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India committed to free, open, inclusive Indo-Pacific: Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said India is committed to a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific region and called for robust economic ties between the countries to ensure continued

growth, peace and prosperity.
Giving this assurance at the launch of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) in Tokyo, he also said this mechanism is a declaration of a collective desire to make the Indo-Pacific region an engine of global economic growth. He said the foundation of resilient supply chains must be 3Ts — Trust, Transparency and Timeliness.

These observations came against the backdrop of China adopting an aggressive stance in the region and repeatedly criticising the Quad combine

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India, the US, Japan and
Australia are part of the Quad.
Ahead of the Quad
Summit, Foreign Minister of
China Wang Yi on Sunday said
the Indo-Pacific strategy of the

gy" is causing more and more concern in the international community, especially in the Asia-Pacific region, Wang Yi said at his joint press confer-ence with Pakistan Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto

Chinese city of Guangzhou.

Meanwhile, speaking at
the IPEF launch ceremony in
the presence of US President Joe Biden and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida besides leaders of several other countries who virtually took part in the event, Modi said India has historically been at the centre of trade flows in the Indo-Pacific region, having the world's oldest commercial port in Lothal, Gujarat.

He stressed the need for finding common and creative solutions to tackle economic challenges of the Indo-Pacific region. He expressed India's commitment towards working with all countries of the region for an IPEF.

"India is committed to a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific region and believes that deepening economic engagement among partners is crucial for continued growth, peace and prosperity," said Modi.

PM woos Japanese inc, lists ease of doing biz

Modi proposes 'Japan Week' to celebrate **business ties**

PNS/AGENCIES NEW

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday underlined several steps taken for ease of doing business in India and invited Japanese industry to explore more investment opportunities here.

Underlining India's robust economy, he said despite the slowdown in global Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), India attracted record FDI of USD 84 billion in the

FDI of USD 84 billion in the previous financial year.

Terming this a vote of confidence in India's economic potential, Modi invited greater participation by Japanese companies in India and proposed celebrating Japan's contribution to India's



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday fondly interacted with a boy who was waiting outside his hotel here and praised him for his fluency in Hindi and signed him an autograph in his tricolour drawing, in Tokyo on Monday

Mujhe makhan par lakeer karne mein maza nahi aata hai, main patthar par lakeer karta hoon

– PM NARENDRA MODI

development journey in the form 'Japan Week'.

He made this strong pitch while chairing a roundtable with Japanese business leaders in Tokyo.

Nitish bowls another googly on caste census

Convenes all-party meet; move seen as his increasing proximity to RJD PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

In yet another sign of grow-ing proximity between the Janata Dal(U) and the RJD in Bihar, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has convened an allparty to develop consensus on holding a caste census in Bihar. Leader of Opposition and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav recent-ly met Nitish Kumar to press

for holding the caste census. The BJP has been all along opposed to such an exercise opposed to such an exercise apprehending that could revive the Mandal politics all over again, but the party is expected to attend the meeting. The BJP leadership does not want the caste census to become a trigger for political instability in Bihar at a time when the relationship between the JD(U) and the saffron party is at an

Incidentally, the Union Government had gone on record in Parliament saying there was no move to hold a countrywide caste census.

The move has come amid speculation that Nitish was noving away from the BIP and has finalised some secret "deal" with the RJD. The crisis in Bihar NDA has yet another dimension. There is a strong



buzz that the JD(U) may deny Rajya Sabha nomination to Union Steel Minister RCP Singh, who is seen as close to the BJP leadership. The denial of ticket to RCP could be seen by Nitish, who has already opposed the BJP on demand for a Uniform Civil Code and removal of a loudspeaker from

masjids.
Nitish has also reservations about bringing back the CAA and the NRC and said that he would want that a suggestion made by his party in 2010 should be the criteria for the implementation of the Citizenship Amendment Act.

The political temperature in Bihar has also risen amid reports that Nitish has asked his party MLAs to stay put in Patna for the next 72 hours, while he himself is going to Rajgir on Tuesday. While JD(U) leader Shrawan Kumar denied that any such directive has been issued to the MLAs, reports said majority of the MLAs and senior JD(U) lead-

Ruchi

ers are camping in Patna. Incidentally, last time in 2018 when Nitish dumped the RJD to join hands with the BJP, he had gone to Rajgir, obviously to consider his political step away from the hustle and bus

tle of politics.

The way Nitish Kumar and his party have refused to comment on corruption cases and CBI raids against Lalu Prasad and his family members has become another talking point in Bihar politics. It was the same Nitish Kumar who dumped the RJD in 2018 on the issue of corruption.

Asked to comment on the date of the all-party meeting, Nitish said, "Many parties have agreed to the date. But we must have the consent of all parties for holding the meeting on any particular date."

The JD(U) leader, whose ally BJP has of late grown

aggressive over the issue, expressed confidence that all parties in the state will back the proposed move before clear-ance is given by the cabinet.

CAPSULE

YOGA DAY IN PHYSICAL MODE AFTER 2 YEARS

New Delhi: After a two-year gap due to the Covid-19 pandemic the main event of the eighth International Day of Yoga (IDY) celebrations on June 21 will be held in the physical mode at Mysuru in Karnataka

SCIENTIST WITH IT MIN JUMPS TO DEATH

New Delhi: A 55-vear-old scientist working with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology died after allegedly jumping-off from the seventh floor of the Shastri Monday, police said.

BIDEN BACKS JAPAN BID TO JOIN UNSC: KISHIDA

Fumio Kishida has said that US President Joe Biden supports Japan's bid to join a "reformed UN Security Council. If approved, Japan would join Britain China France Russia and the US as permanent members of the international

Varanasi court order on maintainability of Gyanvapi suit today

PNS VARANASI

Varanasi District Judge Ajay Kumar Vishvesha on Monday reserved his judg-ment on maintainability of the Shringar Gauri-Gyanvapi Mosque lawsuit. He will delivthe order

Tuesday. Meanwhile, a former seer of Kashi Vishwanath Temple filed a petition seeking permission to perform puja of the "Shivling" claimed by the Hindu side to have been found in the wuzu khana of the Gyanvapi

mosque.
A city lawyer also submitted an application in the court demanding action against the Samajwadi Party national president, the AIMIM chief and six others.

District Judge Vishvesha started hearing the Shringar Gauri-Gyanvapi lawsuit on Monday afternoon.

Man who turned Khadi around is now Delhi LG

STAFF REPORTER - NEW DELHI

Vinai Kumar Saxena, the Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission, was on Monday appointed the Lieutenant Governor (L-G) of Delhi replacing Anil Baijal. He is the first man from the corporate and social sector to be selected for such a gubernatorial post. He is the person who made Khadi a global brand. President Ram Nath Kovind on Monday issued a notification to this effect.

this effect.

"The President of India has accepted the resignation of Shri Anil Baijal as Lt Governor of National Capital Territory of Delhi. "The President of India has been pleased to appoint Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena to be the Lt Governor of National Capital Territory of Delhi with effect Territory of Delhi with effect from the date he assumes charge of his office," read a communiqué issued by



Rashtrapati Bhawan.

Baijal, who was appointed as the Delhi Lieutenant



Vinai Kumar Saxena

Governor in 2016, resigned last week citing personal reasons. Baijal's resignation has led to speculation about who will replace him. Praful Patel, the administrator of Lakshwadeep and Daman & Diu, was the top choice for the top post but the appointment of Saxena surprised everyone in the political circle.

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Make harmonious panchayats Us will defend and wards, work unitedly: CM

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hief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said **∠**that harmonious Panchayats and wards should be made in the upcoming Panchayat and urban body elec-tions. Efforts should be made to ensure unopposed elections in an atmosphere of harmony and equanimity forgetting all mutu-al quarrels and enmity.

Panchavats and wards where elections are held unop-posed, will be termed 'ideal' and all the schemes of the gov-ernment will be implemented in an ideal manner. I myself will go to such panchayats. Together we should develop state in such a way that we become exemplary. Chouhan said that efforts should also be made to ensure that there should be Panchayats and urban bodies where all repre-

sentatives are women.
Chouhan said that the development of Salkanpur temple will be done in a big way. The development of the state is being made by Salkanpur Devi,

we are all instruments in her hands. He prayed to Maa Vijayasan Devi to keep everyone healthy and happy and to have good luck and prosperity for all.

The Chief Minister per-

formed bhoomi-pujan of development works worth Rs 43.69 crore in Salkanpur today. Along with this, letters of approval were distributed to 3852 new beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and Awas Plus.

Chouhan said that no poor in the state will remain without a pucca house. Houses will be sanctioned to about 12 thousand more beneficiaries of this area. Beneficiaries should not fall in any trap. He instructed the collector to ensure better and good quality housing. Building materials should be procured from one place to reduce the cost.

Chouhan said that children should be well nourished, edu-cated and cultured and for which better operation of Anganwadis is must. The government will leave no stone unturned in this work, but the society should also take up the

responsibility. Tomorrow, I myself will go out on the streets of Bhopal with a handcart and collect toys, clothes, TV and other material for anganwadi children from people.

The Chief Minister said

that new power is emerging in the state in the form of women self-help groups. It is our endeavour that women should be able to carry out various economic activities successfully and they should have a month ly income of at least 10 thou sand rupees each. The government is also marketing and branding their products. Chouhan said that the best education should be given to the children. The government will make complete arrangements for the education of the son and

daughter.
Chouhan said that farmers should do natural farming on some part of their land. It is like nectar. They should keep a cow on their farm for this and use Jeevamrut in farming. The government will give Rs 900 per month to the farmer for keeping a cow for this purpose.

militarily if China invades **Taiwan: Biden**

AP TOKYO

Us President Joe Biden said on Monday that the United States would intervene militarily if China were to invade Taiwan, saving the burden to protect Taiwan is "even stronger" after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

was one of the most forceful presidential statements in support of self-governing in Biden, at a news conference

in Tokyo, said "yes" when asked if he was willing to get involved militarily to defend Taiwan if China invaded "That's the commitment we made," he added. The US traditionally has

woided making such an explicit security guarantee to Taiwan, with which it no longer has a mutual defence treaty, instead maintaining a policy of "strategic ambiguity" about how far it would be willing to go if China invaded.

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Public cooperation is also must to make anganwadi centres better: CM

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hief Minister Shivra Singh Chouhan has said that on Tuesday, May 24, he will reach out to the people and make a call to seek public cooperation for Anganwadis. With the cooperation of the public, the necessary items for the Anganwadi centres will be

Chouhan will launch a material collection campaign from the Ashoka Garden area of Bhopal by taking a hand cart. Chouhan called a meeting at Mantralaya today to discuss the outline of the campaign. Medical Education Minister Vishwas Sarang, Chief Secretary Iqbal Singh Bains and other senior officers were present.

Chouhan said that "Adopt



an Anganwadi" campaign is being run in the state. To give impetus to this campaign, he himself will call upon the pub-lic to provide toys and stationery material to the Anganwadi children by taking a hand cart.

He informed that at many places people have given water coolers and furniture to the Anganwadi centres. Many citizens have come forward to

include nutritious items in the diet of the children coming to these centres. The campaign can be conducted in a better way only with the cooperation of the public. If there is voluntary support, then the utility of these centres will increase and such children will also reach the Anganwadi centres, who are not coming presently.
Chouhan said that even in

rural areas, farmer brothers have provided food grains for Anganwadi centres. Support is also being received in providing other food items in a pot. The Chief Minister said that public cooperation is necessary for providing school bags, drawing sheets, colours as well as comics and other educative literature to

children in urban areas. Chouhan said that the chil-

ting the crime, he called his

32-year-old friend Kamlesh

Soni who also raped her. The accused threatened

herthat if she told about it

to anyone, he would defame her. After this,

both of them started sexu-

ally assaulting her. For three years the woman

dren coming to Anganwadi centres should not feel deprived in life, for this the government and the society will have to make joint efforts. Different sections of the society will cooperate. These include members of voluntary organisations, officers-employees, traders, public representatives and office-bearers of the resident

Medical Education Minister Vishwas Sarang informed that by covering a distance of about one kilometer on foot from Vivekananda intersection to Mansa Devi temple in Ashoka Garden area, toys and other necessary materials for Anganwadis will be obtained with public cooperation. Public representatives will also be present along with Chief Minister. Chouhan.

Complete the FLC of EVMs in time-limit

Bhopal: State Election Commissioner Basant Pratap Singh has directed all the Collectors and District Election
Officers to complete the FLC (First Level Checking) of EVMs for urban body elections within the time limit. Engineers have been sent to all the districts for this work.

Secretary, State Election Commission Rakesh Singh has informed that FLC of EVMs has been started in all the districts from May 20. Instructions have been given to complete this work in 7 days without any leave. FLC of a total of 53 thousand 982 control units and one lakh 62 thousand 745 ballot units is to be done in the districts. For FLC, 387 engineers of Electronic Corporation of India Limited (ECIL) have been sent to the districts.



Dark clouds hovered in the sky in Bhopal on Monday

23-year-old married woman gang-raped

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rera Hills police have booked two miscreants who have sexually assautled a 23-year-old woman for the past 3 years in the name of defaming her.

The accused Sonu Yadav raped the woman.

After that he called his friend Kamlesh Soni and both of them gang-raped her. Not only this, both the accused were abusing her by blackmailing her for almost three years.

Disturbed by the actions of the accused, the woman told everything to her mother-in-law. On the complaint of the woman reached the police station late in the night and based on the complaitn police have registered a case of accused under other sections including rape.

A 23-year-old woman living in Arera Hills police station area was acquaint-ed with 26-year-old Sonu Yadav about three years ago. Sonu asked vicitm to meet him at home and rape against both the raped her. After commit-

The woman refused for further exploitation but even after this, the accused did not agree and started pressurizing him to visit home on Sunday. The woman got upset and told everything to her mother-in-law. Later reached Arera Hills police station and filed a case against Sonu and Kamlesh under other sections including gang

remained silent fearing

Arera Hills station in-charge RK Singh told that the woman's husband is a watch list criminal. Several criminal cases are registered against him. He is absconding for last 8 months. Police are looking for him, but he has not been found. The woman's husband has been friends with the accused.

Ruckus over removal of encroachment from restaurant STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

uge ruckus was created by locals and Congress leaders during the removal of encroachment of the restaurant in Karond area; Congressmen staged a protest

Police removed them forcibly after they refused to leave the place and obstruct raz-ing of encroachment.

claiming the action is politically

In this incident case, a case has been registered against Congress leader Manoj Shukla for obstructing government

District administration, municipal corporation and police personnel had reached to investigate and remove the encroachment of Saini restaurant at Karond intersection and when the staff including SDM Manoj Verma took action

After this, the employees of
to remove the encroachment,
Congress leader Shukla reached

After this, the employees of
the Municipal Corporation
started removing the encroachstarted removing the encroach-



After that they sat there on dharna and when the police tried to remove them, they did not move. Due to this, the policemen caught them and removed them. Then action was taken to remove the encroachment.

encroachment including the shed was removed.

The restaurant is being told

of a Congress leader. Due to this, the Congress had reached to protest the action of the administration. The police had to make a lot of effort to

Digvijay Singh has said that he should not leave. However, after some time the policemen forcibly removed Shukla. Nishatpura TI Mahendra Singh Chauhan said, a case has been registered against Manoj Shukla for obstructing government

work.

The restaurant was found filthy and case against the owner has been registered against the owners of Saini restaurant Geetaprasad Saini and Santosh Pal under section 269 of the Indian Penal Code

at Nishatpura police station. This action was taken by SDM Verma. During the investigation, unhygienic con-ditions were found in the restaurant. Items like samosas and jalebis were kept in open utensils among the dirt. Food Safety Officer Bhojraj Singh Dhakad has taken samples of Gulab Jamun, Meethi Chutney and Kadhi due to doubts in the quality.



Children's mega summer book collection put up at Swami Vivekananda Library

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BHOPAL

ummer Mega Children's Books Collection is being Vivekananda Library.

