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Sign of truce to end Ukraine war appears

Russia announces to scale back operation near Kyiv, another city of Ukraine

AP ■ KYIV $Russia's \ military \ on \ Tuesday \\ announced \ it \ will \ "fundamentally" scale back \ operations$ near Ukraine's capital and a northern city, as talks brought the outlines of a possible deal to end the grinding war into

Deputy Defence Minister Alexander Fomin said the move was meant to increase trust in the talks after several rounds of negotiations failed to halt what has devolved into a bloody campaign of attrition.

The announcement was met with scepticism from the US and others.

While Russia portrayed it as a goodwill gesture, it comes as the Kremlin's troops have become bogged down in the face of stiff Ukrainian resistance that has thwarted President Vladimir Putin's hopes for a quick military victory. Late last week, and again on Tuesday, Russia seemed to roll back its war aims, saying its "main goal" now is gaining control of the Donbas region in eastern Ukraine

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said he had not seen anything indicating talks were progressing in a "constructive way," and he suggested Russian indications of a pullback could be an attempt by Moscow to "deceive people and deflect attention."

"There is what Russia says and there is what Russia does.

and there is what Russia does, and we're focused on the latter," Blinken said in Morocco.

"And what Russia is doing is the continued brutalisation of Ukraine." He added, "If they somehow believe that an effort to subjugate only the eastern part of Ukraine or the southern part of Ukraine ... Can succeed, then once again they are profoundly fooling themselves."



Mykhailo Podolyak, adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and member of the Ukrainian delegation, right, stands as a translator gives his statement after talks between Russian and Ukrainian delegations, in Istanbul on

Ukraine, Biden's India 'shaky' remarks likely to figure in 2+2 talks

The ongoing war in Ukraine and US President Joe Biden's remarks on India's "shaky" stand on it are likely to dominate the upcoming "two plus two" dialogue between the defence and external affairs of the two countries in Washington next month.

Antony Blinken respectively on April 11, sources said here on Tuesday.

Incidentally, the heads of State of the Quad combine, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, had met in person for the first time last year in Washington. The meet was hosted by President Biden. The four countries, including the US, India, Australia and Japan, took stock of the grow-

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will also

review the progress of the

Quad combine with their US

counterparts Llyod Austin and

Indo-Pacific region.

India and the US will review the entire gamut of strategic and defence ties during the "two plus two" dialogue. The US has emerged as one of the biggest weapon suppliers to India with the figure touching the 15 billion dollar mark in the last one decade.

ing aggressive stance of China in the strategically important

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Mamata, Pawar fume at Central agencies' 'misuse'

Issue to be raised in Parl today, Didi urges non-BJP **CMs** to unite

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

 $B_{\text{Mamata Banerjee and NCP}}^{\text{engal Chief Minister}}$ Chief Sharad Pawar haveaccused the Centre of using probe agencies to target Opposition parties.

Mamata has called upon

the non-BJP Chief Ministers to unite against the Government's alleged "misuse of Central agencies" to victimise the leaders of Opposition parties. Pawar has backed her stand and said they will raise the issue in Parliament on Wednesday.

Urging her counterparts to join her in a meeting she has written: "The need of the hour is for all progressive forces in this country to come together and fight this oppressive force."

The letter was written on March 27, a day after the CBI started investigating the Rampurhat burning and mass murder case.

Backing Mamata's appeal for a united fight against the BJP for misuse of Central agencies, Pawar said, "We will take up the issue in Parliament tomorrow. We shall see what we can do together in this



Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee during her visit to Darjeeling

Earlier, speaking at the national executive meeting of the Nationalist Youth Congress, Pawar accused the BIP of using raids by Central investigating agencies to target Opposition leaders for political vendetta.

"Those in power today believe that those who do not share their ideology are enemies. CBI/ED raids have become commonplace and used for political vendetta to trouble political opponents," he said, referring to the raids on his party colleagues Anil Deshmukh and Nawab Malik.

"There is something or the other going against every leader of the NCP, Congress and Shiv Sena... Prime Minister Narendra Modi has one thing in mind: he wants BJP rule from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, irrespective of the wishes of the people," Pawar said.

On 'The Kashmir Files' film, the NCP chief accused Modi of fomenting communal troubles by promoting a movie that stokes anger among peo-ple instead of healing age-old

Asking the non-saffron leaders to "commit to the cause of a unified and principled Opposition that will make way for the Government that our country deserves", Mamata wrote, "Central agencies such as the ED, CBI, CVC, and the income tax department are being used to target, harass and corner political opponents across the country for vendet-

Alleging that these agencies are always used by the Centre when elections are round the corner, Mamata said, "It is amply clear that the BJP-ruled States get a free pass from these agencies to paint a rosy picture of their hollow gover-nance. We believe in transparency and accountability in governance but we will not tolerate the vindictive politics of the BJP that has led to a political witchhunt."

Referring to the Delhi Special Police (Amendment) Bill 2021 and CVC (Amendment) Bill 2021, she said that these had been done to provide additional five years' extension to the CBI and ED violating the Supreme Court directives. Her letter comes in the backdrop of ED summoning her nephew and Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee in a money laundering case related to coal and cattle scam.

Abhishek on Tuesday avoided appearance at the EĎ office in Delhi.

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Guv summons Mamata over law & order

Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar on Tuesday wrote a strong letter to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee asking her to meet him at the Raj Bhavan in Kolkata within a week's time to discuss the deteriorating law and order situation in the State.

Reporting the development a Raj Bhavan tweet said, "WB Guv Jagdeep Dhankhar has invited Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for interaction during the week at Raj Bhawan to deliberate worsening law and order in the state, particularly in view of alarmingly worrisome developments.

Dhankhar's letter comes in the wake of the Birbhum carnage and the subsequent scuffle between the BIP and Trinamool Congress MLAs inside the State Assembly on Monday.

The letter written to the Chief Minister, who is presently in Darjeeling, said, "Recent alarmingly worrisome developments, reflecting... increased lawlessness and violence, make it imperative that you spare time earliest for an interaction

at Raj Bhavan," Continued on Page 2

Assam-Meghalaya's FM: Budget to boost pvt historic pact ends 50% of border row

Agreement on 6 of 12 locations

PNS New Delhi

ssam and Meghalaya on A Tuesday signed a historic agreement to resolve their fivedecade-old border dispute in six of the 12 locations. The agreement was signed in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Chief Ministers of Assam and Meghalaya Himanta Biswa Sarma and Conrad Sangma,

respectively. Speaking on the occasion Shah said this was a historic day for North-East. "This interstate boundary settlement will usher in a new era of peace, harmony, and progress in the State of Assam and Meghalaya. I want to assure our sisters and brothers of North-East that Prime

CAPSULE

4 FALL INTO SEWER IN

DELHI, FEARED DEAD

including a rickshaw driver and

three workers, are feared dead

after they fell into a sewer on

Tuesday evening in northwest Delhi's Sanjay Gandhi Transport

Nagar. The 3 private contractors

employees, had been doing wiring work for MTNL. The rickshaw driver had gone to

rescue them but he also got

trapped inside the sewer, police

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persons have been charged by

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New Delhi: Four people,

investment, eco recovery

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said the Budget for the next fiscal will attract private investment

protracted dispute in six of the 12 places along the 884.9 km The Home Minister said with the signing of the agreement, acknowledged the ongoing war in Ukraine has posed fresh challenges, including higher 70 per cent of the border disoil prices and disruptions in

an area of 36.79 sq km, with regard to which the agreement The two States had formed three committees each in August last year to go into the vexed boundary question. The constitution of the panels had followed two rounds of talks between Sarma and Sangma

a phased manner.

Minister Narendra Modi-led Central Government will leave

no stone unturned in fulfilling

border between the two states.

pute between the two States has

been resolved. There are 36 vil-

lages in the six places, covering

has been reached.

The pact will resolve the

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ed the handling of inflation but

supply chains. The Upper House later returned the two bills without

process for approval of the Union Budget for the fiscal beginning April 1.

resolved to settle the dispute in Continued on Page 2 | who have been doubting the

strength of the Indian economy, the FDI inflow into India

and ensure a predictable eco-Replying to a debate on appropriation and finance bills in the Rajya Sabha, she defend-

where the neighbouring States

any changes, other than those proposed by the Government, completing the nearly twomonth-long Parliamentary

The Finance Minister further said in spite of all the uncertainty and all the "selfdoubting" eminent persons, in 2020-21 was \$81.72 billion and \$74.39 billion in 2019-20.

She said India has continued to remain in the top five FDI recipient countries as per

 $F_{ ext{Sitharaman defended the}}^{ ext{inance Minister Nirmala}}$ 137-day hiatus in fuel price revision, saying the disruption in supply chains and the resultant increase in global oil prices due to the war in Ukraine was a "couple of weeks" phenomenon resulting in the record hike in petrol and diesel prices in the last 8 days. International oil prices had started moving up days

FM defends hiatus on fuel price revision

before Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24.

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Sariska blaze: IAF copters deployed

Jaipur: Over 200 people and two Indian Air Force helicopters were pressed into service to control a wildfire spread over 10 sq km of the Sariska Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan's Alwar, officials said on Tuesday.

The fire had started on Sunday evening and was brought under control on Monday.

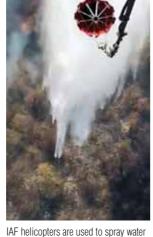
A few hours later in the evening, the forest fire flared again and was continuing till Tuesday evening. The Forest Department

asked people of nearby villages not to enter the forest area. The officials said no tiger is stuck in the affected area and their movement is being mon-

itored. The Sariska reserve has

27 tigers, they added. Earlier looking at the situation, the district administration sought air assistance from the IAF, which deployed two Mi-17 V5 helicopters to control

fire was doused shortly after it was noticed. No one was injured the fire. Sariska Field Director RN



over a forest fire in the Sariska Tiger Reserve in Alwar district

Meena said the forest staff, nature guides and local people are engaged in efforts to control the fire but they are facing difficulties due to hilly terrain,

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Random breath test on 50% of flight crew daily

PNS New Delhi

o ensure that aviation safe-to the consumption of alcohol by pilots, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued revised guidelines for breath analyser tests on the cockpit and cabin crew members. As per the guidelines, 50

per cent cockpit crew members and cabin crew members will be subjected to random preflight 'breath-analyaer' test on daily basis to show that they are not under the influence of alcohol. In the case of flying training institutions, at least 50 per cent of instructors and 40 per cent of students shall be subjected to pre-flight breathanalyser test on a daily basis.

The airlines' operators should be ensured that all operation bases are covered for random preflight breathanalyser examination.

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Four men feared dead after falling into SGT Nagar sewer

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

 $F^{\text{our people, including a rick-}}_{\text{shaw driver, are feared dead}}$ after they fell into a sewer on Tuesday evening in northwest Delhi's Sanjay Gandhi Transport (SGŤ) Nagar. Police said that the 38-year-old rickshaw driver had gone to rescue them but he also got trapped inside the sewer.

Bacchu Singh, Pintu and 55-year-old Suraj Kumar Sahni private contractors employees, had been conducting wiring work for telecom company MTNL. They had fallen and gotten trapped in the sewer at SGT Nagar's Main Bawana Road. The rickshaw driver, Satish, who had attempted to rescue the trapped men, had also fallen into the sewer.

According to a senior police official, information was received at Samaypur Badli police station on Tuesday at 6.34 PM regarding three workers falling into a sewer at SGT Nagar, Main Bawana Road. "Police rushed to the spot and cordoned off the area. The fire department officials and ambulance were also present. Enquiry revealed that one rickshaw driver was also in the sewer, who had gone to rescue those three workers," said the senior police official.

The fire department said that a call regarding men falling into a sewer line near Sanjay Gandhi Transport Nagar was received around 6:25 PM However, they were unable to rescue the men till the filing of

2 men held for supplying drugs in Delhi

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Special Cell of Delhi Police has nabbed two men allegedly indulged in supplying drugs in Delhi and its peripherals. Police said that they have also recovered heroin worth over ₹40 crore in the international market from the possession of the accused.

The accused has been identified as Dinesh Singh (57) and Nazir alias Nazim (28), both residents of Ghazipur district in Uttar Pradesh. The recovered heroin was smuggled into India from Myanmar via Manipur, police said. According to Jasmeet Singh, the Deputy Commissioner of Police

(DCP), Special Cell, on March 24, the police received specific inputs that two men had collected a big consignment of heroin from Jharkhand and they would come to Delhi-Meerut Expressway near ISBT Sarai Kale Khan to deliver the drug. "Acting on the inputs, the police team laid a trap and two persons carrying backpacks were nabbed. Six kilograms of heroin -- three kg each -- were recovered from their bags and four kg heroin was recovered from their car," said the DCP. "Interrogation revealed that they were members of an international drug cartel. They have been supplying drugs in Delhipast five years," said the DCP. "The accused also told olice that they had procured the heroin from a person in Jharkhand and had to deliver six kg in Delhi and remaining four kilos to Ghazipur," said the

Both have further revealed that their supplier has links in Myanmar and Manipur. Most of the heroin is brought to Manipur from Myanmar and sent to adjoining States of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh and later transported to others parts of the country, said the DCP. Heroin brought from Myanmar is not only comparatively cheaper but it is also of better quality, the DCP added.

RailTel set to implement modern signalling projects worth ₹224 cr

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 $\begin{array}{cccc} R & \text{ailTel is set to implement} \\ R & \text{modern signalling projects} \\ \text{worth} & Rs & 224 & \text{crore on} \end{array}$ Northern Railway Zone by replacing obsolete mechanical signalling by state-of-the-art electronic interlocking system, the rail PSU said on Tuesday.

The project will cover 26 stations -- three on Delhi Division, nine on Ambala Division and 14 on Firozpur Division. This modern technology shall enhance safety and efficiency of train operation, it said. The work has already been commissioned at six stations -- three stations of Delhi Division (Pehowa Road, Kaithal and Kalayat) and three stations of Ambala Division (Bulluana, Malout and Pakki) and is in advance stage of completion at balance six stations of Ambala Division.

The first stage implementation on 14 stations of Firozpur Division has also commenced with initiation of planning, design and procurement processes for the equipment, RailTel said in a statement. So far, Rs 65 crore revenue has already been booked and Rs 105 crore revenue will be booked in FY 22-23 and remaining in FY 23-24, it said.

CAPSULE

Gurugram: A 22- year-old labourer died at a construction site in Sector-85 on Tuesday morning when he was buried under a massive amount of mud after a dug-up basement collapsed on him. The victim, along with other labourers, was digging basement when incident took place. The deceased was identified as Gajender Pal from UP.The project was being carried out by a BJP leader."A labourer died after he buried under dug-up mud

GREEN CORRIDOR FORMED TO TRANSPORT LIVE HEART

duringconstruction work

Gurugram: The Gurugram Traffic Police on Tuesday created a 19kilometre long green corridor for two ambulances from a hospital in Gurugram to the Delhi border on the national highway to facilitate transport of a live heart

WORKERS BURN COMPANY BUSES IN MANESAR

Gurugram: Tension erupted after hundreds of protesting workers broke windshield and windowpanes of two buses of their company (JNS Instruments Limited) and set a bus on fire on Tuesday evening at IMT Manesar Sector-3 of Gurugram. However, no one

was hurt in the incident, the police said.

After Lata didi's death we have become orphans: Asha Bhosle



T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI fter the death of Lata didi, we Ahave become orphans," a teary-eyed Asha Bhosale said on

behalf of her sisters and brother after unveiling a portrait of late singer Lata legendary Mangeshkar at the Master

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Dinanath Mangeshkar auditorium at Vile Parle in north-west Mumbai on Tuesday.

Seven weeks after Lata Mangeshkar passed away at the Breach Candy Hospital south Mumbai, veteran singer Asha Bhosale, her brother Hridaynath Mangeshkar, sister Usha Mangeshkar and other Mangeshkar family members stepped out of their homes together for the first time and joined the unveiling ceremony of a large portrait of their beloved sister. Lata Mangeshkar was the eldest among five singing siblings and accomplished singers and musicians -- the others being Meena, Asha, Usha and

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Hridaynath, The portrait of a smiling Lata Mangeshkar, who passed away on February 6, was unveiled by senior versatile actor Vikram Gokhale, a close family friend of Mangeshkars for seven decades, at a moving ceremony held at an auditorium named after Lata's father Deenanath Mangeshkar. Talking to media persons after the unveiling of Lata Mangeshkar's portrait, an emotional Asha Bhosale recalled: Whenever I used to go wherever I used to take blessings from Didi, she used to tell me not to touch my feet always; my blessings are always with you whether you come here or not. Mai, Baba and I are always close to you".

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Fomin said Moscow has decided to "fundamentally ... Cut back military activity in the direction of Kyiv and Chernihiv" to "increase mutual trust and create conditions for further negotiations." He did not immediately

spell out what that would mean in practical terms. Ukraine's military said it has noted withdrawals of some forces around Kyiv and Chernihiv. Pentagon spokesman John Kirby told ĈNN "we haven't seen anything to corroborate" reports of Russia withdrawing signifi-

Assam-Meghalaya's

historic pact ends

50% of border row

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According to the joint final

set of recommendations made

by the committees, out of 36.79

sq km of the disputed area

taken up for settlement in the

first phase, Assam will get full

control of 18.51 sq km and

pute between Assam and

Meghalaya, the six areas with

relatively less critical differences

were taken up in the first

phase. The boundary dispute

between Assam and Meghalaya

has lingered for 50 years.

However, the effort to resolve

it gained pace in recent times.

Meghalava was carved out of

Assam as a separate State in

1972 but the new state had

challenged the Assam Reorganisation Act, 1971, lead-

ing to disputes in 12 locations

Out of the 12 points of dis-

Meghalaya 18.28 sq km.

"But what we have seen over the last couple of days is they have stopped trying to advance on Kyiv." Rob Lee, a military expert at the U.S.-based Foreign Policy Research Institute, tweeted: "This sounds like more of an acknowledgment of situation around Kyiv where Russia's advance has been stalled for weeks and Ukrainian forces have had recent successes. Russia doesn't have forces to encircle city." Negotiators from Russia and Ukraine met Tuesday in Istanbul, their first

face-to-face talks in two weeks.

cant forces from around Kyiv.

FM: Budget to boost pvt...

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The Minister said that in the seven years and nine months of Prime Minister Modi's Government till December 2021, the FDI inflows have been USD 500.5 billion and that is about 65 per cent higher than the FDI inflows during the entire 10-

year regime of the UPA. She also spoke about steps that are aimed at making life easier for the middle class, related to the Pradhanmantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, statutory PF contribution, and construction of housing units, among others.

...Newer challenges are before us, (in the) Budget presentation I had not taken into account the Omicron and now we are also facing the situation of a full-blown war in Ukraine which is not some war in some corner of the world. But it seems to be having an impact pandemic had," the Minister

She said the war has affected the value chains, and the world markets are caught up in a situation where nothing is normal. The Minister said that while 32 countries (as per an OECD report) resorted to taxation to revive their economies, the Modi-led government did

not increase taxes. "So you are in a situation

where like during the pandemic we came up with a Budget and then came the second wave. This time we came up with budget continuity aimed at recovery...And then Omicron and now we also have a war whose impact has been felt by all of us," she said.

Sitharaman said the Government did not resort to taxation for resource mobilisation to deal with the impact of the Covid pandemic. She further said the Prime Minister had directed that the Budget should not draw on resources by taxing people at this time when recovery is the most important element and that "we should find resources and fully continue with the predictable recovery that we were aiming

Referring to issues con-cerning private investment, Sitharaman said following the pandemic, the Government had stepped up the investment with a view to creating an environment to revive and sustain the economy.

The Government is conthe growth and also make sure India's recovery post-Covid is sustainable, she said and added the budget reflects this commitment and outlines the way forward. During the discussion, several members had raised concerns over the price situation in the country to which the minister said the government was conscious of inflation.

Random breath test on 50% of flight crew daily

From Page 1

The cockpit crew, cabin crew will submit the undertaking in presence of medical staff and the same will be captured on the camera. The breath-analyser test to the extent feasible will be carried out in a bigger and an open area which has CCTV coverage or camera recording.

The guidelines said that the above directions/arrangement (as mentioned in preceding para) is purely a temporary measure in view of current Covid-19 situation and shall be in force for a period of three months from the date of issue.

"Every aviation personnel covered under CAR Section-5, Series-F, Part-Ill, who is reporting for duty, is required to submit an undertaking in respect of the fact that he/she is not under the influence of alcohol sumed alcohol in last 12 hours from the time of reporting for the duty," it said.

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The fire on hills has been partially controlled, Meena added.

District Forest Officer (Sariska) Sudharshan Sharma said the helicopters have made eight rounds till Tuesday evening.

The fire has spread over 10

sq km area and efforts are being made to control it. "The area under fire is at a

height due to which there are difficulties in firefighting," he said. The officer said that the fire

is spreading due to dry grass-

land and bamboo trees People in Baletha, Prithvipura, Nayawas and Bhatyla villages have been asked to take precautions and

avoid entering the forest. The fire has spread in Rodkela, Narandi, Kalakadi, Katighati, and Naharsati area of the Reserve. PTI

Ukraine, Biden's India 'shaky' remarks...

The US is likely to make a strong pitch for its armed drones and other sophisticated weaponry for India. It will be first "two plus two dialogue' since Biden became President. He had recently said India is "shaky" on the issue of Ukraine war, while his officials said New Delhi may be on the 'wrong side of history". India has all along maintained that dialogue is the only way out to resolve ongoing war between Ukraine and Russia. Prime

Guv summons Mamata

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adding, "Already cliff-hanging governance in the State, from the perspective of Constitution

and law, has recently been further strained by horrifying incidents at Rampurhat and in the hal-

lowed precincts of the Assembly."The Governor is also known to have expressed his concern over

the Chief Minister's earlier alleged offensive comments on the CBI investigation in Rampurhat burning case. Attacking the BJP, Banerjee had earlier said that her government would cooperate

with the CBI in the Birbhum case but warned "if they (central agency) are found to be taking

instructions from the BJP then we will descend on the streets and start a political movement tak-

ing people by our side". Dhankhar's letter comes a day after he returned from Delhi where he

met Home Minister Amit Shah and reportedly discussed deterioratinglaw and order situation in

over law and order

Minister Modi has conveyed this viewpoint to President (338)1978/LAB(Res), Allotment/Demand Letter, Possession Letter, Site Possession Slip and NOC for Water & Electric connection, All Payment Challans and other relevant Documents, in respect of above said Plot has been lost. An NCR to this effect has been lodged. Any person (s) found in possession of Original document may kindly write/contact with above named person at above address... Vladimir Putin and Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky. Modi has also favoured immediate cessation of hostilities.

