in the red.In the four-day rally to Tuesday, Sensex spurted by 2.59 per cent or 1,354 points while Nifty had gained 2.84 per cent or 436 points.

Among Sensex shares, Hindustan Unilever fell the most by 3.46 per cent. IndusInd Bank, Axis Bank, Bajaj Finserv, Wipro, HCL Technologies, Titan, Kotak Mahindra Bank and Bajaj Finance were the other major losers.

However, gains in NTPC, Reliance Industries, Sun Pharma, UltraTech Cement and ITC restricted a major fall

in the barometer. NTPC rose the most by



2.46 per cent while Reliance Industries advanced 1.98 per

"Markets traded volatile for yet another session and lost nearly half a percent. Weak global cues were weighing on the sentiment in early trade which triggered a gap-down start however buying in select index majors trimmed the losses as the day progressed," Ajit Mishra, VP - Research, Religare Broking Ltd said.

Consumer confidence is declining rapidly due to the uncontrolled and constant rise in inflation, Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services said. India had to bear the double-whammy effect of a dampening global equity market and rising crude prices as major suppliers like Saudi are unable to boost the output in the short-term.

"However, the domestic market was able to recover most of the losses due to the

strong movement of index heavyweights, PSUs, metals and oil & gas stocks before slipping some gains by the end of the day due to volatile global

market," Nair said. In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge dipped 0.70 per cent and smallcap index declined 0.18 per cent.

Among the BSE sectoral indices, bank fell by 1.20 per cent, while FMCG (1.01 per cent), finance (1 per cent), teck (0.83 per cent), and telecom (0.54 per cent) also declined.

Energy, utilities, auto, metal, oil & gas, power and realty were the gainers. A total of 1,781 firms declined, while 1,521 advanced and 148 remained unchanged.

Meanwhile, international oil benchmark Brent crude gained 0.31 per cent to USD 118.3 per barrel ahead of the meeting of the oil cartel

India needs to form Green Hydrogen Corridors: NITI Aayog

New Delhi: India needs to form Green Hydrogen Corridors and governments can look at providing grants to startups as well as support entrepreneurs to promote green hydrogen, NITI Aayog said on Wednesday.

In a report titled 'Harnessing Green Hydrogen - Opportunities for Deep Decarbonisation in India,' the Aayog also suggested that there is a need to facilitate investment through demand aggregation and dollar-based bidding for green hydrogen. "Three hydrogen corridors

should be developed across the country based on state grand challenges ... The governments can provide grants and loans to startups and projects, support entrepreneurs through incubators and investor networks, and put in place regulations that manage first-mover risks, " the report said. The government can also use public procurement and purchase incentives (for green hydrogen) to create demand in niche markets and crowd in private investment, it added.

The report suggested that the government should promote export of green hydrogen and green hydrogen-embedded products through a global hydrogen alliance.

Green Hydrogen/ Green Ammonia is defined as hydrogen/ ammonia produced by way of electrolysis of water using renewable energy, including renewable energy which

hydrogen/ammonia produced from biomass.

Most large economies including India have committed to net zero targets.

Transition to green hydrogen and green ammonia is one of the major requirements for reduction of emissions, especially in the hard to abate sectors. The report predicted that hydrogen demand in India could grow more than fourfold by 2050, representing almost 10 per cent of global hydrogen

In the longer term, steel and heavy-duty trucking are likely to drive the majority of demand growth, accounting for almost 52 per cent of total demand by 2050, it added.

Emphasising that the roadmap should also identify a timeline and scale of manufacturing support for electrolysers, the report said India may aim for 25 GW of electrolysers by 2030, while also investing ÚSD 1 billion in R&D to catalyse the development of commercial green hydrogen technologies across the value chain

It noted that radically improving the speed of regulatory clearances coupled with preferential treatment in public tenders will help catalyse local manufacturing.

The report suggested that grand challenges, public-private venture capital and financing test bench infrastructure could be part of the R&D

EV-bus manufacturers worried after DHI makes sporting FAME logo must in buses



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

 $M_{ ext{Department of Heavy}}^{ ext{onths}}$ Industries (DHI) notified an order making it mandatory for the Ev-buses operator(s) to place the FAME logo on both the sides of the vehicles prominently, the manufacturers are feeling the pinch with advertisement revenues taking a significant hit, according to sources close to funding agencies/lenders.

The order released by the DHI makes it compulsory for the manufacturers to get the FAME logo on the buses, at the spots which the manufacturers earlier used to lease out to potential advertisers for some revenue.

A couple of industry insiders told The Pioneer on the condition of anonymity that

this move has not gone down well with the operator(s) and has caused considerable losses for them as per early assess-

Earlier in the contracts, advertisements were allowed on the FAME contracts-awarded products, ev-buses mostly, and the revenue generated from them used to go to the manufacturers or the Operator. The latest move has left them squandering for options to deal with it, with little or no mechanism to raise their concerns. According to sources, the new directions have been laid out retrospectively which impact the revenue. Industry experts see the move by the government as its intent to reduce overall cost for the state governments.

A top official of one of the major lending agencies said the manufacturers don't have any issue with keeping the FAME logo on buses but with size and placement of the logo, which directly impacts their revenues. The loss becomes significant in the long run as the buses are to be operated and maintained for

"Can the OEMs/Operators manage for 12 years making losses continuously? It might lead to a situation where the manufacturers start showing their inability to operate the buses," another official said, adding the "purpose of promoting Green mobility is getting defeated in the process".

The Indian EV sector is

seeing a massive boom with both central and governments going full throttle in acquiring electric buses in their bid to ensure clean and green transportation. States after states are placing big orders for electric

Gold declines ₹176 amid weak global trends



New Delhi: Gold price in the national capital fell by ₹176 to ₹50,649 per 10 grams on Wednesday, reflecting a decline in international precious metal prices, according to HDFC

In the previous trade, the yellow metal settled at ₹50,825 per 10 grams. Silver also fell by ₹443 to

₹59,725 per kg from ₹60,168 per kg in the previous carat gold in Delhi fell by Rs 176 in line with decline in COMEX gold prices," said Tapan Patel, Senior Analyst (Commodities) at HDFC

Sebi issues ₹27 lakh recovery notice to individual in L&T Finance Holdings case

New Delhi: Capital markets regulator Sebi has sent a notice to an individual asking him to pay ₹27 lakh in a case pertaining to violation of insider trading norms in the matter of L&T Finance Holdings Ltd.