The books likd Jarnimo

Stilton and Dork Diaries series is at Junior Books display. Members can also issue on the spot this new collection of 50

Swami Vivekananda Library Manager Yatish Bhatele told that at present the number of members has increased, at present the num-ber of members of the Children's Library is around 500 children's members. The number of members of the

total library is around 1675.

A huge children's collection on display in the library,



which can be issued by the children's members on the

same day. Yatish Bhatele told that Holiday Stories Author Ruskin Bond, Comics, Roald Dahl, The Ghost Road Author Cheris Kotter and other books are being included in this col-lection. Similarly, children should also be encouraged to read books from childhood. This time a very attractive series is being launched in the library. More books like Cat Kid

Comic Club Volseries, The Girl Who Drunk the Moon Author Kelly Burnhill, Holiday Stories Author Ruskin Bond, Dork Diaries author Rachel Renee Russell, Artemis Foul Books Series, Young Kalam, Just So Stories Children's Classics, Naxia Upcoming Author Scott Roentgen, Little Woman Author Louisa May Alcott, The Magic Shop Author Subhadra Sen Gupta, The Voyages Doctor Dolittle Author Hugh Lofting and

Control Room set up in SEC

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

control room has been A set up in the State Election Commission for exchange of important information related to election work from the districts. Deputy Secretary Rajkumar Khatri has secretary Rajkuniar Khairi has been made in-charge of the control room. Surendra Singh Raghuvanshi has been made assistant of control room. Their mobile number is-8839181327. The telephone number of the control room is 0755-2551076.

Secretary, SEC Rakesh Singh has directed all the Collectors and District Election Officers to update all the election related information on the website of the Commission. Along with this, make sure to by the state level control room

NSDL launches 'Market ka eklavva- express' in 75 cities to mark Azadi ka Mahotsav

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ndia's largest depository, National Securities
Depository Limited
(NSDL) launched 'Market ka Eklavya – Express', an online investment awareness program for students that will be guages including Hindi. The program would serve as a beginner's guide for investing

for the youth. To mark the significance of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsay. an initiative of Government of India to celebrate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of our people, culture and achievements, NSDL has launched a new initiative towards investor awareness 'Market Ka Eklavya - Express' across 75 cities, especially aimed at the college students who would very soon be entering the phase where they would start earning and naturally, look for avenues of investment.

Earlier this month, Market ka Eklavya (5-hours program) was launched by the hon'ble Finance Minister of India, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman at silver jubilee event of NSDL.

On the launch of the initiative Padmaja Chunduru,

The program would serve as a beginner's guide for investing for the youth

"Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is a special initiative launched by our Prime Minister to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of India's Independence. Our program has been par-ticularly aimed to create awareness about the financial markets to the young minds who will be the future of our country. In this Amrit Kaal, our digital education initiative focuses on building a path towards Financial Freedom for our youth, symbolizing the spirit of Atmanirbhar

Students across India will benefit from this program as it does not restrict to just an area of the population.

The program will be conducted for 1 hour and mainly educate the students on demystifying the jargons, 3I's - types of Income; Inflation and its impact, types of Investment; 3S - Start early-Power of Compounding, Spread wide, Stay long etc.

RMNH conducting 'Animal Clay model making workshop

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egional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal (A Regional Centre of Natoinal Museum of Natural History, New Delhi) Model Making Workshop' on May 23, 2022 under Summer Nature Study

Programme- (Green Cubs).

During the programme, the students were demonstrated to make animal clay model of biggest terrestrial animal i.e. Elephant by Arvind Anupam, Exhibit Anupam, Exhibit Preparator of RMNH,

Åfter demonstration participants made the model under the guidance of Arvind Anupam and enjoyed learning the techniques of

making model out of clay.
Total 19 students
participated in the participated in the programme. Beenish Rafat, Scientist-C and coordinator of this programme discussed the importance of our ecosystem and appealed that we should save all animals.

Airforce film 'They keep them flying' screened at Shaurya Smarak

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film based on air force army 'They Keep them Flying' was screened here on Monday at Shaurya Smarak. The film was screened under the regular film screenings The film was produced

by Ramesh Gupta under Films Division of India. It was directed by Amar Verma. The entire film is based on the recruitment and advanced technologies of Indian Air Force.

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is the air arm of the Indian armed forces. Its complement of personnel and aircraft assets ranks fourth amongst the airforces of the world.

Its primary mission is to secure Indian airspace and to conduct aerial warfare during armed conflict. It was officially established on 8 October 1932 as an auxiliary air force of the British Empire which honored India's aviation service during World War II with the prefix Royal.

After Índia gained independence from the United Kingdom in 1947, the name Royal Indian Air Force was



kept and served in the name of Dominion of India. With the government's transition to a Republic in 1950, the prefix Royal was removed after only three years.

The Indian Air Force has been undergoing a modernization program to replace and upgrade its aging and outdated equip-ment since the late 90's to advanced standards

The film also showcased that the primary focus of current modernization and upgrades is to replace airpurchased from the Soviet Union that currently form the backbone of the Air Force.



Petroleum Dealers Association members stage a protest in front of the office of Indian Oil Corporation demanding for the crease of dealers' commission including several other demands, in Bhonal on Monday

Activities on World no tobacco day, May 31

The instructions issued

Series of programmes to be conducted in state under drug free campaign themed "Tambaku ko Chhod Do, Jeevan ko Mod Do" on

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May 31 which is "World Tobaaco Prohibition Day". Departments of Departments of Health, School Education, Higher Education and Women and Child Development will co-operate in organising the programme as well.

by commissioner Social Justice and Disabled Welfare E Ramesh Kumar to the entire fleet of Collectors, Chief Executive Officers and departmental officers mentions that drug de-addiction training and small programmes must be conducted while ensuring district level participation of all departments in the first phase of "Nasha Mukt Madhya Pradesh"

campaign.
The process will con-

tinue in order to keep people aware about the ill-effects related to intoxication and consumption

alchohol, tobacco etc.

Various activites like wall-painting, rangoli competition, marathon, Prabhat pheri street plays etc will be organized under

the campaign.
Collectors have been directed to promote the "De-Addiction" message by installing hoarding and banners around public

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CM reviews preparations for the programmes on President Kovind's visit to Madhva Pradesh

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hief Minister Shivra Singh Chouhan has said related to the President's visit should be completed next week. Finalize the nature of programs suited to the dignity of the President. Chief Minister Chouhan

reviewed the preparations related to President Ram Nath Kovind's stay in Madhya Pradesh on May 28 and 29 by holding a meeting at Mantralaya. It was told in the meeting that the President is proposed to visit Bhopal on May 27. He will perform Bhoomi-Poojan of new health institutions in a programme in

President Kovind will travel from Bhopal to Ujjain on the morning of May 29, where he will address the participants of All India Ayurveda Conference at Kalidas Academy. Along with this, he will also have darshan in the Mahakal temple. The President will visit Indore in the afternoon and from there will depart to New Delhi

Chief Minister Chouhan received information about the venue of Ayurveda convention in Ujjain, meeting arrangements for guests and invited representatives, drinking water and other arrangements includ-ing transport. Chief Secretary Iqbal Singh Bains, Additional Chief Secretary Home Rajesh Rajoura, Additional Chief Secretary Health Mohammad Suleman, Director General of Police Sudhir Kumar Saxena and senior officers were pre-

On May 31, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact with the beneficiaries of Madhya Pradesh by virtually participating in the benefit distribution programme.
The Chief Minister

reviewed the preparations for this programme in a meeting held at Mantralaya on Monday. According to the proposed ogramme, Prime Minister

Modi will connect with the

beneficiaries of Madhya

The amount of Kisan Samman Nidhi will be distributed by the Prime Minister to the benefi-ciaries. Chief Minister Chouhan will also address the Chief Minister Chouhan

in the programme being held in Shimla on May 31 at 11 am

said that the work of selection of the beneficiaries with whom Prime Minister Modi will interact should be given final shape The details of the benefits received by the beneficiaries from various schemes should also be compiled. Necessary arrangements should be made to connect the general public with the programme. The detailed outline of the programme should be finalized soon.

Chouhan expresses grief over fire in Chemical Factory

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hief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has expressed grief over the untimely demise of two persons in a fire accident in a chemical factory in Pachama Industrial Area of

Chief Minister Chouhan has prayed to God to grant peace to the departed souls and strength to their families to bear this loss. Chief Minister Chouhan said that financial assistance of Rs 4 lakh each would be provided by the state government to the families affected in the fire accident. Instructions have been given in this regard.



Over 180 participants join online meet to plan Hygine Day

Pradesh and interact with them

Children during Animal Clay Model Making Workshop at Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH) in Bhopal on Pioneer photo

Neva application presented before MP Assembly Speaker Girish Gautam

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

resentation of Neva -National eVidhan Application was made in presence of Girish Gautam, Speaker of Madhya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha on Monday.

To implement this application in the Madhya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha, a committee of 5 members of the Vidhan Sabha has been formed under the chairmanship of the

This committee will soon visit Kerala and Karnataka state under the leadership of the Speaker and study the process of e-Vidhan there. During this visit Principal Secretary of the Legislative Assembly A. P. Singh and officers related to IT will also be present.

It is significant that Neva -National eVidhan Application

is a Software solution to automate the end-to-end process of State Assemblies in multi-tenancy mode. In this area, work has been started in Himachal Pradesh, Kerala Pradesh, Nagaland, Uttar Pradesh under e-Vidhan

Work is going on in the state of Karnataka. Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India, has a resolution that there should be "One Nation One Legislation" in the whole

of India. In this phase, on Monday, the Speaker of Madhya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha saw a detailed presentation of the states in which Neva is working, the organization which has

After this, a team of five members of the Legislative Assembly under the leadership of the Speaker will study Karnataka-Kerala

raise discourse. Around 180 participants of over 13 partners of UNICEF participated in the activation meet held today. Speaking at the meet Margaret Gwada, Chief, UNICEF, Madhya Pradesh said that 'Menstruation is a natural biological process yet surrounded by taboos, myths and mis-conceptions across the globe. According to NFHS (5) data, only 53.4 percent of rural women

Bhopal: Over 180 participants

ioined an activation meet held on

an online platform on Monday

to plan and mark menstrual

hygiene day which falls on May 28, 2022. CSOs, youth groups

and adolescents plan to create

awareness, break stigma over the

issue and use the opportunity of menstrual hygiene day to talk

about mensuration in the week.

and will share images with RedDot to break the silence and

in Madhya Pradesh in age 15-24 use hygienic methods of protec-tion during their menstrual periods, as compared to 72% in India. There is a need to ensure that adolescent girls and women have sustained access to safe san-

facilities. These should be affordable, according to their choice, safe to dispose of and biodegradable. Boys and men are a critical ally to moving this agenda forward.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ **E-Tendering Tender Notice**

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Ensure daily supply of drinking water, directs Chief Minister to officials

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

hief Minister Shivra Singh Chouhan has said ✓that it is necessary to ensure that people get drinking water every day. Whether water is supplied by tap, tanker, tube well or has to be transported, make whatever arrangements are necessary and ensure daily drinking water supply.

Chouhan gave these instructions during the virtual review of Rajgarh and Barwani districts from the residence office at 6:30 am. Incharge of Barwani district and Animal Husbandry, Social Justice and Disabled Welfare Minister Prem Singh Patel, and in-charge of Rajgarh dis-trict Higher Education Minister Mohan Yadav, Collector Rajgarh Harsh Dixit and Collector Barwani Shivraj Singh Verma and district officials joined meeting virtually.

The Chief Minister appreciated the activities conducted under "Mission Ummed" to encourage people to bring feeling that improving the nutritional level of children is

pregnant women to the health centres for institutional deliv-ery in Barwani, "Pahunch Abhiyan" (Outreach Abhivan" Campaign) to complete all the necessary documents of villagers and Ankur Abhiyan for tree plantation. Chouhan said that "Mission Ummed" and "Pahunch Abhiyan" should be implemented effectively in

other districts also. Chouhan directed to conduct special activities on priority to improve the status of all the 6 indices in the aspirational districts. Chouhan said that along with increasing the basic facilities in Anganwadis and health centres, public aware-ness campaigns should be conducted with people's partici-pation to remove malnutri-

the Chief Minister said that there is a need to run a campaign by taking officers-employees, public representatives and people of the society along. We have to develop the

the responsibility of the society along with the government. Chouhan said that he himself would go out on May 24 in Bhopal for the purpose of col-lecting material for the children of Anganwadis. People's representatives in the districts should also come forward. This type of campaign will have a positive impact in the opera-tion of Anganwadis.

During the review of ration distribution, Chief Minister Chouhan directed that the food grains of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan and Mukhya Mantri Annapurna Yojana should be distributed to the beneficiaries simultaneously. The Chief Minister also directed for necessary amendments in the rules in this regard. Chief Minister Chouhan said that it will not be tolerated if someone else consumes the ration of the poor. If irregularities are found in the distribution of ration, the services of the concerned officer-employee



CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan and his wife Sadhna Singh plant a sapling on the birth anniversary of their son Kartikey Singh, in Bhopal on Monday. Pioneer photo

YES BANK LIMITED Branch Office: Ward No. 8, RM Tower Municipal No. 269, Near Rajwada, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Indore, M.P. 45200

POSSESSION NOTICE (U/s. Rule 8 (1) - for immovable property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of YES Bank Ltd. under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financials Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec.13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the respective borrowers mentioned hereunder to repay the amounts mentioned in the

notices calling upon the respective borrowers mentioned nereunder to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective notices U/s. 13(2) of the said Act within a period of 60 days.

The respective borrowers having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Sec. 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Rules.

The respective borrowers in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said properties and any dealing with these properties will be subject to the charge of the YES Bank Ltd. for the

Name of Borrower	Loan A/c. No.	Description of Secured Asset	Notice Amount (Rs.)	Date of Notice U/s.13(2) Date of Re-Possession
M/S. NEW NEMA SAREES	1198890	All the piece and parcel of the: H. No. 54, Ibrahimpura, in front of Peer Masiid, Bhopal (M.P.)	₹ 22.88,777/-	25-02-2022

As contemplated U/s.13(8) of the Act, in case our dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by us are tendered at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold o transferred by us, and no further step shall be taken by us for transfer or sale of that secured asset

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

POSSESSION NOTICE (IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)
[RULE 8(1)] FOR Branch Office: Near Nehru Park, Mill Road Dattpura Morena-476001 Ph. 07532-222637, Email: morena@bankofbaroda.com

Whereas, the Undersigned being the Authorised officer of the Bank of Baroda Under the securitization and reconstruction of Financial assets and Enforcement of security interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 8 of the security interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notice upon the Borrower calling to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, Notice is here by given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest[Enforcement] Rules, 2002 on this the borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and ydealing with the property will be subject to the charges of Bank of Baroda For an amount as shown below and Interest thereon.