Blinken and Austin are expected to share the US assessment of the Ukraine war and its impact at global level, sources said. Meanwhile, India will give details of the persisting stand-offs at the border in Ladakh and a gist of talks between Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi here last week, they said.

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Rajiv Gandhi Super Specialty Hospital

218 deaths at cardiology dept in 2 yrs, Govt tells House

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Unit (CCU) of the facility.

According to the response, based on data from the medical

148 fatalities in 2021.

blocked or stenosed coronary arteries allowing unobstructed The Delhi Government blood flow to the myocardium. I informed the Assembly on Angiography or Coronary Tuesday that 218 deaths were Angiogram (CAG) is a process recorded in the cardiology where X-rays are used to study department of the Rajiv the condition of blood vessels in the arms, chest, or head Gandhi Super Specialty Hospital (RGSSH) in the last According to the data, till March 7 this year, 17 patients two years. Out of the total deaths, 101 had died in the cardiology were those patients who had department of the facility, who

undergone stent implantation had undergone procedures like PTCA and CAG. and angiography procedures, the health department of the In response to another Delhi Government informed in question, the Delhi health a written response to a quesdepartment said stents are not being purchased at RGSSH, but The department also said a they were being used on an committee was set up recently "imprest basis" on contractual to probe deaths that have taken rate pertaining to GP Pant

place in the Coronary Care An associate professor of cardiology, who was working on contractual basis at the record department and the Delhi Government-run hospicardiology department, 70 tal, had been "terminated" from deaths took place in 2020 and service after the death of three patients with heart blockage earlier this month, officials Out of these 218 deaths in

had said recently.

He was sacked on orders the last two years, recorded in the cardiology department of RGSSH, 101 were those from the Delhi Secretariat, a patients who had "undergone senior official had said. Action against the doctor was initiatstent implantation (PTCA) and angiography procedures (CAG)", it said. Percutaneous ed on March 10 before a fourmember committee which was transluminal coronary angioset up to review the matter, offiplasty (PTCA) is a minimally cials had said. Also, in response invasive procedure to open to another question, it said.

Patriotism, honesty, humanity are AAP's three pillars: CM

NEW DELHI: Hardcore patriotism, honesty and humanity are the three pillars of the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) ideology and Delhi's budget for 2022-23 reflects it, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said in the Assembly on Tuesday.

Replying to a discussion on the budget in the Delhi Assembly on Tuesday, he also the BJP-led Government at the Centre of stalling development works in the city. It was for the first time after Independence that a 'Rozgar Budget' was presented by any Government, the Delhi Chief Minister claimed.

The budget presented in the Assembly is not an ordinary document, it is historical. A 'Rozgar Budget' has been presented for the first time in independent India. The budget has been prepared to bring happiness to all. We bring 'Rozgar Budget' because of our ideology. Hardcore patriotism, honesty and humanity are three pillars of our ideology," Kejriwal said in House. *PTI* Delhi Assembly to go paperless

All 70 MLAs being provided with tablets

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The Delhi Assembly on Tuesday decided to go paperless with all 70 MLAs now being provided with tablets on which they will receive all the necessary information regarding Assembly proceedings online.

The Assembly has taken up an automation project which will allow MLAs to work digitally. On Tuesday, Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Manish Sisodia took to Twitter and said, "Delhi Legislative Assembly will be completely paperless now.

All documents and Bills will be tabled in E-paper format. Lakhs of pages used dur-ing the proceedings of the

Legislative Assembly will now be presented as soft copy." To begin with the process of going paperless, members were asked to carry their tablets provided by the finance department dur-

ing the current Budget Session. Sisodia said, "This will be a step towards making the Legislative Assembly smart and efficient. This web-based solution will not only help us speed up the official processes in the Assembly but will also save tonnes of paper being used here

in every proceeding."

He added, "Under the automation project, the Legislative Assembly has been provided with good Wi-Fi connectivity which will enable the members of the Assembly to attend the proceedings uninterrupted

This step of the Kejriwal Government will prove to be a milestone in the direction of environment protection. Provisions will be made for members to attend the sessions virtually in future."

AAP MLA raises issue of ill-treatment of EWS patients at Ganga Ram Hosp

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During the Assembly ses sion in Delhi's Vidhan Sabha on Tuesday, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA from Karol Bagh, Vishesh Ravi requested an immediate inter vention in matter of ill-treat ment of Economic Weaker Section (EWS) category patients at Sir Ganga Ram The MLA has been raising

this issue of EWS category patients being deprived of ben efits at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital "The patients are not given proper medical consultation medicines and beds as entitled to EWS-category patients at hospital," said Ravi.

Ravi said that the hospital has a long-standing habit of looking down upon EWS-category patients and not providing them with proper medical attention and treatment. "This discriminatory behaviour by hospital should be looked into immediately as such things are not acceptable," Ravi added.

BJP Legislators marshaled out of **Delhi Assembly**

 $B^{\text{JP Legislators were marshaled out of Delhi}}$ Assembly after they raised the issue of alleged discrimination in distribution of funds for development works in areas represented by them, said BJP MLA Vijender Gupta on Tuesday. He alleged that the AAP Government has murdered democracy not only in the Assembly but also outside of it by practicing partiality in disbursement of funds.

During the Assembly session at the Vidhan Sabha on Tuesday, MLAs Gupta and OP Sharma had raised the issue and the BJP MLA presented facts on disbursement of funds meant for installation of CCTV cameras in all Assembly constituencies in the House. He said that the Delhi Government has spent Rs 400 crore for procurement of 1,40,000 CCTV cameras. "In

every constituency, it spent Rs

5.71 crore for procuring 2,000 CCTV cameras. However, the PWD Minister has not given permission to install 16,000 CCTV cameras meant for eight Assembly constituencies that have elected BJP MLAs as their representatives," he said.

Gupta said that every

MLA has been given the prerogative to decide the location

for the installation of the CCTVs in consultation with the residents. However, this right has been snatched away from the BJP representatives. Instead of answering

Opposition questions, the Government is suppressing their voices by marshalling them out, he added.

"The BJP MLAs will meet Lieutenant-Governor of Delhi regarding systematic discrimination being practiced by the AAP government and would stage a dharna if it refuses to mend its way and continue to trample upon rights of people of Delhi, he further added.

100 bed portable integrated care centre at Karol Bagh



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 $T^{\text{he Delhi Government has}}_{\text{ set up a fully-equipped 100}}_{\text{bed portable integrated care}}$ centre at the Ayurvedic and Unani Tibbia College in Delhi's Karol Bagh area, in a bid to increase the capacity of health-

care infrastructure in Delhi. The care centre was inaugurated by Delhi's Health Minister Satvendar Jain on the occasion of the college's centenary celebrations on Tuesday. Jain said that this hospital would be beneficial for the people living

Unit (ICU) beds along with 82 oxygen beds. This facility also has its own oxygen PSA plant of 250 litres per minute (LPM) and the aim of the Government is to increase the capacity of health infrastructure in hospitals in Delhi keeping in mind the situation that had surfaced in the past due to the surge in Covid cases in Delhi," said an official. Jain said the hospital had been set up to deal with pandemics like Covid-19 in the

This centre was initially built to serve as beds for Covid-19 patients but considering the fact that number of Covid cases in Capital is low and under control at moment, the Delhi Government still wants in nearby areas. "The care cento be fully prepared for any

possible surge in cases in the future," said Jain. "We have decided to maintain this healthcare centre instead of dismantling it. The Unani Tibbia College shall maintain its administration so it may be used during any future crisis that may arise. All the beds have been equipped with oxygen cylinders, moreover, ventilators have been provided for all the ICU beds," said Jain.

Jain tweeted pictures from the programme and said, this facility will "aid in increasing the bed capacity in case of any crisis."Dr RK Manchanda (Director AYUSH) said that this facility shall also be used as a research centre for integrated research of Ayurveda and Unani in collaboration with modern medical science.

Cong workers stage protest against fuel price hike

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Following the rise in petrol, diesel and cooking gas prices, the Indian Youth Congress (IYC) activists staged a protest outside Union Petroleum Ministry here on Tuesday. Police said that no one was detained during protest. Srinivas BV, IYC president also posted a video of protest on his official Twitter handle. In video, the protesters are seen performing a mock funeral as they carry an LPG cylinder. The protesters also raised slogans against central government. "The protesters carried an empty cylinder in a symbolic way to bring attention towards rising fuel prices," said Rahul Rao, the IYC's National Media Incharge. Petrol prices in the national capital as well as most state capitals crossed ₹100 a litre mark as its rates were hiked by 80 paise a litre and that of diesel by 70 paise on Tuesday, taking total increase since last



Indian Youth Congress workers cook rotis during their protest against the rising inflation and hike in prices of petrol, diese RANJAN DIMRI/THE PIONEER and LPG cylinders by the centre, near Shastri Bhawan, in New Delhi on Tuesday,

week to ₹4.80 per litre. Petrol in Delhi will now cost ₹100.21 per litre against ₹99.41 previously, while diesel rates have gone up from ₹90.77 per litre to ₹91.47. The IYC national president said

burden of inflation is increasing continuously on people. "Whatever reason government may give regarding inflation, but every citizen of country knows real reason. The public fails to understand that when price of crude oil has decreased by about 26.42 per cent in international market, then rates of petrol and diesel are increasing continuously in the country," he said.

services of Kashmiri migrant teachers, alleges Kejriwal

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Despite a nod by the Arvind Kejriwal-led Cabinet, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Tuesday alleged that Delhi Lieutenant Governor, Anil Baijal has consistently opposed the regularisation of services of Kashmiri migrant teachers in Delhi government schools.

Earlier, on Monday the statement of the Government School Teachers' Association (Migrant), released by its coordinator Dilip Bhan on Monday, kicked up a political row with the BJP launching an attack on the AAP.

According to the statement, the teachers' association hit out at Chief Minister Kejriwal for claiming credit for regularisation of the migrant teachers, saying the Delhi government did it because it was left with no choice after the Supreme Court's judgment in

Addressing a press conference, AAP legislators Atishi and Saurabh Bharadwaj said that after the formation of the AAP government, these Kashmiri teachers came to Kejriwal and also met (deputy chief minister) Manish Sosodia.

"The Kejriwal government decided that their services should be regularised. Cabinet passed a proposal for this but, Lt Governor (L-G) Baijal objected to the regularisation of these 235 teachers.

The Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP's) L-G (Baijal) writes a note in the file stating that it is a service matter, and the Delhi government has no jurisdiction to interfere, and that all decisions have to be taken by the L-G in this matter," Atishi claimed and showed some documents at the press

She alleged that it was not alone the Delhi L-G's decision to oppose the regularisation of teachers as he had consulted with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in the matter. "BJP's L-G never stood by Kashmiri migrant teachers.

He openly opposed their regularisation. He even filed a petition in the Supreme Court, challenging the double bench verdict which had favoured the teachers' regularisation," Atishi said.

The AAP leaders also questioned the veracity of the teachers' body, which issued the statement targeting Kejriwal on the issue of regularising Kashmiri migrant teachers.

The teachers' association, which was party in the case filed in the court, has issued a clarification, saying, Bhan whose statement is circulating in the name of their organisa-tion is not known to them, Atishi claimed.

The association has also stated that the Kejriwal government always stood by Kashmiri migrant contractual teachers and even passed a policy in its Cabinet in 2017 favouring their regularisation, Atishi said.

"The BJP is playing politics over the issue," Atishi said, adding "Modi government has not done anything for Kashmiri migrants so far, the BJP has only opposed the rehabilitation of the Kashmiri Pandits, worked against them, did everything to obstruct the regularisation of their jobs.

The AAP posted this teachers association's statement on the party's official Twitter handle. "This is the real face of the BJP and its leaders, they are liars, cunning and worthless," AAP leader Bharadwaj charged.

L-G opposes regularisation of | Punjabi Bagh interchange Metro station inaugurated; connects green, pink line



connectivity between the Green Line (Brig. Hoshiar Singh to Inderlok/Kirti Nagar) and the Pink Line (Majlis Park to Shiv Vihar), at Punjabi Bagh West Metro station in New Delhi in New Delhi on Tuesday

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The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) on Tuesday inaugurated the additional interchange station at Punjabi Bagh which will connect the green line and pink line. This is for the first time that the Delhi Metro has built such a station which is connecting two operational corridors. The two lines earlier

crossed each other but there was no halt in facility, and there were demands from people to provide an interchange provision at intersection, officials had earlier said. Dr Mangu Singh, Managing Director of DMRC said "The platforms for both up and down movement at this station have been built in steel and are located right above Punjabi Bagh roundabout. The green line viaduct has been modified to install these prefabricated steel platforms. The platforms have come up between the Shivaji Park and Punjabi Bagh stations of green line." "This is for first time that DMRC has built such a station which is connecting two operational corridors. (However, in 2010, the Chhattarpur Metro station was built with pre-fabricated steel. After completion of fabrication work, the structures were brought to site for installation on giant trailers)," he said.

There will be boarding and deboarding facilities available on this station and as a result of which passengers desirous of interchanging trains between green line and pink line will be able to use facility," he said. The new platforms are 155 metres in length and are connected with FOB by two extra-large lifts (each platform) with capacity of 26 passengers each as well as staircases.

Ghazipur dump blaze continues to rage

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The fire that broke out on Monday in east Delhi's Ghazipur dumping yard continued to rage on in some pockets even after 23 hours. Meanwhile, Delhi Police has also registered a First Information Report (FIR) against an unknown person.

According to a senior police official, the case has been registered under Sections 278 (making atmosphere noxious to health), 285 (negligent conduct with respect to fire or combustible mat-ter), and 336 (act endangering life or personal safety of others) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) against unknown people.

The fire department said that the operation is still going on and it might take a few more hours to complete the cooling process. Four fire tenders are working at the spot. According

to the fire department, the call about the fire at Ghazipur's Khatta was received at 2.30 pm on Monday. According to data shared by the fire department, a total of four such incidents at landfill sites -- two each at Bhalswa and Tughlakabad -took place till Sunday this year. Last year, during the same period, a total of 16 fire incidents -- 12 at Bhalswa and four

were reported in 2019, the data stated. East Delhi Municipal Corporation's (EDMC) standing committee chairperson Beer Singh Panwar had earlier said the fire was caused due to "high temperature" as plastic is one of the major components of the legacy waste and methane keeps getting generated. He had said the EDMC had deployed 22



'Deshbhakti curriculum changes mindset of students towards society'

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

¬he Deshbhakti curriculum The Deshbhakti curriculum has helped the students to understand how their actions can impact society both positively and negatively, Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said on Tuesday.

During a surprise inspec-tion at Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, Jahangirpuri, Sisodia, who also holds the education portfolio, said that the Deshbhakti curriculum has changed their mindset towards society and country. He further admonished the Estate Manager for not ensuring adequate hygiene in school premises. He further interacted with

students of Class 7th, checked progress of the Reading Campaign and spoke to students about their experiences of the Happiness Curriculum and the Deshbhakti Curriculum. In addition, the students of Class 11 shared their thoughts on Entrepreneurship Mindset Curriculum (EMC), which has helped them become risk-takers. Students said that this curriculum has helped them understand the fact that oppor-

tunities are present everywhere,

one just needs to develop the

mindset and start looking for

them. The EMC has strength-

ened their critical thinking,

analyzing, and decision making

skills, the students remarked.

BJP raps Govt's decision to hike 'Flatted Factories' rent STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI pay annual maintenance

Delhi Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has condemned Delhi Government's decision to increase the rent of 'Flatted Factories' by 180 to 300 times and demanded immediate and demanded immediate withdrawal of the hike. Delhi BJP Spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor has written a letter to CM Arvind Kejriwal and demanded roll back of the decision. "To encourage non polluting small and medium polluting small and medium scale industries in Delhi a concept of flatted factories on rental basis was visualized and implemented in early 1980's where factory owners had to

charges and monthly rent on per square metre basis," he said in the letter. "Till February, 2022 the rent for such factories was ₹30 per square metre across the city in five industrial zones which has now been irrationally raised by the Kejriwal Government," he said.

Citing the example, he said that the rent has been raised at Jhandewalan Complex and Okhla Phase III from ₹30 to₹500 per square metre while for Okĥla Kiosks it has been raised to ₹923 an increase of 300 times. For Wazirpur Industrial Area, the rates increased by 100 times.

Unidentified miscreants break into house of JNU Professor, decamp with valuables

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Some unidentified miscreants broke into the house of Jawaharlal Nehru University (INU) Professor Dhananjay Singh and decamped with valu-

According to an First Information Report (FIR) reg-istered in the case, Singh, who lives in the JNU campus and is the chairperson of the Centre for English Studies and Associate Dean of School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, had left his house in the campus on March

17 for Lucknow. "He returned on March 24 and found that his house was ransacked. Singh claimed that the thieves broke into his house through a window and it was left open," as per FIR. Meanwhile, the JNU Teachers' Association (INUTA) claimed "lack of accountability and commitment towards the safety and security of campus residents in the past years".

It said from 2019 onwards, there have been 13 incidents of theft which point "towards the extreme vulnerability that the campus residents have been exposed to in the recent years".

3 services chiefs hold BJP to launch 'Samajik Nyay meet on op readiness Pakhwada' on Modi's advice

3-day talks to focus on wide range of issues

PNS NEW DELHI

With tension persisting at the border in Ladakh due to continuing stand-offs between the troops of China and India, top commanders of the three Services began a brain storming conference on Tuesday. The three-day meet in Lucknow will focus on opera tional readiness and measures to be taken to plug any gaps.

Army chief General M M

Naravane will preside over the deliberations on Wednesday at the Central Command Headquarters there, officials said here on Tuesday.

The deliberations will cover wide-ranging subjects concerning military prepared-

The Army Chief is scheduled to review the deployment of Indian Army formations deployed in Western and



Northern borders while they are transitioning from winter to summer posture.

Senior Army, Navy and Air force officers including commanders of their respective commands are attending a series of discussions focused on reviewing the current international and regional environ-

The exercise is undertaken with a view to progressively increase own capabilities through force level optimisation, technology adoption, induction of force multipliers, as also modernisation and improvement of infrastructure.

Operational readiness of

troops and equipment to match strategy and tactics are also being reviewed to respond to the emerging threats and chal-

Incidentally, the high-profile conference comes days after Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi held talks with his counterpart Jaishankar here last week.

It was the first visit by a Chinese minister to India since trouble erupted at the Line of Actual Control(LAC)in Eastern Ladakh nearly two years ago.

Jaishankar said after the meeting that situation was "not normal" as far as ties with China was concerned.

DEEPAK K UPRETI

The BJP will undertake a range of programmes, including meetings and conferences, for a fortnight from its foundation day on April 6 as part of the "samajik nyay pakhwada" following a sug-gestion from Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the Parliamentary party meeting on Tuesday.
The BJP MPs and leaders

in different States would reach out to the "socially disadvantaged sections" in the society to understand their issues and get feedback to act upon by the party and the government.

With the birth anniversary of B R Ambedkar, the chairman of the Constituent assembly, falling on April 14, Modi sought the BJP MPs to interact with the disadvantaged sections of society like Scheduled Castes, to highlight various government programmes for their welfare.

Modi also drew the attention of the MPs that the birth anniversary of Jyotirao Phule, the noted social and educational reformer Maharashtra, falls on April 11.

In the backdrop of the opposition criticism that the BJP has been averse to recognizing the contribution of previous ruling parties, he said the BJP is the only ruling party which has recognised contributions of every prime minister by building a museum to honour them.

"We are the only ones to have acknowledged former prime ministers' contributions irrespective of the party they came from," a BJP MP quoted him as saying. BJP has often accused the Congress of glorifying the 'family' and the Nehru Dynasty excluding the other political personalities in

The meeting was attended by all top party leaders including BJP president J P Nadda, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi.

Minister of state for Parliamentary Affairs Minister

Ariun Ram Meghwal said the main objective of the BJP Parliamentary party meet was to hold meetings and conferences between April 6 and April 14 on the issue of "social iustice".

Meghwal told reporters that Modi asked parliamentarians to work to spread awareness about the central government's welfare schemes for housing, nutrition and free

grains among others.

He also suggested that each district could build 75 water ponds- "Amrit Sarovar" - to celebrate the ongoing 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' in the coun-

An exhibition on the movement for India's Independence was also held at Ambedkar International Centre, the meeting's venue, where Modi arrived earlier than its scheduled beginning.

Meghwal said BJP MPs thanked the PM for extending the 'Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana' which ensures free ration for the poor for another six months upto September, this year.

34 people from outside buy properties in J&K after Art 370 abrogation

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The Government on Tuesday informed the Lok Sabha that 34 people from outside Jammu and Kashmir have bought properties in the Union Territory after the abrogation of Article 370 even as it also signaled that the Sports Ministry was exploring the possibility of adopting a policy of "one State, one sport" in the coun-

"As per the information provided by the government of Jammu and Kashmir, 34 people from outside the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir have bought properties in the UT of J&K after abrogation of Article 370," Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said in the Lok Sabha in a written

Rai said the properties are located in Jammu, Reasi, Udhampur and Ganderbal

In another policy issue, the house was informed that

Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur has held a meeting with the state ministers and officials on the possibility of adopting a policy of "one state, one sport" but no decision has been taken yet.

Union Minister of State for Sports Nisith Pramanik said Thakur held a virtual meeting with the state sports ministers and officials and discussed the matter of "one state, one sport". "The government will take an appropriate decision at an appro-priate time," Pramanik said during the Question Hour.