The notice came after Uday Agarwal failed to pay the fine imposed on him by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi). Sebi has directed Agarwal

to pay ₹27.01 lakh, which includes interest, all costs, charges and expenses, within 15 days. In the event of non-payment, it will recover the amount by attaching and selling their moveable and immoveable properties.

ment of his bank accounts and arrest, Sebi said in an order passed on Tuesday.

The regulator, through an order passed in November 2021, levied a fine of ₹25 lakh



on Uday Agarwal.

The regulator observed in its investigation that Agarwal being an insider traded in the scrip of L&T Finance Holdings while having possession of unpublished price-sensitive information during trading window closure period, failed to obtain pre-clearance and failed to make disclosures for his trading and further made contra trades.

The Unpublished Price-Sensitive Information (UPSI) pertained to financial results for the period ended June 30, 2018. The period of UPSI was from July 7 to 20, 2018. *PTI*

FPIs permitted to participate in exchange-traded commodity derivatives market by Sebi

Mumbai: Markets regulator ments to regulations governing Foreign Portfolio Investors to participate in the exchangetraded commodity derivatives

At its board meeting, the watchdog also cleared amendmutual funds and portiono

According to a statement, the board has approved Sebi Annual Report: 2021-22. The report will be submitted to the central government. PTI

Ukraine conflict casts shadows on global food situation

PIONEER NEWS **SERVICE/AGENCIES** NEW DELHI/UNITED NATIONS

Expressing concern over food scarcity in the wake of the ongoing Ukraine conflict, India has said it exported more 1.8 million tons of wheat to countries suffering from shortage. It also flagged the issue of civilian deaths in the military action terming them as "deeply disturbing" and called for ces-sation of hostilities.

Highlighting these issues in the United Nations Security Council(UNSC)briefing on Ukraine, India's Deputy Permanent Representative to Ravindra also said the conflict has resulted in the loss of lives and countless miseries for its peoples, particularly for women, children and elderly, with millions becoming homeless and forced to take shelter in neighbouring countries. Making this point, he said

on late Tuesday India has all

along favoured the path of peace, dialogue and diplomacy to end the conflict which began in February.

"We support all efforts to alleviate the suffering of the people of Ukraine, especially talks" between Ukraine and

Russia. He noted that India has also been sending humanitarian supplies to Ukraine and its

neighbours, which include medicines and other essential relief materials. is not just limited to Europe,

Underlining that the Ravindra said the conflict is exacerbating concerns over food, fertilizer and fuel security, particularly in the develop-

30% to nearly USD 8 bn in FY22 New Delhi: Exports of marine

Marine exports up

products rose 30.26 per cent to USD 7.76 billion during 2021-22 as against USD 5.96 billion in previous fiscal year, the commerce ministry said on Wednesday. India shipped 13,69,264 MT (metric tonne) of seafood worth ₹57,586.48 crore during 2021-22."During 2021-22, the export improved in rupee term by 31.71 per cent, in USD terms by 30.26 per cent and in quantity terms by 19.12

a statement. K N Raghavan, Chairman, Marine Products Export (MPEDA), said India managed to do "all-time high" exports of USD 7.76 billion.

per cent," the ministry said in

Frozen shrimp remained the major export item in terms of quantity and value. Its ship-

last fiscal year. The segment accounts for 75.11 per cent of the total dollar earnings.

The US is the largest market of frozen shrimp, followed by China, the European Union, South East Asia, Japan, and the Middle East.

Frozen fish, frozen squid and frozen cuttlefish, are also

major items for exports. 'The US continued to be the major importer of Indian seafood in value and volume terms with an import worth USD 3,371.66 million, accounting for a share of 37.56 per cent added. It said China has emerged as the second largest seafood export destination for India in terms of quantity with an import of 2,66,989 MT worth

USD 1,175.05 million. *PTI*

Ease of doing business: UT, States' ranking to be released on Jun 30

New Delhi: The Government will release the ranking of states and Union Territories (UTs) in terms of ease of doing business on June 30, the commerce and industry ministry said on Wednesday.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will release the assessment report of states/UTs under Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP), 2020 in the presence of Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday, it said.

The exercise is aimed at triggering competition among states to improve the business climate to attract domestic and

BRAP 2020 includes 301

reform points that cover 15 business regulatory areas such as access to information, single window system, labour, environment, sectoral reforms and other reforms spanning across the lifecycle of a business.

Sectoral reforms have been introduced this time wherein 72 reforms were identified across nine sectors - trade license, healthcare, legal metrology, cinema halls, hospitality, fire NOC (no objection certificate), telecom, movie shooting and tourism.

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), since 2014, has been releasing BRAP for steering business reforms to

create an investor-friendly ecosystem across the country. Till date, state rankings have been released for 2015, 2016, 2017-18 and 2019.

"DPIIT has undertaken a feedback-based exercise wherein feedback was taken from businesses on the quality of implementation of the reforms carried out by the states and UTs. The assessment is based on the feedback obtained from

states/UTs," it added. In the last ranking released in September 2020, Andhra Pradesh topped the chart, followed by Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand.

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Housing sales grow 4.5 times in Apr-Jun period in top 8 cities

New Delhi: Housing sales jumped over 4.5 times year-onyear in April-June across eight cities to 74,330 units on lower base effect, while demand was up 5 per cent from the previous quarter, according to PropTiger data.

Housing sales stood at 15,968 units in the April-June period last year and 70,623 units in the January-March quarter of 2022. The price of residential

properties rose 5-9 per cent

annually, driven by rise in

input costs, inflationary pres-

sures and premium attached

with ready-to-move-in inven-

tory. Pune and Chennai saw

maximum appreciation at 9 per cent each. In its latest 'Real Insight Residential' report, Australia's

group-owned PropTiger.Com, said the YoY (Year-on-Year) growth in April-June 2022 is multi-fold due the low base as demand in April-June 2021 was severely impacted owing to the second wave of the COVID pandemic.

On the sequential rise in sales, Vikas Wadhawan, Group CFO of REA India, said: "Even though the RBI increased the repo rate twice during the quarter, home loans remained largely affordable."

The biggest booster to

housing demand has been the increased importance of owning a property, he said.

This, he said, has been further backed by the consumer confidence in the overall economic scenario and impending income stability

As per the data, housing sales in Ahmedabad rose sharply to 7,240 units in April-June 2022, from 1,280 units in the year-ago period. Sales were up 30 per cent from 5,550 units in the January-March quarter

Bengaluru saw sales of 8,350 units in April-June, as against 1,590 units in the year-

Govt gives marketing freedom to domestic oil producers

New Delhi: The Government on Wednesday decided to give marketing freedom to domestic crude oil producers, allowing them to sell oil to whosoever they want.