Name & Address of Borrower	Outstanding Amount	Description of the Property	Demand/Possession Notice
Borrower - Mrs. Poonam Gurjar w/o Narendra Gurjar	Rs. 4,27,839.66 +Interest & other expenses	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of House no. 01 Survey no.378min, Ward no. 09, Behind Bable Airpid School, Gurjar Colony, Journ Road Morea (Mpl.) Jointry Owned by Shri Krishnan Singh Gurjar, Avdesh Gurjar, Narendra Singh I, Shrinivash Gurjar slo shri Roshan Gurjar, Narendra Singh, Shrinivash Gurjar slo shri Roshan Gurjar, West-Bhavan katar Gurjar, South-Road, North-Bhavan Bhadoriya	Demand Notice Date 01.02.2022 Possession Date 21.05.2022
Borrower - Mr. Shrikrishan Singh Gurjar S/o Roshan Singh	Rs. 3,34,921.46 +Interest & other expenses	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Survey No 153 min-6 Joura Khurd Tehsi & District Morena, Presently Municipal Plot No. 01, Ward No. 09 Behind Rishi Galex Collage Gujar Colony Joura Khurd Morena M.P. Total Area 1750 Soft. Jointly Owned By Shri Krishin Singh Gurjar, Shrinivas Gurjar, Avdesh Gurjar, Narendra Singh, all si Roshan Gurjar. Boundaries: East-General Access 20 feet, West- Land Kalla, South-Land Khel Brahaman, North-Plot Shiv Devi	Demand Notice Date 01.11.2021 Possession Date 21.05.2022
Borrower - Mr.Ravikant Solanki S/o Ramdhan	Rs. 5,75,582.16 +Interest & other expenses	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Ptot No 07, House No. 07, Werd No 47, Survey No 1734min, Gedorapura Gall No. 02, Morena M.P., Total Area 810 SqFt., Owned By Ramdhan slo Bhoturam, Boundaries: East- Kishan Lai, West- Bhoomi Saller North-House Chotelal, South-Road,	Demand Notice Date 14.10.2021 Possession Date 21.05.2022
Borrower - Mr. Chandrabhan Mahour S/o Dataram Mahour	Rs. 5,71,267.09 +Interest & other expenses	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Property: House No. 1342 Survey No. 504 Ward no. 39(old),05(new)Dr.Sanjay Wali Gali, Korpura Vismi Nagar Morena, Total area: 1000sqft, Owned 99 Dataram Mahour. Sio MukumndiramMahour. Boundaries - East-Road, West: Land Of Salier, North-Land of Kaliu.	Demand Notice Date 01.02.2022 Possession Date 21.05.2022
Borrower - Mr. Vijay Singh Yadav S/o Sugar Singh Yadav	Rs. 4,33,418.63 +Interest & other expenses	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Property 1:House no.154, ward no 2(lod) ward no.2(lod) user loss 2(lod) ward no.2(lod) user loss 2(lod) ward no.2(lod) user loss 2(lod) ward no.2(lod) ward no.2(lod) ward no.2(lod) ward no.2(lod) ward no.2(lod) ward lod)	Demand Notice Date 01.02.2022 Possession Date 21.05.2022
Place: Morena	Date: 2	3/05/2022 Authorised officer, Ba	nk of Baroda

Representatives of THINK gas call on Chief Minister

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

hief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan was today called on by President of ThinkGas, Manmohan Ahuja, Bharat Saxena, Vice President anesnwaran

Durgesh.
THINKGas will develop
Green Energy Park on 500
acres of land in Bhopal and Rajgarh districts. In this, biogas plant, organic manure of 15 ton per day capacity, 20 metric ton per day capacity carbon-dioxide capture plant and 10 MW capacity captive solar power plant will be set

It will also produce hydrogen and ammonia gas. THINK Gas plans to invest Rs 250 crore

ate employment opportunities

Environment

for about 200 persons in the

These activities will gener-sectors in 5 states of the coun-

एचडीएफसी म्यूच्युअल फ़ंड - निवेशक जागरुकता कार्यक्रम

दिनांक तथा स्थान : बुधवार, 25 अप्रैल 2022; शाम 6:00 बजे से रात 8:30 बजे तक

तिशय, आर-55 मनोहर डेयरी के पास, जोन-I. महाराणा प्रताप नगर भोपाल - 462 011, मध्य ग्रदेश. रजिस्ट्रेशन कराने के लिए, कृपया संपर्क करे: अरूण सोलंकी, मोबाइल: 93993 73293.



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It may be noted that environment friendly THINK Gas, is working in the field of clean fuel since the year 2018, which supplies natural gas to the consumers of domestic, commercial, industrial and automotive

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रिनस्ट्रेशन अनिवार्य है. रिनस्ट्रेशन का समय सुबह 9:30 बजे से शाम 7:00 बजे तक होगा. कार्यक्रम के दौरान कोविड सुरक्षा दिशानिर्देखों का पातन करना अनिवार्य है. वॉक-इन की अनुमति नहीं दी जाएगी.

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संचालनालय, आदिम जाति क्षेत्रीय विकास योजनायें सतपुड़ा-भवन, भोपाल (म.प्र.)

ई-मेल- dirtadp@mp.gov.in Phone- 0755-2551547, 0755-2551569

क्रमांक/भंडार/निविदा/2022/766 भोपाल, दिनांक 19.05.2022

निविदा सूचना

संचालनालय, आदिम जाति क्षेत्रीय विकास योजनायें, तृतीय तल, सतपुड़ा भवन, भोपाल में वर्ष 2022–23 में शासकीय कम्प्यूटरों/प्रिंटरों आदि के रखरखाव के कार्य हेतु पंजीयन/मान्यत प्राप्त फर्म एवं अनसचित जाति/जनजाति वर्गों की संख्या/फर्म से निवदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा फार्म एवं नियम/शर्ते राशि रूपये 500/- नगद/वेंक ड्राफ्ट जमाकर संचालक, आदिम जाति क्षेत्रीय विकास योजनायें, तृतीय तल, सतपुड़ा भवन, भोपाल की भण्डार शाखा से प्राप्त हर इच्छक संस्थान दिनांक 6 हर 3:00 बजे तक सील बंद लिफाफे कम्प्यूटर/प्रिंटर रखरखाव कार्य निविदा वर्ष 2022-23" ॲकित कर प्रस्तुत कर सकते हैं निर्धारित समय के बाद निविदा मान्य/विचारणीय नहीं होगी। प्राप्त निविदायेँ उसी दिन दिनांक 06.06.2022 को सायं 4.00 बजे अथवा विभागीय क्रय समिति द्वारा प्रदाय आगामी तिथि एवं समय को निविदा दाताओं की उपस्थिति में खोली जावेगी। जिन संस्थाओं/फर्म को किसी शासकीय कार्यालय द्वारा ब्लैक लिस्टेड किया गया है, वे निविदा हेतु पात्र नहीं होगी।

> (रीता सिंह) आदिम जाति क्षेत्रीय विकास योजनायें मध्य प्रदेश, भोपाल

POSSESSION NOTICE

DCB BANK

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the DCB Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement Plaules, 2002 issued demand notice under section 13(2) of the said Act, 2002, calling upon the borrowers/co-borrowers as mentioned in column no. 3 to repay the amount mentioned in the said Demand Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers and co-borrowers having failed to repay the amount as mentioned in column no. 6, notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possessions of the property as described herein below in column no. 4 in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said Rules

Sr.	Details of The	Details of The Borrowers /	Date of	Date of
No.	Loan Account	Co-borrowers	Demand Notice	Possession
1	DAHLGUU00469424	Mukesh Soni and Kanchan Soni	19.04.2021	20-05-2022 (Physical)

fundred Seventy Six and paisa Seventy Seven only Description of Secured Assets: Plot No 84, Nagar Nigam H No. 35/1, Mouza Rampur PH No28, Part Of khasra 22/3, Vijaynagar Chapar, Infront of Goyal Furniture Shankar Shah Nagar Ward No 58, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

aforesaid property and any dealing with the said property will be subject to the charge of the DCB Bank Limited for the amount mentioned therein and further interest and cost thereon. Date: 24-05-2022 Sd/-

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the

CM opens Salkanpur Bhog Prasadam Center

Bhopal: Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched Salkanpur Bhog Prasadam Center of Self-Help Group in Malibaya. He inquired about the activities of the self help group and also inspected the products and equipments made

Chief Minister Chouhan said included in the Lakhpati Club. should be Rs 10,000 per month. become strong and self-depen-



that every woman of the state has to be empowered through selfhelp groups and they have to be For this, I am trying my best to ensure that every sister's income Chouhan said that if women dent, the society will also become empowerd.

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Corporate Office: No. 27A, Developed Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032, Tamil Nadu Regional Branch Office: 101-B, 1st Floor, NRK Business Park, Vijaynagar, Indore(MP) - 452010

DEMAND NOTICE

Demand Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Rules (Enforcement Rules), 2002. The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said act) read with rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement)) Rules, 2002 (the said rules). In exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) of the said act read with rule 3 of the said uldes, the Authorised Officer of HHFL has issued demand notice under section 13(2) of the said act, calling upon the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s), to repay the mount mentioned in respective demand notice issued to them. In connection with above, notice hereby given, once again, to the Borrower & Guarantor to pay vithin 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated here in below. The detail of the Borrower & Guarantor, amount due and security offered awards repayment of loan amount are as under:

Name & Address Borrower/ Guarantor / Co-Borrower	Demand Notice issued Date Loan Account No. Amount Due as on Notice Date	Description of Secured asset (Immovable Property)
2) Mrs. CHINTABAI W/o Mr. BHAWGAT MEENA (CO-BORROWER) Both are residents of 35 Poonam Palace Indore, Indore, Urban, Indore (M.P.) - 452001 and House No. 124, Ward No.	1) Issuance Date-25.04.2022 2) MP/IDR/INDR/A00000176 3) Total Amount Due - Rs. 1735828/- (Seventeen Lakh thirty-Five Thousand Eight hundred twenty-Eight)	Description of BOUNDARY - East : Plot No.G-117. North

aid act and applicable Rules entirely at the risks, costs and consequence of the Borrower / Guarantor. For, further details, plea Authorised Officer at the respective Branch Office : Hinduja Housing Finance Limited, Regional Branch Office: 101-B, 1st Floor, NRK Business Park Authorised Officer, Hinduja Housing Finance Limited

Never take easy way out, 'India, Japan can be imp PM tells Indians in Japan pillars of secure region'

Says BJP Govt has made Indian democracy strong and resilient in last eight years

SERVICE/AGENCIES ■ NEW

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said he never prefers to take the easy way out because of the teachings and training he received over the years.

Describing his work ethics during an interaction with the Indian diaspora in Tokyo, Modi said because of the teachings "I have got in my life, I have developed a habit that "Mujhe makhan par lakeer karne mein maza nahi aata hain, main patthar par lakeer karta hoon."

He also said the BJP government has made Indian democracy strong and resilient. "In the last eight years, we have made our democracy strong and resilient. It is serving as one of the strongest pillars of progress," he said.

The Prime Minister said "We are working towards building a system that is not only inclusive but caters to a leak-proof governance to fulfill the aspirations of every citizen. We have a people-led government in the true sense in India today. This has become a key reason for strengthening democracy in India.

On ties between the two

Japan are "natural partners" and Japanese investments have played an important role in India's development journey.

Addressing the Indian community in Tokyo on the first day of his two-day visit to Tokyo, Modi also said India's relationship with Japan is of spirituality, of cooperation and of belonging. There are more than 40,000 Indians there.

"Today's world needs to fol-low the path shown by Lord Buddha. This is the way to save humanity from the challenges facing the world today, be it violence, anarchy, terrorism and climate change," Modi

Noting that India has always found a solution no matter how big the problem is, Modi said that during coronavirus pandemic, there was an atmosphere of uncertainty, but even in that situation, India supplied 'Made in India' vaccines to crores of its citizens and also sent it to more than

100 countries.

Tracing the age old relations between the two countries, Modi said before Vivekananda was going to Chicago for his historic address, he had come to Japan and left a deep impression on his mind in Japan. He had countries, he said India and openly praised the patriotism



of the people of Japan, the confidence of the people of Japan, and the awareness of the peo ple of Japan for cleanliness, the Prime Minister said.

He also said the world is realising the speed and scale on which India is increasing its infrastructure and capacity building. Japan is an important partner in building this capacity of ours.

India is fortunate enough to have the blessing from Gautam Buddha. India is continuously serving humanity no matter how big the challenge is, India will find a solution to it,

Modi arrived in Tokyo on a two-day visit on Monday to attend a summit of the Quad "Landed in Tokyo. Will be taking part in various programmes during this visit including the Quad Summit,

meeting fellow Quad leaders, interacting with Japanese business leaders and the vibrant Indian diaspora," Modi tweeted in both Japanese and

"Ohavo, Tokyo! PM @narendramodi arrives to a warm welcome in Tokyo on what is his fifth visit to Japan in the last 8 years," External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi tweeted.

Modi interacted with children outside the hotel in Tokyo. He also saw the drawing of a young girl and signed an auto-graph for her during his interaction with the children.

He then interacted with a boy who was waiting for him with a drawing of the tricolour. Prime Minister Modi asked him from where he learnt Hindi and praised him for his fluency in the language.

Modi writes Op-ed in Yomiuri Shimbun in Japan

PNS NEW DELHI

Amid China's aggressive actions in the Indo-pacific region, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday asserted that India and Japan would contribute towards building an open, free and inclusive Indo-Pacific region, connected by secure seas, integrated by trade and investment. defined by respect of sover-eignty and territorial integrity and anchored in international law. He said the two democracies "can be important pillars of a stable and secure region".

Writing an Op-ed on the vibrant relations between India and Japan in 'Yomiuri Shimbun, Modi who is on a two-day visit to attend a summit of the 'Quad' leaders at the invitation of his Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida, said a peaceful and prosperous Indo Pacific region will be critical for a better future for the entire world.

The Ouadrilateral Security dialogue (Quad) is a strategic security dialogue between Australia, India, Japan and the United States.

"As two democracies, strategically located in the Indo-Pacific region, we can be important pillars of a stable and secure region. That is why our



partnership is expanding across a broad range of areas," he said in the article published in the mainline paper published from Tokyo, Osaka, Fukuoka and other major cities.

"Our defence ties are growing rapidly, from exercises and information exchanges to defence manufacturing. We are doing more in cyber, space and underwater domains," Modi said in article titled India-Japan: A Partnership for Peace, Stability and Prosperity'. India and Japan will also contribute towards building

an open, free and inclusive Indo-Pacific region, connected by secure seas, integrated by trade and investment, defined by respect of sovereignty and territorial integrity and anchored in international law, Prime Minister wrote, amidst China's aggressive postures in the region

China has territorial disputes with many countries in the strategic Indo-Pacific

region including Taiwan over which the US President on Monday sent a warning to Beijing with the latter verbally retaliating.

The Chinese government claims nearly all of the disputed South China Sea, though Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Vietnam all claim parts of it. Beijing has built artificial islands and military installations in the South China Sea.

"Besides security, together and with like-minded partners in the region and beyond, in institutions and arrangements like Quad, we are promoting initiatives for development, infrastructure, connectivity, sustainability, health, vaccines, capacity building and humanitarian disaster response in the region," Prime Minister Modi said.

"Special. Strategic. Global. Each of these three words that describe the India-Japan partnership has a unique significance, yet they fall well short of the true potential of our ties," Modi said.

In a tweet, he said: "Penned an op-ed on the vibrant relations between India and Japan. Ours is a partnership for peace, stability and prosperity. I trace the journey of our special friendship which completes 70 glorious years. @Yomiuri_Online".

"I have had the opportunity of regularly interacting with the Japanese people since my days as Gujarat CM. Japan's developmental strides have always been admirable. Japan is partnering India in key sectors including infrastructure, technology, innovation, start-ups and more," he said in a series

of tweets. From Bodhisena to Swami Vivekananda, India-Japan cul-tural ties have a long and rich history of mutual respect and learning from one another, Prime Minister said.