On yet another sports related issue, the Department of Sports has urged the Ministry of Finance to impose a uniform GST of 5 per cent on all sports goods to encourage manufacturing of sports goods in India, the Lok Sabha was informed.

Pramanik said the GST rates are fixed based on the recommendations of the GST Council and most of the sports equipment are taxed at a GST rate of 12 per cent.

INSHORT

NO TALKS ON PREZ ELECTION: NAVEEN

New Delhi: There has been no discussion on presidential elections and neither the Government nor the Opposition has approached the BJD over it, said party supremo and Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, who visited Parliament on Tuesday and held a meeting with his party MPs from both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. He was welcomed by all BJD MPs at the entry gate of Parliament.

CVC ASKED ABOUT PENDING COMPLAINTS

New Delhi: The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances Law and Justice Parliamentary committee has asked the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) to explain why over 12.000 complaints were pending disposal, some for over three

'MHA REJECTS LICENCE RENEWAL OF 466 NGOS

New Delhi: The Ministry of Home Affairs has declined to renew the FCRA licence of 466 NGOs since 2010, Union Minister of State for Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

Privanka writes to Rajnath over delays in Army recruitment

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ongress general secretary **└**Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday wrote to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh over "delays" in the armed forces recruitment and urged him to take necessary steps to ensure that the hard work of aspirants is respected. In her letter, she said it is the dream of the youth to serve the country by joining the armed forces for which lakhs of them prepare with hard work.

"Youth from all over the country have tried to draw your and the government's attention towards some important points related to the recruitment results, delay in recruitment and recruitment rallies for the armed forces, she said.Flagging the problems being faced by the youth in armed forces recruitment, Priyanka said the examination for the recruitment of soldiers in the Air Force was held in November 2020 with its result out in the same month but despite the completion of all the list being out, the enrollment list

Bennett's visit to Delhi postponed after testing positive for Covid-19

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Israel has postponed its Prime Minister Naftali Bennett's visit to New Delhi next week after he tested positive for Covid-19 two days back. He was scheduled to hold talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 3. The visit was also to mark 30 years of diplomatic ties between the two countries.

Announcing the post-ponement, Israel Embassy spokesperson Muhamed Heib also said here the visit will be rescheduled.

It was to be Bennett's first India visit after assuming office as Prime Minister last year. He was scheduled to visit India during April 3-5 at the invitation of the Indian prime min-

In a related development, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held a telephonic conversation with his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Gantz on Tuesday. They expressed their desire to further strengthen the talks came shortly after Israel announced the postponement



of Bennett's visit. The Israeli defence minister is likely to visit India next week. "Had a telephonic conver-

sation with the Defence Minister of Israel, Mr. Benjamin Gantz. Shared my condolences on loss of innocent lives due to terror attacks in Israel. Terrorism is a global menace which has no place in today's civilised world," Rajnath said in a tweet.

In another tweet, he said both the countries look forward to further strengthening the bilateral relations as India and Israel complete 30 years of full diplomatic relations. "Defence cooperation is the

Military cooperation has

been on an upward swing in Rajnath said. recent years," "Also, I wished for the speedy recovery of Israeli Prime Mr. Naftali Bennett who recently tested positive for Covid," he

Modi and his Israeli counterpart had earlier met on the sidelines of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 26) in Glasgow in November last year. They also had telephon-

ic talks on August 16, 2021. India and Israel elevated their bilateral relationship to a strategic partnership during the visit of Modi to Israel in July 2017. Since then, the two countries have continued to deepen a focus on innovation and research, read the statement. | a manufacturer sells to a dis-

Prices of 40 cancer drugs have come down significantly: Min

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The Government on Tuesday informed the Rajya Sabha that prices of more than 40 cancer drugs had come down significantly after it fixed trade margins. Moreover, India has developed the capability to manufacture cancer drugs within the country, the house was

Giving these details, Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya informed the Rajya Sabha "we had to

import cancer medicines but now India is capable of manufacturing it. We have intro-duced PLI scheme under which the manufacturing of APIs (active pharmaceutical ingredients) required for making cancer medicines have also started in India.

The Minister informed the House that the MRPs of these cancer medicines have been capped in such a manner per cent of the first price that

Rane stresses need to strengthen MSMEs



tributor in India.

After fixing the trade margins, the price of cancer treatment medicines have come down significantly, which is benefiting cancer patients, Mandaviya asserted

Replying to another ques-Derek Brien(TMC)on what steps the government have taken on reports of about 175 healthhonour and clear bills of ex-

Scheme(CGHS), Mandaviya said the government will look into the matter.

The minister also assured that issues faced by senior retired journalists, whose bills have not been cleared under CGHS, will also be addressed. To another question

bу Anand Sharma(Congress) over the withdrawal by major private hospitals from the CGHS panel, the minister said the government is aware of the situation and it has held discussions with the hospitals, which have given suggestions.

Based on the feedback the government will work to ensure the CHGS cardholders get the best medical treatment, he added.

In a written reply, the minister said during 2021-22 fiscal, claims of empanelled healthcare organisations amounting to Rs 1,330 crore were settled. Bills amounting servicemen under the Central organisations for payment.

Vasundhara meets Nadda to galvanise party in Raj

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Former Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje, under whose stewardship the BJP lost the last Assembly polls in Rajasthan, met BJP President J P Nadda on Tuesday to discuss ways to galvanize the party machinery in the State for the Assembly elections, next year. Raje has been on a meeting

spree in the last fortnight and had interactions with the top leaders including Prime Minister Narendra Modi. She has been at logger-

heads with state Chief Satish poonia and Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, who also hails from Rajasthan

Raje, who has floated her own 'support forum' in the state and launched 'Raje Yatra', had in the past vetoed Shekhawat's bid to be the state president. The infighting in the state has often turned visibly bitter and even ugly.

After lying low for the last several years, Raje, currently BJP Vice President, has suddenly become active and separately met Modi last Thursday. After meeting Modi, Raje had a long meeting with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. She flew to Dehradun in

a helicopter to attend the swearing-in-ceremony of Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami and met a number of BJP leaders. She also attended the oath taking ceremony of Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath.

The former Chief Minister, who had led BJP to power twice, is known to have her way and attracted criticism for her style of functioning carrying a dedicated band of followers including the long-time exminister Rajendra Singh



Nadda has often warned BJP state leaders to project a "united face" saying that "ekla chalo' policy would not work and "not tolerated" by the lead-

Sources said Nadda discussed with Raje the party's affairs in Rajasthan and took feedback from her. Raje, a scion of royal family, is still a force to reckon with that the central leadership can not ignore for want of an alternative popular face in the state.

A rally she had organised in the state on her birthday on March 8 drew a big crowd and was also attended by a number of party leaders in what was seen as her show of strength.

Raje, who is the aunt of Jyotiraditya Scidia, had welcomed her nephew when he had joined the BJP from the Congress saying Vijaya Raje Scindia (her mother) " if alive would have been elated" that Jyotiraditya "put nation first" (by joining the BJP).

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ED crackdown

 $T^{\text{he Enforcement Directorate}}_{\text{(ED) has provisionally}}$ attached movable and immovable properties worth over Rs 7.54 cr belonging to R Selvaraj and his family members under PMLA in the Red Sanders Smuggling case. The ED had initiated money laundering probe on the basis of an FIR filed by the AP police and the Commissionerate of Customs Chennai. Subsequently, chargesheet and prosecution complaints were filed by the AP police and prosecution wing Chennai customs department.

Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Narayan Rane on Tuesday termed the MSMEs as growth accelerators making a significant contribution to the GDP and stressed the need to strengthen them.

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Rane said, for a long time now, MSMEs have been working amidst minimum resources and yet making a significant contrihution to the GDP of the country. "It is, therefore, necessary that these growth accelerators are handheld and strengthened. In Government has well ensured

this direction, there have definitely been significant collective efforts to strengthen the sector. Various schemes of the government are directed towards opening up new avenues for MSMEs," He was speaking at the inau-

guration of the two-day mega summit on MSME competitiveness and growth being organized Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India. Institute of India (EDII) in the presence of MoS Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma.

He further said the

that the MSME sector receives an unhindered credit flow from financial institutions, technology support for development and modernization, access to export markets, infrastructure facility, training and capacity building facility and welfare of workforce.

The two-day summit will witness brainstorming sessions and panel discussions on the enhancements, challenges and growth opportunities in the MSME sector and speakers and experts from India, Singapore, Peru, Lao PDR, Rwanda, Myanmar, Russia, Uzbekistan, Spain and Iran, will share their

experiences at the summit. The summit is also going to be attended by entrepreneurs, academicians, policymakers, industry leaders, thought leaders, business chambers, industry associations, startups, social impact organizations, MSMEs

and self-help groups from across

the world.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma, said, "India, with its focus on entrepreneurship, start-ups, innovations and MSMEs, is well placed at a remarkable time on account of interesting economic decisions and strategies."

Shun vehicles to commute to office, BSF staff asked

NEW DELHI

Tn a rare environment friend $oldsymbol{1}$ ly initiative, the Kashmir Frontier of the Border Security Force (BSF) has issued a directive to the personnel to shun motor vehicles to commute to the office from the official quarters to check air and noise pollution besides reducing carbon footprint.

"It has been observed that office staff of Frontier Headquarter Kashmir and Subsidiary Training Centre Kashmir are commuting from their (residential) quarters to office by vehicles such as personal motorcycles/cars, which causes unnecessary air and sound pollution in the campus, which is not only detrimental to health of family members

living in campus but it is utter



foolishness to burn unnecessary fuel as we all know that we have got limited hydrocarbon reserves," reads the order issued by BSF's Kashmir Frontier.

It further said, "We can mitigate these health hazards (air and noise pollution) and contribute a bit in saving precious hydrocarbons by adopting more environment friend ly modes of transport like bicycle riding and on foot walking."

cial for their health besides

It also directed that, henceforth, no office staff will use motorized vehicles while comsense of endurance. The IG's secretariat of the ing to office or moving in the BSF is headquartered at campus area. They may come to office by walking or may use Humhama in Badgam district bicycles, which will be benefiof Jammu and Kashmir Union

keeping the campus pollution

Further, if anyone is found using a motorcycle or cars for coming to office or moving in the campus area without any valid reasons, strict disciplinary action will be taken for violating the related instruction.

The copy of the order issued by the Inspector General of BSF has been circulated to all branches of Frontier Kashmir, Frontier STC, Kashmir and General Duty Office.

Officials said the idea has the twin purpose of reducing the carbon footprint as well as keeping the staffers physically fit besides having a renewed

'1205 paramilitary personnel have commited suicide in last 10 years' PNS NEW DELHI

As many as 1,205 paramilitary personnel have com-

mitted suicide in the last 10 years with the highest 156 in 2021, Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday. He said 143 personnel committed suicide in 2020, 129 in 2019, 96 in 2018, 125 in 2017, 92 in 2016, 108 in 2015, 125 in 2014, 113 in 2013 and 118 in Domestic problems, illness and financial problems

are some of the contributory factors to the incidents of suicide, he said replying to a written question. The organisations whose personnel have committed suicides are CRPF, BSF, CISF, ITBP, SSB, NSG and Assam Rifles.

ED arrests fake crypto coin case accused for money laundering PNS NEW DELHI investors by accepting investpromised them that he would ments, under a Ponzi scheme, give 5 percent as commission The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested an through his three Bengaluru on the investment.

accused Abdul Gafoor in connection with investigation in a money laundering case worth Rs 1,200 crore linked to fake

crypto Morris Coin Case.
The ED had initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by the Crime Branch, Malappuram and investigation report submitted by it against

Nishad and others wherein. Nishad was the main accused, who cheated several based firms; Long Reach Global, Long Reach Technologies and Morris Trading, by offering high returns of dividend such as 3 to 5 percent per day.

As per the FIR, more than

900 investors were cheated to the tune of Rs 1,200 crore. Investigation by ED

revealed that Nishad, the main accused, had appointed those persons as pin stockists, who had invested a minimum of Rs 10 lakhs in his scheme. Nishad

They made aggressive enrolment of new members into an illegal money circula-

tion scheme under the garb of multi-level marketing, resorted to fraudulent practice of investing the money received from the investors in the Morris Coin Cryptocurrency plan run by Nishad and others. This further led to viral proliferation of the network of the scheme and thereby made huge wrongful gain at the cost of investors, the ED said in a statement.

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Working on panel for MSP: Govt

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¬he Government on I Tuesday again reiterated that it is in the process of setting up a panel on farmers issues including Minimum Support Price (MSP). The committee will have representatives of the central Government, Governments, farmers, agricultural scientists, and agri-

cultural economists. "As per the changing requirements of the country to change the cropping pattern, to make MSP more effective and transparent, and to encourage natural farming methods of agriculture, setting up a committee is under process," Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said in a written reply Lok Sabha

On February 4, Tomar had said in the Rajya Sabha that the matter of forming the committee on MSP is under

consideration of the Ministry and will be formed after the assembly elections in five states namely Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Manipur, Goa

Sources Government said that they are working on the terms and reference for the Committee on farmers' issues. On the other hand, farmers unions and their leaders have accused the Government for not announcing the committee on MSP and other demands after the elections is over in five

The farmers' body will observe a MSP legal guarantee week from April 11 to April 17 during which unions will organise dharnas, demonstrations and seminars. "There is no trace of the assurance of forming a committee on

Except Haryana, the police cases registered against the farmers during the agitation in various

withdrawn. Delhi Police has spoken of partial withdrawal of some cases, but there is no concrete information about that as well. Nothing has happened about the cases registered during rail roko agitations across the country," the Samyukt Kisan Morcha has stated in a statement on March

While announcing the repeal of three farm laws in November last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had promised to set up a committee to make MSP system more effective and transparent as well as suggest ways to promote zero budgeting basedagriculture.

The Supreme Court appointed three members panel on farm legislations in its report has found that nearly 86% of farmers supported the now-repealed three central farm laws that were at the centre of year-long protest by farmer

Tomar praises farm sector growth in Bengal

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The BJP and TMC's fierce political rivalry notwithstanding, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Tuesday praised the farm sector growth in Mamata Banerjee-ruled West Bengal.

Tomar said that the farm sector in West Bengal has shown appreciable growth despite adversities created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a written reply to the Lok Sabha, Tomar said that during the last three years (2019-2021), a total of 84 field crops varieties were developed and released for West Bengal. "These include 31 varieties of cereals; 23 of oilseeds; 14 of pulses; 9 of fiber; 4 of forages and 3 of sugarcane. The productivity of rice, maize, foodgrains and pulses registered an increase of 1.2 per cent, 8.1 per cent, 2.3 per cent and 19.34 per cent between the period 201819 and 2020-21," Tomar said.

The Minister informed the House that agricultural research institutes/ centres in West Bengal have undertaken research for the development in various areas like field crops disease diagnosis and development of vaccines for animals, poultry and fisheries sectors, development of ergonomically improved tools and equipment and women-friendly tools and machineries, etc.

"As a result of the initiatives taken by the Central and State Government and the Agricultural Research Institutes, agriculture sector of the State of West Bengal has shown appreciable growth despite adversities created by

COVID-19 pandemic," he said. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established four research institutes and nine regional research stations in West

Kerala shut despite HC order

Despite a Kerala High Court directive to the State administration on Monday to 'issue appropriate orders pre-venting Government employees from going on strike, the State remained shut down on Tuesday too making the 48hour long General Strike called by the Left parties a total success in Kerala Normal life came to a

standstill as public vehicles remained off the roads, shops and business establishments downing shutters and Government employees staying off work for the second day in succession. The strike was against the anti-people policies of the Narendra Modi Government at the Centre. Kannur, hosting the 23rd Party Congress of the CPI(M) in April has been exempted from the general strike by the party leaders as works were in full swing to complete the arrangements for the five-day mega

Though the High Court had on Monday asked the Government to issue necessary orders to all department heads to ensure that Rule 86 of the Kerala Government Servants Conduct Rules 1960 that



barred Government employees from resorting to strike was not violated, it has not made any impact on Tuesday too. Those who came to resume their work on Tuesday morning were chased away by the trade union leaders activists

Chief Secretary V P Joy's late Monday night statement that the unexplained absence of employees from work would be probed and dies non would be resorted to was met with guffaw by CPI(M) leaders like Kodiyeri Balakrishnan and M V Jayarajan. One of the NGO (Non-Gazetted Officers') Union leaders asked which

official had the courage to probe into such cases.

Jayarajan, reacting to Monday's court order, said that the judiciary was not from the skies. Supporters of bundh forced all shops and business houses across the State to down the shutters on Tuesday morning despite the opposition by the liaison committee of trade and business communities.

People in the State have started enjoying these frequent shut downs under the garb of strike and hartals. "We had stocked sufficient food and liquor for three days on Saturday itself and the strike did not affect us in any way. It

was like two day's paid holidays," said Justin Jose, an Ernakulam based employee in a public sector undertaking.

The section which was affected most because of the forced shut down was small and medium shopkeepers and vendors. "On an average, we do business worth ₹3,000 per day. The two day strike made us poor by ₹6,000," said Nithyanandan, a road side vegetable vendor.

The pro-hartal group was strict with even two-wheeler drivers. The tyres of hundreds of bikes were deflated by party men while policemen stood as mute spectators.

Nationwide strike called by trade unions rocks Upper House

The ongoing nationwide strike called by some trade unions to protest against the policies of the Government figured in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday with the Opposition urging the treasury to listen to the agitators in a positive manner and take remedial measures.While rejecting the notices by certain Opposition members to suspend the business for the day to discuss the strike, Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu, however, allowed the Elders make their points briefly. Several members had also given notice to take up the issues of price rise in essential commodities, but the Chairman did not accept them either, and asked the MPs to raise the matter during discussion on the Finance Bill. Naidu also said the issues related to strike could be raised later when the House takes up the discussion on the working of the Ministry of Labour and Employment. Referring to the strike, John Brittas (CPM) said lives and livelihood of people are in "great turmoil" and the Government should take remedial measures to mitigate their

BJP not in game of defeating anybody in elections: Gujarat CM

ujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has said that BJP is not in the game of defeating anybody in elections but the party workers continuously work to mitigate the grievances of the people at the lowest level which will ensure that the party will win the impending Assembly polls in December for the sixth consecutive term as a dividend.

The Chief Minister said the Gujarat Government has ensured that maximum benefits reach the people at the grassroots through various welfare schemes and he aims to win the elections and not defeat anybody.

"For a party that has been voted to power five times because of the good work they have done for the people, it is

with the media at the Ahmedabad airport on Sunday.

The BJP works for the people round the clock, every day and not like others which are seen on the ground only in the up to the polls. 'I am a positive person. My

aim is not to defeat somebody but to win. We will try and win every seat," the Chief Minister

Buttressing his confidence of a pro-incumbency in the upcoming polls, he dished out the recent results of the Panchayat elections as a justification.

elections, there are local body elections. Today we are in full power in all the district panchayats. So, I don't think there

The Embassy of Israel in India, Mashav India and Jain Drip Irrigation Private Limited chose a unique style to observe the 30th anniversary of the diplomatic ties between the two countries. On Tuesday, Orly Goldschmidt, Head of Public Diplomacy, Embassy of Israel in India, handed over a family drip irrigation kit to Shaurya Foundation Trust in Haryana launched by Ravi and Rani Gupta to help their son born with autism. Tuesday happened to be Good Deeds Day, an occasion paramount importance to the Jewish community.

The donation of the family drip irrigation system to the Foundation was part of the Israeli Embassy's mission for empowerment of persons with special needs.

"The drip irrigation kit will be used towards education and skill development of per-

sons with special needs. This

"Ahead of the Assembly is much of a challenge to us this time. The BJP and the

30 years of diplomatic Israel-India ties celebrated in novel way

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Israeli-invented technology will make them aware about smart agricultural technologies and water conservation. These skills will also help them in becoming self-sufficient for their future endeavours," said a spokesman of the Embassy. The Embassy and Mashav

India will provide technical know-how to the trainers of the Trust, who will then implement it on the ground. This will lead to optimal water usage and conservation in the area, said the spokesman.

We couldn't have found a better match than Shaurya Foundation Trust to partner on this International Good Deeds Day. I am really happy that we could play a small part in this important project, by offering them a Drip Irrigation System and allowing them to use it in order to give more skills to their people with special needs. Looking forward to seeing the fruits of this partnership," said

Goldschmidt

Date: March 30, 2022

Place: Delhi/ NCR

easy to win another term," Government work together to However, this time around the or provide an alternative to the grassroots' level to ameliorate their hardships," he said.

The elections in Gujarat have traditionally been a bipartisan contest between the BJP and the Congress, barely leaving any space for a third front.

eyeing a share in the Gujarat poll pie in face of the party's spectacular win in the recently concluded Assembly elections in Punjab.

On a question if the AAP will emerge as a force in Gujarat

said, "If the Congress wants to give away some seats, say, two, five or seven seats to AAP, they are free to do so. Frankly, I do not see AAP taking up the Opposition space

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Inconsistent

Despite a Marxist Govt, trade unionism in Kerala is caught between private capital and public welfare

chieving a welfare revolution through capitalism is something best left to Kerala, especially to the Government of a Marxist persuasion. Amid a two-day national strike by workers protesting the Union Government's economic policies came an order of the Kerala High Court that the State Government employees must not take part in the strike and face punitive action if they do. The Pinarayi Vijayan Government issued at once a no-work-no-pay directive to dissuade absenteeism from work. The Government order majorly impacts the trade unions, mostly affiliated to the ruling CPI(M). It would be interesting to know how the CPI(M) explains the peculiar situation where its Government and its workers are on opposing sides on the issue of a strike that Marxists consider the primary weapon of protest. One might ask why the Marxist Government complied easily with the court order much to the anguish of trade union workers. It is perhaps for the first time that the Vijayan Government is seeing the impact of Nava Keralam — the fruit of what can be called an ideological compromise — it introduced at the party State conference earlier this month. Through this project, Vijayan steered his party firmly towards capitalism and has since defended it saying it bal-



ances capitalism and socialism. He now preaches that economic growth is as important as people's welfare and both are interlinked. Growth can be stimulated faster by infusion of private investment.