Briefing reporters on the decisions taken at a meeting of Union Cabinet, Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said the Cabinet approved deregulation of the sale of domestically produced crude oil.

From October 1, condition Production Sharing Contracts (PSC) to sell crude oil to the government or its PTI | nominee or government com-



panies will be waived.

This essentially means producers will be free to sell oil from their fields in the domes-

Affordable fashion

Steel prices likely to go up again from July 1 on high input cost: JSPL MD

New Delhi: After back-to-back downward corrections, steel prices are expected to rise from July due to high input costs, an industry executive said on Wednesday.

"While coal price is at ₹17,000 a tonne, iron ore prices by Odisha Mineral Corporation are still high. It is the main supplier of iron ore in Odisha," JSPL Managing Director V R Sharma told PTI on the sidelines of an event organised by the Indian Chamber of Commerce here.

"The prices have already bottomed out. There is no chance of reducing them further. There will be an upward price correction from Friday, July 1 by (primary players) mainly on account of higher input



Secondary steel makers have already increased the price of rebars by ₹2,000 to ₹55,000 per tonne in the last four days, Sharma said.

There are various other factors building pressure on steel makers, Sharma said, adding there are issues with the availability of coal. Rakes are also not available for the supply of

coal as most of them have been diverted for power sector. Steel players use iron ore as raw

material to make steel and coal to feed their captive power plants.

According to SteelMint, prices of hot rolled coil (HRC) are ruling in the range of ₹59,000-60,000 a tonne from its peak in May at ₹76,000/tonne.

Expect govt to withdraw duties on steel items once inflation moderates: Sajjan Jindal

New Delhi: Terming duties imposed on steel products a "short-term headwind", JSW Group CMD Sajjan Jindal said he is hopeful of the government withdrawing the levies once inflation moderates. The duties were imposed last month with the objective of controlling inflation, the industrialist said.

Jindal's statement comes days after he along with other top industry leaders met Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her office. In a tweet on June 16, office of the Finance

Minister, without sharing the details of the meeting had said, "Delegation of Indian Steel Association @steel_indian, including Shri @MPNaveenJindal - Chairman JSPL, Shri @sajjanjindal - Chairman JSW, Smt Soma Mondal Chairman @SAILsteel & other senior members of the industry, calls on Smt @nsitharaman." PTI | bring the strategic partners

Tata Tech joins Foxconn-led consortium to develop sustainable mobility solutions

New Delhi: Tata Technologies Ltd on Wednesday said it has ioined the Foxconn-initiated MIH Consortium to promote development of sustainable mobility solutions and encourage collaboration within the industry.

The MIH (Mobility In Harmony Consortium) comprises more than 2,300 members in the field of software, hardware, and services.

The goal of this open electric vehicle alliance is to

together to build the next generation of EV, autonomous driving, and mobility service applications, the global engineering and product development digital services firm said in a statement. "Tata Technologies is at

the forefront of the eMobility revolution and our association with MIH Consortium reinforces our position as a key partner in the automotive value chain," Tata Technologies Managing Director and ČEO Warren Harris said.

footwear brand store in Faridabad Faridabad: Home grown

affordable fashion footwear and accessories brand Khadim India Ltd has opened a new store in association with its franchisee partner SAR Retail Pvt Ltd in Faridabad.

"We are confident that the people of Faridabad will be delighted by our trinity of fashionable range of products, a great in store experience and affordable pricing. We hope to make Khadim

the first choice brand for footwear for the complete family," said Namrata A Chotrani, CEO, Khadim India Ltd. PNS



Serena brushes off retirement talk

AP ■ LONDON

Serena Williams brushed off any talk of retirement on Tuesday by insisting she is "motivated" to play at the US Open later this year despite a shattering Wimbledon defeat.

"The US Open was the place where I won my first Slam, it's super-special. There's definitely a lot of motivation to get better and play at home," the 40-year-

old American said.

Williams was speaking after losing in her first single match. gles match for a year when she went down 7-5, 1-6, 7/6 (10/7) to unseeded Harmony Tan, the world number 115, in the opening round of Wimbledon.

The 23-time major winner, who debuted at the All England Club in 1998, refused to speculate on whether or not she will be back at Wimbledon in 2023.

"I am just playing for right now. I see how I feel and go from there.

Who knows where I will pop up."

Williams walked onto Centre Court for the evening match and quickly looked rusty. She was broken in her

first service game.

Williams, far below her imperious best and apparently lacking fitness, bounced back, breaking in the fourth game to level at 2-2, buoyed by a supportive

The pair swapped further breaks but Tan, ranked 115th, broke again in the 11th game and held her nerve to close

Williams broke after a mammoth second game of the second set and went on

to level the match 6-1. The American was first

to break in the decider but Tan levelled at 3-3.

Williams broke again in the ninth game, throwing her arms into the air in jubilation but faltered as she

served for the match. She faced a match point

on her own serve in the 12th game but saved it with a forehand volley, taking the contest into a third-set tie-

Williams stepped up a gear, winning the first four points as the match, under the Wimbledon roof, ticked past three hours.

But still her French opponent was not down and out, winning the next five points to edge ahead. Williams, looking out

of breath, could not find inspiration, netting when facing a second match point.

'I'M SO EMOTIONAL'

She finished with 61 winners but 54 unforced errors in the 3-hour, 11minute evening match.

"I'm so emotional now," said Tan. "She's a superstar. When I was young, I was watching her so many times

'When I saw the draw, I was really scared. She's such a legend. I thought if I can win one game, two games, that would be really good for

Twelve months ago, Williams quit her Wimbledon first-round match in tears after suffering an injury and she had not played singles tennis since until Tuesday.

Doubts had been growing about whether the former world number one who has slumped to 1,204th in the rankings after her period of inaction — would return to the sport.

But she warmed up by teaming up with Ons Jabeur last week.

Williams won the last of her seven Wimbledon singles titles six years ago but reached the final in 2018 and

The American, who was given a wildcard for this year's tournament, remains stuck on 23 Grand Slam singles titles — agonisingly one short of Margaret Court's all-time record.