Among Mahatma Gandhi's cherished personal possessions were small statues of Mizaru, Kikazaru and Iwazaru, the

Three Wise Monkeys, he said. Prime Minister Modi said that his own conviction about this partnership began in his early days as Chief Minister of

It was not just the sophistication of Japanese technology and skills, but also the seriousness and long-term commitment of Japan's leadership and businesses, that made Japan Gujarat's preferred industrial partner and the most Gujarat Summits since its

INSHORT

NCPCR ORDERS FIR AGAINST RALLY ORGANISERS **New Delhi:** The apex child rights body NCPCR on Monday sought registration of an FIR against those responsible for allegedly letting a

child raise provocative slogans during a political rally in Keral. A short video of a boy sitting on the shoulder of a person during the "Save the Republic" rally held by the Popular Front of India (PFI) in Alappuzha on May 21 and raising allegedly provocative slogans has

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY KANKE, RANCHI-834006, JHARKHAND

Applications are invited for filling up the two posts of Staff Car Drive (Ordinary Grade) (General Central Services, Group C, Non-Gazetted Non-Ministerial) in the Pay Matrix Level 2 of the Pay Matrix (Rs. 19900 63200/-) as per 7th CPC in the Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi or b32U0+) as per / In CPC in the Central Institute of Fsychiatry, Ranchi on Deputation/Absorption basis from amongst the Dispatch Rider (Group 'C') and Group 'C' employees in level - 1 in pay matrix (Rs. 18000-56900/-) in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare who possess valid Driving License for Motor Cars on the basis of a Driving Test to assess the competence to drive Motors Cars failing which from officials holding the post of Dispatch Rider on regular basis or regular Group 'C' employees in level - 1 in the pay matrix (Rs. 18000-56900/-) in other Ministries of the Central Government

Note: The detailed advertisement including application format and essential qualifications have been published in the Employment News dated 07-13 May 2022 and is also available on the CIP website, i.e.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

NIT No:- 02/EE/PMGSY/Bla/E-TENDERING-OF 2022-23 Dated: - 21/05/2022 or and on behalf of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir. Executive Engineer PMGSY Division Baramulla volte e tenders on Percentage Basis for the following works with Two years DLP for Serial No. 1 to 3 & Three ears DLP for Serial No. 4 from the eligible & approved contractors of J&K State Govt. CPWD, Rallways an

Tender Cost Incl GST (Rs In Lacs.): - 124.36, Cost of documents (Rs. in Lacs): - 0.10, Earnest Money (Bid Security) (Rs. In Lacs): -2.49, <u>Time for completion (Days)</u> - 60 Days, <u>Tender Call</u>: -2nd, <u>Time ar date of opening of tenders online (Technical Bid)</u>: -65-05-2022 At 11.00 AM. Class of contractor: -Class in PWD or equivalent in CPWD/Railways and other state Governments,

1. The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the websile <u>www.pmgsytendersjk.gov.in</u> fro 23-05-2022 (04:30PM) To 04-06-2022 upto 04:30PM.

Now, pension relief for kin of missing Central Govt staff in militancy-hit areas

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

n a major relief, particularly for In a major reliet, particularly ion Government employees serving in militancy affected areas like Jammu & Kashmir, North-East as well as Naxal prone pockets, the Centre has notified rules extending pensionary ben-efits to missing Central Government employees.

According to the earlier rule, the next of kin of an employee would not receive the family pension, if he or she went missing and the family pension would not be paid till the missing Government was declared dead in accordance with the law or

till seven years OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PMGSY (JKRRDA) DIVISION BARAMULLA had passed since he went had

missing. Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh years DLP for Serial No. 4 from the eligible & approved contractors of J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other Slates.

S.No. 1 Name of Work with Package No. :- Renewal coat/ Macadamisation of road Tangwari Payeen to Harshnar, Length 2.50 Kms, Package No. IkO3-90, PMCSY Division Baramulla.

Tender Cost Incl GST (Rs In Lacs.): - 23.63 Cost of documents (Rs in Lacs): - 0.10. Earnest Money (Bid Security) (Rs. In Lacs): - 0.55 Time for completion (Days): -45 Days, Tender Call: -7nd, Time and date of opening of tenders online (Technical Bid): -06-08-2022 At 11.00 AM. Class of contractor: -1% Class in PWD or equivalent in CPWD/Railways and other state Governments,
S.No. 2. Name of Work with Package No. : -Renewal coat / Macadamisation of road Laipora to Nowlari, Length 3.00 Kms, Package No. JKO3-53, PMGSY Division Baramulla
Tender Cost Incl GST (Rs In Lacs.): -1.12, Time for completion (Days): -45 Days, Tender Call: -2nd, Time and date of opening of tenders online (Technical Bid): -06-06-2022 At 11.00 AM. Class of contractor: -1% Class in PWD or equivalent in CPWD/Railways and other state Governments.

S.No. 3, Name of Work with Package No. :-Renewal coat: / Macadamisation of road Namblan to Guriwan, Length 3.00 Kms, Package No JKO3-30, PMGSY Division Baramulla
Tender Cost Incl GST (Rs in Lacs.): -1.14. Time for completion (Days): -45 Days, Tender Call: -2nd, Time and date of opening of tenders online (Technical Bid): -06-06-2022 At 11.00 AM. Class of contractor: -1% Class in PWD/ (Rs) Name of Work with Package No. :-Renewal coat: / Macadamisation of road Namblan to Guriwan, Length 3.00 Kms, Package to JKO3-300, PMGSY Division Baramulla

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family pension rules for missing central government employees "Now, in all cases where a gov-ernment servant covered by NPS goes missing during service, the benefits of family pension will be immediately paid to the family of the missing government servant. In case he re-appears and resumes service, the amount

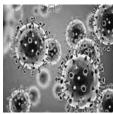
paid as family pension during the intervening time of his missing period can be accordingly deducted from his salary," Jitendra Singh said in a Press note. The Minister said this is going to provide huge relief particularly in those regions where instances of government employees going missing are reported more frequently. He said, cases of abduction of central government employees working in violence-prone areas have come to the fore and therefore to instill confidence and to protect them and their family interests, the changes in the pension rules were brought about.

New Covid variants don't pose a threat yet, says INSACOG

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

hough the first confirmed BA.4 and BA.5 variants of the Sars-CoV-2 have been detected in India from Hyderabad and Tamil Nadu respectively, these do not yet pose a concern as its other variant, BA.2, an offshoot of Omicron, continues to be dominant in India, already prevalent widely across the country, said the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) in its latest bul-

letin.
"BA.2.10 and BA.2.12 are that have BA.2 sub-lineages that have been detected and many old BA.2 sequences have been reclassified into these new sublineages. So far these sub-lineages are not reported to be associated with increased severity of disease," said INSACOG in its latest bulletin on results of genome sequencing. According to data submit-



ted to GSAID during the past four weeks, 773 samples were of the Omicron variant, making it about 97.2% of the total submitted samples of the said variant. "Suspected recombinant sequences are under further analysis," said the consor tium in the bulletin.

The BA.4 variant was detected earlier this month in Hyderabad in samples taken from a traveller from South Africa, where this strain of Omicron has been causing the current Covid-19 wave, people aware of the matter said, adding that this information is subject to an official confirmation.

Inter-State Council with PM as chairman, six Mins reconstituted

PNS NEW DELHI

he Inter-State Council that I works to promote and support cooperative federalism has been reconstituted with Prime Minister Narendra Modi as Chairman and all Chief Ministers and six Union

Ministers as members.
This apart, 10 Union
Ministers will be the permanent invitees to the Inter-State

Counci. According to an official notification, the union minis-ters who were made members of the council are: Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, Nirmala Sitharaman, Narendra Singh Tomar, Virendra Kumar, Hardeep Singh Puri, Nitin Gadkari, S Jaishankar, Arjun

Piyush Dhamendra Pradhan, Pralhad Joshi, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Kiren Rijiju and Bhupender Yadav. The mandate of the council is to create a strong institutional framework to promote and support cooperative federalism in the country, activate the council and zonal councils by organising its regular meetings.

It also facilitates consider-ation of all pending and emerging issues of the centre- state and inter-state relations by the zonal councils and inter-state council and develop a sound system of monitoring the mendations of the inter-state council and zonal councils.

ED seizes foreign currency worth ₹1.53-cr at Kolkata airport

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday said it has seized foreign currencies worth Rs 1.53 crore from a domestic passenger at the Kolkata Act (FEMA). The flyer had travelled from Gorakhpur to Kolkata with the foreign currencies

"During search (of the suspect flyer), 1,998 numbers of foreign currencies consisting of USD 1,65,000 and Euro 30,460 (equivalent to Rs 1.53 crore) were found in the possession of the passenger. However, he has failed to provide the source of the said foreign exchange and the purpose of traveling with such a huge amount of foreign exchange without any valid document.

Making allegations against judges now 'unfortunately' becoming new fashion: SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Monday said that making allegations against judges is "unfortunately" becoming a new fashion now and the stronger the judge, the greater the allegations against him.

The apex court, while

hearing an appeal filed by an advocate who was found guilty of contempt by the Madras

observed that making allegations against judges is rampant in Uttar Pradesh and now it is happening in Bombay and

The top court said the conduct of the appellant was "thoroughly contemptuous" and besides levelling wanton allegations against the single

High Court and was sentuced to undergo two weeks and issued a non-bailable warrecusal of one of the judges hearing the proceedings thereafter was sought on thoroughly improper grounds.

"Now, this is becoming

unfortunately a new fashion of making allegations against judges. The stronger the judge, the greater the allegations against the judge. This is hap-

tion bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and Bela M Trivedi said. "Let a strong message go," said the bench, adding that judges are assaulted across the country and in the district judiciary, sometimes not even a 'lathi' (stick)

Centre warns restaurants against forceful service charge

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

(DoCA) on Monday warned restauforcefully on consumers. The department has reminded restaurants and eateries that it is the discretion of the consumers to pay or not pay the service charges as they are completely voluntary. The DoCA has convened a meeting with (NRA) on June 2 to discuss the issue In Secretary, DoCA to President, National Restaurant Association of India, it has been pointed out that the restaurants and

from consumers by default, even though collection of any such charge is Voluntary and at the discretion of consumers and

that the consumers are forced to pay service charge, often fixed at arbitrarily high rates by restaurants. Consumers are also being falsely misled on the legality of such charges and harassed by restaurants on making a request to remove such charges from the bill amount. "Since this issue impacts consumers at large on a daily basis and has significant ramification on the rights of consumers, the department construed it necessary to examine it with closer scrutiny and detail", the letter further adds.

ASHA workers get Global Health Leaders Award, PM lauds feat

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

nown as the pillars of the Khealthcare system in India, one million ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers have brought laurels to the country as they bagged the Global Health Leaders Award-2022 at the ongoing 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva.

"ASHA (which means hope in Hindi) are more than 1 million female volunteers in India, honoured for the crucial role in linking the com-

munity with the health system, to ensure those living in rural poverty can access primary healthcare services. as shown throughout the Covid-19 pandemic," said a statement from the World Health Organisation (WHO). They were one of the six recipients of the award.

The ASHA initiative which falls under the National Health Mission, was launched in India in 2006. However, they are not well-paid. But this has not deterred them from doing yeoman services, which were particularly visible during the Covid crisis in the last vo years. Soon after an announce-

ment was made by the WHO conferring award on them, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took to Twitter to appreciate them. "Delighted that the entire team of ASHA workers have been conferred the WHO Director-General's Congratulations to all ASHA front of ensuring a healthy India. Their dedication and determination are admirable,

1. The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website www.pmgsytendersjk.gov.in from 23-05-020 (04-30PM) To 04-06-2022 upto 04-30PM. The bidd shall be deposited in electronic format on the website www.pmgsytendersik.gov.in from 25-05-2022 (10:00 AM) To 04-06-2022 upto 04-30 PM. The bid uploaded on the Website upto due date and time will be opened online on 06-06-2022 at 11:00 AM in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend if the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bid as specified, the bid will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

3. The complete bidding process will be online.
4. Cost of Bid Formis Rs. 10,000-/ (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) per package (non-refundable) only in the form of Demand Draft in favour of Accounts Officer PMGSY Kashmir payable at Srinagar.
5. A Pre-bid meeting will be held on 24-05-2022 at 11:00 AM in the Office of Executive Engineer PMGSY (JKRRDA) Division Baramulla at Ahmad Complex, Delina, Baramulla to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in Clause 9 of instruction to bidders to the Bidding documents. The intending Bitders, boforo attending the Pre-bid meeting, are advised to visit the site of work and acquaint themselvos with the site conditions. It has boon mado mandatory for all the intending bidders to participate in the pre-bid meeting on the scheduled date and time.

6. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission. The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website www.mgsytendersik.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying documents all be predeted to register in the website which is free of ost. For submission of bids, the Document: The Demand Draft on account of cost of bidding document shall be pledged to Accounts Officer PMGSY Kashmir payable at Sfinagar. The bid validity shall remain valid for a period of not less than 90 days after the deadline date of bid submission specified in ITB. The bid security should be in the form of Bdraft payable at Baramulla and shall be valid for minimum 45 days beyond the validity of the bid. 8. The Hard Copy of original instruments in respect of cost of bidding document, bid security. Bank Credit actility and onlyinginal copy of affidavits (e-stamp) must be delivered in the office of Executive Engineer PMGSY Division Baramulla at Ahmad Complex, Delina, Baramulla Kashmir on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the bid either by Registered Post or by hand falling which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.

9. The bidders are advised to upload the required documents/ Information strictly as per the formats given in Section 3-Qualification Information. The bidder who falls to comply with the sald instructions shall be declared as Non-responsive.

declared as Non-responsive.

10. The bidders are informed that failure to complete the work within the stipulated time shall result Into blacklisting of the bidder for two years.

11. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.pmgsytendersjk gov in This is conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids shall be opened accordingly online on same Web Site at the Office of Executive Engineer PMGSY Division Baramulla, Ahmad Complex, Dellina, Baramulla Kashmirl.

12. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.
Note: The intending bidders are advised to study the entire bidding document before preparation and submission of their bids. This includes clause 3. (Eligible Bidders). 4 (Qualification of Bidders of ITE (Instruction to Bidders), Appendix to ITB. Section 3 (Qualification Information), Contract Data to G.C.C. 8

Sd/- Executive Engineer

he Department of Consumer Affairs

rants against levying service charges National Restaurant Association a letter written by Rohit Kumar Singh, eateries are collecting service charge

not mandatory as per law.

It has been pointed out in the letter



After 2 years, Yoga Day to be held in Didi attacks Centre, demands physical mode; Modi to lead event

After a two-year gap due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the main event of the eighth fter a two-year gap due to International Day of Yoga (IDY) celebrations on June 21 will be held in the physical mode at Mysuru in Karnataka. The event will be led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "Apart from the main event

at Mysuru, another attraction will be Guardian Ring, a relay Yoga streaming event which will capture and weave togeth-er a digital feed of IDY pro-grams organised by Indian Missions abroad on June 20. The proposed plan is to initiate the streaming from Japan, the land of the rising sun, at 6 am local time," Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal told media persons here.

According to Ayush Secretary, Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, each Indian mission will organise yoga activities on June 21 as in the past.

Based on the broad pattern



presence of the Karnataka

Governor, Union Ministers,

film stars, sportspersons,

celebrities, revered yoga gurus,

eminent dignitaries, experts of Yoga and allied science, local

Yoga institutions and Yoga

Basavaraddi, Director of Morarji Desai National Institute

of Yoga, Ministry of Ayush shared Guardian Ring will end in North America by 11 pm in the night covering live yoga demonstration in 75 countries

through-out the D-day.

Dr Ishwar

enthusiasts.

Later,

vears, these activities could include short functions, speeches, Common Yoga Protocol based yoga demon-strations and local celebrity videos among others, said the

The Guardian Ring programme will string together video feeds from 20 to 30 selected missions across different time zones into a continuous social media event of about 18 to 20-hour duration.

The Ayush Ministry has sought concurrence from MEA on which missions will be participating in the programme.

"Also, as this Yoga day is being celebrated in the back-drop of the "Azadi Ka Amrit Maĥotsav" year, events will be held at 75 iconic locations like Shiv Sagar in Assam and Hampi in Karnataka across the country. The focus will be on 'branding India' on a global scale."

He also informed that a

He also informed that a series of events are being held across the country and globe in the run-up to IDY and the 25 days countdown is being observed in Hyderabad from May 27, wherein around 10,000 Yoga enthusiasts will participate in the Yoga demonstration. Sharing that "this time the

Government is targeting at least 25 crore people who will be joining yoga events to be held across the world including India," Basavaraddi pointed out adding that "Yoga has become an international phenomenon, with practitioners from all over the world practicing it in different ways. It has been followed by people of all ages and strata to improve their health and well-being."

autonomy of Central agencies

Days after comparing the Days and comparing the powers that be in Delhi with medieval tyrant Muhammad bin Tughaq, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday drew new parallels for the Narendra Modi Government comparing it with the likes of Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini and Joseph Stalin.