And since the ultimate goal of depending on capitalist wealth is people's welfare, the question of capitulating Marxist ideology before capitalism does not arise. Today or tomorrow, he will have to smoothen the ruffled feathers of the trade union leaders, most of whom are his close comrades. He will have to explain to them that his Government's newfound interest in private investment means according top prior-

ity to the ease of doing business in Kerala. It means in turn that obsolete labour legislations will have to go and importantly, as he has told them already, trade unions will have to "behave". He will also have to convince them that strikes and agitations are things of the past and the new mantra is something they are not used to — employees and management working together for securing profit. The two million workers affiliated with 16,500 trade unions in Kerala will have to digest the Nava Keralam mantra which, in Vijayan's words, means: "We have to protect the interests of workers, but we must also take into account the investors' capacity to pay what workers demand. We (need)... an ecosystem...(to) attract investment and ensure faster development of the State." In the coming days, trade unionism in Kerala will see more curbs on its activities. They will be told to refrain from "unfair" targeting of industries. The CP(I)M faction of the Centre of Indian Trade Unions and the Karshaka Sangam may be asked to learn capitalist forms of protests.



Locals carry a huge Tricolour during a three-km-long Tiranga Yatra, in Shimla

Never say die

Mamata has again taken the lead in her bid to forge unity in the Opposition ranks

he BJP may have easily won four of the five States whose Assembly election results were declared earlier this month but that has hardly dampened the spirit of Opposition leaders in their quest to make a mark nationally in the next Lok Sabha elections. Not one to give up easily, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has written yet another letter to her counterparts in the non-BJP States in her ongoing attempts to forge Opposition unity to take on the saffron party's might in 2024. Not one to mince words, she is exhorting other Opposition leaders to come



together and unitedly fight the resurgent BJP. In her words, "all progressive forces" should join hands to fight the "oppressive BJP regime". In the letter, written in her capacity as the TMC chairperson, Mamata has sought a meeting with other satraps to discuss possible strategies to take on the BJP and commit to the cause of a unified and principled Opposition that should replace the BJP and make way for a "Government that the country truly deserves". Among her immediate and pressing concerns is that the saffron dispensation is indulging in "direct attacks on our country's institutional

democracy" and trying to influence even the judiciary. It's pertinent to mention here that the West Bengal Chief Minister has for quite some time been making sincere attempts to upset the BJP's applecart. Though she managed to protect her home turf convincingly despite the BJP's heavy poll machinery and party bigwigs landing there when the State went to polls in March-April 2021, she failed to create a stir in the recently held Uttar Pradesh election in spite of solidly backing the Akhilesh Yadav-led Samajwadi Party which, she had claimed, had a "very good chance" of toppling the Yogi Adityanath Government. Having missed the pleasure of tasting victory, however, didn't flag her enthusiasm and she is still keenly trying to align together like-minded non-BJP Chief Ministers and parties with her camp. She is, however, not too keen on taking on board the Congress leadership, which it appears she considers more of a liability than an asset. In the recent past, too, she had called for all the like-minded Opposition forces to come together for taking on the BJP in the run-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, unambiguously

stating that "let's not wait for the Congress... because it's a spent force".

Pak: The perennial diplomatic midwife BHOPINDER SINGH



Our neighbour routinely engages with 'superpowers' behind the public gaze to do their dirty bidding, and excels in this field of intrigues and deals

ince time immemorial, irreconcilable superpowers have always needed shifty brokers or mid-wives to do their dirty bidding, behind the public gaze. This is fundamentally different from using good offices or mediating as that entails co-option basis established rules of engagement - this, sadly, is the greasy realm of intrigues, ignoble bogies and unhinged deals that militate in the name of engagement. Pakistan has historically excelled at diplomatic midwifery as the very construct of its invisible 'establishment' affords a protective veneer from officialspeak, as the gap between what is publicly stated versus what is privately practised, is always significant. Jilted participants in the original pact who often get 'done in' by Islamabad later describe the same as patent Pakistani 'doublespeak' or duplicity e.g., the United States.

The father of realpolitik, Henry Kissinger, juggled with semantics to hide his amorality under the softness of a more intellectual term, 'pragmatism'. But India in 1971 had no doubt that Kissinger was unprincipled and his game required likeminded partners, which he found readily in Pakistan. If anything, he taught them the refine-ment of 'doublespeak' and even doing in' so-called allies (Pakistanis more than repaid that lesson to the US in recent times). Beyond Kissinger's known anti-India anchorage, he was aware of the mayhem that his ally Pakistan was inflicting on the hapless Bengalis in then East Pakistan (US Consul-General in Dhaka, Archer Blood, and the US Ambassador to India, Kenneth Keating, were regularly cabling about the Pakistani plunder and purge) yet, Kissinger ensured favourable tilt' towards the Pakistanis, only because they were arranging his secret trip to China. The services of Sandhurst-trained but debauched Pakistani dictator, Yahya Khan, were triggered to nuage its all-weather-iriena in Beijing to entertain Kissinger. Afghans and Pakistanis, who Even attempting to draw the are today sucked into the Chinese into the Indo-Pak war vortex of religious extremism.



("scare those goddamn Indians to death") as a quid pro quo for the services to the beholden Pakistanis was not off the menu. Towards the enthusiastic midwifery offered by the Pakistanis, Kissinger reported back to Nixon: 'Yahya hasn't had such fun since the last Hindu massacre" the ensuing atrocities on Bengalis notwithstanding, a PIA plane flew secretly from Islamabad to Beijing on July 9, 1971, with Kissinger in it after he had feigned illness whilst on a trip to Pakistan. Neither 'East Pakistan', Yahya Khan, nor rapprochement with the Chinese was to last very long — but the art of surreptitious midwifery was institutionalised in the Pakistani instinct.

Later another Pakistani dictator, Zia-ul-Haq, was to facilitate as the go-between for the 1980s US-Saudi led machinations in the bloody war of Afghanistan with the infamous Pakistani ISI as the principal agency of complicity. In hindsight, a rather expensive attempt at midwifery has emerged that has bled all, including the US,



THE SAGA OF

PAKISTANI

FLIP-FLOPS DID NOT END AS POST-9/11, IT **OFFICIALLY** JOINED THE **US-LED 'WAR ON** TERROR' AGAINST ITS OWN CREATION IN AFGHANISTAN I.E., TALIBAN, ALBEIT WITH RATHER **DUBIOUS**

With the end of the Cold War in early 90s, the US interest in Afghanistan vanished and it left behind a cesspool of toxic emotions (as it always does) — but the Pakistanis continued with their wheeling-dealing in Afghan swathes at the behest of Gulf Sheikhdoms, who had their own Wahabist agenda. Yet another brokerage of violent consequences, that costs to date. The saga of Pakistani flip-flops did not end as post 9/11, Pakistan officially joined the US-led 'war on terror' against its own creation in Afghanistan i.e., Taliban, albeit with rather dubious sincerity.

Last year, the US abandoned Afghanistan to its fate (effectively to the Pakistani-supported Taliban) yet again — since then, there are only two sovereigns still engaging with the virtually 'pariahised' Taliban Government i.e., Pakistanis and China! The role of interlocutors-withbenefits has always inspired Islamabad, even if it involves bloodlusting militias or countries like China, which are conducting State-sponsored The midwife who otherwise postures gladiatorially for Muslim rights globally has

very selective amnesia when it comes to Uyghurs. On the contrary, Pakistanis are facilitating the Chinese penchant for expansionism by midwifing an engagement between the revisionist Taliban and

Few days back, surreal optics of Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi suddenly landing in Kabul (supposedly unannounced) were indicative of Pakistani midwifery at play, yet again. Getting both sides, a win-win deal was important and in an expected surrender of their so-called commitment towards co-religionist Uyghurs - the Taliban issued a loaded statement that 'Afghan territory will not be used against any country', the unsaid reference to Uyghur organisations, like East Turkestan Islamic Movement, was implicit. Expectedly, the Chinese offered to loosen the purse strings and dangled extending the CPEC (China Pakistan Economic Corridor) to the Afghanistan mainland, just as it was bankrolling the depleted Pakistani economy. To mark its own individuality from the stand of the 'Free World, the Chinese reassured the Taliban that had a policy of 'non-interference in internal affairs' and objected to the imposition of political and economic sanctions! The unnaturalness of 'all-weather friendship' besetting two avowedly 'Islamic' countries, and the other a stated 'Communist' regime with a proven record of discrimination against Muslim minorities, is ironical, to say the least. But since midwifery is essentially a commercial act with no linkages to any form of any morality attached, Pakistan is best suited for the task. Long-term consequences be

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damned, as always.

LETTERS (O)

MANY ACTS BUT NO SCRIPT IN UKRAINE

Sir — The war in Ukraine has now become an action drama, rendered in slow motion. Russia, despite its mighty army, is still far away from a defenceless Kyiv after 34 days of launching an invasion. Ukraine, even as it defends itself reluctantly with arms doled out by the West, has proved to be a heroic victim fighting for a cause. The US is wielding the megaphone from a distant perch. The UK has neither the might nor inclination for greater involvement. Macron of France, a month away from a bid at re-election, is paying attention to his diction than to his dialogue. Germany is worried about fuelling itself through the winter. China

is battling COVID and a falling economy. Through all this, the spotlight has shifted from the war scene to diplomats and leaders from both camps flitting across the globe to campaign support for their respective causes. India, finding itself in the centre of transient attention, can hope to get away with neither loss nor gain. In this drama of make-believe, the people of Ukraine are front-row spectators with real suffering and agony. For the rest of the world, it is the creeping inflation on every conceivable item that is a cause of concern. They restlessly await the end of this tragi-comedy to be able to return to familiar hearths

R Narayanan | Navi Mumbai

BANDHS ARE NOT IN NATIONAL INTEREST Sir — As a result of the two-day nationwide Bharat Bandh, some of the essential services including banking, transportation, railways and electricity were severely impacted. Various trade unions — the INTUC, AITUC, CITU, HMS, TUCC, SEWA, AICCTU, UTUC and LPF — are a part of the joint forum which called for the bandh. Strike notices were sent by workers' unions of sectors like banks, coal, copper, insurance, income tax, oil, postal and telecom. The unions' demands include scrapping of the proposed changes in labour laws, privatisation of any form and the national monetisation pipeline.

Give jobs, not free rations



ne wonders if there's some kind of competition going on between Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Prime Minister Narendra Modi? Earlier in the day, Yogi extended the free ration scheme in UP for three months; later the Union Cabinet, chaired by Modi, extended the sixth phase of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY) till September 2022. The scheme was originally introduced in April 2020, a month into the first lockdown during the initial onset

Increased allocation of wages under MNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Act) and regularisation of contract workers are also part of their demands. The workers of roadways, transport and electricity departments have also decided to join the strike in spite of the impending threat of ESMA (Essential Services Maintenance Act) which is likely to be imposed at least in Haryana and Chandigarh. We must learn from Japan where workers don't go on strike but to protest they don't take money from passengers and customers.

STOP MIGRATION OF RICH INDIANS

Khushi Rathore | Ujjain Sir —It refers to 'Going places'. Brain drain is an age-old concept and it will remain so. But 'investment migration' is indeed a new phenomenon. That rich Indians are migrating to other countries to create wealth for themselves and to enjoy the power of a passport. Having visa-free access to more than 150 countries is in

of the COVID-19 pandemic. Minister of Food

goes hungry

and Public Distribution Piyush Goyal said

the Government has ensured that the stove

of every poor remains burning and no one

ous question: Why should a poor household

go to bed without food during any time? Or

is the Government not confident about the

This line of reasoning raises an obvi-

ongoing recovery being strong enough? Agreed, it is easy to keep winning elections this way and it's not surprising if the scheme is continued till 2024. But who can forget how the BJP and Modi criticised Rahul Gandhi and the Opposition when they were demanding the same from the very beginning of the pandemic? Now it will be like bribing voters to benefit the BJP, but with taxpayers' money. It will be a much better measure to take care of the employment needs of citizens rather than handing out

doles to 80 crore people. **Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee** | Faridabad

thoroughly exposed.

of 'money drain'

itself a huge draw for any person who wishes to migrate to other countries. But, having said that, all these rich Indians need to introspect about the facts that in the last two years of this pandemic, the so-called developed countries have been

They have been found wanting in terms of not having adequate health care infrastructure and remain as vulnerable as many other developing countries. But still if rich Indians wish to migrate, the Government needs to ponder this issue and find some means to retain them here. Because their departure is not only a family's departure, it also takes away significant jobs which could have been created in India for our citizens. So, on the lines of 'Make in India', the Government will do well to put a break to this new kind

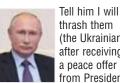
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(the Ukrainians after receiving a peace offer from President Volodymyr Zelenskiy).

> **Russia President** — Vladimir Putin

As a host. you have to be sensitive.



— Salman Khan



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There's a pressing need to kickstart the economy and get more revenue



SHIVAJI **SARKAR**

he country needs a new approach on prices, taxes tolls and issues of progress. India must also think about introducing fuel subsidies to boost manufacturing. It could bring in more revenue. A cut in prices is necessary to increase the volume of sales of manufactured goods for additional revenue. Post-poll fuel prices are rising frequently on the plea of rising crude prices. But the companies did not reduce prices when crude prices crashed to virtually zero during the pandemic. The high fuel prices have stoked inflation as transport prices spiral making goods and commodities expensive. The administration says that the petroleum companies decide the prices and strangely, they are frozen at election time. Successive governments in India have been using petroleum as a tax-spinner forgetting that even a paisa hike on petrol has cascading effect on the entire econ-



omy. Since UPA times, the economy was dependent on taxes on fuel. Successive administration never corrected it. The problem accelerated as domestic production plummeted to around 20 per cent and dependence on imports increased causing the rupee to slide beyond Rs 76 to the dollar. India's domestic crude oil production has steadily decreased in recent years. In 2013-14, Indian companies produced 37.8 million tonnes of crude oil and condensate. That dropped to 32.2 million tonnes in 2019-20, a sharp slide of 15 per cent. India produced 35.68 MTs of crude petroleum in 2017-18. It has led to an overall price spiral. Wholesale and retail prices are going through the roof. Sunflower oil jumps by 20 per cent to ₹182, soya oil sells at ₹162, dearer by 10 per cent, and palm oil ₹151.80, dearer by 13.65 per cent. Mustard oil, wheat, rice, pulses rise by over two per cent. Textiles and other commodities are also becoming dearer. Alternate fuels like ethanol, processed largely from sugarcane, are being proposed for mixing with petrol. It is likely to make sugar expensive. It is a myth that it would sell cheap. The processing cost is high. Ethanol production can, according to US studies, cause air, water pollution, soil erosion and habitat loss. It is being seen to benefit Maharashtra cane growers.

The Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2021 on which battery recharging is to be based would make coal and power dearer. More use of batteries will lead to higher coal-generated power production causing heavy emission pollution and spike power rates. During the last over 15 years it was noticed that as petrol prices rise, the economy gets into a spin. Under World Bank and IMF pressure India gave up subsidies causing immense harm to the poor, middle and small enterprises, prices of commodities. A little subsidy, not direct benefit, helps every section of the society. Overall, subsidies benefit a larger population and helps the economy keep prices under check. India needs to understand the Lankan stress on infra that drained its resources. India must go slow on infra now. Infrastructure builds expensive assets with a higher recurring expenditure that stresses the economy severely. Had it conserved its reserves, put off expensive infrastructure projects, Lanka could have avoided getting into the amiss. Increased money supply, infra investments and depreciation of the rupee stoked inflation there. The symptoms of Lankan and Indian economy are not different except that India has the capacity and size to sustain which Lanka does not have. It would be prudent if India reintroduces subsidies on petrol as alternate energy is yet not available. It would change the dynamics of the economy and generate more revenue.

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expressed are personal.)

Kashmir in the past, Assam in the future





KAKATI BORTHAKUR

In Assam, it is not the growth of the indigenous Muslim population but the influx of illegal migration from Bangladesh that is alarming

ASSAM MAP

The possible ethnic cleansing of specific groups has once again been the talking point in the country, especially after the film, "The Kashmir Files". hit the screens. The film basically portrays a picture of political unrest that happened in the Jammu and Kashmir in the late 1980s and early 1990s. This period probably can be referred to as one of the darkest periods not only in the history of Kashmir but also in India as a whole. Be it the plight of the Pandits or the Gawkadalmassacre, one has to agree to the fact that the failure of the Union and the State administrations to take apt measures, ultimately led to communal bloodbath in Kashmir, something which could have been avoided. Andit was in 1987, after the formation of government in Jammu and Kashmir by Farooq Abdullah that the militants of JKLF took the upper hand in Kashmir, leading to grapples between the indigenous Kashmiri Pandits and the Kashmiri Muslims, who were living amicably prior to that.

Historical accounts have shown that it was during this period, a retired judge of Jammu & Kashmir High Court, Neel Kanth Ganjoo (the one who sentenced Maqbool Bhat to death), was shot dead outside the premises of the court, journalist cum lawyer, Prem Nath Bhat, was shot dead and many more had to face the wrath of the JKLF, the group that not only praised Pakistan but also made its intentions clear to portray the supremaof Islam against Hinduism.

The consequences of these events meant, many Hindus, especially the Kashmiri Pandits, had to leave Kashmir in fear of their lives. According to a report given by Kashmiri Pandits. Sangharsh Samiti, around 70,000 families of Kashmiri Pandits left Kashmir and around 399 were killed by the militants. The story of Jammu and Kashmir evidently draws a picture of how improper border and refugee management alongside security lapses and religious extremism and dominance can not only lead to a state's indigenous people becoming a minority but also a country's foe getting a diplomatic advantage in terms of extending its territorial juris-diction and spreading its violencebased propaganda. In this relation, we as Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK) but also how back in the 1990s Kashmiri Pandits were asked my militants to either asked to convert, run or die. To be honest, Kashmir still suffers from the consequences of the events that happened then and the contribution of the abrogation of Article 370 to somewhat counter the unrest that Kashmir suffered for long has to be noted.

However, with the context of Kashmir on hand, a popular question still circulates amongst the residents of

PERCENTAGE OF HINDU POPULATION IN ASSAM IS 61 AND THAT OF MUSLIMS, 34. **BUT WITH MORE DISTRICTS COMING INTO** LIST OF INCREASE IN MUSLIM POPULATION OR **TOPPING THE** LIST OF MUSLIM-**MAJORITY** DISTRICTS, ONE **CANNOT DENY APPREHENSION** THAT ILLEGAL **IMMIGRANTS** MIGHT HAVE MOVED FROM ONE DISTRICT

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Assam: "Is Assam going to become the next Kashmir?" The sense of foreboding and the validity of the questioncan be understood by taking into account the drastic demographic change that Assam has witnessed over the last 30-40 years due to illegal immigration. If we look at the census figures from 1971 to 1991 (in 1981 there was no census due to unrest in the state), there was a steady and rapid increase in the Muslim population, especially in the border areas, which directly hinted at the notion of Assam being "invaded" by illegal immigrants. This can be understood when we take into consideration the Muslim population in the districts that either share a border or lie close to Bangladesh, namely, Dhubri, Barpeta, Karimganj, and Hailakandi.

According to the 2001 census, the Muslim population in Dhubri, was 74.3%, which increased to 79.67%. In Barpeta, the Muslim population was 59.3% in 2001, in 2011. In Hailakandi, it was 60.32% in 2011 from 57.6% in 2001. And in Karimganj, it was 52.3% in 2001 and rose to 56.36% in 2011. This clearly shows an increase in Muslim population which probably is the effect of illegal immigration from Bangladesh. However, the worrying fact is that with each passing year, the number of districts with majority Muslim population is increasing drastically and at pre-

sent out of the 34 districts in Assam, atleast 9 to 10 districts have a Muslim majority. The point here is that the growth of indigenous Muslim population can never be an alarming issue but it is the growth of the illegal Muslim population that can come as a threat to the indigenous people of Assam. Moreover, if one considers three districts of Assam, namely, Sivsagar, Jorhat and Dibrugarh, the Muslim population in these three districts according to 2011 census was 8.30%, 5.01%, 14.9% respectively. This shows that, probably the illegal influx of Muslim popula-tion is escalating at a higher rate rather than the indigenous Muslim population.

According to the census of 2011, the percentage of Hindu population in Assam, is 61 and that of Muslims, 34. But, with more and more districts coming into list of increase in Muslim population or topping the list of Muslim-majority districts, one the identity of the indigenous that illegal immigrants might have moved from one district to another, thereby not only causing an increase in Muslim population comprising of illegal immigrants but also posing fatal threats upon the indigenous community irrespective of religion.

If we take into account the state of Tripura, the indigenous people residing there have already become a minority and the same

case of Assam as well where people speaking Assamese account for only 48.38% -- it was 57.1% in 1991 and 48.8% in 2001. And that puts an additional threat on the language, culture and identity of Assamese people in Assam.

Considering these facts, one cannot deny that if apt steps are not taken, Assam might witness adverse events like the edging out of its ethnic people, community-based clashes, religion-based clashes and something similar to what happened with the Kashmiri Pandits who were once the majority group in Kashmir. Moreover, a possible concept of BOA (Bangladesh-Occupied Assam) might also come into picture if the demographic jitters in Assam are not taken care of by proper border and refugee management measures.

In fact, the long agitations and struggles in the form of language agitation and Assam movement were once done to protect efforts will go in vain if the noted 35% population of Assam(mainly dominated by illegal influx) is diplomatically not taken care of at the earliest.

Therefore, in the political game of one party blaming the other, if the indigenous Assamese people irrespective of religion do not stand as one united force to tackle these fatal threats, the time is not far when people might threat cannot be discarded in the say,"Assam: The next Kashmir."