Neeraj primed to win medal in **Stockholm Diamond League**

PTI ■ STOCKHOLM

 $B \mbox{ uoyed by a strong start to the season, Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra} \label{eq:barborn}$ is primed to clinch his maiden Diamond League medal in his first appearance in four years in the prestigious one-day meet here on Thursday. The 24-yearold Chopra was second in the Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku with a big national record throw of 89.30m before winning his event at Kuortane Games with a creditable 86.60m effort under

treacherous conditions. Both the events in Finland had strong fields, though the Turku line-up had more stars than at Kuortane, where Chopra slipped after an awkward release of his spear in his third attempt under slippery conditions due to rains. Luckily, he was up on his feet immediately and won the event without any injury.

This will be Chopra's first

competition in a Diamond League meet after his fourthplace finish in Zurich in August 2018 with an effort of 85.73m. He has taken part in seven Diamond League meets -- three in 2017 and four in 2018 -- but is yet to win a medal. He had two fourth-place finishes, the other one being in Doha in May 2018, where he had thrown 87.43m.

The prestigious one-day meet at the Swedish capital will be Chopra's biggest event ahead of the World Championships in Eugene, USA, next month. He will also be facing the toughest field of the season so far with all the three Tokyo Olympics medallists in fray.

Germany's Johannes Vetter, who has the maximum number of 90-plus throws among the active throwers, continues to be in the sidelines. He is not fully fit and also did not take part in the German nationals.

DJOKER IN 3rd ROUND, RUUD OUT

→op-seeded Novak Djokovic advanced to the third round at Wimbledon with a 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 victory over Thanasi Kokkinakis of

The six-time Wimbledon champion has won the past three men's singles titles at the All England Club.

The 26-year-old Kokkinakis is

French Open runner-up Casper Ruud lost in the second round at

The third-seeded Norwegian was beaten by Ugo Humbert of France 3-6, 6-2, 7-5, 6-4 on No. 2 Court.

Ruud was making his third appearance at the All England Club.

His victory over Albert Ramos-Vinolas on Monday was his first at the grass-court Grand Slam.

Second-seeded Anett Kontaveit of Estonia was eliminated in the second round of Wimbledon, losing to Jule Niemeier of Germany 6-4, 6-0.

Kontaveit has never reached the fourth round at the All England Club, the only one of the four major tournaments in which she has failed to get that far. She was making her eighth appearance at Wimbledon.

It was Kontaveit's first match on grass this year.

On Tuesday, an off-key Nadal, already halfway to a calendar Grand Slam after winning the Australian Open and French Open, dug deep to beat Francisco Cerundolo 6-4, 6-3, 3-

The two-time Wimbledon champion, who has not played at the tournament since 2019, thanked the crowd for their wholehearted support.

"It's not a surface that we play very often, and especially in my case, for different reasons, the past three years



I didn't put any foot on a grass court, so it always takes a while," said Nadal,

"It was my first match and as I know, every day is a test and today was one of these important tests.

OUT FROM DOUBLES

A day after eliminating Serena Williams from Wimbledon in her debut at the grass-court Grand Slam, Harmony Tan surprised and angered her doubles partner by withdrawing

Murray to play Laver Cup in London AP ■ LONDON

Three-time Grand Slam champion Andy Murray will play alongside Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer at the Laver Cup in London in September.

Murray will be making his debut at the competition, which is played in a Europe vs. World format and does not award ATP ranking points.

This will be the fifth edition. It's being held at the O2 Arena on September 23-25. Team Europe is 4-0 so far.

from that tournament on Wednesday with a thigh injury.

Tan, a Frenchwoman ranked 115th who beat the 23-time Grand Slam singles champion 7-5, 1-6, 7-6 (10-7) on Centre Court on Tuesday, was scheduled to team with Tamara Korpatsch for their opening doubles match on

"She just texted this morning. Let me wait here 1 hour before the match start," Korpatsch wrote in an Instagram post. "I'm very sad, disappointed and also very angry that I can't play my 1st Doubles Grand Slam.

"And it's really not fair for me ... I didn't deserve that.'

Tan is scheduled to play No. 32 Sara Sorribes Tormo of Spain in the second round of the singles tournament on Thursday. Sorribes Tormo advanced by defeating American qualifier Christina McHale 6-2, 6-1.

The 24-year-old Tan is ranked 611th in doubles and has never played a 27-year-old German who is ranked 298th in doubles, lost in the first round of the singles tournament but has never played a doubles match at any Grand Slam tournament.

Tan was two points from losing to Williams, a seven-time Wimbledon champion who hadn't played a singles match since injuring herself in the first round a year ago at the All England

The match lasted 3 hours, 11 min-

utes.
"If you're broken after a 3 (hour) match the day before, you can't play professional (tennis). That's my opinion," Korpatsch wrote.

Tan and Korpatsch were scheduled to play 15th-seeded Nadiia Kichenok and Raluca Olaru on Wednesday in the first round of the doubles tournament. They were replaced in the draw by Valentini Grammatikopoulou and Peangtarn Plipuech.

CHARITY MATCH

Top-ranked Iga Swiatek of Poland will host a charity tennis tournament next month to raise funds for children and teenagers impacted by the war in The event will be held in Krakow

on July 23 and will feature a mixed doubles exhibition match. Ukraine soccer great Andriy Shevchenko will be a special guest. Elina Svitolina of Ukraine will

serve as umpire for the event. They hope to sell at least 10,000 tickets.

Swiatek has been wearing a pin with the Ukrainian colors during her matches. More than 4 million refugees crossed into Poland after Russia invaded Ukraine in February. Poland is providing them with free shelter, social and medical care, education and job opportunities.

Sindhu, Kashyap win; Saina loses in Malaysia

PTI ■ KUALA LUMPUR

¬wo stalwarts of Indian women's badminton, PV Sindhu and Saina Nehwal, suffered contrasting fates at the Malaysia Open Super 750 tournament with the former progressing to the second round and the latter bowing out after losing her opener here on Wednesday.

Sindhu, a former world champion, dished out a fine per-formance to outwit Thailand's world number 10 Pornpawee Chochuwong 21-13, 21-17, but London Olympics Bronze medallist Saina went down fighting against American Iris Wang, ranked 33rd in the world, 11-21, 17-21 in 37 minutes. Former Commonwealth

Games champion Parupalli return from injury as he prevailed 21-12, 21-17 over Korea's the second round in men's sin-

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Sindhu, seeded seventh, will next face Phittayaporn Chaiwan, a 21-year-old from Thailand who held the number one ranking in world junior ranking and also was part of the Bronze medal-winning team Kashyap, ranked world

number 39, will meet Thailand's Heo Kwang Hee to advance to Kunlavut Vitidsarn, who had won the German Open Super

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300 in March.