Saying that even Stalin, Hitler or Mussolini were better than the present dispensation in Delhi that ruled by CBI, ED et al, Banerjee demanded a complete autonomy for the central agencies.

"This is a government worse than those of Hitler Mussolini or even Stalin," Banerjee said adding "they are bull-dozing the federal struc-ture of the country by using the central agencies against theop-position parties."

Demanding autonomy for the central agencies she said, "I do not say that all the officials are bad but the fact is that many of them are influenced by those

cies should be made com-pletely autonomous ... I am saying so because this the need of the time ... these agencies are bound to be made only their salaries will be given

by the government."
Flaying the BJP for sending the central agencies to the houses of the opposition leaders Banerjee referred to a recent raid in the houses of former Bihar Chief Minister Laloo Yadav. "As soon as Laloo ji came out of jail they sent agencies to raid his houses ... this is because they want to weaken the opposition parties ahead of the elections," Banerjee said.

Presently the Trinamool Congress functionaries including its senior ministers and MPs are facing more than a dozen cases of corruption, violence that are being investigated by the central agencies like CBI, ED and NIA — all upon court orders.

Attacking the Centre for bull-dozing the houses of the

poor people Banerjee said how in the past week the BJP-run Bihar government sent police even to Bengal to pull down houses of the local people. "The Bihar Police did not even have the courtesy to inform the Bengal Police ... they simply sent in their men with bull-dozers inside Malda district and pulled down the houses of the poorest of the poor people in that locality ... they know how to break."

Rebutting arguments that her own government should order a matching reduction of fuel prices following in the cut petro prices a couple of days ago Banerjee said, after the reduction of petro prices her State too had suffered loss of Rs 641 crore in terms of cess and

'They (Centre) are asking they (Centre) are asking us to reduce prices but on the other hand they are holding back our dues ... they release funds to the BJP-ruled States but do not give funds to the States ruled by the opposition parties and now they are askng us to reduce petro prices, Banerjee said alleging the Centre had in the past a few of years earned more than Rs 18.23 lakh crore by increasing

fuel prices. "Before Narendra Modi came to power petrol sold for Rs 71.51 in Kolkata ... after he came to power there was a reduction in price of crude but the Centre instead of cutting the price went on increasing it to Rs 106.03 in May 2022 and now they claim credit for reducing the price by a few rupees."

Rain brings respite from heatwave in north, northwest

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

 $R_{\mbox{\footnotesize brought some respite from the scorching heatwave in}}^{\mbox{\footnotesize ain and thunderstorms}}$ north and northwestern parts of the country on

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), no part of the country, except West Rajasthan, is likely to witness a heatwave condition during the next five days. "No significant change in maximum temperatures very likely over rest parts of the country during the next 5 days," it said.

An extra-tropical weather system approaching from north Pakistan led to formation of rain-bearing clouds that brought showers to parts of Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh early on Monday.
"A Western Disturbance

as a cyclonic circulation lies over north Pakistan extending upto middle tropospheric levels. An induced Low Pressure Area lies over northwest

office, thunderstorms occurred at several places in at several places in Uttarakhand, while most parts of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Harvana,

Uttar Pradesh had recorded the maximum temperature of 45.9

perature plunged 11 notches from 29 degrees Celsius to 18

'We have said that she

should spend time for the state

during elections (assembly polls) and she has agreed to it. She has said that she will cam-

paign in the state...No discus-

sion has taken place regarding

Rajya Sabha tickets," Shiyakumar said briefing the

tion that a section of the

Karnataka Congress leaders,

including Shivakumar, wants

Privanka Gandhi to contest

the June 10 Rajya Sabha polls

from the state, as they feel it may benefit the party during the Assembly polls, due next

year. Shivakumar had recently said the party wants Priyanka

Gandhi Vadra to "concentrate

on the south, where elections are coming up".

He said he

He said he and Siddaramaiah together had submitted a list of candidates to

the high command for MLC

polls. Seats are falling vacant, due to the retirement of MLCs

Laxman Sangappa Savadi and Lahar Singh Siroya of BJP;

Ramappa Timmapur, Allum Veerabhadrappa, Veena Achaiah S of Congress; and H M Ramesha Gowda and

Narayana Swamy K V

media.



Will Govt do wrongs like Aurangzeb who razed temples: Prof Irfan Habib

Emeritus Professor of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) and eminent historian Prof. Irfan Habib said that the way Mughal emperor Aurangzeb had done wrong by destroying the temple, so will the Government do wrong in the same way. The temples of Kashi and Mathura were built by Raja Vir Singh Bundela during the reign of Jahangir, which were later demolished by Aurangzeb, as per the history records. He also raised questions on the structure being described as Shivling in

Gyanvapi.

Pro Irfan said that there is talk of getting Shivling in Gyan vapi, but there was no mention of this in the petition which was filed. There is a way to make Shivling. Now Shivling is being made an issue. He said that when temples were demolished, its stones were used in

bols were used in many mosques. Stones associated with the site of Buddhism will be found in many temples. 'Allah' is written in Arabic on a stone of the minaret built by Rana Kumbha in Chittor, but it cannot be called a mosque.

Prof Habib said that in the year 1992, the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya was demolished and it paved the way for the construction of Ram temple. He said that Aurangzeb had destroyed the temples. In those days there was no secret work. The incident of breaking the temple is recorded in history. On the Gyanvapi episode, he said that whenever mosques or temples were built in olden times, stones of Buddhist monasteries were found in them, so should the temples be demolished. These are stupid things. In such a situation many temples will be destroyed.

Priyanka to campaign for Cong in Karnataka Assembly polls: DK

rarnataka Congress presi-Karnataka Congress Press dent DK Shivakumar on Monday said the party's national General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has agreed to campaign and spend time in the State for the Assembly elections next year. The KPCC chief's sudden New Delhi visit came amid talks about differences between him and Congress Legislature party leader Siddaramaiah regarding probable candidates recommended to the high command for the upcoming MLC polls in

nar s meeting also resulted in the announcements of the final list of candidates for the Legislative Council. Party chief Sonia Gandhi approved the candidatures of M Nagarjun Yadav and K Abdul Jabbar as Congress candidates to contest the biennial elections to be the Legislative Council.

The June 10 Rajya Sabha elections was also discussed with Privanka Gandhi's name being favoured but the party will take some more time to decide upon it keeping in mind the resolution of Udaipur Chintan Shivir that proposed one family, one ticket, one

Tuesday is the last date to file nominations for the June 3 polls to seven seats of the Karnataka Legislative Council to be elected by MLAs and all the three major political parties in the state — Congress, BJP and JD(S) — are yet to

announce their candidates. Everyone will have the desire that their leader should come to their state, but as of now it has not been discussed.' Shivakumar said in response to a question about several state leaders insisting that Priyanka Gandhi contest the Rajya Sabha polls from Karnataka.

Rajasthan and an eastwest trough runs from this induced Low Pressure Area to north Bangladesh in lower tropos-pheric levels," the IMD According to the weather

Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and isolated places in Rajasthan received rainfall. On Sunday, Fatehgarh in

degrees Celsius. In Delhi, the morning tem-

SP MLAs create din in Assembly

PNS LUCKNOW

The first session of the 18th Vidhan Sabha of Uttar Pradesh began on a stormy note with the Samajwadi Party, the main Opposition party, creating a din during Governor Anandiben Patel's address to the joint sitting of the legisla-

The SP members, during the hour-long address by Governor Anandiben Patel, raised slogans against the gov-ernment and asked her to "go back"

Continuing the high drama during the governor's address on Monday, the SP MLAs, who carried placards, trooped into the well of the House and raised slogans.
As soon as the House met

on Monday morning, the SP members thronged the well of the House with placards in their hands and raised slogans over issues like law and order, farmers, stray cattle, and incidents of rape in the state.

Anandiben Patel was 'welcomed' by SP members with chants of "Governor go back." However, Governor Anandiben Patel continued her address amidst the pandemonium and read the speech for over an

hour.

During the protest, leader of opposition Akhilesh Yadav remained on his seat. His uncle Shivpal Singh Yadav also remained silent and raised no slogans. Abdullah Azam also remained seated and did not participate in

The SP MLAs asked the governor to stop her address and return midway. Inflation, unemployment and the law and order situation in the state were major issues raised by the opposition.

The governor, however, ed out the achievements of the Yogi Adityanath-led government.

"The current Bharativa

the state is responsible for the galloping inflation that has affected everything, from fuel to vegetables, fruits and edible oil. The law and order situation in the state has worsened. The health sector is in a very bad shape and patients' attendants are being beaten up in hospi-tals in Kanpur Nagar," said SP MLA from Sisamau assembly

constituency Kanpur. "The situation is very grim. We will raise all these issues in the assembly and will seek an answer from the government,"

he said. Nagar said the BJP-led gov ernment had "miserably failed" on all fronts. He said the people of the state were facing the brunt of price rise and jobless-ness. These are the issues, which we will raise in the

Lone Bahujan Samaj Party MLA Uma Shankar Singh mentioned frequent power cuts as one of the pressing issues in

Auditors play vital role in shaping e-governance, says CAG

PNS I NEW DELHI

Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) Girish Chandra Murmu on Monday said that auditors have an important role in strengthening e-government systems by providing inputs to the Government in how it is managing the three Ps, which are the touchstone of e-government systems - Privacy, Performance, and Participation. He was inaugu-

rating a virtual seminar as the chair of International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) Working Group on IT Audit (WGITA).

Murmu said that the prin-Governance is the people of the country and have to consis-tently follow the principle of Antyodaya which means no



"While e-Governance sys tems improve the ease of life, they also raise concerns of data privacy, national information security and associated risks of providing information technology services; creating new challenges and opportunities for Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs)'. These advancements have provided opportunities to audit as well. SAI India has embarked on its enterprise-wide audit process automation and knowledge

management system. An ambitious project is the One IAAD One System (OIOS) Project implemented in SAI India," said the CAG of India.

He also said that India's apex audit boy is increasingly embedding data analysis using advanced tools and techniques into its audit domain. It is supported by institutional arrangements within the organization Its Centre for Data Management and Analytics (CDMA) of SAI India plays an advisory and facilitating role to our field audit offices in the use of Data Analytics and audit of IT systems and fostering a data-driven culture in our insti-Centre for Information Systems training centre of CAG of India, promotes capacity build-ing on technology related areas within our SAI as well as inter-

Era of good governance in 5 yrs: UP Guv

Patel lauds Yogi Govt for laying foundation stone for dev in UP

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Describing the past five years as an era of good governance, Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel lauded the Yogi Adityanath Government for laying the foundation of development in the State during its first

term.

During her address to the According to official joint sitting of the UP Legislature on Monday, Patel sources, in this election, each MLC candidate will require a said, "A grand building of development will take shape on minimum of 29 votes to win. and on the basis of minimum votes required and tallying it with the strength of each party the foundation laid during the first term in the next five years. in the Legislative Assembly, the To achieve the goal, efforts are BJP will be able to win four being made to increase investseats, Congress two and JD(S) ment and strengthen infrastructure to make Uttar

Pradesh a leading state in the country on multiple fronts.

In her address, Patel outlined developmental initiatives of Yogi Adityanath's previous government and also the pro-jections for the next five years. She said work was in full flow on the defence manufacturing corridor projects and there was a focus on self-employment schemes and establishment of micro, small and medienterprises (MSMEs).

The work on the Lucknow-Ghazipur expressway was on while the government had improved aviation facilities completed 20 irrigation proiects and made five international airports, she said. The governor said Asia's biggest airport was coming up

at Jewar and important steps were being taken in the field of

Congratulating Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for the historic mandate in the recent assembly elections, Patel said, "In the next five years, our government will compete with itself to further strengthen good governance."

Expressing faith in nationalism, good governance, security and development, the prudent people of Uttar Pradesh have given my government an opportunity to serve the state again," she said.
"Such an opportunity has

been given to any government after 37 years, which proves that the government has fully met the expectations of the people, she said.

The governor said due to the efforts of the government, UP was at the top place in four dozen schemes, which was proof of good governance.

Some members of the opposition parties tried to create disturbance during the governor's address but she read out her entire address without stopping.

Appreciating the better law and order situation in the state, Patel expressed happiness over the peaceful completion of various festivals in the recent

While addressing the House, the governor mentioned the efforts being made by the government in all areas including housing, social security, pension schemes, indus-trial investment, infrastructure development, education, women's

uplift. She also stated that work would be done while fixing the timeline for implementation of projects and focus would be on performance-based works.

DST awards STUTI programme as PMU to Amity University

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The Department of Science The Department of Science & Technology (DST) has awarded the STUTI program as a Project Management Unit (PMU) to Amity University Uttar Pradesh (AUUP) to conhands-on training on the stateof-the-art equipment, fully sponsored by DST.

Following the award, Amity University organized the second DST-STUTI Program, which commenced on Monday, in collaboration with National Institute of Technology (NIT) Rourkela, on "Developing Skills and knowledge for Civil and Electrical Engineering Researchers through Access to Cutting-Edge Technology". . Advising the research schol-

ars, Prof. K. Umamaheshwar Rao, Director, NIT Rourkela, said we must move from untruth to truth, from darkness to light, from death to immortality, and from ignorance to knowledge. Highlighting the researches, patents and innova-tions done by Amity Universities, Prof. R. K. Jha, VC, Amity University, Jharkhand said Amity is a leading Research innovation University which has filed more than 1600 patents. Dr. Nitin Batra, CEO, Amity Institute of Training & Development, was present on the occasion amidst other dignitaries.

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- PAPER WITH PASSION-

Tightrope

The new Australian PM has his task cut out with regard to his role in QUAD vis-à-vis China

he Chinese feel that Australian Labour Party leader Anthony Albanese, who succeeds Scott Morrison as the Prime Minister, may adopt a less hostile attitude towards them. Where does that feeling leave the QUAD? The US-initiated security dialogue is about countering the projection of Chinese power in the Indo-Pacific. As an equal partner in the quadrilateral, how the Albanese-led Australia interprets the growing tension between China and the United States becomes crucial for both. The QUAD had a chequered first phase when under Liberal John Howard, Australia withdrew from the dialogue, and his successor, Labour's Kevin Rudd, did not rejoin. The strategic initiative got a second life in 2017, and the four members are today more serious than ever to protect the QUAD. That is why the QUAD would like to reassure themselves that the



shrillness of the campaign in the run-up to the justconcluded Australian elections, particularly over the Liberal-Labour spat over who is closer to China and who is not, will not find its echo now that Albanese has taken over. The QUAD and the Australian people want to know if Albanese will review or continue with Morrison's policies. The China-Australia ties were at their worst during Morrison's tenure. In the recent election campaign, Labour was under intense public scrutiny over its China policy. The Morrison-led Liberals accused Albanese of being soft on China, claiming that "the Chinese Government has picked their horse

and he's sitting right there". A video showing Albanese trying to speak in Mandarin at an Australian Chinese trade association dinner in 2018 was recirculated afresh.

Albanese did not take the bait and maintained that there will not be a major change on contentious matters like Taiwan and the South China Sea. He said Australia's relationship with China "will remain a challenging one", and that the friendship with the US will remain the "first pillar" of Australia's foreign policy. Closer to the election, the Labour party displayed a similarly hardened attitude towards China. Labour's Penny Wong — the new Foreign Minister — led her campaign saying they will not take "a backward step" on Australia's current tensions with China. The same Wong had said a year ago that the bilateral friction does not mean that "there's no room for improvement in our actions". Wong also criticised Morrison for preferring the AUKUS-linked nuclear-powered submarines pact over the French submarine deal. The Labour at that time wanted Australia to have a view separate from the US over military and security matters. To think that Albanese, new to international diplomacy at this level, would adopt an America-first policy and simultaneously try to rationalise relations with China appears far-fetched. For its part, China is leaving no stone unturned to send the message that a healthy relationship is in the interests of both countries. Beijing will lose no opportunity to drive a wedge in the QUAD. It is time for the real Albanese to stand up.