LAKHS OF YOUTH IN DELHI HOPE THAT THE GOVT TAKES STEPS FOR EMPLOYMENT — WHETHER IT IS AMBITIOUS. IMPOSSIBLE OR DIFFICULT. — DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER MANISH SISODIA





THE FINANCE MINISTER DID NOT PRESENT ANY SUBSTANTIAL PLANNING OR COMMITMENT ON HOW JOB CREATION IS BEING ENSURED IN DELHI. — BJP LEGISLATOR **VIJENDER GUPTA**

Retaining four BJP CMs signals continuity and trust

This is a signal to future poll-bound States like Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh and a strategy for winning the 2024 general elections

→he BJP has reposed faith in the incumbent chief ministers in all the four states where it won in the recently concluded Assembly elections. Whether by coincidence or design, the big picture is the party high command did not want to disturb the winning formula in these states. The decisions indicate that the party preferred continuity, stability, and youth.

The party had projected Yogi Adityanath (Uttar Pradesh), Pushkar Singh Dhami (Uttarakhand), N. Biren Singh (Manipur), and Pramod Sawant (Goa) as its chief ministerial candidates. All four had delivered

defeating anti-incumbency. The BJP high command is already looking at the 2024 elections. The challenge for the four chief ministers is to retain



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the present strength and achieve a more significant electoral victory in 2024.

Dhami lost his Khatima seatwhich he had won twice before, but it did not prevent the BJP top brass from clearing his name. He is the state's youngest chief minister, and his choice is an attempt to check the factional fights in the state unit. It was also a stability card as Uttarakhand had seen three chief ministers last year. Dhami is perceived to be close to RSS. "In six months, Dhami left his imprint on Uttarakhand, which manifested in the election results," Defence Minister Rajnath Singh told reporters after announcing Dhami's election as the legislature party leader.

The opposition cannot crit-

icize the decision because that

Assembly polls last year. Like Mamata, Dhami will also have

to win a seat in the next Uttarakhand is not the only state where the BJP followed this stability card. In Goa, the party

chose Pramod Sawant, in pref-

was similar to what West Bengal

chief minister Mamata Banerjee

did after losing her seat in the

erence to the former state Health minister Viswajit Rane, a front runner, for the top job. The simple reason could be that Sawant led the party to victory despite resignations from some key figures, including the son of late former chief minister Manohar Parrikar as well as six former chief ministers and some

infighting.

The Goa Assembly polls

had an added challenge from Trinamool Congress and Aam Admi party besides a stiff battle from Congress. Moreover, Sawant delivered Goa, ensuring BJP's second-best performance ever, winning 20 of the 40 seats needing only one more for the majority.

Sawant, still in his 40s, became Goa's chief minister in 2019, following the demise of the charismatic mass leader Manohar Parrikar. He is sober and soft-spoken but not a natural leader.

UP Chief Minister YogiAditynath has proved to be a vote-catcher and charismatic leader. So, the BJP high command could not deny him imported from Congress. He the prize. He is also a good

managed to overcome the communicator.

However, Yogi had no hand in finalizing his cabinet, as cabinet formation was done in consultations with the party high command. It was visible when the OBC leader Keshav Prasad Maurya, who lost his seat, was imposed on Yogi, retaining him as Deputy chief minister. Another Deputy was an import from the BSP, Brajesh Pathak. It was a bold step to drop 26 ministers and induct 32 freshers this time. Yogi's team has a perfect balance with 21 ministers from upper castes and 20 from other backward castes. Eight Dalits, one from the scheduled tribe, Muslim and Sikh

communities, made up the rest. On the day of sweating-in, which was held in a stadium, one can see the prominent slogan" 'Shapath, Shapath:

Rashtravad ki, Sushashan ki, Suraksha ki, Vikas ki' (Promise, Promise, Promise for Nationalism, Good Governance, Security and Development). It may be Narendra Modi's slogan for the 2024 polls. The BJP has to ensure two important things: Retain the Modi magic and implement welfare schemes. They have another two and half years to prepare for the 2024 general elections. There is no surprise in this

shift in strategy, as the focus is to build strong chief ministers in states to implement his schemes. Secondly, Prime Minister has also been encouraging younger faces as the delivery of their provinces is the most critical criterion. It is likely to send a positive signal to the other pollbound states like Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh.

After Russian forces pull back, a shattered town breathes

◄he bodies of two Russian soldiers lie abandoned in the woods. Ukrainian forces piled atop a tank flash victory signs. Dazed people line up amid charred buildings to reach for aid. These are the sights in a Ukrainian town that has seized back control from Russian forces, at least for now.

Arriving in Trostyanets shortafter Ukrainian forces announced the northeastern town near the Russian border had been retaken following weeks of Russian occupation, The Associated Press on Monday saw a civilian landscape that has seen some of the worst of

The hospital was damaged, its windows jagged with broken glass. The train station had been shot up. Residents stepped carefully, wary of mines. They rode their bicycles past craters in the road and past the ruins of homes. It is not yet clear how many civilians have been

Russian tanks lay burned, twisted, left behind like the soldiers in the woods. One of the soldiers had a red band around his leg. The other had an arm flung over his head as if napping on the leaves in



the late afternoon light. A Ukrainian soldier nudged him

A red "Z" marked a Russian truck, its windshield fractured, near stacked boxes of ammunition.

Hundreds of the boxes, including ones with artillery shells, had been stacked around the town. Curious residents peered into an open box of shells.

It is not clear where the Russian forces went, under what circumstances they fled or whether the town will remain free of them in the days ahead. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in his overnight address emphasized that the situation

remains tense in Ukraine's north-

east around Kharkiv, the nearest

large city, and other areas. But the returned presence of Ukrainian forces in Trostyanets is a relief to a country that hopes some Russian forces, under fierce resistance, are pulling back.

A senior US defense official said Washington believes the Ukrainians have Trostyanets.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss US intelligence assessments, said Russian forces largely remained in defensive positions near the capital, Kyiv, and were making little forward progress elsewhere in the

Late last week, with its forces stalled in parts of the country, Russia seemed to scale back its war aims, saying its main goal was gaining control of the Donbas in the

In Trostyanets, after weeks of occupation and intense fighting, some residents appeared to have lost all sense of normal.

"Personally, I have not seen much," said one resident, Vitali Butski. And yet three missiles struck his home. Many buildings beyond the railway station are damaged, he said.

Bundled up against the freezing wind, he and others ventured out to see what had been left

Unexploded ordnance littered the square in front of the train station. Trenches and berms lined the square in a sign that Russian forces tried to defend their position. In a bunker under the station, with thick walls and door, rooms were full of army uniforms and boots.

On the walls were patriotic messages including drawings signed by children in Russian reading "Thanks for the peace,

Ukraine's communications service suffers outage

The Ukraine's national telecom-■ munications provider Ukrtelecom has been knocked almost completely offline, suffering what network monitors called its most severe outage since Russia's Feb. 24 invasion.

Government officials in Kyiv say they are investigating whether a cyberattack is to blame.

The outage began Monday morning and persisted into the evening. Alp Toker, director of the London-based monitor Netblocks, said connectivity for Ukrtelecom has collapsed to just 13 percent of pre-war levels.

Ukrtelecom is the seventh-largest provider in Ukraine in traffic moved but, as the pre-independence incumbent, is likely the lone provider in much of rural Ukraine, said Doug Madory, director of internet analysis at the network management firm

Urktelecom provides telephone, internet and mobile service.

Despite repeated and withering Russian attacks on its telecommunications and other infrastructure, Ukraine's digital communications networks have proven remarkably resilient, in part due to risks crews have taken under fire to repair damaged fiber optic cables and toppled cell tow-

'Keenly felt' India, China agree to adhere to consensus of not a threat to each other: Wang Yi

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi has said that during his recent visit to India, he "keenly felt" that both sides had agreed to adhere to the leaders' consensus that the two countries are not a threat to each other and handle and manage their differences.

During his unannounced visit to New Delhi on March 25, Wang, the first high level Chinese official to visit India after the April 2020 Ladakh standoff, held talks with National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.

Summing up the outcome his talks in New Delhi to the Chinese official media, Wang said, "he has most keenly felt that both sides agreed to adhere to the important consensus of the two countries are not threats to each other but opportunities for each other's development reached by the two heads of state, properly solve practical problems of common concern, handle and manage differences over the years, and promote the steady and sustainable development of bilateral

Wang noted that India-China are partners rather than rivals, and should help each other succeed instead of undercutting each other, state-run Xinhua news agency reported on

He reiterated Beijing's oft-repeated stand that "as mature and rational neighbours, China and India should place the border issue in an appropriate position in bilateral relations, and should not let it define or even hinder the overall development of bilateral relations.'

In his talks, Jaishankar pressed hard to complete the disengagement process in the remaining friction points in eastern Ladakh quickly and told his Chinese counterpart that bilateral ties cannot return to normal if the situation in the border areas is "abnormal".

In his nearly three-hour "candid" talks with Wang, Jaishankar conveyed that the frictions and tensions cannot be reconciled with a normal relationship between two neighbours.

At a media briefing after the talks, Jaishankar said if both sides are committed to improving ties then this commitment must find "full expression" in the ongoing disengagement talks and that relationship is best served by observing the three mutuals -- mutual respect, mutual sensitivity and mutual interests.

Describing the current situation as "not normal" and a "work in progress", he also said relations between India and China have been "disturbed" as a result of the Chinese actions in April 2020.

Wang also visited Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nepal during his South Asia tour from March 21-27. During his visit to Islamabad, he

met Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, Army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa and Foreign Minister Shah Máhmood Qureshi.

He said in his talks in Islamabad he has reached an "important new consensus" with the Pakistani government and military leaders on deepening strategic cooperation between the two countries under the current international and regional circumstances.

China and Pakistan will carry forward their all-weather friendship, and their traditional friendship is unbreakable and rock solid, Wang said, adding the two countries also agreed to deepen all-round cooperation.Summing up his impressions about the South Asia tour, Wang said the visit came at a time when the spillover effect of the Ukraine crisis has been constantly spreading and world peace and development are facing new challenges.

He said during his interactions with leaders and officials he "deeply felt the strong desire of South Asian countries to maintain the hard-won peace and tranquility in the region and accelerate post-pandemic eco recovery as well as their hope to strengthen strategic communication and deepen mutually beneficial cooperation.

Russian Minister underlines focus on Donbas

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 $R^{ussia's} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Defense} \\ \text{Minister says that "lib-} \end{array}$ erating" the Donbas region in eastern Ukraine is the main goal of Moscow's military operation, underlining a possible shift in strategy announced last week by another Russian military official. Defense Minister

Sergei Shoigu, whose few public appearances this month raised questions about his health and whereabouts, held a meeting with top military officials on Tuesday and said that "overall, the main tasks of the first stage of the operation have been completed."

He said that "the combat potential of the Ukrainian armed forces has been significantly reduced, which makes it possible to focus the main attention and main efforts



on achieving the main goal the liberation of Donbas.' The minister stressed that the Russian military will continue the operation until "the set goals are achieved."

Shoigu also offered an assurance that Russia will not send conscripts recruited in the upcoming April draft to Ukraine. Earlier this month, the Russian military admitted that a number of conscripts ended up in Ukraine and were even captured there.

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As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The

borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

House No.134, Village Bagli Patwari Halka No.25, Khasara No.61, Village Bagli, Tehsil Huzur, Dist. Bhopal 462041/ March 25, 2022

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Khasara No.61, Village Bagli, Tehsil Huzur, Dist. Bhopal 462041/ March 25, 2022

Zelenskyy: 7 dead in southern Ukraine strike

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy says seven people were killed in a missile strike on the regional government headquarters in the southern city of Mykolayiv. Zelenskyy, who spoke to the Danish parliament through a translator, said Tuesday's strike also left 22 people injured. The Telegram channel of regional governor Vitaliy Kim showed a gaping

hole in the center of the nine-story

Kim accused Russian forces of waiting until people had arrived for work in the building before striking it and said he had a lucky escape because he had overslept. Zelenskyy has made online speeches to lawmakers in several countries, including the United States, Britain, Sweden, Germany, Canada, Israel, Japan and the European Union. He is set to address Norway's parliamenty. He told the Danish parliament that "the brutality is more violent than what we have seen during World War II".

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UN nuclear watchdog chief visits Ukraine

The UN nuclear watchdog says its director-general has arrived in Ukraine for talks with senior government officials on delivering "urgent technical assistance" to ensure the safety of the country's nuclear facili-

The International Atomic Energy Agency said on Tuesday that Rafael Mariano Grossi's aim is to "to initiate prompt safety and security support" for Ukraine's nuclear sites. That will include sending IAEA experts to "prioritised facilities" and sending "vital safety and security supplies" including monitoring and emergency

It said that Grossi will travel to one of Ukraine's nuclear power plants this week, but didn't say which one. Ukraine has 15 nuclear reactors at four active power plants, and also is home to the decommissioned Chernobyl plant, the site of the 1986 nuclear disaster. Russian forces have taken control of Chernobyl and of the largest active power plant, at Zaporizhzhia. Grossi said in a statement that "the military conflict is putting Ukraine's nuclear power plants and other facilities with radioactive material in unprecedented danger."

Biden proposes to increase developmental assistance to India in clean energy, digital eco

US President Joe Biden has proposed to increase the developmental assistance to India in clean energy, digital economy, and also in combating increasing authoritarianism. The proposed increase in India's developmental assistance from USD 25 million in 2021 to USD 66 million for the Department's developmental assistance for the fiscal 2023, which was sent by the White House to the US Congress on

"The funding increase for India supports India's role as a regional leader by increasing clean energy and other climate programming. Funds will also advance investments in the digital economy," said the State Department's portion of the

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"Assistance will combat increasing authoritarianism, bolster human rights and strengthen civil society participation and democratic governance," the State Department said.The Biden Administration has also proposed to increase aid to India on the health sector from USD 34.5 million in 2021 to 48.5 million in 2023.

tion has proposed USD 302.2 million in developmental assistance for South Asia to promote sustainable development to resist harmful economic practices and unsustainable debt. Funding will also combat climate change by increasing investments in clean energy and adaptation to climate risks,

The State Department also cited a program Treasury's

Office of Technical Assistance (OTA) to India as one of its success stories. With OTA support, India's Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs made significant progress in its Smart Cities program to promote issuance of local project debt by cities, the State Department said."Local debt issuance - in its infancy in India - helps to foster greater ning of infrastructure and development projects, which currently range from water treatment to improved local transportation," it said.

OTA previously worked with the Indian municipality of Pune to help facilitate its first bond issuance in 2017. Based on this success, OTA and the Ministry of Housing of Urban Affairs expanded collaboration to include six additional cities.

Scotland Yard fines 20 people over 'partygate' scandal

Scotland Yard on Tuesday
Confirmed that it will fine
20 people who organised or
attended parties at Downing
Street and within UK government offices in Whitehall in London in breach of COVID lockdown rules at the time.

The Metropolitan Police had launched Operation Hillman following an internal widely known as the "partygate" scandal, which led British Prime Minister Boris Johnson to issue an apology in Parliament.

While the individuals issued with the fines have not been named by the police, the UK Prime Minister's spokesperson said Johnson was not one of those who had received the so-called "fixed penalty notice" at this stage of the ongoing police investiga-

"We will today initially begin to refer 20 fixed penalty notices to be issued for breaches of COVID-19 regulations," the Met Police said in a statement on Tuesdav.

The force said that under the College of Policing guidelines, the "identities of people dealt with by cautions, speeding fines and other fixed posals - should not be released or confirmed"."We will not confirm the number of referrals from each individual event subject to our investigation as providing a breakdown at this point may lead to identification of the individuals," the Met Police said, adding that 'significant amount of investigative material" still remains to be assessed and further

fines are likely to be fixed.

Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited Date : March 30, 2022 Place: Ghaziabad

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Name of the

Borrower/ Loan

Account Number

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Ruchita Pankai Keshan/

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Sr. No.		Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)		
1.	Madhu Arora/ Jasween Arora/ Ankita Arora/ Varun Arora/ LBGUR00002062081	Villa No-34, Tulip Ivory, Sector-70 Gurgaon, Haryana/ March 25,2022	June 23, 2021 Rs. 59,33,617/-	Delhi/ NCR	
2.	Naveen Chandola/ Yogita Chandola/ LBDEL00005151296	Unit No 214-A, Second Floor, Block A, Unitech Arcadia, South City 2, Sector 49 Sohna Road Gurgaon, Haryana/ March 25, 2022	August 30, 2021 Rs. 33,09,662/-	Delhi/ NCR	
3.	Pervinder Singh Batar/ Namrata Batar/ De Rigi Tours/ LBDEL00002386817	Unit No.203, 1st Floor, Paras Trade Centre, Sector-2 Gwal Pahari, Gurgaon, Haryana/ March 25, 2022	June 19, 2021 Rs. 27,25,118/-	Delhi/ NCR	
4.	Brijmohan Singh Rana/ Suman Rana/ Yashpal Singh Rana/ LBGUR00005144081 Flat No E- 13/2, 13th Floor, Block-E, Pilots Court, Group Housing Scheme, Indian Airlin Society Esal Tower Mg Road, Sec 28, Plot No N-82 1st Floor May		June 23, 2021 Rs. 2,69,86,613/-	Delhi/ NCR	
5.	Saurav Kumar/ Anjali Sehrawat/ LBGUR00003334697	Flat No-K-1706, Tower-K, 16th Floor, Godrej Summit, Sector-104, Gurgaon Haryana/ March 25, 2022	August 16, 2021 Rs. 1,06,08,597/-	Delhi/ NCR	
6.	Bipin Joshi/ Pradeepti Mehta/ LBGUR00002889353	Flat No.504, Tower-D, 5th Floor, Sector-104, Godrej Summit, Gurgaon/ March 25,2022	August 16, 2021 Rs.90,73,564/-	Delhi/ NCR	
7.	Priti Rajput/ Amit Kumar/ LBGUR00004882083	Flat No- T5-1207, Floor 12, Sec-4, Arawali Homes, Tower- 5, Sohna, Haryana, Gurgaon/ March 25, 2022	August 30, 2021 Rs. 11,02,407/-	Delhi/ NCR	

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Authorized Officer Date: March 30, 2022 Place: Delhi NCR **ICICI Bank Limited**

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NOTICE is hereby given that Vilma Fernandes
Sceller/s' claims to be owner and in possession of
Entire Third Floor with terrace Rights of Property
No. 54 at Sukhdev Vihar, New Delhi (hereinafter
called the said property) by virtue of law of
Inheritance for 40 % share after the Death of Manuel
Francisco Argemiro da Conceicao Fernandes and
said Vilma Fernandes is the owner is altready a owner
of 60 % undivided share in the said property wide sale
Deed Dated 10.40.2011, said property is mutated in
favor of Vilma Fernandes and said Vilma Fernandes
has agreed to sell the said property in favour of our
client, IDFC First Bank Limited, having its office
at ITO. All persons' Institution/s having any claim
against or in respect of the said Property or any
part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage
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in respect the referof. NOTICE is hereby given that Sandeep Malik and Anil Malik "Selleris" claims to be owner and in possession of Property No. E-162, Preet Nagar CHBS. Ltd, Known as Preet Vihar, Delhi (hereinafter called the said property) by virtue of Will dated 04.12.2014, Doc. No. 609 executed by Santosh Malik and after the death of Santosh Malik and after the death of Santosh Malik and after the Malik Property of Santosh Malik expired. and Ved Prakash Malik, said Santosh Malik expired on 04.05.2021 and Ved Prakash Malik expired on 10.00.2.2.018 airu Saul Saul Heey maint airu Niiin markin and Niin Markin Asa agreed to seil the said property to Neha Goyal and said Neha Goyal has agreed to create mortgage of the said Property in favour of our client, Standard Chartered Bank, Express Building, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi. All personis /Institution/s having any claim against or in respect of the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale exchange mortgage (equilable) by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, lier or otherwise howsoever, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us with supporting elow within 14 days from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned and our client shall proceed with the disbursement of loan against the said property and subsequent creation of mortgage in respect said property and subsequent creation of mortgage in respect thereof. in respect thereof. Vishal Diwan (Advocate)
For Diwan and Company, Advocates and Solicitors
Jouse No.2 (LGF), NRI Complex, N. Delhi-19 M. 9818399999 Vishal Diwan (Advocate)

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Blinken in Morocco amid shifts in Mideast, NAfrica diplomacy

AP ■ RABAT (MOROCCO)

US Secretary of State between Blinken and Antony Blinken was vis- Moroccan Foreign Minister iting Morocco Tuesday to discuss recent shifts in the diplomatic dynamic in the Middle East and North Africa that could upend some of the region's long-standing dis-

A day after an unprecedented gathering in Israel's Negev Desert with the Israeli foreign minister and their counterparts from four Arab nations that have normalized relations with Israel, Blinken was holding talks with senior Moroccan officials to look at opportunities for expanding those ties. In Morocco and again in

Algeria on Wednesday, Blinken will also be exploring options for helping end the neighbours' festering row over Western Sahara after new developments offered fresh hope but added new complications for a resolution. In Rabat, he will also see

the de facto ruler of the United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed to try to ease U.S.-UAE tensions over a possible resurrection of the languishing 2015 Iran nuclear deal and a recent spat over a visit to the Emirates by

Syrian leader Bashar Assad. meeting

Nasser Bourita was their second direct encounter in two The pair were together

on Monday in the Israeli town of Sde Boker, where they each confirmed their countries' commitment to supporting a revitalized Middle East with growing ties between Israel and Arab

Morocco, along with the UAE and Bahrain, was one of the countries to fully normalize relations with Israel during the Trump administration's push to negotiate the so-called "Abraham Accords," in which the U.S. Pledged significant support in exchange for such recogni-

While technically not an Abraham Accords signatory, Morocco won Recognition for its claim to Western Sahara in return for its agreement with Israel.

In a rare endorsement of Trump foreign policy initiative, the Biden administration has signaled its full backing for the Abraham Accords

and pledged to try to expand and strengthen them. However, while the administration has not revoked Trump's decision on Western Sahara, it has been largely silent on the matter.

That has led to questions

about whether Washington is fully on board with Moroccan sovereignty over the former Spanish colony.