B Sumeeth Reddy and Ashwini Ponnappa, who will be leading India's charge at the Commonwealth Games, couldn't get past world number 21 pairing of Robin Tabeling and Selena Piek of the Netherlands.

21-19, 17-21 after a 52-minute battle Sindhu enjoys a 5-3 head-

to-head record against

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Chochuwong, having won the last time they met, at the 2021 World Championship, and the Indian looked in good touch against the Thai, who struggled with her lengths and finishing

The match started with the duo playing at a good pace but it was Sindhu who dictated terms with her better court coverage. Chochuwong matched Sindhu in the rallies but faltered in her finishing.

The result was Sindhu led

throughout the first game after securing a 4-1 advantage early on. Sindhu's front court play was more polished than her rival and she used the smashes and attacking returns to good effect whenever there was an opportunity.

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Sushila looking to make

 $R^{uled\ out\ of\ the\ 2018\ FIH}_{World\ Cup\ due\ to\ an\ injury,}$ experienced India midfielder Sushila Chanu is looking to the upcoming edition of the tournament to make amends. Sushila may have played

208 matches for India but the tournament in the Netherlands will be her maiden World Cup appearance. "In 2018, I missed playing

the World Cup in London due to an injury. Subsequently, I struggled with form which resulted in me missing out on the Asian Games that year. It was perhaps one of the biggest lows of my career.

"It was a difficult phase but I was determined to overcome squad again," recalled an emo-

While the tournament starts on July 1, India begin their campaign against England on The 30-year-old made a

strong comeback and has played a significant role in the team's progress over the past four years after missing out on the Asian Games in 2018.

"For many of my teammates, it's their second outing at the World Cup but for me, it's a first. It is an emotional moment for me and I surely believe it will be a memorable one for us," she said on the sidelines of the team's practice match against Chile on Tuesday

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SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002, READ WITH RULE 3(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 AMENDED AS ON DATE We, the PNB Housing Finance Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "PNBHFL") had issued Demand notice U/s 13(2) of Chapter III of the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") by our Raipur Branch office situated at Office No. 111-112, First Fioor, Plot No. 1, Block No. 9, DB Corporate Park, Raibandha Maidan, Raipur, by our Halpur Branch office situated at Office No. 111-112, First Floor, Plot No. 1, Block No. 9, DB Corporate Park, Halpandha Maldan, Halpur, Chhattisgarh - 492001. The said Demand Notice was issued through our Authorized Officer, to you all below mentioned Borrowers/Co-Borrower/Guarantors since your account has been classified as Non-Performing Assets as per the Reserve Bank of India/National Housing Bank guidelines due to nonpayment of installments finderest. The contents of the same are the defaults committed by you in the payment of installments of principals, interest, etc. The outstanding amount is mentioned below. Further, with reasons, we believe that you are evading the service of Demand Notice and hence this Publication of Demand Notice which is also required U/s 13(2) of the said Act. You are hereby called upon to pay PNBHFL within a period of 60 Days of the date of publication of this demand notice the aforesaid amount along with up-to-date interest and charges, failing which PNBHFL will take necessary action under all or any of the provisions of Section 13(4) of the said Act, against all or any one or more of the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and guarantors.

taking possession or the secured assets of the borrowers and guarantors.

Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-Section (8) of Section13 of the of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 where under you can tender/pay the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the PNB HFL only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Please also note that if the entire amount of outstanding dues together with the costs, charges and expenses incurred by the PNB HFL is not tendered before publication of notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty, you may not be entitled to redeem the secured asset(s) thereafter. FURTHER you are prohibited U/s 13(13) of the said Act from transferring either by way of sale, lease or in any other way the aforesaid secured assets.

S. No.	Loan Account No.	Name/Address of Borrower & Co-Borrower	Name/ Address of Guarantor	Property Mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice	Amount O/s as on Date of Demand Notice	
1.	HOU/RAI/ 0620/796209 B.O.: Raipur	Mr. Mahesh Kumar Sachan, Ms. Priyanka Sachan, J 382, Janta Colony, Gudhiyari Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 492009	N.A.	Plot No.168, Maruti Infra City, P.H. No. 08, Gram Sankra, R.N.M. Bhilai - 3, Tahsil- Patan, Durg, Chhattisgarh-490001	14-06-2022	Rs. 10,38,881.14 (Rupees Ten Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty One And Fourteen Paisa Only) as on 14-06-2022	
2.		Mr./Ms. Ranju Ravi, Mr./Ms. S Sudeep Kumar Nair, House No 2 C/O Ranjan Paradkar, Basant Vihar Mahavir Nagar, Near Jagganath Enclave, Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 492001	N.A.	Z-19, NA, Empressia Earth E3 Block Z, Empressia Earth E3 Plots Only , P.H. No. 48, Mouza Kandul, RIC - Raipur, Teh. & District Raipur, Near Kingstown, Raipur, Chhattisgarh- 492001	14-06-2022	Rs. 9,72,475/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Five Only) as on 14-06-2022	
	PLACE:- RAIPUR, AUTHORIZED OFFICER, DATE: 29-06-2022 PNB HOUSING FINANCE LTD.						



Regional Office: Netaji Marg, Nr. Mithakhali Six Roads, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-6. Phone: +91-79-26421671-75

Demand Notice to Borrowers

The under mentioned account turned into N.P.A and demand notice is issued by Bandhan Bank Ltd. to the following borrower(s), under sec.13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act (The Act), 2002 which was returned unserved. Hence, this notice is issued to you all and public at

Name of borrower(s), Loan Account No.	Description of mortgaged property (Secured Asset)	Date of Demand Notice/Date	O/S Amount as on Date of	Date of Pasting
		of NPA	Demand Notice	of Notice
Mr. Mohammad Kaif Sulemani	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property situated at Khasra No. 239/24,	17.06.2022/	Rs.17,12,041.10	23.06.2022
Mr. Mohammad Danish	P. H. No. 61, RNM Raipur-01, Ward No. 52, Chandrashekhar Azad Ward, Rakba	04.01.2022	for loan a/c no.	
851/3116 & 851/3119	600 Sq. Ft., Tahsil and District- Raipur- 492001 and bounded by:		851/3116 &	
	North: House pf Ahmad Khan, East: House of Pandeyji, West: Road, South: Land		Rs.4,37,38.72	
	sale by Rajesh Patel		for loan a/c no.	
			851/3119	
			aggregating to	
			Rs.17.55.779.82	

Demand made against you through this notice to repay to the Bank dues mentioned against your name with interest, costs and charges within 60 days from the date hereof, failing which the Bank will further proceed to take steps u/s.13(4) of the SARFAESI Act. The borrowers'/mortgagors' attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. Place: Raipur **Authorised Officer**

Date: 30/06/2022

2 IN 2 FOR MEN IN BLUE

Hooda's maiden century helps India beat Ireland by 4 runs to pocket series 2-0

eepak Hooda hit a master-class maiden century as India survived a mighty scare before defeating Ireland by four runs in a nailbitting high-scoring second T20 International to sweep the two-match series here on Tuesday

Hooda scored 104 off 57 balls to become only the fourth Indian to hit a T20 International ton, while Sanju Samson contributed 77 off 42 balls to power India to a mammoth 225 for seven after opting

Ireland took the chase to the last over with skipper Andy Balbirnie (60 off 37), Paul Stirling (40 off 18), Harry Tector (39 off 28) and George Dockrell (34 not out off 16) shinning bright but they eventually fell short as rookie India pacer Umran Malik defended 17 runs in the final over.