Embarrassing cover-up

The Taliban have ordered all female TV news anchors to cover their faces while on air

he Taliban-led Islamic Emirate Government in Afghanistan has pronouncedly returned to its crooked ways, especially with regard to the country's women. Actually, it's always been biased against the fair gender, even when it was in power the last time in Afghanistan from 1996 to 2001. After they seized power again August last year, the Talihan initially appeared to have moderated their restrictions somewhat, announcing no dress code for women. But in recent weeks, they have made a sharp, hardline pivot that has confirmed the worst fears of the rights activists and further complicated the Taliban's dealings with an already distrustful international community. On March 23, 2022, the first day of the school year in Afghanistan, eager female students arriving for class found closed gates and armed Taliban guards



posted there. Despite the de facto authorities' assurances only days earlier that schools would reopen for girls above sixth grade, they had barred girls from further education. The Minister of Higher Education - part of an all-male Government - has stated publicly that Islam is more important than qualifications, so education is of no value to boys or girls.

Then earlier this month, the Taliban's Ministry for the Prevention of Vice and the Propagation of Virtue ordered all women to wear head-to-toe clothing in public that leaves only their eyes visible. The decree said women should leave the home only when necessary and that male relatives would face punish-

ment for women's dress code violations. And now, as per a report last weekend, Afghanistan's Taliban rulers have started to enforce a new order requiring all female TV news anchors in the country to cover their faces while on air. After the order was announced midweek, only a handful of news outlets initially complied. But on Sunday, most female anchors were seen with their faces covered after the Taliban's Vice and Virtue Ministry began enforcing the decree. However, the presenters are obviously not happy with the diktat. They feel it's the imposition of "just an outside culture" and there "aren't feeling good at all" while presenting programmes. But all hope's not lost. Not yet! In an act of solidarity with female colleagues, the channel's male personnel covered their faces with masks, including the main evening newsreader. Way to go, you are fighting for a cause.

True trustees of the Constitution?



Our forefathers, who drafted the Constitution, had pictured an entirely different scenario for the development of the nation than what it has now become

he unseating of the then Union Government by the people in May 2014 shocked those who were convinced of being the only conscience keepers to the nation, the protectors of the Constitution of India, Come September 2015 certain authors, poets and film personalities gave expression to their hurt conscience on what they thought were increasing intolerance and "unmaking of India". Recently, another letter written by 108 bureaucrats to the PM received only stunted media response; that too, from ideologically inclined fellow travellers. Selective efforts, people understand, are mere manifestation of the loss of hegemony over institutions and regular sources of support from the corridors of wer. India deserves far more unbiased and credible civil society think tanks. Is it not intriguing that those worried about the victimisation of a particular community, intolerance and attack on secular fabric' just prefer to keep mum when orches-trated violence takes place in West Bengal before and after Assembly elections. Their conscience is not aroused when two ministers of the Maharashtra Government are put behind bars, but refuse to resign! The 108 custodians of the Constitution just did not remember TT Krishnamachari, Keshav Deva Malaviya or Lal Bahadur Shastri! Does it not indict the bureaucracy as a whole when the house of a senior IAS officer is raided and over ₹17 crore in cash is recovered? When orders of the Supreme Court of India on loudspeaker decibel levels are flouted for years and insistence on it being implemented is resisted?

this treatment? In Maharashtra and Rajasthan, the State Governments are openly encouraging the flouting of court orders on decibel levels; these two Governments are also the custodians of the spirit of Constitution. Why can't the 'hurt and worried' luminaries issue an appeal to

The unscrupulous come in the

support of the deviant! Does the

highest Indian judiciary deserve



respect the judiciary?

As one peruses the Constituent Assembly debates, one is inspired by the spirit and intent that remains organically present during these deliberations, conducted with Raiendra Prasad as its president. The chairman of the Drafting Committee, BR Ambedkar, was admired for his comprehension of the socio-economic and cultural context of India. He had thorough comprehension of the global scenario and had acquired a great futuristic vision. He made a historic speech on November 26, 1949, when the draft was finally approved by the Constituent Assembly: "Whatever the Constitution may or may not provide, the welfare of the country will depend upon the way in which the country is administered. That will depend upon the men who administer it. It is a trite saying that a country can have only the Government it deserves.

Those with a hurt con-science must have read it all when they entered the corridors of power to implement the provisions of the Constitution, and preserve



IN MAHARASHTRA AND RAJASTHAN, THE STATE GOVERNMENTS ARE OPENLY **ENCOURAGING THE** FLOUTING OF COURT ORDERS ON DECIBEL LEVELS; THESE TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE ALSO THE **CUSTODIANS OF** THE SPIRIT OF CONSTITUTION and protect its spirit. Did they realise that it was imperative on the part of the implementers, including the elected representatives, bureaucrats and legal luminaries to remember Ambedkar's expectations: "I shall only hope that all those whose good fortune it may be to work this Constitution in future will remember that it was a unique victory which we achieved by the unique method taught to us by the Father of the Nation. and it is up to us to preserve and protect the independence that we have won and to make it really bear fruit for the man in the street. Let us launch on this new enterprise of running our Independent Republic with confidence, with truth and non-violence and, above all, with the heart within and God overhead."

On November 25, 1949, senior Congress leader Mahavir Tyagi was given four minutes to speak, which he considered "the most precious of my life, past, present and future". The Draft Constitution was a 'concrete picture' before them, in which each of the members had contributed; and Ambedkar was the chief artist. It would be very relevant

to every politician — and also high-perk-privilege-drawing bureaucrats to ponder over what this courageous leader a member of the AICC for 39 years and arrested by the British 11 times, expressed as his serious apprehension: "Although I have every respect and praise for this Constitution, yet there is one thing which I am most afraid of; and it is that this Constitution is tendenalous to create a class a class that democracy has created everywhere of professional politi-

He had great apprehensions on politics becoming a profession, with allurements of power, perks and privileges. This apprehension has really come true. Mahavir Tyagi, as many others, wanted professionals to come to politics, with all of their expertise, to strengthen the system, but earn their livelihood from their own vocation. Today, exceptions apart, it is inheritance and allurements of power, perks and privileges. This is the current comprehension of the spirit of Ambedkar's Constitution. But for Mahavir Tyagi

and his ilk, it was different: "Only one thing will make this

Constitution attractive. If the whole of this Constitution were provided with one supreme provision or safe-guard, then I think the whole thing will be all right. It is this: If we could add a proviso to it as 'Notwithstanding anything contained in this Constitution, no citizen of India shall draw for his personal use either from the public exchequer or from private enterprise a pay, profit or allowance which exceeds the earnings of an average wage earner." Could there be any takers among the elected representatives in this third decade of the 21st century?

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LETITERS TO THE EDITOR

IS SLASHING FUEL PRICES LOGICAL?

Sir — A reduction in central excise duty per litre of petrol by ₹8 and ₹6 for each litre of diesel will translate into retail prices on these fuels dropping by ₹9.5 per litre and ₹7 per litre. Again, the price subsidy for LPG of ₹200 per cylinder to beneficiaries of the Ujjwala scheme is a boon. So it is in the hands of the Finance Minister to control inflation. If this holds true, then inflation can be controlled periodically in the same way instead of making people struggle. Tax reduction must be at once passed to consumers who are

now reeling under direct or indirect taxes. At the same time, the taxes levied must be routed towards reduction of burden of purchasing power of every citizen of State-Central sectors. It is the duty of an elected Government to give concessions to the lower strata of people to ease their day-to-day expenses in terms of fulfilling their basic daily needs. So far they haven't taken positive steps to enhance the purchasing power of the lower and middle class citizens. It is time to control commodity prices; the sale of things should be streamlined and made available in the open market.

CK Subramaniam | Navi Mumbai

INDIA'S CONDITION SAME AS LANKA'S? Sir —Sri Lanka, our neighbouring country, is experiencing an unprecedented economic collapse that has pushed its Government into a deep crisis. Lanka is struggling to import basic necessities for its 22 million people because of its diminishing foreign reserves and crippling debt; anti-Government protests even turned violent which led to the burning of the houses of the President and other Ministers houses, and this violence ultimately led to the PM's resignation. The policies of Rajapaksa led the \$81 billion economy to bankruptcy. The two policy blunders were the cutting of taxes overnight and barring the import of chemical fertilisers and pesticides to push Lanka into organic farming.

Appreciate the nuances first



speaking about our country's foreign policy again on foreign land, had compared the conflict with China on Leh and Doklam with the Russian invasion of Ukraine. However, it is expected that he should had learnt a thing or two about the foreign policy from his forefathers, perhaps someone like Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru Pt Nehru had such foresight that he predicted way back in the 1950s that Atal Bihari Vajpayee will one day become the PM of India, and his saying came true in 1998-

Diminishing foreign reserves, huge piles of debt, devaluation of currency, rising inflation, rupee value dropping its lowest level compared to dollar and total economic collapse has compelled the people of Sri Lanka to struggle for their basic needs. The shortage of almost everything from food, medicines to cooking gas has resulted in social unrest and political turmoil. Lankans often call out that there is a threat to their country from Islamic extremists. Same is the situation in our country. Our economy is damaged, rupee value has fallen, commodity prices are out of the reach of common man.

Zeeshaan | Kazipet

SIDHU'S CRIME AND PUNISHMENT Sir — With a fight for the fourth playoff spot, the fight between bat and ball was more tense than usual. The last two matches evinced keen interest from the bookie angle as the result would have had a bearing on the final outcome. The way Ashwin swept and pulled his old team

Indira Gandhi took the bold decision on Bangladesh, the entire Opposition highly

praised Indira Gandhi When PV Narasimha Rao was the PM,

an Indian delegation to the UN was led by leader of the Opposition AB Vajpayee; such instances are rarely seen these days. The foreign policy of any country is a continuous process and, even with the change of Government, the policy and a nation's stand on most issues remain the same. Present example is before us in the context of the Russia-Ukraine war, where India followed its own foreign policy and maintained neutrality as well as old relations with Russia and also purchased oil from it by paying in roubles. Side by side. India is also attending the QUAD meetings and, on this front, even Pakistan had praised the foreign policy of India many times.

Yash Pal Ralhan I Jalandhai

mates from CSK was exhilarating, while the match between MI and DC was somewhat disappointing as the Delhi side could score within 160 and thereby lost a fair chance of going to the playoff stage. MI, who were doing bad so far, prevented DC with a facile win. Royal Challengers Bangalore are hav-

ing a minus run rate and that could have ousted them from the championship with NRR. However, the tournament reached the final stage with such interest to decide the last four positions. GT, RR and LSG booked their berth with facile wins and that too with a higher net run rate to show. RCB got a backdoor entry because of MI making a match of the final game. As a matter of fact, a number of bookies were arrested during IPL 15 and we would like to see fewer controversies during the final stages of the championship.

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It's always people first for us. The decision (slashing fuel prices) will various sectors



Prime Minister



I believe it's very important that this country has can move forward.

Australia ex-Prime Minister Scott Morrison

Getting (to act in) Aashram was more of a gift from the univers





I didn't want to win that way (a late blunder by world champion Magnus

Indian Grandmaster Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is a part-time politician and a



BJP spokesperson - Gauray Bhatia

FIRST COLUMN TIME TO REJECT FOSSIL **FUELS RIGHT AWAY**

A candle produces more CO₂ than a single firecracker



PRITAM SINGH

ore than 95% human activities over the past 4-5 decades are responsible for inching 'mother-earth' towards getting warmer year after year, eclipsing our life-system. Stephen Hawking had unequivocally predicted ('a veiled threat') that our planet will gradually rise its temperature and will become a 'hot-fireball' in next six centuries; and to protect it - "we need to act now before it's too late". The human's lust for deriving more power from fossil fuels for our vehicles and industry is having a serious cause of concerns of scientists and environmental experts; warrants to have adequate notice of active derivative - "The Wax" - we use very frequently in our daily life. We burn every-year more than three 'billion-candles' on cultural and religious occasions. They significantly increase the level of 'greenhouse gases', inviting new threats to human health. Most of the candles are made from 'Paraffin wax' - derivative of petroleum - which have common carcinogenic toxins released by burning of diesel in IC engines. For instance, each 50 gm household candle burns for about four hours. That produces about 39 gm of carbon dioxide. A single candle thus produces nearly 30 times more carbon dioxide than a single fire-cracker which produces a mere $0.4\ gm.$ The 'collective flames of earth's gradual burning' are reaching to the coldest region Antarctica opening-up the gate-ways of destruction of humanity from multiple fronts ranging from North and South poles of Antarctica to the ecologically vulnerable and fragile-points known as 'third pole of earth' - the Himalayan range - melting the precious



'snowy regions'. These snowy regions are solid water (ice) which act to play a significant role of our "life-line on earth" - cooling down the earth's temperature compatible to our living conditions. Is the sun to blame for rising temperature on earth? No. The earth's climate is influenced by the sun and acts as giver of life. However, the scorching heat touching new records is not attributable to the sun's activities. The most abundant 'greenhouse gases' physically or chemically are responsible. "It will continue to get more-hotter and fiercer until humans stop burning of fossil fuels" climatologists from Oxford University contend.

An analytical data from the satellites have observed that the sun's energy output has changed less than 0.1% in the last 40 years whereas earth's warming has increased by at least 1.1° Celsius (1.9° Fahrenheit) in 142 years. The warming has increased, since 1975, at the rate of roughly by 0.15 to 0.20°C per decade. Planets like Venus have carbon dioxide content that is 1,54,000 times more than on earth (about 19000 times on Mars). It produces such Green House Gases impact that the surface temperature is over 475 degree Celsius, sufficient to melt lead. The alerts of Stephen Hawking warrant serious measures to bridle this spiral at any cost. Some studies at University of North Carolina predict that five lakh lives can be saved by the year 2030 if the GHG are controlled. For mitigating the impact of the lurking shadow of climatic dangers, all the countries should unanimously step-up their priorities and revisit the whole issue of 'using fossil fuels and its derivatives' to meet our 'bare-minimum needs' only. Accordingly, India being more vulnerable in respect of pollution-related issues, it is high time the regulatory authorities framed more stringent guidelines and launched massive public-awareness campaigns across the nation for the betterment of our future generations.

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Indian power sector is pushed to the brink



Among other things, free discoms from State control, allow them to set tariff for all consumers and permit private firms into the distribution business

aced with an acute power crisis caused amongst others by sudden spurt in power demand in this season, the Modi Government has fired all cylinders to tackle the most crucial of all bottlenecks in the way, namely coalwhich accounts for nearly 52 percent of total power generation capacity in the country.

During April/May2022, the Union Power Ministry - using powers vested in the Government under Section 11 of the Electricity Act, 2003 - issued directions to (i) all imported coal-based plants (ICB) to operate and generate power to their full capacity and (ii) all generation companies (gencos) based on domestic coal to import at least 10 percent of their fuel requirements (there is a move to further raise it to 30 percent).

Other measures include asking all gencos having captive coal mines to maximize production from their mines; Coal India Limited (CIL) - a central public sector undertaking (CPSU) which con-tributes about 85 percent of domestic coal production - to auction its mines 'not under use' to private companies; galvanizing railways' infrastructure to move coal from mines to plants site etc.

The Government has also announced financial and price support measures to help gencos actually see things happening on ground zero.

Thus, it has directed the Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC Ltd) "to arrange short term loans for a period of six months with adequate safeguards for ICB plants, which are under stress". It has also allowed 'pass-through' of the increase in cost of imported coal under the power pur-chase agreements (PPAs) of gencos with power distribution companies (discoms).

The Government's intent is to increaseavailability of coal- both from domestic and imported sources, by putting more money in the hands of gencos so that they can pay for higher cost imported fuel (in just about two months, its price is up by \$100 per ton, courtesy difficult geopolitical situation) and even more importantly, allow them charge more from discoms to recover the higher cost.