Just last week, Spain shifted its long-standing position on the territory by backing Morocco's plan to give Western Sahara more autonomy as long it remains under Moroccan control, calling it "the most serious, realistic and credible" initiative for resolving the decades-long dispute.

The move was immediately welcomed by Rabat, which reinstated its ambassador to Madrid after a 10month absence. But it was sharply criti-

cized by Algeria, which supports Western Sahara's Polisario Front independence movement, and recalled its ambassador to Spain. In his meetings with the

two protagonists, Blinken hopes to explore the potential for compromises on Western The vast territory, which

Morocco annexed in 1976, is largely barren but rich in phosphates and faces fertile Atlantic Ocean fishing

Sharp recovery in FY22 to help sustain growth: FM

nomic recovery post COVID-19 and Budget initiatives will help in sustaining growth momentum in the years to come, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Tuesday.

The government's road map for imparting momentum to the economy focusses on growth at the macro level and complementing it with allinclusive welfare at the micro level, promoting digital economy and fintech, technologyenabled development, energy transition and climate action and relying on a virtuous cycle of investment and growth, she said in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha.

The government's road map was put into effect in 2014, she said, adding that major reforms, including Goods and Services Tax (GST), Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)

corporate tax rate, were imple-

The reforms contributed to the real GDP growing at an annual average rate of 6.8 per cent during 2014-20, she said.

At the end of this period, she said, the government National announced Infrastructure Pipeline of projects to take economic growth to the higher level.

"India's sharp economic recovery in 2021-22 and Budget measures have prompted international rating agencies to forecast a real GDP growth above 8 per cent in 2022-23. This will sustain the growth momentum in the economy,'

The Union Budget 2022-23 is the latest road map of the government for taking India's economy to a higher growth trajectory, she said, adding, the PM Gatishakti Scheme in

in physical infrastructure drawing from the National Infrastructure Pipeline.

The government's direct participation in building infrastructure is reflected in the capital budget increasing once again by 35 per cent over the previous year, she said.

The road map further supports the MSMEs through extension of Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS), revamping of Credit Guarantee Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) scheme and implementation of Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) programme, she said.

The 'Make in India' programme is also facilitated by replacement of the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) Act with a new legislation, she

Icra cuts FY23 GDP growth estimate sharply to 7.2% on Ukraine conflict impact

Mumbai: Domestic ratings agency Icra on Tuesday cut its FY23 real GDP growth estimate by a sharp 0.8 per cent to 7.2 per cent, primarily driven by the fallout of Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Its chief economist Aditi Nayar attributed the downward revision to elevated commodity prices and also fresh supply chain issues arising from the conflict in Ukraine.

It can be noted that the Reserve Bank expects FY23 GDP growth rate at 7.8 per cent. The central bank is set to come out with the first bi-monthly monetary policy for next fiscal year in early April, when it will revisit the number.

Real GDP growth is likely to moderate to 3-4 per cent in Q4FY22 from 5.4 per cent in Q3FY22, which will lead to FY22 real GDP growth rate at 8.5 per cent.

As expected, the third wave had a much smaller impact on confidence levels relative to the first two waves. While the early data for March 2022 is mixed, the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the associated surge in commodity prices has heightened uncertainty, and the expected margin compression is likely to squeeze

"Higher prices of fuels and items such as edible oils are likely to compress disposable incomes in the mid to lower income segments, constraining the demand revival in FY23," Nayar said. Welcoming the extension of the free foodgrains scheme till September 2022, she said it will offer some respite to the food budgets of vulnerable households.

Financial

institutions

should be

board-driven: RBI

Mumbai: Financial institutions

should be board-driven and

not end up being dominated by

individuals as it could lead to

undesirable consequences,

Reserve Bank Deputy Governor M K Jain has

In his keynote address at

CAFRAL, a Ćentre promoted

by RBI, he stressed that an effi-

cient and vibrant financial sys-

tem is crucial for economic

development and social wellbeing of the country.
"The governance frame-

work surrounding the individ-

ual players in the financial

system assumes a central role

not only in terms of value cre-

ation for various stakeholders

but also in ensuring the over-

sight of the board on risk

appetite and risk culture of

individual institution," he said

while speaking on 'Importance

of Governance and Assurance

Functions in Financial

Sensex, Nifty rally for 2nd day on weak crude, talks between Russia, Ukraine Mumbai: Benchmark stock

per cent to settle at 17,325.30

as its 32 components closed in

between Russia and Ukraine

along with weakening crude prices helped the global mar-

kets trade firm," said Vinod

Nair, Head of Research at

Geojit Financial Services.

"Reports of peace talks

indices Sensex and Nifty rallied for a second straight session on Tuesday after gains in index majors HDFC twins, Bharti Airtel and Infosys as global shares advanced ahead of peace talks between Ukraine and Russia.

The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 350.16 points or 0.61 per cent to settle at 57,943.65 with 20 of its constituents closing higher. During the day, the index rallied 408.04 points or 0.70 per cent to 58,001.53.

The broader NSE Nifty

Among Sensex stocks, HDFC was the biggest gainer on value-buying after recent losses. The housing finance major spurted 3.06 per cent. Bharti Airtel rallied 2.89 gained 103.30 points or 0.60

per cent after reports said that the telco may consider a tariff hike and continue with 'premiumisation' to boost its ARPU to Rs 300.Among major index movers, HDFC Bank rose by 1.4 per cent, Ultratech Cement by 2.7 per cent, Sun Pharma by 1.62 per cent and Dr Reddy's by per cent.

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This is to inform to all concern that Smt. Birwati Devi Chauhan W/o Sh. B. S. R/o Village Chalera Noida Distt Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. who was the original allottee of Shop No. 3-D-24-A, Sector-20, Noida Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. has sold through General Power of Attorney basis in favour of Sh. Rajiv Gupta S/o Sh. Ram Swarup Gupta R/o G-22 Sector-20 Noida Distt Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. GPA Duly registered in Book no. 4, Volume no. 2/26 pages from 124/397 to 402 bearing no. 291 dated 23.01.1993 registered with Sub Registrar-I, Noida and the Agreement to Sell was not registered because the AGREEMENT TO SELL is not registered it informed to all concerned that the said Shop No. 3-D-24-A, Sector-20, Noida Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. is going to be sold and transferred in favour of Mrs. Poonant Gupta W/O Sh. Rajiv Gupta R/O G 22, Sector-20,

If anyone has/have objection he/she may file his/ her objection along wth sufficient proof in the Commercial Department, Noida Authority within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.

I, Sunita Vermani (wife of Late Shri Mohinder Kumar Vermani) and Late Shri

Mohinder Kumar Vermani both have jointly booked the below units in Supertech E-Square project Noida. Unfortunately, My Husband (Co-applicant in below mentioned properties) passed away on date 19/12/2020. Now I request Supertech limited to transfer the funds of these properties which are mentioned below into the new property booked by Mrs. Sunita Vermani.

Wis. Sullita Verifiani & Mil. Monifidei Rumai Verifiani	L-SQUARE	0029E302103
Ms. Sunita Vermani & Mr. Mohinder Kumar Vermani	E-SQUARE	C029ES02164
Ms. Sunita Vermani & Mr. Mohinder Kumar Vermani	E-SQUARE	C029ES02165
Ms. Sunita Vermani & Mr. Mohinder Kumar Vermani	E-SQUARE	C029ES02166
Ms. Sunita Vermani & Mr. Mohinder Kumar Vermani	E-SQUARE	C029ES02168
Ms. Sunita Vermani & Mr. Mohinder Kumar Vermani	E-SQUARE	C029ES02169
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Ms. Sunita Vermani & Mr. Mohinder Kumar Vermani	E-SQUARE	C029ES02216

If anybody has any objection, he/she can contact Supertech Head office Plot no. C-2, Sector-96 Noida within 15 days of this Notic

Sunita Vermani Add: E-96, 2nd Floor GK-1, Delhi - 48 Mob:9873234842

KAMA Holding

Go for USD 100 bn export target: Goyal to gem, jewellery exporters

Economic

Dubai: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday called upon gem and jewellery exporters to target USD 100 billion of exports annually in the coming years as the sector holds huge potential to boost outbound shipments.

He urged the industry to suggest ways to take the exports to that level by creating incisive marketing tools and irresistible designs.

"Let's go for USD 100 billion target," Goyal said while addressing export members of the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council

He informed that the sector has accounted for about 10 per cent of the country's USD 400 billion exports, which India has crossed during the current fiscal.

He said that the government would act as a facilitator and enabler to promote the growth of the sector in the UAE and other world destinations.

labour force. This includes

both pastoral and non-pas-

toral populations. Neither data

on animal numbers nor on eco-

nomic contribution is segre-

gated with reference to pas-

toralism. To highlight this,

industry experts will discuss

the fascinating journey of pas-

toralists and artisanal cheese at

"A Taste of Pastoral India:

Crafting Artisanal Cheese' in

Ahmedabad on March 30.

Sahjeevan in association with

Access Livelihoods & Käse

Cheese is hosting the

Local manufacturing

New Delhi: Manufacturing of

35 active pharmaceutical ingre-

dients, which have been

imported earlier, has started in

India under the production

linked scheme for the phar-

maceuticals sector, Union min-

ister Mansukh Mandaviya said

on Tuesday. These 35 active

pharmaceutical ingredients

(APIs) are among the 53 APIs,

for which India has 90 per cent

manufactured from 32 differ-

dence of the key raw materials

used for producing medicines,

he added. He said there has

been a good response from the

pharma industry to the PLI

scheme and manufacturing of

the other APIs is also expect-

ed to start in India in due

course of time.

"The 35 APIs are being

import dependence.

AatmaNirbhar

of 35 APIs started

after PLI scheme:

Mandaviya

Comprehensive Partnership

which would come into force Exporters hailed the agreement stating that it would help in posting India's exports from sectors like textiles, pharma-

Agreement (CEPA) was signed

by India and the United Arab

Emirates (UAE) in February,

ceuticals, gem and jewellery GJEPC Chairman Colin Shah said that the agreement would help in boosting the exports to the UAE and to regions including Africa and

Middle East nations. "Our exports to the UAE are increasing and we would work to double or triple it in the years to come," Shah

Shah said that with nil import duty on jewellery under the pact, "we are expecting jew-ellery exports to the UAE will move to new heights (USD 10 billion annually)". *PTI*

Gold declines ₹437; silver tumbles ₹722

New Delhi: Gold prices declined sharply by Rs 437 to Rs 51,151 per 10 grams in the national capital on Tuesday in line with fall in the precious metal in global markets along with rupee appreciation, according to HDFC Securities. In the previous trade, the

yellow metal settled at Rs 51,588 per 10 grams. Silver also tumbled Rs 722 to Rs 67,515 per kg from Rs

68,237 per kg in the previous Continuing its winning streak for a fourth straight ses-

appreciated by 36 paise to 5.80 against the US dollar. In the international market, gold declined to USD 1,918 per ounce and silver was

sion, the rupee on Tuesday

flat at USD 24.80 per ounce. "Gold prices traded weak with spot gold prices at COMEX trading 0.25 per cent down at USD 1,918 per ounce on Tuesday," said Tapan Patel, Senior Analyst (Commodities), PTI | HDFC Securities.

Airtel completes acquisition of 4.7 pc stake in Indus **Towers from Vodafone Group**

New Delhi: Bharti Airtel along with its wholly-owned sub-sidiary has acquired about 4.7 per cent stake in Indus Towers from Euro Pacific Securities, an affiliate of Vodafone Group, a stock exchange filing said on

The shares were acquired at Rs 187.88 a piece, it said. ...We wish to submit that

the company, along with its wholly-owned subsidiary, Infrastructure Investments Limited, has acquired 127,105,179 equity shares (about 4.7 per cent) of Indus Towers at Rs 187.88 per share from Euro Pacific Securities Ltd., an affiliate of Vodafone Group Plc," Airtel said in a BSE filing.

Last week, Bharti Airtel had said it will acquire 4.7 per cent stake in Indus Towers from Vodafone Group for about Rs 2,388 crore.

Indus Towers, formerly Bharti Infratel, provides passive telecom infrastructure. *PTI*

He also emphasised that financial institutions should be board-driven and not dominated by individuals. "It is important to ensure

Institutions'.

that financial institutions are board-driven and do not end up being dominated by indithat this leads to undesirable consequences,'

The board members, he said, should focus on strategic and important matters and work in a cohesive manner.

Many times, he added, a large number of agenda items are included, including table items, which do not allow for proper evaluation of the pro-

The Centre for Advanced Financial Research and Learning (CAFRAL) is an independent body set up by RBI against the backdrop of the country's evolving role in the global economy.

Petrol crosses Rs 100 in Delhi after 80 paise hike, diesel up 70 paise

Tuesday crossed Rs 100 a litre mark after rates were hiked by 80 paise a litre and 70 paise in case of diesel, taking the total increase in rates in one week to Rs 4.80 per litre. Petrol in Delhi will now

cost Rs 100.21 per litre as against Rs 99.41 previously while diesel rates have gone up from Rs 90.77 per litre to Rs 91.47, according to a price notification of state fuel retail-

Rates have been increased across the country and vary from state to state depending upon the incidence of local tax-

increase in prices since the ending of a four-and-half-month long hiatus in rate revision on March 22. On the first four occasions, prices were increased by 80 paise a litre the steepest single-day rise since the daily price revision was introduced in June

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Certificates pertaining to Shares of the Company detailed below have been reported lost and request(s) for issue of duplicate Certificates in lieu thereof have been received by the Company :-

SI. No.	Folio No.	Name of the Share Holder / Legal Heir (Claimant)	Cert-No.	Dist-No. (From)	Dist-No. (To)	Lost Shares
1	SPP0007510	BALBIR KUMAR	8917	557050	557115	66
		MR MOHAN MENGHANI				
2	SPP0000243	PREM VATI	271	12117	12154	38
		S S MULAY				

Any person having any claim /objection in respect of the above requests should lodge such claim / objection with the company at its Corporate Office within 15 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the company will consider to give effect to the above requests.

Public is hereby cautioned against dealing with the aforesaid share certificates

for KAMA HOLDINGS LIMITED

Place: Gurugram Date: 29.03.2022

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/

EKTA MAHESHWARI WHOLE TIME DIRECTOR, CFO & COMPANY SECRETARY

Authorized Officer

ICICI Bank Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road

FICICI Bank Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice. Date of Notice

Property Address of Secured Asset /

No.	(Loan Account Number) & Address	of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Outstanding as on Date of Notice	6-Dec- 2021	
1.	Anmol Sethi, Sneh Lata Sethi Tower/15 Flat No/703, the Close South Nirvana Country, Gurgaon A/c. No.LBGUR00002443068	Shop No/308, Third Floor, Block C, Nirvana Country, South City II Sec 50 Gurgaon Haryana 122001	08/03/2022, Rs. 75,64,417.7/-		
2.	Anmol Sethi, Sneh Lata Sethi Tower/15 Flat No/ 703, the Close South Nirvana Country, Gurgaon A/c. No.LBGUR00005354063		08/03/2022, Rs. 36,41,593.9/-	6-Dec- 2021	
3.	Anmol Sethi, Sneh Lata Sethi Tower/ 15 Flat No/ 703, The Close South Nirvana Country, Gurgaon A/c. No.LBGUR00002443069	Shop No/308, Third Floor, Block C, Nirvana Country, South City II Sec 50 Gurgaon Haryana122001	08/03/2022, Rs. 10,88,476.48/-	6-Dec- 2021	
4.	Vikas Aggarwal, 0 House No 192 Deepali Enclave, Pitampura Saraswati Vihar Delhi A/c. No.LBDEL00004425126	Deepali Enclave, Pitampura Mall, Sector/3, Rohini, Delhi Saraswati Vihar Delhi A/c.		6-Dec- 2021	
5.	Vikas Aggarwal, 0 House No 192 Deepali Enclave, Pitampura Saraswati Vihar Delhi A/c. No.LBDEL00005351729	eepali Enclave, Pitampura Mall, Sector/3, Rohini, Delhi araswati Vihar Delhi A/c.		6-Dec- 2021	
6.	MD Irshad, 0 A3/ 801 Tower 8 Purvanchal Royal Park Sector 37 Noida Noida A/c. Io.LBNOD00004749432 Flat No 2216, Floor No 21 Tower/2 Plot No TS/02A Pocket/P7 ATS Allure, Sector/22d Yamuna Expressway, Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh		08/03/2022, Rs. 29,40,325.45/-	30-Dec 2021	
7.	MD Irshad, 0 A3/ 801 Tower 8 Purvanchal Royal Park Sector 37 Noida Noida A/c. Io.LBNOD00004839227 Flat No 2216, Floor No 21 Tower/ 2 Plot No TS/02A Pocket/p7 Ats Allure, Sector/ 22D Yamuna Expressway, Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh		08/03/2022, Rs. 1,89,711/-	30-Dec 2021	
8.	Abha Sharma, Satish Kumar, Shine Servers LLP, Bharat Vashist 24/12, Sec/1, Pushp Vihar, Malviya Nagar, Delhi A/c. No.LBDEL00004702478	hine Servers LLP, Bharat /ashist 24/12, Sec/1, Pushp /ihar, Malviya Nagar, Delhi A/c. Noida/ 201301		6-Dec- 2021	
9.	Abha Sharma, Satish Kumar, Shine Servers LLP, Bharat Vashist 24/12, Sec/1, Pushp Vihar, Malviya Nagar, Delhi A/c. No.LBDEL00004712979	Flat No P2212, 21st Floor, Tower P2, Plot No SC/01/A/1, Sector 150, "ATS Pristine", Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida/ 201301	08/03/2022, Rs. 3,55,819/-	6-Dec- 2021	
10.	Anjana Radhu, Vicky Radhu C 681, New Friends Colony, New Friends Colony, New Delhi Delhi A/c. No.LBDEL00002301616	Anjana Radhu, Vicky Radhu C 381, New Friends Colony, New Friends Colony, New Delhi Delhi Delhi Gardens", Village Hayatpur, Sector 90,		6-Dec- 2021	
11.	Sunny Taneja, Sugandha Sethi 12 Flat No AM/B/1001 10th Floor Tower B Kanishka Redsidency 1st Floor Back Side Sector 35 Faridabad A/c. No.LBNOD0002340176 Flat No AM/B/1001 10th Floor Tower B Ajnara Ambrosia Tower Plot No GH/01 Sector 118 Noida Noida 201301		08/03/2022, Rs. 47,46,841/-	2-Dec- 2021	
12.	Chauhan E251 Sector/27 Noida, A/c. No.LBDEL00004738288	Flat No A/1801 18th Floor (Without Roof Right) Block A Proview Laboni Group Housing Plot No. 6 Crossings Republik Township Dundahera Ghaziabad 201001	Laboni Group ossings Republik Ghaziabad 201001 Rs. 44,09,490/-		
	Abhay Pratap Singh, Payal Raj No 702 Bha Millenniums Tower, Sector 62 Noida Noida A/c. No.LBNOD00002419006	702 Bha Millenniums Tower, Allure Plot No P7/TS/02A Sector 22d Yamuna Express Way Industrial 34,95,565/-		30-Dec 2021	
14.	Puspa Pandey, Vijay Kant Pandey 30/263 Extra Trilok Puri Delhi A/c. No.LBGUR00002072531	DDA LIG Flat No 393 G, Third Floor Pocket 2 Mayur Vihar Phase 1 Delhi	14/02/2022, Rs. 65,09,991/-	11-May 2021	

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : March 30, 2022 Place: Delhi/ NCR

No.LBGUR00002072531

Livestock World shares higher contributes 4% as Russia-Ukraine to India's GDP peace talks resume New Delhi: The livestock sector contributes 4% to India's GDP and employs 8% of the

mostly higher Tuesday as another round of peace talks between Russia and Ukraine got underway. Crude oil prices reversed

course with moderate gains after sinking 7per cent on Markets remain unsettled as investors try to gauge what's

next for inflation and the global economy as the repercus-

sions of Russia's invasion of Ukraine continue to play out. The first face-to-face talks

Mumbai: Cricketer Virat Kohli

has retained his position as

India's most valuable celebrity

brand in 2021, despite losing

over a fifth of his worth in the

year that saw the batsman

stepping down from captaincy

Kohli's value was pegged at

USD 185.7 million (close to Rs

1,400 crore) which is down

from USD 237.7 million in

2020, the report by consultan-

cy firm Duff & Phelps

Actor Ranveer Singh has

Bangkok: World shares were in two weeks between Russia and Ukraine began Tuesday in Turkey, raising meager hopes of progress on ending a war that

> 1.3per cent to 14,599.17 and the CAC40 in Paris surged 1.7per cent to 6,700.18. Britain's FTSE 100 gained 0.8per cent to 7,531.55. Russia's MOEX index climbed 3.7per cent in the second day of full trading after it was closed for about a month

> has ground into a bloody campaign of attrition. Germany's DAX jumped

following the Feb.

₹2,000 crore IPO

New Delhi: Agrochemical manufacturer Industries Ltd has filed preliminary papers with Sebi to raise Rs 2,000 crore through an initial public offering.

(IPO) will comprise fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up to Rs 500 crore and an Offer For Sale (OFS) of equity shares worth up to Rs 1,500 crore by its promoters. According to the Draft

sider a pre-IPO placement of up to Rs 100 crore.

Actor Alia Bhat at fourth crore for funding the capital expenditure requirement for the capacity expansion at Saykha industrial estate and Rs 48.34 crore for repayment or pre-payment of certain bor-

UnitedHealth to buy LHC Group for USD 5.4 billion

San Francisco: UnitedHealth Group is spending about USD 5.4 billion to delve deeper into home health care with the

acquisition of LHC Group. The health care giant said Tuesday that it will pay USD 170 in cash for each share of LHC's stock in a deal expected to close later this year.

UnitedHealth, which runs the nation's largest health insurer, will add LHC Group to its Optum Health business, which operates primary care clinics and surgery

LHC Group provides in-home health and hospice care to patients dealing with injuries, illnesses or chronic conditions. The Lafayette, Louisiana, company has 964 locations in 37 states.