Opting to bat, Hooda showed he belonged to the big stage with his scintillating stroke play, both off the front and backfoot.

While Hooda was elegant and at ease on the frontfoot, he was equally good on the backfoot, dispatching the ball over the midwicket boundary for a

Hooda decorated his knock with nine fours and six hits over the fence.

He was ably supported by Sanju Samson, who, opening the batting in place of injured Ruturaj Gaikwad, played second fiddle but grabbed his opportunity with both hands.

Both Hooda and Samson's strokeplay down the ground

were a treat for the eyes.

Ireland made a rollicking

Rohit ruled out of

Bumrah to lead India

fifth Eng Test,



start to their chase, with Stirling and Balbirnie sharing 72 runs for the opening wicket off just 34 balls. Stirling went hammer and tongs from the world go.

Stirling took Bhuvneshwar Kumar to task, hitting the bowler for a six and three boundaries to pick up 18 runs

from the opening over.

Stirling then clobbered skipper Hardik Pandya for a six.
The opening duo continued their attacking display to notch up Ireland's 50 for no loss in just

Leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi broke the dangerous-looking 72-run opening stand in the sixth over, cleaning up Stirling.

In his next over, Bishnoi had Balbirnie stumped by Ishan Kishan but it turned out to be

Balbirnie utilised the

cricketer to lead India in the longest-format since the coun-

try first played in 1932. The

Gujarat pacer, who has 123 wickets in 29 Tests, has grown

into world's best fast bowlers.

Chetan Sharma had already

said that he is being groomed as

PUJARA/VIHARI TO OPEN

out of the playing eleven, sea-

soned Cheteshwar Pujara has a

good chance of opening the bat-

ting with young Shubman Gill.

Agarwal has just been brought

scheme of things as far featur-

ing in the playing eleven is concerned. It is understood that

the specialist batters in the set-

up will be Pujara, Gill, Virat

Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, Vihari and

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"cover" and is not in the

a future leader.

The Chairman of selectors

With the experienced Rohit

chance and clobbered all the Indian bowlers to all parts of the

ground to keep Ireland at par

with the asking rate. He was particularly severe on young pace sensation Malik, dispatching the pacer's short deliveries over the fence as Ireland brought up their 100 in nine overs for the loss of two

Balbirnie notched up his sixth T20 International 50 off 34 balls and continued his

onslaught for some time before being caught by Bishnoi off Harshal Patel.

But Tector, Dockrell and Mark Adair (23 not out off 12 balls) kept Ireland in the hunt till the last ball from which the hosts needed a six to win the match and draw the series. Adair, however, could manage just one run as Malik lived up to his captain's

Earlier, India did not have the best of starts as they lost Ishan Kishan (3) early. The left-handed opener once again wasted an opportunity, nicking a Mark Adair delivery to Lorcan Tucker behind the stumps in the third

Hooda and Samson joined hands and the duo batted effortlessly, albeit handing two difficult chances, to share 176 runs off just 85 balls to lay the foundation for India's huge total.

It was a one-way traffic after Kishan's dimissal as Hooda and

Samson toyed with the Irish bowlers and did not let them set-

Except for a difficult chance which Paul Stirling dropped at extra off in the eight over, Hooda played a perfect knock.

Samson too was handed a life in the ninth over when legspinner Gareth Delany dropped a difficult caught-and-bowled

Samson too played some delightful strokes, particularly off the backfoot during his hallfcentury knock. He, however, was cleaned up by Adair in the 17th over.

Hooda brought up his maiden T20I century off 55 balls with a single to join the likes of Rohit Sharma, KL Rahul and Suresh Raina in the elite club of only four Indian centurions in the format.

Once Hooda departed at the team score of 212, Surya Kumar Yadav (15) and skipper Hardik Pandya (13 not out) tried to accelerate the scoring but failed as India lost three wickets for the addition of just 14 runs in the last two overs.

Backed Umran for final over because of his pace

Express pace was the reason Eindia skipper Hardik Pandya asked Umran Malik to bowl the final over of the second T20 International against Ireland here.

Ireland took the chase of 226 to the last over but fell short by four runs as Umran defended 17 runs in the last over on Tuesday.

"Not worried to be honest. Wanted to keep pressure out of my equation, wanted to be in the present. I backed Umran since he has pace. With his pace, it's difficult for people to hit," Hardik said, explaining the rationale behind giving Umran the crucial final over.

Deepak Hooda hit a blistering maiden century as India survived a scare before prevailing over their less fancied opponents in a nail-bit-ting finish.

"I think we've come to play a game of cricket, so Ireland were going to show us what they have. Credit to them, they played amazing shots. At the same point of time, credit to our bowlers to cross the line

"The crowd was amazing. Their favourites boys were Dinesh and Sanju, great to see them enjoy them. Good for us to experience cricket in this part of the world too. Grateful to the fans," Hardik said to loud cheers.

Set an imposing target, Ireland showed a lot of heart and nearly pulled off what would have been a memorable victory.