But things may not pan out as desired. The discoms (mostly owned and controlled by State Governments) may not agree to hike in tariff; besides such revisions are open to challenge in the court. It won't be easy to sell expensive stuff in the 'power exchange either as under the extant regulations, the tariff chargeable is subject to a cap. As for garnering additional production, effort shere won't yield results in

Even if the Government is able to surmount these problems by forcing the buyers (read: discoms) to pay for the higher cost and removing the tariff cap on sales in the exchange, this will push the already

fragile discoms into deeper mess.

The discoms are in dire straits because



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delay. This results in huge underrecovery on units sold to HHs/farmers Discoms'underrecoveries are exacerbated by high aggregate technical and commercial (AT&C) loss - a jargon for power theft. To offset, they charge high tariffs on supplies to industries and businesses. Despite this cross-subsidization,

overall, discoms incur huge loss.

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do it partially and that too after

Thanks to persistent losses, as of March 31, 2022, they had piled up a mammoth debt of over ₹600,000 crore. They also owe about ₹100,000 crore to independent power producers (IPPs) and other generators in the public sector such as NTPC.

The efforts to revitalize discoms have been going on for two decades with four major schemes launched in 2002, 2012, 2015 and 2021; yet none has delivered. The last two under the Modi Government deserve special mention.

Under Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) launched in November 2015, the Centre coordinated a financial restructuring package (FRP) of ₹400,000 crore for discoms in lieu of their committing to reduce AT&C losses from 20.7 percent during 2015-16 to 15 percent by 2018-19 and reducing the gap between average revenue realisa-tion (ARR) from sale of electrici-

ty vis-a-vis the average cost of sup-ply (ACS) or the ACS-ARR gap from ₹0.59 per unit during 2015-16 to 'zero' by 2018-19.

During 2019-20, discoms' AT&C losseswere 18.9 percent against the 15 percent target for 2018-19, while ACS-ARR gap was ₹0.42 per unit against the target of 'zero' for 2018-19.

In the Union Budget for 2021-22, the Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman launched a 'Reforms-Linked, Result-Based Scheme for Distribution' (RLRBSD) with an allocation of over ₹310,000 crore. Under this scheme also, in lieu of support to discoms, the government set targets for reducing AT&C losses to 12-15 percent and ACS-ARR gap to 'nil' by 2025.The release of money - under the Schome, is lighted to their the Scheme - is linked to their meeting various reform targets.

As in the past, these are hollow proclamations. Under UDAY also, discoms were required to set their house in order. But, they didn't. The current AT&C losses at about 25 percent are even higher than 20.7 percent during 2015-16 (when the scheme was launched), Forget reduction. Hence, claims under RLRBSD don't inspire.

How will the crisis triggered by coal shortage and the manner in which the government is dealing with it impact discoms' finances?

The direction to all ICB plants maximise generation and to domestic coal based plants to do 10 percent/30 percent blending with imported coal will result in sharp in the cost of power pur-chase by discoms. Since, our political brass won't let HHs/farmers pay even a paisa more and industries are already crippled by high tariff - ₹10 per unit plus in most states; hence can't be further

increased, this will end up further inflating their losses.

In 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had set a coal production target of 1500 million tons (MT) for 2019-20. During 2019-20, India produced around 730 MT. In 2020-21, production declined to 716 MT (courtesy, Covid). During 2021-22, at 777 MT it exceeded the 2019-20 level but was barely 50 percent of the target.

Had production come anywhere near the target, the current crisis in the power sector and consequential aggravation of discoms woes could have been avoided. The huge shortfall demonstrates the dire need for better planning and timely execution of projects. Modi also needs to plan for a smoother transition to renewable sources ensuring that conventional source (read: coal) which currently takes a major share of the load doesn't become an impediment.

However, the most important thing our political class needs to do is to actually carry out reforms in the power sector at ground zero. This will call for unshackling of discoms from State control, giving them freedom to set tariff for all consumers (HHs/farmers included), allowing private firms in distribution business and vesting infrastructure for transmission. wheeling and last-mile delivery of power in an independent entity which should provide access to it on 'common carrier' principle in a transparent and non-discrimina-

If, any State Government wants to give subsidy to farmers and HHs, it should be given directly to the beneficiaries using the direct benefit transfer (DBT) mechanism.

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THEY (THE INDIAN FOREIGN SERVICE) HAVE COMPLETELY CHANGED. THEY DON'T LISTEN TO ANYTHING; THEY ARE ARROGANT. **CONGRESS LEADER RAHUL GANDHI**





YES THE INDIAN FOREIGN SERVICE HAS CHANGED YES, THEY FOLLOW THE ORDERS OF THE GOVERNMENT. NO, IT'S NOT CALLED ARROGANCE. - EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER

S JAISHANKAR

Russia will not disappear soon

It is awaiting leadership change

ussian President Vladimir Putin will almost certainly not be in power three years from now. The war he foolishly began in Ukraine has fatally undermined his political credibility among the Russian elite (and among a large though mostly silent part of the population). One way or another, he will be replaced

He may even save everybody the trouble by dying before he can be removed. He definitely doesn't look well, his behaviour is increasingly erratic, and rumours that he is suffering from some terminal disease abound. Russia is not a fascist state, just a kleptocracy where the thieves and the thugs have taken power, but Putin's personal behaviour does begin to resemble Hitler in his bunker in the final days, and Hitler too



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The Shortest History

of War'. The views

expressed are personal.)

was very ill. Putin knows nothing about military matters, but he is reportedly micro-managing single 'battalion combat groups' (about 1,000 men) in the currently stalled Russian offensive in eastern Ukraine, trying to retrieve a military situation that has sunk into stalemate. Very Hitlerian. So what will become of Russia when he goes? Alexander I. Motyl thinks it

may just disappear. In an opinion piece in 'The Hill', the leading political website in Washington, Motyl, a political scientist at Rutgers University, suggests that "The Russian Federation could metamorphose into 10 or more states, only one of which would be known as Russia. That would change the face of Eurasia for-

ever." It certainly would, but it



does imply the permanent demise of a state that has dominated northern Eurasia for the past four centuries (the first Russians reached the Pacific in 1647). It also ignores the remarkable homogeneity of that state's population: 81% are ethnically Russian, while none of

the many minority group even reaches 4%. There have been occasions, most recently during the civil war of 1917-22, when Russia was temporarily carved up into rival jurisdictions. but these interludes have never lasted long. The sense that there is a special Russian identity, even a unique 'Russian civilisation', always reasserts itself.

Decolonisation came late to the Russian empire and was harder to recognise, because Russia's imperial possessions were around its own land borders rather than across the oceans. Nevertheless, it was the same process, and just as irreversible (as Putin has been discovering).

Russia is as unlikely to split up permanently as France or Japan. Motyl's speculations on its break-up are wishful thinking, possibly motivated by the fact (unmentioned by 'The Hill') that both his parents were born in Ukraine.

It is understandable that Ukrainians might wish Russia to vanish, but that is not going to happen. So what will happen

when Putin goes? We cannot know yet what genuinely post-Communist Russia would look like. Although it's 31 years since the collapse of the Soviet Union, almost all the people in senior political positions began their careers in the Communist Party. The ideology was dumped, but the administrative style and the

factional struggles remain. Moreover, one single man, Vladimir Putin, has dominated Russian politics for more than two-thirds of that time. It's hard to disentangle what is intrinsi-

cally Russian in the way Russia has been run during that time from what was just part of Putin's personality, but we are about to find out.

The default position is to say that the Russians are somehow fundamentally different from other Slavs. After all, the Poles and the Czechs got real democracy and genuine pros-perity after 1991, whereas the Russians got Putin, border wars, and (for most people) genteel

But there were two big differences that had nothing to do with 'national character', whatever that is. One was that all the former 'satellite countries' of Eastern Europe immediately ditched their local Communist collaborators and got a whole new set of politicians, whereas Russia was essentially stuck with the old Commies wearing new hats.

The other difference was that the western Slavs experienced the change as liberation, whereas their former rulers saw it as a loss of empire that stranded tens of millions of Russians in places that were suddenly foreign countries.

It would have been unreasonable to expect these two sets of people to react in the same way, and sure enough they didn't. But it's equally unreasonable to be convinced that Russians will go on behaving in the same wavs when the ex-Communist ruling elite loses power (which may be imminent) and a new post-imperial generation takes over instead.

We have no idea what's coming out of the box then. It could even be something good.

Biden: US would intervene with military to defend Taiwan

President Joe Biden said on Monday that the US would intervene militarily if China were to invade Taiwan, saying the burden to protect Taiwan is "even stronger" after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

It was one of the most forceful presidential statements in support of self-governing in decades. Biden, at a news conference in Tokyo, said "yes" when asked if he was willing to get involved militarily to defend Taiwan if China invaded. "That's the commitment we

avoided making such an explicit security guarantee to Taiwan, autual defence treaty, instead maintaining a policy of "strate-



The US traditionally has with which it no longer has a

gic ambiguity" about how far it would be willing to go if China invaded. The 1979 Taiwan

Relations Act, which has governed US relations with the island, does not require the US to step in militarily to defend Taiwan if China invades, but makes it American policy to ensure Taiwan has the resources to defend itself and to prevent any unilateral change of status in Taiwan by Beijing.

Biden's comments were likely to draw a sharp response from the mainland, which has claimed Taiwan to be a rogue province. A White House official said Biden's comments did not reflect a policy shift.

Speaking alongside Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, Biden said any effort by China to use force against Taiwan would "just not be appropriate," adding that it "will dislocate the entire region and be another action similar to what happened in Ukraine".

China has stepped up its military provocations against democratic Taiwan in recent years aimed at intimidating it into accepting Beijing's demands to unify with the communist mainland.

They're already flirting with danger right now by flying so close and all the maneuvers that are undertaken," Biden said of China. Under the "one China" policy, the US recognises Beijing as the government of China and doesn't have diplomatic relations with

However, the US main-

ing a de facto embassy in Taipei, the capital, and supplies military equipment for the island's defense

Biden said it is his "expectation" that China would not try to seize Taiwan by force, but he said that assessment depends upon just how strong the world makes clear that that kind of action is going to result in long-term disapprobation by the rest of the com-

He added that deterring China from attacking Taiwan was one reason why it's important that Russian President Vladimir Putin "pay a dear price for his barbarism in Ukraine," lest China and other

action is acceptable. Fearing escalation with nuclear-armed Russia, Biden quickly ruled out putting US forces into direct conflict with Russia, but he has shipped billions of dol-lars in US military assistance that has helped Ukraine put up a stiffer-than-expected resistance to Russia's onslaught.

It's not the first time Biden has pledged to defend Taiwan against a Chinese attack, only for administration officials to later claim there had been no change to American policy.

In a CNN town hall in

October, Biden was asked about using the US military to defend Taiwan and replied, "Yes, we have a commitment to

came just before he formally launched a long-anticipated Indo-Pacific trade pact that excludes Taiwan.

White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan confirmed Sunday that Taiwan isn't among the governments signed up for the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework, which is meant to allow the US to work more closely with key Asian economies on issues like supply chains, digital trade,

clean energy and anti-cor-ruption. Inclusion of Taiwan would have irked China Sullivan said US wants to deepen its economic partnership with Taiwan on a one-to-one

Lankan police arrest 1,500 people in connection with May 9 violence



PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lankan police have arrested at least 1,500 people so far in connection with the violent clashes between anti- and pro-government protesters in country earlier this month that killed at least 10 people and injured over 200 others, according to a media report on

On May 9, violence erupted in Sri Lanka after supporters of former prime minister Mahinda Rajapaksa attacked peaceful anti-government pro-testers demanding his ouster over country's worst economic crisis that led to acute shortages of staple food, fuel and

According to Sri Lanka Police spokesman SSP Nihal Thalduwa 1,500 people have been arrested in connection with violence, online portal newsfirst.Lk reported.

Thalduwa further said 152 persons have been arrested in past 24 hours. On Saturday, Inspector General of Police Chandana D Wickramaratne was interrogated by Criminal Investigation Department (CID) over his alleged actions that triggered violent clashes that killed at least 10 people and

Lanka's controversial 21st Amendment to Constitution fails to come up for Cabinet approval after SLPP's objection

In a major blow to Sri Lanka's new Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, the proposal for 21st Amendment to Constitution to curb the unfettered powers of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, sched-uled to be referred to Cabinet on Monday was not presented

According to sources, the proposal was not presented in Cabinet after parliamentari-ans of ruling Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) objected to it in its present form. They demanded that the proposed legislation be approved by Attorney General before referring it to the Cabinet. The 21st Amendment is expected to annul the 20A which gave unlimited powers President Gotabaya

injured over 200 others. Last week, Galle district MP Ramesh Pathirana informed the Parliament that

Senior Police DIG in-charge of Western Province Deshabandu Tennakoon informed President Gotabaya Rajapaksa that Wickramaratne had instructed him not to block mob heading to Galle Face to disrupt antigovernment protesters, online

Rajapaksa after abolishing the 19th Amendment which had made Parliament powerful over the president.
The constitutional reform

was a major plank of the agree ment between Rajapaksa and Wickremesinghe when he tool over the job of the prime minister on May 12. Rajapaksa had also pledged reforms in the Constitution in an address to the nation earlier this month The 21st Amendment would make it impossible for those with dual citizenship to hold a seat in Parliament.

portal Colombo Gazette had reported. Pathirana added that President demanded action be taken to prevent situation from spiralling out of control Following President's orders, police rushed to spot and fired tear gas and water cannons on mob, by which time scores were injured and at least 10 people were dead, according to Colombo Gazette news portal.

Albanese sworn in as PM in Australia ahead of Tokyo summit

AP ■ CANBERRA

ustralia's new prime min-Australia's new prime Monday ahead of a Tokyo summit with President Joe Biden while vote counting continued to determine whether he will control a majority in a Parliament that is demanding tougher action on climate

Albanese's center-left Labor Party ousted predecessor Scott Morrison's conservative coalition at Saturday's election. The coalition had been in power under three prime ministers for nine years.

want to lead a government that has the same sentiment of optimism and hope that I think defines the Australian people," Albanese said in his flying to the national capital Canberra to be sworn in. Albanese, who describes

himself as the first ever candidate for the office of prime minister with a "non-Anglo Celtic name" and Malaysian-born Penny Wong, Australia's first foreign minister to be born overseas, were sworn into office by Governor-General David Hurley before the pair flew to Tokyo for a security summit on Tuesday with Biden, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Indian Prime Minister

Biden rang Albanese to



congratulate him on his election win and express the president's wish to make the countries' alliance stronger, the White House said

Morrison's decision to resign as prime minister during the early vote counting enabled Hurley, who represents Australia's head of state, British monarch Queen Elizabeth II, to appoint his replacement without evidence that Albanese can control a majority of seats in parliament's lower chamber where governments are formed.

Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles was also sworn in and will act as prime minister while Albanese is in Japan. Katy Gallagher and Jim Chalmers were sworn into economic ministries.