Health insurers and other payers have been emphasing home-based care more in recent years, a trend fuelled by COVID-19 pandemic.

Technology improvements also allow for more care to be provided at home, and payers see the practice as a good alternative to expensive stays in hospitals or care centers when

Cultural show to display Bengal talents

New Delhi: 'Shonar Bengal'

Sumona actor Chakravartias is a bid to explore the rich state of Bengal and discover its lesser-known stories and experiences. The Zee Zest show offers viewers a glimpse into the diverse cultural destinations across literature, art, music, and community, via a 10-part travelogue starting on Wednesday.

New Delhi: Petrol price on

This is the seventh

ent manufacturing plants. This will give a boost to pipped older peer Akshay Kumar to become the second Bharat,' Mandaviya, the Minister of most valuable celebrity in India Health & Family Welfare and with USD 158.3 million worth. Chemical and Fertilisers, told Kumar is now ranked third reporters here. This would lead with the brand value of USD to reduction in import depen-139.6 million.

rank overall is top among females with a brand value of USD 68.1 million, and is followed by Deepika Padukone with USD 51.6 million of worth. Padukone is at the sevplace on

Kohli retains Hemani Industries files top spot as draft papers for most valued celebrity brand

The Initial Public Offering

Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP), OFS comprises offloading of up to Rs 500 crore worth of shares each by Jayesh Mohan Dama, Mohan Sunderji Dama and Minal Mohan Dama.The company may con-

The company will use the net proceeds worth Rs 129.71



the expedited advancements in digital technology have generated new security concerns regarding data privacy. Data security can be done by the implementa-tion of strong and authenticated cryptographic key protection mechanisms. At present, corporations and Governments are increasingly relying on Blockchain for the aforementioned concerns.

Blockchain, using cryptology has enabled many features that have contributed to ensuring data privacy. Moreover, the ease of managing data by storing them in blocks and connecting them by chains; prohibiting tampering has led to its increased adaptation in the startup ecosystem.

How Blockchain Contributes Towards Ensuring Data Privacy

In recent times, blockchain has been at the forefront in ensuring data privacy. The system of blocks and chains to store data makes it extremely difficult for the hacker to tamper. Majorly due to security, Blockchain has been increasingly adopted by corporations around the world; bothincumbent and upcoming. As 81 of the world's top 100 public corporations have employed blockchain technology for efficient functioning and service mechanisms. It is antic-

ipated to reach a market size of \$67.4 billion at a CAGR of 68.4 per cent between 2021-26.

♦ Validation & Encryption

The most famous data-leak saga of Facebook (Meta), had raised a mammoth amount of security concerns. However, Blockchain efficiently addresses such concerns. It is encrypted due to the structure of data constituting inherent secure qualities. Which contributes to efficient and proper validation. Smart contracts can be used with this technology to assure the happening of a particular validation whenever any specific criteria are fulfilled.

Safe & Resistant

With the potential to secure important data, the blockchain prevents fraud and illicit fraud. It ensures an end-to-end secured network that cannot be altered; making it difficult to hack. It encodes data and limits the access to handle privacy issues so that nobody can read or change stored data. Hence, data immutability is one of the basic features of this technology which offers a whole new set of security.

♦ Traceability

A paper trail verification is done by blockchain at each stage of an asset's excursion. This enables easy



Founder, Expand My Business

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verification of products in areas that are affected by fraud and forgery. It permits authentic data exchange with customers. The traceability of data can also disclose any type of flaw in the workings of the organisation

or procedures.

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Blockchain Streamlining Necessities for Startups

Blockchain has humongous potential in the tech advanced world. This potential is being leveraged by startups in providing effective services to consumers. Moreover, last year, blockchain-based startups raised \$4.4 billion in funding which is bound to grow exponentially in the coming period due to these key para-

♦ Improves Security The decentralised structure used in blockchain technology has proven to be of great value. The high level of security provided through a dis-

tributed ledger system is convenient in setting up a safe and secure data web. This makes meddling and tampering with the data stored impossible. Financial startups such as Wazirx, CoinDCX, Bitpay etc. are using blockchain to ensure secure transactions.

Increases Speed and

Efficiency

The business-related conventional and heavy paper-based works can be streamlined and automated with the help of blockchain, and transactions can be done speedily and more efficiently. A single digital ledger is responsible for keeping the records and sharing them with other parties. Thus, clearing and settlement can be done at once. For instance, Amazon Web services - AWS.

Enhances Transparency Blockchain technology has offered more transparency in businesses. All the network participants share the same documentation because of the decentralised structure of the technology. The property of public verifiability enhances transparency and accuracy in the delivery process among all the stakeholders. The supply chain of Walmart is based on the blockchain to ensure transparent service delivery and Amazon in retail operations.

Real education should consist of drawing the goodness and the best out of our own students.

— Cesar Chavez

DEGREE COURSES AT IMS

The Institute of Management Studies (IMS) Offered Degree Programmes affiliated to CCS University Meerut Invites application for different courses for its 2022 batch. IMS Noida offered Under Graduate and Post Graduate Programmes in Business Management, Law, Mass Communication,

Information Technology. **How to Apply:** Applicants seeking admission are required to fill a separate application form for the same. Applicants can collect the application form from the institute by paying Rs.1050/- (cash) for UG courses & Rs.1450/- (cash) for the PGDM program. It can also be obtained by post, online or demand draft facility of Rs.1050/- for UG courses & Rs.1450/- for PGDM in favor of IMS- NOIDA payable at Noida / Delhi Noida / Delhi.

Admission Process: Applications for Academic Year



are open to applicants who have passed or will appear for the qualifying examinations under the higher secondary (10+2) from any recognized Board of Education such as AISSCE/IB/ICSE, or equiva-

All eligible candidates will have to undergo Entrance Exam Campus at Noida comprising a written test and personal interview. All qualifying candidates will be required to carry their portfolios. Admission is based on the marks obtained in the qualifying examination and the performance in written Tests and Personal Interviews.

Check out: http://imsnoida.com/ http://imsnoida.in

Fashion and lifestyle exhibition

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fter the Grand Success of After the Grand Guerrand Brain Academy 5th Sem and 3rd Sem students organized a Fashion and Lifestyle Exhibition in our New Delhi Campus A13, Okhla Phase-2, Showcase of Dresses, Illustrations, Creative Designs, bags, handmade jewelry, clutches, variations of clothing, hand embroidery, women's wear, kids' wear, block-printing all made by students during their practi-cal work in classrooms.

The students showcased their wondrous creativity in the dress materials as they presented their creations. There were the dresses which were designed by the students

of fashion technology. Some students designed the beauty of mystic design adorned

with various vibrant colors. While commenting on the exhibition, Som Sharma, Director of Edu Brain Academy, said, "The event was organised for the students to showcase their talents and it is our way of affirming the diverse culture of India represented by the students. The appreciation for the hard work and talent of a young designer can be seen by everyone present at the exhibition.

The event was judged by Ravinder Kaur Celebrity Model & Actor Winner Mrs India 2019 and Shweta Sharma Celebrity Model Winner MRS.

Central Universities Entrance Test: Decoded

The common entrance for all the universities seems to be a welcoming move. It changes the conventional academic paradigm by focusing more on conceptual understanding, critical thinking, comprehensive skills, & decision-making ability rather than cramming the syllabus, says MK YADAV

UET, earlier know as **CUCET** stands for Central ✓ Universities Entrance Test is mandatory for the 45 central universities from the academic session 2022-23. The Exam is likely to happen in the first week of July and the application window for the CUET will start from 2nd of April and will be open till 30th

April 2022. The idea of having a common entrance test at the undergraduate level is to shift the focus more on developing the critical thinking ability of the students rather than going for rote learning.Central Universities Entrance Test (CUET), advocated under the National Education Policy 2020 is not a new concept.

It was first conducted for admission in 7 central universities for 1,500 seats in undergraduate, postgraduate & integrated courses in 2010. Till the academic vear 2021-22, 12 Central Universities like Assam University, University of Karnataka, University of Kerala, University of Haryana, to name a few, already took admissions through CUET. The National Testing Agency (NTA) is the examination Authority for CUET.

In CUET, boards mark is not going to play a great role and is not a criteria for the admission, however the universities are free to decide the eligibility criteria for the

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MK Yadav CMD At Testified (Incubated at IIT Kanpur)

admission. For example- A university may keep 60 per cent as minimum marks in 12th as an admission criteria in their univer-

The exam is divided into two three segments- the first one focusing on the language and the second one may be on the specific subject domain, for which the students are seeking admissions and the last one is based on general

The Language Section is further divided into segments- 1Ahaving 13 language paper and Section 1B- having 19 language paper. If a student is aiming for graduation in specific language, will have to select language paper

and

form 1B. A student may choose maximum of any three languages from section 1A and 1B together.The Domain specific section is having 27 subjects and a student can maximum choose 6 subjects. If any subject is not mentioned in domain specific list, a student may choose the subject, which is very closely related to the domain list. For example, if a student is seeking admission in biotechnology, they may choose biology as a subject.

The domain specific questions will be from NCERT. The General test will have questions from areas like general knowledge including current affairs, general mental ability, quantitative reasoning, and logical and analytical

reasoning. Also, choosing options from each section is not mandatory and choice shall meet the requirements of desired universities. The students are advisable to choose language and subjects, which they have studied in class 12th board, however if any universities permits any relaxation in this regard, the same will be exercised under CUET. The students are advisable to keep checking the website of respective universities frequently, in which they will seek admission. The common entrance test for all the universities will put a rest to ever-increasing cut-offs (like DU) and will focus more on developing the critical thinking ability of the students rather than going for rote

learning. This will also consider the students from different boards on the same footing otherwise since no uniformity is followed across different boards in awarding 12th marks, there is always a kind of discrimination based on 12th marks and it doesn't provide equal opportunity to students seeking admission in all the prestigious colleges. CUCET shall also provide a singlewindow platform, making admissions more streamlined & studentfriendly, by eliminating entrance exams for various universities with varying difficulty levels. It will also save candidates' time, effort & money towards payment of multiple entrance exam fees.

The common entrance for all the universities seems to be a welcoming move. It changes the conventional academic paradigm by focusing more on conceptual understanding, critical thinking, comprehensive skills, & decisionmaking ability rather than cram-

ming the syllabus. This reformative process will reduce the burden on students, colleges & universities, and the entire education system by imparting "substantial objectivity" to the process of admissions and "equitable opportunity" to the applicants to appear in a single umbrella examination at the national level.

Voice to the voiceless

ndia's rising population has become died, no safety measures are carried out by such industries. 500 million citizens who subsist on life by working in unorganised sectors like agriculture, industries, and service sectors, who are called labour in general terms. Fortunately, today these voiceless got their voice in the face of Baban Ghosh, leader of Bhartiya Janata Majdoor Trade Union. He has pledged to drag guilty people behind bars with his unique initiative, Being Labour. But this is not the first time he is standing for labourers.

Surrounded by underprivileged people, Ghosh realised that the biggest problem these workers face is the unorganised work culture where they work for excessively long hours and get paid an insignificant amount. Moreover, due to lack of awareness, they become victims of work exploitation, to unravel this problem to some extent he fixed working hours for labourers in industries of West Bengal, along with this to lighten up the future of their kids, he runs campaigns in various areas of WB where he with his supporters provide educational items such as books, bags, clothes, etc, and also help them to get admission in schools nearby.

To encourage women of this class to work, he works with local NGOs and arranges small training camps where they obtain certain skills which can be used to earn money. With his active efforts, he ensured 1,00,000 jobs for drudge women in various industries.

Undoubtedly COVID brought a very crucial time for India as a country, jeopardised lives and jobs of millions,

Scholarship for data science and analytics students

but even in this situation the most affected class was labourers, a fiery matter for every political specifically, those who migrated to party in recent years but even after other states in search of livelihood. During this tough time, Ghosh arranged 20-30 buses to consign helpless migrant labourers to their homes. Not only this but he also looked after nearly one lakh fifty thousand underprivileged families during the lockdown, fed them twice a day without fail and distributed essential items like milk, diapers, medicines, etc, as if they were his own family. His generous gesture not only helped the people of Bengal but also benefited disadvantaged people of Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Delhi, and Bihar throughout the pandemic.

After joining BJP in 2017, he conventionally drew the attention of towering leaders on issues of unorganised sectors and the pitiful situation of people who are associated with it.

As a result, after the 2014 BJP Government introduced several schemes to enrich their quality of life, these schemes focus on the province of life and disability cover, health and maternity benefits, old age protection etc. But the toughest part of this has been the execution process. Uneducated and placed in rural regions, they rarely learn about the Government's proposals and end up surviving a miserable life. Here also, Ghosh plays a crucial role by educating the poor about the welfare schemes by arranging public campaigns at regular intervals.

As an outcome of his praiseworthy work as a Trade Union leader, BJP awarded him leadership of Bharatiya Janata Kisan Morcha, a national wing accountable for reformation of farmers.

ALfA: Fast track educational pedagogy

IN 2010

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Travelling all the way from Lucknow to the nation's capital, a dozen tiny tots from Kindergarten to Grade 2 interacted with the media at the Press Club of India on March 23, 2022.

Their demand: 100 per cent literacy for all of India's children. The little ambassadors from Lucknow read the day's newspapers with fluency in both English and Hindi. They also demonstrated their one-grade-up mathematical skills, leaving the witnesses awe-stricken. At the press meet Dr

Sunita Gandhi, a wellknown educationist and innovator, who is a Ph D in Physics from Cambridge University, UK; and is a former Economist , The World Bank, USA shared details of a unique learning programme she has created that helped the children in improving Foundational

Numeracy (FLN) skills. Dr Gandhi said, "These kids have learned these foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) skills in just 30-hours over three months, and then they practiced for fluency. This is while the schools nationwide are trying to close the two year learning loss. To

acquire these skills rapidly,

the children have used the

reverse methodology of Global Dream Toolkits and a paired learning process of Accelerating Learning for All or ALfA.

Dream "Global Accelerating Learning for All (ALfA) is dramatically different. We do not teach the alphabet. We go straight to words. Children decode by themselves. Teachers do not teach or tell they act as enablers." Dr Gandhi

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(SOMASA).

TDFC FIRST Bank has Lannounced scholarships for meritorious students of Mumbai's leading institution, NMIMS' School Mathematics, Applied Statistics & Analytics (SOMASA). The scholarship is open to firstyear data science and analytics students at SVKM's NMIMS

The grant will cover students' annual fees in the first year of their respective pro-

get an opportunity to intern at IDFC FIRST Bank. They will be paid a stipend, with the possibility of a pre-placement employment offer to work with the Bank's Data Science & Analytics team, based on their performance during the internship. The internship will be for two months and may be extended for an additional four months.

B Madhivanan, Chief Operating Officer, IDFC FIRST Bank, said, "We are committed

gramme. The awardees will also to building and supporting talent in data science and analytics, a dynamic and highdemand field. The scholarship programme also ties in well with two of the three pillars of our Bank's business philosophy i.e. being digital and a force for social-good. The announcement of the scholarship at NMIMS, one of India's leading universities, is just the beginning. Going forward, we hope to expand this initiative and enable more students to blaze new

trails in their academic and

professional pursuits." The selection of students for

the IDFC FIRST Bank Meritorious Student Scholarship will be based on their first semester examination results, followed by personal interviews. Equal weightage will be given to academic excellence and the Bank's internal evaluation in the selection process.

IDFC FIRST Bank has

awarded 1028 scholarships to students enrolled in B-schools with a family income of less than Rs six lakh per annum.



Financial literacy at pre-teens age will create a value-based ecosystem for children in learning and practising responsible habits when handling money in this digital era, says PURVA AGGARWAL

Pandemic has changed the pattern of living and learning among kids. Living lifestyle has switched into indoor activities and so learning. Be it the curriculum or extra-curriculum - the internet is playing an important role. Kids grasp things quickly, but when it comes to financial literacy, parents think that is not a kids cup of tea. And why such an attitude - because it has such a tedious pattern to follow that a kid doesn't find inter-

esting.

The learning pattern has drastically changed since the pandemic and as per current scenario, e-learning is the only way to keep your child educated. We all know that the future is internet learning - then why not teach financial literacy. There is an instant raise in internet banking and payment gateways. Kids often watch their parents doing online transactions, but never get a chance to use it independently because of several security, risk factors that a kid might not understand to deal with. But what if a kid is taught all these in a cartoonist, creative, fun way?

For parents, raising kids is not an easy task in the current generation! Though children are techsavvy, they are more hooked on their gadgets, and not learning certain principles that lead to their better future. Hence teaching financial responsibility early on will make a difference throughout their life and slowly instils the values and diligence needed engag-

Understanding the same issue to the core, this financial literacy app for pre-teens is designed in such a way that kids will find it likeable with all creative patterns and themes. The task-driven feature with

rewards in this app makes it interesting for pre-teens and parents. So here are some benefits of teaching money value to kids:

Better Understanding Of Savings:

Digitalbank is a savings tool. But where to utilise those savings is something a kid can learn from their parents. It is very difficult to choose, even for adults, how to spend money correctly. Learning since the kid can improve the skill

The main purpose of this

programme is to provide finan-

cial support for those eligible stu-

dents who are going to take part

in a PhD degree in the

Eligibility: To be eligible, the

applicants must hold a first-class

or upper second class BSc or

Master's level degree (or inter-

national equivalent) in chem-

istry, biochemistry, or a closely

Applicants should include a copy

of their CV with marks of com-

pleted academic degrees. Email

Dr Peter Roth (p.roth@sur-

Applying at the University,

claimants need to meet the min-

For non-native English speakers

individual category at least 6.0 in

an Academic IELTS test not

How to apply: For taking advantage of this bursary, aspi-

rants are recommended to take

admission in the PhD degree at

the university. After taking con-

firmation, seekers can complete

the online application form for

Ăpplication deadline: May

older than two years.

this grant

An average score of 6.5 with each

Language requirements:

imum entry requirements.

Supporting documents:

related subject.

application.

Department of Chemistry.

Award: Tuition Fees

Course Level: PhD



PURVA AGGARWAL CEO, Good Good Piggy

of understanding finances. **Improving Maths:**

Maths is a subject that many kids do not like. Through such mediums like digital money banks make children enjoy maths as well as do savings by completing the task given by their parents. Calculations will improve maths among kids and a better understanding of keeping the change.

Value Of Money:

This is a skill of understanding and one of the most important

financial lessons. Children just understand that money comes from somewhere - be it in the form of pocket money or by rewarding value. Teaching them to value it and spending it wisely can make them good financial decision-makers in future.

Work Is Rewarding:

Tools like money management app encourage kids to achieve the tasks set by their parents. This helps them to educate about how money is earned and of course a better sense to value it.

Benefiting To Parents:

It helps parents to build friendly connections with their kids and raise them in a way that the future is demanding. We know that the future is all about tech and even parents will be skilled and updated hand-to-hand without a feeling of the generation gap. Inculcating such habits in their kids make parents feel secure in many ways. Apps also ensure digital welfare and parents can set a screen time on the app to control the screen time and ensure more family time. Such platforms not

only takes the right step in educating a child about the effort required for getting the rewards but also give necessary tools for parents.

Financial literacy at pre-teens age will create a value-based ecosystem for children in learning and practising responsible habits when handling money in this digital era. This will help parents raise future adults who can take care of themselves and thrive independently because independence and responsibility are key factors in anticipating success. Such platforms financially educate the world by making it more interactive, fun and comprehensive for kids. As financial education in India is lacking, there are very few practical methods to reinforce money values so they stick with kids for life.

Digitalbank is a traditional tool mostly followed by every Indian kid. Turning the same pattern into digitalization will help children to learn and simultaneously enjoy financial tools. Helping children educate about financial planning can be a blessing to them

'Every woman's support matters, big or small'

It is important for us to give our children a better future, to do so empowering every woman, especially the underpriviledged is need of the hour, says VIBHA CHUGH

What made you empower the underprivileged women?

During the pandemic everyone was locked inside their homes. I was awake most nights by the hungry howls of the street dogs as the people who were feeding them vanished from the streets. I started feeding around 10 dogs, outside my society and within a month, I was feeding close to 200 dogs. To take care of those voiceless I needed money so I conceptualised the idea of starting something where I could earn money for their needs. I started searching for skilled women in Nithari village to understand the kind of skills that were present. They knew how to knit. That is how it all started and Sakha Ek Pehel Foundation was born.

What changes have you seen in women after you empowered them?

Many. Some of these women had never stepped out of their homes. When I took my team out for a lunch, that was the first time they had eaten food that was not cooked at home. But being associated with us, we are now over a-year-and-a-half-old, they have bank accounts. They may not earn pots of money but it empowers them — that they too have a standing in the society and can command respect. Every woman's contribution matters, however big or small. How important is it for women to

be financially independent?

It is extremely important. Some of these women never knew what it was to have money in their hands. I told them that they have small kids. Where will they get the money from when it is time to send them to school? Financial independence gives them the freedom to be able to spend how they deem fit. Something that was alien to them before. To be able to safe for a rainy day or pay their child's education is liberating. It gives them a sense of empowerment that they had never known was possible for them to get.

What were the challenges that

came in your journey once the foundation was set up?

Setting up the foundation was not tough. What was challenging was to teach these women how to knit and crochet. But I never gave up. A few women knew the skill; they taught others. I spent hours looking at videos on how to crochet and then would in turn teach these



Vibha Chugh Director, Sakha Ek Pehel Foundation

women. But it has all been worth it. When I see these women and the kind of progress they have made, I am proud

How many women are associated with the foundation? Can more join?

We started with a handful of women. Today there are 75 who are associated with our foundation. There is always scope for more. As our range of products (dog sweaters, beanies, mufflers, leg warmers, mittens, crochet table runners, sofa throws) increase, so does the demand for women who can make them.

How much do these women earn? Some new joinees earn only ₹500 a month because they can't give that much time. Others earn ₹9,000-₹10,000 (these are team leaders). But on an average our women earn anywhere between 6,000-₹7,000 a moth.

Where do you go from here?