"We are all pretty good, we did a lot of good stuff with the bat. We wanted to express and we did that. Bitterly disappointed, a bitter pill to swallow," Ireland captain Andrew Balbirnie said after

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Branch/Regional Office: Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd, 3rd floor Pujan chamber panchpedi naka Raipur (C.G) 492001 PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION CUM SALE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Authorized Officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd, the Physical Possession/Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd, will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS" basis, offers are invited to submit online through the Web Portal of our e-Auction Service Partner, M/s.C1 India Pvt Ltd i. e. www.c1india.com by the undersigned for sale of the immovable property of which particulars are given below:-Name of the Borrower(s) /

Guarantor(s) / mortgagor(s)		Date and Amount		illillovable properties		
Loan Account no RHB 128811 and CRN No. 100087797, 1. Mr. Bhupendra Kumar Verma S/o Shiv Kumar Verma 2. Mr. Narendra Kumar Verma S/o Shiv Kumar Verma 3. Mrs. Drupati Verma Common address Borrower and Co-Borrower Having address: 198, Madwadi para near girls chhaltrawas nayagant ward, bhatapara, baloda Bazar Raipur C.G. 493118BORROWER/Co-Borrower		two hundred ninety four and thirty nine paisa only)		Mortgage over following properties: All the piece and parcel of residential property self occupied house sitauated at mouja vill. Avarthi Ph No.10 diverted land khata No.27017 area 1870 sq ft. tehsil bhatapara dist.		
Res	erve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)				
Rs.42 (Forty Two Lakhs Seventy F	Rs.4,27,460/- (Four Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Only)					
Bid Increase Amount	Date of Inspection of Immovable	e properties		Date/ time of Auction 5/08/2022 from 11:00 hrs to 12:00 hrs		
Rs. 50,000/-	22/07/2022 11:00 hrs - 12:0	00 hrs	05/0			
	Last Date for Submission of O	ffers / EMD:- 04/	08/2022	till 5.00 pm.		
PERSON DERIVE AND AND ADDRESS OF THE RES	Important Terms &	Conditions of Sa	ale:	IZ TOTAL VALVAGE		

(1) The Auction is conducted as per the further Terms and Conditions of the Bid document and as per the procedure set out therein. Bidders may go through the website of our E-Auction Service Provider, M/s.C1 India Pvt Ltd i.e. https://www.bankeauctions.com_ for bid documents, the details of the secured asset put up for e-Auction and the Bid Form which will be submitted online; (2) All the intending purchasers/bidders are required to register their name in the Web Portal mentioned above as https://www.bankeauctions.com and generate their User ID and Password in free of cost of their own to participate in the e-Auction on the date and time aforesaid; (3) For any enquiry, information, support, procedure and online training on e-Auction, the prospective bidders may contact the M/s C1 India Pvt Itd Department of our e-Auction Service Partner Danish Ullha khan, through Mobile No.: 9826804343 & E-mail ID: mpcg@c1india.com & support@bankeauctions.com; (4) To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised officer, there is no encumbrance in the property/ies. However, the intending bidders may inspect the property and its documents as mentioned above or any other date & time with prior appointment and they should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrance, title of property/ies put on e-Auction and claims/right/dues/affecting the property prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute any commitment or any representation of KMBL. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to KMBL. The Authorised officer/Secured Creditor shall not be

Date of Symbolic Outstanding Amt. as on

Bandhan Bank Limited

Demand Notice Possession Notice Date of Demand Notice

with self-attested copies of the PAN Card, Aadhaar Ćard, Residence Address Proof, Board Resolutions in case of company and Address Proof as The Borrower (s) / Mortgager(s) / Guarantor(s) are hereby given STATUTORY 30 DAYS NOTICE UNDER RULE 6(2), 8(6) & 9(1) OF THE SARFAESI ACT to discharge the liability in full and pay the dues as mentioned above along with upto date interest and expenses with in thirty days from the date of this notice failing which the Secured Asset will be sold as per the terms and conditions mentioned above. In case there is any discrepancy between the publications of sale notice in English and Vernacular newspaper, then in such case the English newspaper will supersede the vernacular newspaper and it shall be considered as the final copy, thus removing the ambiguity. If the borrower/guarantors/mortgagers pays the amount due to Bank, in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, contact the

responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues; (5) For participating in the -Audition, intending purchasers/bidders will have to submit/upload in the Web Portal (https://www.bankeauctions.com) the details of payment of interest-free refundable Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the secured asset as mentioned above by way of Demand Draft in favour of 'Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited' payable at Delhi along

Authorized Officer Ravindra Dwivedi @7208051081 and Mr. Ashok Motwani @9873737351 at above mentioned Regional office of Bank.

Special Instruction: e-Auction shall be conducted by our Service Provider, M/s. C1 India Pvt Ltd on behalf of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL), on pre-specified date, while the bidders shall be quoting from their own home! offices/ place of their Bid as per their choice above the Reserve Price. Internet connectivity and other paraphernalia requirements shall have to be ensured by bidders themselves. Please note that failure of Internet connectivity (due to any reason whatsoever it may be) shall be sole responsibility of bidders and neither KMBL nor C1 India Pvt Ltd shall be responsible for these unforeseen circumstances. In order to ward-off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/ alternatives whatever required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and still be able to participate in the e-Auction successfully. However, it is requested to the Bidder(s) not to wait till the last moment to quote/improve his/ her Bid to avoid any such

Place:- Baloda Bazaar C.G Date: 30-06-2022 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.

Public Notice For E-Auction For Sale Of Immovable Properties

Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No.98, Udyog Vihar, Phase–IV, Gurgaon-122015 (Haryana) and Branch Office at: 1st Floor, Lal Ganga City Mart, Banjari Chowk, Opposite Hotel Amit Regency, Raipur, CG 492001. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 is the Authorized Officer ("AO") of IJFL-HFL had taken the pos

Borrower(s) /	Demand Notice Date and Amount 16-Dec-2020 Rs.8,33,122/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Thirty Three Thousand One Hundred And Twenty Two Only) Bid Increase Amount		Description of the Immovable	Date of Symbolic Possession	Reserve Price Rs.8,47,600/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Only)	
Co-Borrower(s) /Guarantor(s)			property/ Secured Asset	21-Dec-2021		
1. Mrs. Rehana				Total Outstanding As On Date 27-Jun-2022		
Parvin 2. Mr. Mohammad				Rs.10,37,895/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Eight	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	
Zuhur					Rs.84,760/- (Rupees Eighty	
(Prospect No. 840840)	Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Thousand Only)	Twenty	Tahsil Aarang, Dist. Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001	Hundred Ninety Five Only)	Four Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Only)	
Date of Insp	Date of Inspection of property		EMD Last Date	Date/ Time of E-Auction		
29-Jul-2022 1100 hrs -1400 hrs		02-Aug-2022 till 5 pm.	04-Aug-2022 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.			
Mode Of Payment:	-All payment shall be made		02-Aug-2022 till 5 pm. and draft in favour of "IIFL Home Fin count:- IIFL Home Finance Ltd., b)	ance Limited" payable at Guru	igram or through RTGS/NEFT	

& Loan Account No.

advance and has to create the login account, login ID and password. Intending bidders have to submit / send their "Tender FORM" along with the payment details towards EMD, copy of the KYC and PAN card at the above mentioned Branch Office.

The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increase Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of

the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.

The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (after adjusting EMD) within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the AO and the balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. All deposit and payment shall be in the

The purchaser has to bear the cess, applicable stamp duty, fees, and any other statutory dues or other dues like municipal tax, electricity charges, land and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoings relating to the property.

Bidders are advised to go through the website https://bankeauctions.com and https://www.iifl.com/home-loans/properties-for-auction for detailed

terms and conditions of auction sale & auction application form before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.

For details, help procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the service provider E mail ID:-support@bankeauctions.com, Support Helpline Numbers:@7291981124/25/26.and any property related query Mr.Vivek Thapa @ 9815049704 Notice is hereby given to above said borrowers to collect the household articles, which were lying in the secured asset at the time of taking physical

Further the notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, that in case they fail to collect the above said articles same shall be sold in accordance with Law In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited (including EMD) and the property will be again put to sale.

10. AO reserves the rights to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and condition of tender/auction without assigning any reason thereof. In case of any dispute tender/Auction, the decision of AO of IJFL-HFL will be final STATUTARY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE LINDER RULE 8 (6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Tender/Auction

Date: 30-June-2022

Bandhan Bank

Name of borrower(s) Description of property mortgaged (Secured Asset)

ssion within 7 days, otherwise IIFL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of property under the circumstances

Regional Office: Netaji Marg, Nr. Mithakhali Six Roads, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-6. Phone: +91-79-26421671-75

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorized Officer issued demand notice on the date mentioned against the account stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice. The borrower(s), having failed to repay the amount notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules 2002 on the date mentioned against the loan account. The borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank for the amounts, interest, costs and charges thereon. The borrowers'/borrowers' attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

Mr. Vinod Patel Mrs. Rashmi Patel 861/788	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property admeasuring 1937 sq. ft, situated at Kh No. 1557/38, Old No. 564, Part Ph No. 14/19-A, Ward no. 16, B/h New Govt. School, Rungata College Road, Newar CSEB Kurud, Kailesh Nagar, Bhilai, Durg, C. G- 490001 at and bounded by: North: Plot No. 25, East: Plot No. 32, West: 30 Ft. Road, South: Plot No. 23	07.12.2021	24.06.2022	Rs.17,64,585.61
Mr. Mukesh Kumar Sinha Mrs. Puja Kumari Sinha 861/87 & 861/228	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property admeasuring 1500 sq. ft., Kh No. 1157/1, Part Ph No. 14/1, Mouja Kurud, Beside Rungta College, Astha Developer, Bhilai, Dist- Durg, C.G and bounded by: North: Land of Seller, East: 30 Ft Road, West: Land of Seller, South: Land of Seller	08.12.2021	24.06.2022	Rs.19,41,451.71 for loan a/c no. 861/87 & Rs.98,119.75 for loan a/c no. 861/228 aggregating to Rs.20,39,571.46
Mr. Harishankar Chturvedi Mrs. Akansha Chaturvedi 861/372 & 861/633	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property admeasuring 1481.87 sq. ft., MIG II 1452, Industrial Estate, MPHB, Ward No. 16, Bhilai, Dist- Durg, C.G- 490026 and bounded by: North: EWS House, East: Road, West: MIG-II/1453, South: Road	10.02.2022	24.06.2022	Rs.29,89,648.18 for loan a/c no. 861/372 & Rs.1,87,212.99 for loan a/c no. 861/633 aggregating to Rs.31,76,861.17
Mr. Pinsetty Venkat Ramana Mrs. Pinsetty Venkata Lakshmi 861/630	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property admeasuring 1620 sq. ft., Kh No. Old 69/200, Part of New Khasra No. 4709 Block C, Ph No. 19, Ward No. 10, Kohka, Chandra Nagar, Bhilai, Durg and bounded by: North: Land of Kamal, East: Khatal, West: 25 Ft. Road, South: Pandit's House	07.12.2021	24.06.2022	Rs.26,09,005.90
Mr. Virendra Tandi Mr. Kamal Tandi 861/624	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property admeasuring 1800 sq. ft., Khasra No. 4709, Plot No. A, Ward No. 14, PH No. 14, Near Indu IT School, Kohka, Chandra Nagar, Bhilai, Durg, and bounded by: North: Seller Land, East: Khataal, West: 25 Ft. Road, South: Venkat Land	07.12.2021	24.06.2022	Rs.31,85,771.46
Place: Durg		-	•	Authorised Officer

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Tasprit Bumrah is set to become first fast bowler in 35 years to lead Indian Test team in the rescheduled 'fifth Test' against England as regular captain Rohit Sharma has been ruled out of the game after testing positive for COVID-19 for the second time on Wednesday.

The last pacer-captain that India had was the great Kapil Dev, who was removed from captaincy in 1987. Since then India has never had a speed merchant leading the team in traditional cricket.

"Rohit is out of this Test match, starting July 1, as his RT-PCR test has come positive again. He is still in isolation. Jasprit Bumrah, who is one of the vice-captains in absence of KL Rahul, will lead the team," a senior BCCI official said.

Name of the

/Guarantor (s)

Mr. Anup Upadhyay

Bumrah will be the 36th

DEMAND NOTICE struction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Recon Under Section 13(2) of the Securisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement on Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules. In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of III-I Home Finance Ltd.(IIIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the (s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of theBorrower(s), amo and Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:

Demand Notice Date & Amount

27-June-2022 Prospect No. 888069 Rs. 10,95,704/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Seven being: Golf Green Plot No.02 Admeasuring 866 Sq.Ft., Block No. 27 Gram Sejbahar P. H. No. 82, R.N.N Hundred Four Only) Prospect No.957994 Rs. 1,31,561/- (Rupees No. 888069 and One Lakh Thirty One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty One Only) 492001, Chhattisgarh, India

If the said Borrowers fail to make payment to IIFL HFL as aforesaid, IIFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act, and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs If the said borrowers tail to make payment to IFL HFL as aforesaid, IFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act, and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers.For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at Branch Office: IFL HFL 1st Floor, Lel Ganga City Mart, Banjari Chowk, Opposite Hotel Amit Regency, Raipur, CG 492001/or Corporate Office: IFL Tower, Plot No. 99, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana. Place: Raipur Date: 30.06.2022 Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IFL Home Finance Ltd

Date: 30/06/2022