Now that summer is here, we plan o widen our range of products (crochet bikinis, bandannas) that can be sold in summers as well. I want to give these women work all the year round and not just limit ourselves to the winter months. Hopefully, we will grow from strength to strength

Engineering as a career field is vast and opens the door for various opportunities targeting mainly the international students The internships offered in Germany, France and Dubai benefit the candidates immensely by providing knowledge through theoretical practice and also giving interested individuals a platform to create and build their own stance in the market. Travelling in another country amidst covid is difficult for many these countries provide aid to this by allowing the interested candidates to apply for virtual internships

Marketing

Marketing as a field is very competitive as it involves people's culture and economic situation. To create a place in this field these countries provide internships through either allowing the candidates to work by travelling to the required country or also offer the candidates to use the work from home through virtual internships. The internships offered by these countries help the interested individuals to think as a consumer having diverse cultures and implement strategies that will open the door for various opportunities. Internships in the field of marketing boost the confidence and personal development of an individual complacently.

Business is one of the career fields that offers the greatest opportunities for individuals. Dubai, France and Germany have attained a huge space having employers from all over the world and help the required candidates to flourish in this field of business. Having an internship in this field and specially in countries that have created their own stance in this business market field

will be beneficial for the candidates while it also helps in enhancing their international perspective of business to implement their

business brand. Art and architecture

Countries like France, Dubai and Germany are known for their structural design and beautiful landmarks and landscapes. Interning in countries that have such remarkable sculptures gives a boost to one's resume and increases the selfconfidence of a candidate greatly. There are various internship opportunities provided by these countries in terms of in-country internship or virtual internship. Taking into consideration shifting into a new country amidst such pandemic norms is a matter of concern, the countries provide relief to the candidates by allowing them to choose between virtual internships and in-person internships. Individuals opting for internship in art and architecture in these countries give them a platform to work in a multi-cultural and dynamic environment. **Hotel management**

Dubai, Germany and France have diverse yet rich culture, scenic landscapes and a space to explore and learn new skills by putting their learnings into practice. The countries offer a wide range of internship opportunities either by virtual medium or by moving to a new location. The internships provide the interested candidates with skills that will help them to flourish and build a new space and position in hotel management by exploring different countries and seeking employment opportunities apart from their own country.

The writer is Som Sharma, Director Edu Brain Overseas



hina Hong Kong Entrance Scholarships at Kong University of Waterloo, Canada

The scholarship programme aims to recognise and reward outstanding students from China or Hong Kong who want to undertake a full-time undergraduate degree programme at the university.

Award: \$2,000 Course Level: UG

Eligibility: Applicants must have strong academic performance, students must be from China or Hong Kong

Supporting documents: All the applicants might be required to submit academic transcripts of all the previous schools attended and a copy of their passport.

Admission requirements: Applicants must have a highschool degree certificate with outstanding academic achievement for taking admission.

Language requirement: All international students must verify their English language proficiency by meeting their English language requirements.

How to apply: Applicants must take admission in the undergraduate degree programme at the university. Complete the scholarship application form.

Application deadline: April

ANALYTICS AT SPOTTABL

Location - Work From Home Stipend - ₹12,000-15.000/Month Link – internshala.com/i/0110ef Deadline - April 7, 2022

TECHNICAL CONTENT WRITING (AUDIO **DEVICES & MUSIC) AT AD FIT LIFE**

Location - Work From Home Stipend – ₹10,000/Month Link - internshala.com/i/a2088d Deadline - April 7, 2022

VIDEO EDITING AT OAL CHOUDHARY Location - Work From Home

Stipend - ₹6,000-11,000/Month Link – internshala.com/i/a7d678 Deadline - April 7, 2022

MOBILE APP DEVELOPMENT AT WADHWANI A

Location – Work From Home Stipend – ₹40,000/Month Link - internshala.com/i/763fcd Deadline – April 7, 2022

rey.ac.uk) first to discuss their JAVASCRIPT FRONT END DEVELOPMENT Admission requirements: AT XTREME TECHNOLOGIES

Location - Work From Home Stipend - ₹8,000-15,000/Month Link – internshala.com/i/c126c8 Deadline – April 7, 2022

WEB DEVELOPMENT AT SIXTYFOUR DATA **INTELLIGENCE**

Location - Work From Home Stipend – ₹12,000-16,000/Month Link – internshala.com/i/b1698b Deadline - April 7, 2022

CONTENT WRITING AT MIM-ESSAY Location - Delhi

Stipend – ₹10,000/Month Link - internshala.com/i/5e5cab Deadline - April 7, 2022

NATIONAL POSTER MAKING COMPETITION

he School of Information Technology of Institute of Management Studies, Noida organised a guest lecture on the theme of Research Methodology. The seminar discussed the specific procedures and techniques used

to identify, select, process, and analyse WANTED information about a topic. INTERNS! The institute

had also

conducted the

National Level

Poster Making Competition under the Aegis of Creative Club under the Guidance of President of Institute of Management Studies, Noida, Rajeev Gupta and Senior Director of IMS Noida, Dr Kulneet Suri

The purpose of an organised seminar is to make everyone know about the research paper, the methodology section which allows the reader to critically evaluate a study's overall validity and reliability. The keynote speaker of the session was Dr Abhishek Sharma, who discussed all the research methodology steps and included the concepts of Regression and exploratory Factor analysis.

Dr Suri says, "Upgrading by organising different types of competitions, webinars, seminars, etc. This will nurture the student in all perspectives like mental and physical growth, thankful to the guest speaker, program-coordinator and faculty member for giving their contribution.

3D PRINTING IN MEDICINE

he Bar-Ilan University's Azrieli Faculty of Medicine in the Galilee has launched a new course, that aims to provide exposure to the use

Tissue Regeneration of innovative threeand 3D Printing, will dimensional-based technologies for be given by the medical treatment Department of Oral The course & Maxillofacial Tomorrow's Surgery at the Galilee Medical Medicine—An Center Introduction to

THE STUDY SCHOOLS'S BOOK LAUNCH

s part of their Golden Jubilee Celebrations, The Study School launched the book, Magic in the Tiffin, to reinforce the idea of healthy eating at an early stage of a child's life. Mriganka Singh (alumni of The Study School, a

new mum and an Indian Royal from Jammu & Kashmir) inaugurated the book. She says, "I had horses at home since my father played Polo but my love and appreciation of all living beings came from my time at The Study.'

INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM AND MENTAL HEALTH

Technology Mandi aims to provide students, academia, and practitioners with insights on empirical research pertaining to the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) and mental health. Towards this goal, the Institute organised a threeday workshop on IKS and Mental Health between March 25 and 27, 2022 in partnership with IIT Mandi iHub and HCI Foundation.

he Indian Institute of

The workshop was sponsored by the State Bank of India, Netweb Technologies, and Hospimedical. The workshop covered talks and brainstorming on graduate curricula based on IKS, as well as different research topics related to it. Chief Guest K Sanjay Murthy, Secretary, Ministry of Education, says, "The transformation of traditional knowledge forms into science is the

It is essential that these knowledge systems be standardised in terms of their utility and consumption by the general population without creating any hype or unverified claims. I am glad that IIT Mandi has taken this step to formalise Indian Knowledge Systems as a scientific discipline.

Mental health is also

social stigma.

subjected to a great deal of

CMR UNIVERSITY'S SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

he CMR University, Bengaluru, held its 6th Annual Convocation on March 28, 2022 at CMRIT Campus (AECS Layout, ITPL Main Road).

The convocation ceremony of CMR University witnessed the graduation of 1400 students across all seven schools There were 1400 who received degrees

and 26 received doctoral degrees. Twenty-

eight students were the rank holders for the year 2021-2022. Among the 28 Gold medalists, 16 were awarded to girls and 12 to boys. Year-on-year girls have performed better and bagged more gold medals than boys across all disciplines. CMRU is a private university in the

state of Karnataka, established and governed by the CMR University Act-2013.

METROPOLIS' MEDENGAGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

etropolis Healthcare, India's leading diag-V nostics service provider, concluded the 3rd edition of MedEngage Scholarship Programme & Summit 2021-22. A flagship CSR initiative of Metropolis, MedEngage Scholarship Programme rewarded 122 young medical students (final year MBBS & MD/DNB) with Awards & Scholarship grants of total worth up to

INR 90 plus lakhs. This is in recognition of their achievements in academic scores, extra-curricular activities, and presenta-

This year's edition of MedEngage Summit had received over 5000 registrations from several governments and private medical colleges located across Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Delhi and Andhra Pradesh among to go through a stringent selection process based on their academic performance and several other evaluation parameters. Ernst & Young LLP was appointed as the process advisor for this scholarship programme. Launched in the year

others. The awardees had

2018, MedEngage Scholarship Programme is aimed at nurturing and nourishing the medical talents in India.



Virat says he'd be very emotional thinking about ABD if RCB win IPL title

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 $V^{\rm irat\ Kohli\ feels\ if\ Royal\ Challengers\ Bangalore} \\ \text{were\ crowned\ champions\ for\ the\ first\ time\ in} \\ \text{the\ coming\ seasons\ it\ would\ mean\ a\ lot\ to\ } AB\ de$ Villiers, who would be the first person on the former captain's mind after the triumph. One of contemporary cricket's greatest batters, de Villiers retired from all forms of the game in November last year. Since starting his association with RCB in 2011, the South African batting legend enjoyed 11 fruitful seasons with the franchise. "The other day, it got me thinking, if we manage to win the title in the coming seasons, I would be very emotional thinking about him first," Kohli, who had stepped down as captain after the 2021 season, said on RCB Bold Diaries. "Rather than what I would experience after such hard work of so many years, I would actually think of him. "It would still mean a lot to him even if he is watching the game from home. He is a special human being as he has touched everyone, and we all can vouch for that," he added.

Kohli revealed that he had a inkling during the last IPL that de Villers was going to hang his boots.

"It's very strange I mean, I clearly remember when he decided to finally call it a day. He sent me a voice note, we were coming back from Dubai after the World Cup. I got a voice note from AB de Villiers while we were driving back home.

"I kind of had the impression and was guessing it in the last IPL. Our rooms were next to each other, and we would walk the same way and disperse, every time we walked to our room and he would see me outside, he would be like 'I want to see you for coffee, one of these days'.

"I kept getting nervous and was like 'I am not sitting with you because I think there is something coming' to which he always said 'No man there is nothing, I just want to have a chat with you, it's been a while and he never speaks like that because we interact all the time." Kohli and de Villers — the two talismans had raised the batting standards in the IPL year after year and shattered numerous records

ROYAL START FOR RAJASTHAN

Sanju Samson & Co start IPL campaign with big 61-run win over Sunrisers Hyderabad

new-look and re-energised Rajasthan Royals attacked from the outset and inflicted on ►Sunrisers Hyderabad a 61-run hammering to begin their campaign in IPL-15 on a rousing note in Pune on

RR got the better of SRH in every department after skipper Sanju Samson led from the front with a scintillating 27ball 55 to power his team to an impos-

Smarting from the pounding in the first half of their opening fixture, SRH failed to pose any serious threat to RR after a disastrous start to their innings, which saw them slip to 9/3 and then

In the end, Kane Williamson's (2) team was stopped at 149 for seven, with the captain himself enduring a bad day

SRH wouldn't have got even that many had it not been for Aiden Markram's unbeaten 57 and Washington Sundar's 14-ball 40, the latter somewhat making up with the willow after his forgettable outing with the ball.

SRH's top-order batting was in stark contrast to Samson and Devdutt Padikkal (41 off 29 balls; 4x4; 6x2), who added 73 runs for the third wicket off 41 balls, before Shimron Hetmyer used his brute power to clobber 32 in only 13 deliveries and take RR past 200.

Samson's six-hitting prowess was on display as he struck five maximums and



three boundaries, sparing no bowler during his entertaining stay in the middle. Later Hetymar smashed three sixes

to pile on SRH's misery.

A clinical show by the bowlers, led

by leg-spinner Yuzvedra Chahal (3/22 in 4 overs), then completed the task for

Chasing an improbable 211, Sunrisers lost key batter Williamson

Krishna's second victim of the day. It became 9/3 as Trent Boult trapped Nicolas Pooran (0) in front of the RCB eye 1st win against in-form KKR

after a diving catch by Padikkal before

Rahul Tripathi (0) became Prasidh

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	KKR	1	1	0	0	2	0.639	
	GT	1	1	0	0	2	0.286	
	LSG	1	0	1	0	0	-0.286	
	CSK	1	0	1	0	0	-0.639	
	RCB	1	0	1	0	0	-0.697	
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wicket. To make matters worse, Chahal removed two more batters in Abhishek Sharma and Abdul Samad in quick succession, as Sunrisers lost half their side for 37 runs and stared at a heavy defeat.

But Markram, Romario Shepherd (24) and Sundar, who got 24 runs in the 17th over, delayed the inevitable and reduced the margin of defeat.

During the final over, pacer Nathan Coulter-Nile injured himself while landing and was taken off.

After taking revenge against Chennai Super Kings for the defeat in the summit clash of the 2021 edition in this year's season opener on Saturday, Kolkata

Knight Riders will take on Royal Challengers Bangalore in the sixth match of the ongoing Indian Premier League at Dr DY Patil Sports Academy in Navi Mumbai on Wednesday. KKR started the 2022 edition with a bang and ended a

four-match losing streak against Super Kings on Shreyas lyer's captaincy debut for the

two-time winners. And they would like to make it two in a row against RCB, which also has a new leader in former colour against Punjab and went for 59 South African international Faf du

The 37-year-old, on his captaincy debut, made a 57-ball 88 to help his side post a big total of 205 for 2 against Punjab Kings. But that didn't prove to be enough as PBKS won the game with one over to spare. In that match, which was played in the same venue where Wednesday's game will take place, the RCB batters did the job by posting a big total, but a for-getful day by the bowlers, especially Mohammed Siraj, ruined the team's hopes of making a perfect start.

Siraj was one of the three players retained by the franchise ahead of this year's mega auction but looked off

runs in his spell of four overs.

He would like to move on from that dismal show and live up to the billing. He will be supported by last year's leading wicket-taker, Harshal Patel, Sri Lankan all-rounder Wanindu Hasaranga and Englishman David Willey, who is likely to get another game in the absence of Josh Hazlewood.

On the other hand, the Knight Riders had an almost perfect evening against Chennai at Wankhede Stadium on March 26, and they will look to build on that success and move to the top of the points table.

For KKR, Indian fast-bowler Umesh Yadav was on song in the first match as

his side an early break-through and Iyer will expect him to do the same job again. 'Umesh has worked hard in the nets and did well in the practice games too. Really chuffed to see him perform," Iyer told The Pioneer of Umesh after CSK game. Apart from the 34-year-old IPL veteran, Shreyas has Shivam Mavi, Andre Russell, Varun Chakrvarthy, and Sunil Narine to ask some tough questions.

he dismantled Chennai's top-order to give

On the batting front, they have Ajinkya Rahane, who impressed on his KKR debut and made 44 runs at the top, while the others include the likes of Venkatesh Iyer, Nitish Rana, Sam Billings, Sheldon Jackson, and skipper Shreyas

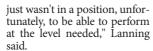
Perry-less Aus face WI in Women's WC semis today

Tournament favourites ▲ Australia suffered a major setback on Tuesday on the eve of their Women's World Cup semi-final against the West Indies, losing all-rounder Ellyse Perry to injury.
Captain Meg Lanning con-

firmed the six-time champion Australians would be without Perry, who suffered back spasms during the group stage win over South Africa last week. Twenty-year-old

rounder Annabel Sutherland is likely to replace the accomplished Perry, 31, in Wednesday's semi-final, as she did against Bangladesh last Friday, when Australia completed a seven-fromseven record in the group stage. Lanning would not rule Perry out of contention if they qualify for Sunday's final in Christchurch against either South Africa or England, who clash on Thursday. "She batted a little bit in the nets and felt okay, but she certainly

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"We will keep assessing her as we go if we are to progress but the team and the squad is very focused on tomorrow and making sure that we're putting out our best game because everything else is irrelevant."

Perry claimed figures of 3-22 against the West Indies two weeks ago, in a seven-wicket win which was achieved with nearly 20 overs to spare, typical of their dominant performances at the tour-The Caribbean side

have exceeded expectations by qualifying in fourth place for the semi-

Their progress went down to the final ball of the last group game on Sunday when South Africa dramatically eliminated India, prompting scenes of wild celebration at the West Indies'



GT skipper Hardik praises Manohar after his heroics against Lucknow

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 $Y^{
m ou}$ would hear a lot more about Abhinav Manohar in the future," said Gujarat Titans captain Hardik Pandya after the IPL debutant displayed remarkable hitting in the final over to ensure a fivewicket win over Lucknow Super Giants here on Monday.

With Titans needing 11 off the final over, Manohar smashed back-to-back fours off Avesh Khan to make the task much easier for his team. With the confidence he showed under extreme pressure, it did not look like he was playing his first game on a big

stage like the IPL. "Manohar is someone to look at with the talent he has. He is someone who you are going to hear about in the future. Rahul Tewatia was sensational as well," said Hardik at the postmatch presentation. Hardik, who played his first game since November last year, bowled four overs and scored 33 batting at number four.

"Mostly I'll bat at number four, because I want to take pressure with my experience so that the others can play freely. We want to win as a team and nobody can take the contribution away from any-

beat Pak in 1st ODI

AP LAHORE

Travis Head ended a three-and-a-half-year ▲ absence from Australian gold with a starring all-round show to lead the undermanned tourists to a series-opening ODI victory over Pakistan in

Head shook off a middling Test campaign with a startling onslaught against the white ball, peppering the off-side boundary as he surged to a 70-ball century, the quickest scored in an ODI between the two nations and the second fastest made at the Gaddafi Stadium

Chasing 314 for victory, Pakistan failed to match their opponents' fast start and were never in the hunt despite Imam ul-Haq (103 off 96 deliveries) hitting his third hundred against the Aussies this month.

The depleted Australians, left with just 13 players to pick from after COVID-19 and injuries wreaked havoc on their selected squad, were further heartened by the performances of their two ODI debutants who delivered knockout punch-



Leg-spinner Mitchell Swepson, who became Australian men's ODI cap No 236 on Tuesday, snaffled the prized scalp of Pakistan captain Babar Azam (57 off 72) lbw before paceman Nathan Ellis, cap No 235, castled Imam with a trademark yorker. Adam Zampa stood tall as the side's most senior bowler, snagging 4-38 from his 10 overs as he became the 18th Australian man to take 100 ODI

Osaka reaches Miami quarters, Swiatek cruises

Naomi Osaka will face American Danielle Collins for a place in the semi-finals of the Miami Open after the Japanese star beat Alison Riske 6-3, 6,4 on Monday.

Osaka has responded strongly in Florida, advancing to the quarter-finals after leaving Indian Wells in tears earlier this month after being heckled

The four-time Grand Slam champion, who received a walkover in the previous round, is yet to drop a set and remains one of the favorites to land the

"I am definitely happy," Osaka



said afterwards during a courtside interview.

"Last year I got to the quarters in Miami after winning in Australia and I am winning matches here this year too but I feel more grateful - this is one of the funnest times of my life."

"There were a lot of things running through my mind last year," added Osaka who was able to stay firmly on the front foot against American Riske in their third round encounter while saving seven of eight break points

Ninth seed Collins, who reached the semi-finals in Miami in 2018, beat Ons Jabeur 6-2, 6-4 earlier in the day. Newly minted world number one Iga Swiatek also advanced comfortably on Monday, sweeping aside the 14thseeded Coco Gauff 6-3, 6-1 in 1hr

The second-seeded Swiatek, who took over the top ranking on Friday in the wake of the shock retirement of Ashleigh Barty, is now on a 14-match unbeaten streak

The 20-year-old Pole won the WTA 1000 event in Doha and then took victory at Indian Wells earlier this month.

She is bidding to become only the fourth woman to win Indian Wells and Miami in the same season after Steffi Graf, Kim Clijsters and Victoria

1st SAI centre for Mountain Terrain Biking & Bicycle Motocross to be set up in Shimla requirement of the sport for hilly

PNS NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Youth Affairs ■ and Sports in collaboration with the Youth Services and Sports department of the Government of Himachal Pradesh is set to build India's first-ever SAI National Centre of Excellence to train athletes in Mountain Terrain Biking and Bicycle Motocross in Shimla,

The NCOE is being set up to provide world-class training facilities to Indian cyclists so that they can compete for the 18 Olympic medals in the disciplines of MTB and BMX. This centre, one of the best high-altitude training facilities in the world, at an altitude of 2000 meters above sea level, will have world-class infrastructure, a state-of-art sports science highperformance centre, Olympiclevel track and coaches of international repute, where India's best cyclists and local sporting talent can train. Due to the

terrain and a suitable climate for training, Shimla emerged as a preferred choice for the NCOE.

With the setting up of this SAI NCOE, Himachal becomes the torchbearer of MTB and BMX training in India and a possible venue for future World Championships for the two cycling disciplines. The NCOE, which will have the capacity to train around 200 cyclists for Olympic-level preparations, will be equipped with 1 XCO Olympic level track, 1 training track with specialized features, 1 BMX track, 1 state-of-the-art indoor gymnasium, an indoor setup with virtual trainers, hostel facilities for 100 athletes, coaches and support staff. Besides, there will be a high-performance Center for Sports Science with state-of-the-art facilities such as an indoor recovery pool, steam and sauna, strength and conditioning hall,

a biomech lab, physiotherapy,

anthropometry. High-end equipment such as breath and lactic analysers, heart rate monitors, treadmills, bicycle ergometers will also be available for athletes to use during their

The collaboration between the centre and the state to set up this world-class facility was formalized with the signing of a Memorandum Understanding on March 23,

Hailing the move, Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports Anurag Thakur said, 'India has had its best Olympics in Tokyo and we are doing well in quite a few disciplines. The time has come to expand our orbit and train athletes for Olympics in other disciplines where Indian athletes are showing prospects and where we can bag more medals to improve the overall tally at Olympics. Cycling is one such discipline where

there is a lot of potential."