Labor appears assured of 75 seats, one short of the majority in the 151-seat House of Representatives needed to form an administration. The conservative coalition was on track for 58, unaligned lawmakers 12 and six seats were too close to call, the Australian Electoral

Bangkok governor's election handily won by Opposition figure

Bangkok: Residents of Thai capital Bangkok, in their first opportunity in nine years to vote for their city's governor, have elected an independent politician seen as representing opponents of country's military-backed government, results released early Monday

Chadchart Sittipunt had been widely predicted by opin-ion polls to top field, but significantly outpaced expecta-tions by taking 1,386,215 votes, or almost 52% of the 2,673,696 votes cast in Sunday's election, according to virtually complete but uncertified returns. He competed in a field of 31 candidates, with voter turnout just under 61%. The 55-yearold Chadchart, though running as an independent, was seen by

both supporters and opponents as a proxy for Pheu Thai party, the main Opposition grouping in Parliament. He served as transport minister in a Pheu Thai government in 2012-2014, and stood as one of party's prime ministerial can-didates in 2019 general elec-

ition.
"Now that we've received an order from people, I would start working right away, visiting communities and areas to see where I could begin my work as soon as I can as a gov ernor," Chadchart told reporters Monday morning. "I have a young, energetic team who are keen to move." The independent candidate who was seen as a stand-in for the ruling Palang Pracharath party ran a weak fifth in race. (AP)

UK's Boris Johnson awaits judgment of 'partygate' report

AP ■ LONDON

 $B^{\text{ritish Prime Minister Boris}}_{\text{Johnson has been shadowed by career-threatening}}$ scandal for months - but so far he has escaped unscathed. This week he faces one more threat to his political future: a comprehensive report into lock-down-breaching parties in government offices that is expected to be published within days

Senior civil servant Sue Gray is due to release her findings on "partygate," the scan-dal over more than a dozen gatherings in Johnson's No. 10 Downing St. Residence and nearby buildings that took place when coronavirus restrictions barred people in Britain from mixing with others.

Beijing extends workfrom-home order as Covid-19 cases rise

Beijing: Beijing extended orders for workers and students to stay home and ordered additional mass testing Monday as cases of COVID-19 again rose in the

Numerous residential compounds in Chinese capital have restricted movement in and out, although conditions remain far less than in Shanghai, where millions of citizens have been under varying degrees of lockdown for two months. Beijing on Monday reported an uptick in cases to 99, rising from a pre-

7 dead, 120 others rescued in Philippine ferry fire

ferry carrying more than Afterry carrying more man Al 130 people caught fire Monday while approaching a northeastern Philippine province, killing at least seven people while most passengers and crew members were rescued, the coast guard said.

At least four people remained missing after fire engulfed the M/V Mercraft 2 while it was approaching a seaport in Real town in Quezon province from Polillio island. Many of the 134 passengers and crew were forced to jump into water, coast guard officials said.The survivors were rescued by vessels in the area, they said. The fire apparently started from engine room, the offi-cials said. The wreckage has been towed to shore in Real.

Pictures released by coast guard showed fire engulfing ferry and dark smoke billowing from it. Injured survivors on stretchers were taken to waiting ambulance vans while a rescuer tries to revive an unconscious survivor by pressing on his chest. (AP)

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Xinjiang in focus as UN rights chief arrives for China visit

Beijing: Allegations of human rights abuses in China's northvestern Xinjiang region are the dominant issue on a visit by the United Nations' top rights offi-cial that starts Monday.

Michelle Bachelet's visit is High commissioner for human rights since 2005, but rights groups warn it threatens to whitewash the ruling whitewash the ruling Communist Party abuses in Xinjiang. China has locked up more than a million members of its Uyghur, Kazakh and other Muslim minorities in what critics describe as a campaign to obliterate their distinct cultural identities. China says it has nothing to hide and welcomes all those without political bias to visit Xinjiang and view what it describes as a successful campaign to restore order and ethnic cohesion.

Bachelet will begin her sixday visit in the southern city of Guangzhou before travelling to Kashgar and the Xinjiang regional capital of Urumqi. Details have been tightly held China's entirely Communist Party-controlled media have not reported on her

Bachelet will be allowed to visit the now-largely empty internment camps that China calls reeducation centres and meet with figures imprisoned over calls for greater religious,

political and cultural free-doms, such as Ilham Tohti, an economist and winner of the Sakharov Prize. China has also been accused of using forced labour, coercive birth control and separating children from their incarcerated parents, and monitoring group The Dui Hua Foundation says fasting for Ramadan or selling Islamic

Iran vows revenge over killing of Guard member in Tehran

Dubai: Iran's hard-line president vowed revenge on Monday over killing of a senior Revolutionary Guard member gunned down in heart of Tehran day before, a still-mysterious attack on country's powerful paramilitary force. Iranian President Ebrahim

Raisi hailed Col. Hassan Sayyad Raisi nalled Col. Flassan Sayyad Khodaei as a martyr and blamed "the hand of global arrogance," a reference to United States and its allies, including Israel, for his slaying. There has been no claim of responsibility for killing, carried out on Sunday afternoon

on a motorbike. They shot unarmored budget SAIPA Pride - among the cheapest, most-common Iranian vehi-

But style of brazen attack bore hallmarks of previous slayings in Iran blamed on Israel, such as those targeting country's nuclear scientists."I have no doubt that revenge against criminals for blood of this martyr is assured," Raisi said before leaving Tehran for a state visit to sultanate of Oman, a strategic Gulf Arab state that traditionally mediates between Tehran and West.

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	Extract of Addition Flooding for the Guarter & Four Ended of St Maron, 2022					
				(Rs. ir	lac, except pe	r Share data)
SI. No.	Particulars		Quarter Ende	d	Year E	nded
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	(Refer Notes Below)	[Audited]	[Unaudited]	[Audited]	[Audited]	[Audited]
1	Total Income from Operations	223.21	176.16	120.16	525.32	314.13
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax and exceptional items	24.30	45.56	55.11	67.05	52.96
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax after exceptional items	24.30	45.56	14.02	67.05	11.87
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax	13.84	45.56	14.02	56.59	11.87
5	Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-
6	Paid-up equity share capital	300.00	300	300.00	300.00	300.00
7	Earning Per Share of Rs.10/- each (not annualised)					
	a) Basic	0.46	1.52	0.47	1.89	0.40
	b) Diluted	0.46	1.52	0.47	1.89	0.40
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Notes :

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended March 31, 2022 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Audited Financial Results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2022 are available on the Bombay Stock Exchange website www.bseindia.com and on Company's website www.ulilltd.com
- The figures for the quarter and year ended March 31,2021 and March 31,2022 are the balancing figures between audted figures in respect of the full financial year and the year to date figure up to nine months of the respective financial year.

Figures of the above Previous periods have been regropued/reclassified/ restated wherever necessary.

Date: May 23, 2022 Place : Gurugram [Haryana] For United Leasing & Industries Limited **Anil Kumar Khanna** [Managing Director] DIN: 00207839

Russian forces step up shelling in Ukraine's east

 $R_{up}^{ussian \ forces \ have \ stepped} \\ R_{up}^{ussian \ forces \ have \ stepped} \\ eastern \ industrial \ heartland \ as$ they press their offensive in the region that is now the focus of fighting in the 3-month-old

Meanwhile, a Ukrainian court is expected to sentence a Russian soldier on Monday in the first war crimes trial of the conflict.

The 21-year-old sergeant, who has pleaded guilty to shooting a Ukrainian man in the early days of the war, could

get life in prison.
Grinding battles in the Donbas, where Ukrainian and Russian forces are fighting town by town, have forced many civilians to flee their

"We haven't been able to see the sun for three months. We are almost blind because we months," said Ravisa Rybalko, who hid with her family first in their basement and then in a bomb shelter at the local school before fleeing their village of

Novomykhailivka.
"The world should have seen that."

Her son-in-law Dmytro Khaliapin said heavy artillery pounded the village. "Houses are being ruined," he said. "It's

In Tokyo on Monday, U.S. President Joe Biden and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida joined in condemning Moscow's invasion of Ukraine. Earlier on his trip to Asia, Biden signed legislation grant-ing Ukraine \$40 billion more in U.S. Support for its defense against the Russian attack.

Polish President Andrzei Duda traveled to Kyiv on Sunday to support Ukraine's European Union aspirations and addressed Ukraine's par-

The sentencing came as the 3-month-old war helped

push the number of people dis-

placed worldwide to the high-

est level on record level, accord-

ing to the United Nations, with

more 100 million people driven

from their homes across the

globe.Meanwhile, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy

addressed the World Economic

Forum as it opened in Davos,

Switzerland, calling for "maxi-

against Russia.

video that sanc-

tions needed to go further to stop Russia's

He said by

ovation when he thanked the lawmakers for letting him speak where "the heart of a free, independent and democratic Ukraine beats."

Poland has become an important ally of Ukraine, welcoming millions of Ukrainian refugees and becoming a gateway for Western humanitarian aid and weapons and a transit point for some foreign fighters who have volunteered to fight Russian forces.

Western support - both financial and military - has been key to Ukraine's defense, helping their outgunned and outnumbered forces to repel Russia's attempt to take the capital of Kyiv and fight them to a standstill in other places.

In the face of those set-

backs, Moscow has outlined more limited goals in Ukraine, with its sights now on trying to expand the territory that Russia-backed separatists have



Ukrainian forces dug in around Sievierodonetsk, the main city under Ukrainian control in the Luhansk province of the Donbas, as Russia intensified efforts to capture it. Gov. Serhiy Haidai accused the Russians of "simply intentionally trying to destroy the city ... Engaging in a scorched-earth approach." Haidai said Sunday that the

But the Ukrainian military

from inside Russia.

towns and cities in Luhansk

after indiscriminate, 24-hour

shelling and concentrating

forces and weaponry there

bringing in troops from Kharkiv to the northwest,

Mariupol to the south, and

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Oleksandrivka, a village outside of Sievierodonetsk. Ukraine's parliament voted

Sunday to extend martial law and mobilize its armed forces for a third time, until Aug. 23. Ukrainian officials have

said little since the war began about the extent of their country's casualties, but Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Sunday that 50 to 100 Ukrainian fighters were being killed, apparently each day, in the east.

While the east is now the

focus of flighting, the conflict is not confined there. Powerful explosions were heard early Monday in Korosten, about 160 kilometers west of Kyiv, the town's deputy mayor said.

It was the third straight day of apparent attacks in the Zhytomyr District, Ukrainian news agencies reported.

In other developments,

said that Russian forces were unsuccessful in their attack on Zelenska, gave a rare interview

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to national broadcaster ICTV alongside her husband and said she has hardly seen him since the war began.

"Our family, like all

Ukrainian families, is now separated," she said.

Zelenskyy called the interview itself "a date on air," and

the couple, who have two children, joked in front of the jour-nalists. "We are joking, but we are really waiting, like everyone else, to be reunited, like all families in Ukraine who are separated now, waiting for their relatives and friends who want to be together again," he said.

Zelenskyy calls for 'maximum' sanctions against Russia

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is calling for "maximum" sanc-tions against Russia during a virtual speech at the World Economic Forum gathering.

He says in a virtual speech Monday that sanctions need to go further to stop Russia's aggression, including an oil embargo, all of its ting off trade with Russia

completely.

Zelenskyy says his country has slowed Russian advances and his people's courage has stirred unseen unity of the democratic

He pushed for the complete withdrawal of foreign companies to prevent supporting its war.

Russian soldier gets life in Ukraine's 1st war crime trial



Ukrainian court sentenced A Ukrainian court sentencea a 21-year-old Russian sol-dier to life in prison on Monday for killing a Ûkrainian civilian, sealing the first guilty conviction for war crimes since Moscow's invasion three months ago. Sgt. Vadim Shishimarin pleaded guilty to shooting a Ukrainian civilian in the head in a village in the northeastern Sumy region in the early days of the war.

He testified that he shot the

man after being ordered to do

He told the court that an officer insisted that the Ukrainian man, who was speaking on his cellphone, could pinpoint their location to the

Russian diplomat to

UN in Geneva quits

in protest against

attack on Ukraine

Aveteran Russian diplomat to the U.N. Office Aat Geneva says he handed in his resignation

before sending out a scathing letter to foreign col-

leagues inveighing against the "aggressive war unleashed" by President Vladimir Putin in

on his English-language statement to The

have seen different turns of our foreign policy, but

never have I been so ashamed of my country as

on Feb. 24 of this year," he wrote, alluding to the

counselor who has focused on Russia's role in the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva after post-

ings in places like Cambodia and Mongolia - con-

firmed he handed in his resignation in a letter

ately respond to calls and a text message from the

unprecedented — public admission of dis-gruntlement about Russia's war in Ukraine among the Russian diplomatic corps, at a time when

Putin's government has sought to crack down on dissent over the invasion and sought to quell con-

flicting narratives from the government line about how the "special military operation" — as

it's officially known in Russia — is proceeding.

"It is intolerable what my government is doing now," Bondarev told the AP. "As a civil servant, I

have to carry a share of responsibility for that, and

concerned about the possible reaction from Moscow? I have to be concerned about it." Asked

if some colleagues felt the same, he added: "Not

all Russian diplomats are warmongering.

They are reasonable, but they have to keep their

tion yet from Russian officials, but added:

Bondarev said he had not received any reac

A spokesman for the mission didn't immedi-

The resignation amounts to a rare - if not

addressed to Ambassador Gennady Gatilov.

Reached by phone, Bondarev - a diplomatic

Associated Press.

date of Russia's invasion.

AP seeking comment.

I don't want to do that."

Boris Bondarey, 41, confirmed his resignation diplomatic mission after a diplomatic official passed

"For twenty years of my diplomatic career I

and cutting off trade with Russia completely. Zelenskyy says his country has slowed Russian advances and his people's courage has stirred unseen unity of the democratic world.
On the battlefield, Russian

forces have stepped up shelling in Ukraine's eastern industrial

heartland as they press their offensive in the region that is now the focus

of fighting. Grinding battles in the where Russian forces are fighting town by town have forced many civilians to flee their

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given Pursuant to Regulations 29 & 47 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Discolosure Requirements). Regulations, 2015, that a meeting of Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Monday, 30" May, 2022 at the corporate office of the Company, inter-alia, to consider and approve the Audited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter and Financial year ended 31" March, 2022.

This intimation is also available on the website of the Company (www.monnetgroup.com) and on the website of the Stock Exchange. (www.bseindia.com)

By order of the Board of Directors

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MONIND LIMITED

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In Tokyo Dated : 23.05.2022

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) PROJECT CIRCLE DIVISION IST SRINAGAR

CORRIGENDUM

Subject: - Design and Construction of Kulgam Bypass on NH-444 taking off from existing chainage Km 61+650 and rejoining at Km 73+100 of existing chainage (Revised Design Chainage from Km 50+260 to Km 59+010 (Old Design Chainage Km 53+600 to Km 62+350) as 2 land withoUt paved shoulder in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir on EPC mode. Reference:- This office NIT No PCD-R&B 04 of 2022 23 under endorsement PCD-lst/NIT/368-78 dated: 13-04-2022

Please read the below mentioned condition of NIT/RFP for the subject work as under:-

1. Earnest Money @ 2% of Advertised cost in shape of CDR/FDR/ Bank guarantee shall be submitted online.

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submitted online. Sd/- Executive Engineer

R&B Project Circle Division 1st Srinagar

Union Territory of JAMMU & KASHMIR Office of the Executive Engineer, (Jal Shakti) PHE, Ground Water Division, Nowshera, Sgr.

> Gist of e-Tender. E-N.I.T. No: PHE/GWDS/ 06 of 05/2022

tenders are invited in two cover system with 50 meters depth from registered Water Well Drillers/Contractors as per the details given in

S.No 1. Name of work: - Construction of (07 No) 125 mm dia machine drille nand pump wells in District Kupwara

Est. Cost Rs. in Lacs :- Rs. 18.50 Lacs

Earnest Money:-Rs. 37000/-

Cost of Tender Document: - Rs. 1000/-<u>Time of completion</u>:-30 Days

Class of Contract: - Registered for Drilling 125 mm dia Machine Drilled

Hand Pump Wells Programme: - B2V Phase-3rd.

Technical Sanction:-PHE/GWD/08 of 05/2022

AAA Accorded Order No.: 317-DDCK of 2020 Dated: 02-11-2020

Critical Dates / Information.

1. Publishing Date :- 21-05-2022 (04:00 PM)

2. Period of Downloading of Bids:- 21-05-2022 (04:00 P.M) to 30.05.2022

3. Period of Submission of bids :- 21-05-2022 (04:00 P.M) to 30.05.2022 (02 00 P M)

4. Date of opening of Tender. :- 31-05-2022 at (02:00 P.M)

5. Tender Receiving Authority: Executive Engineer , (Jal Shakti) PHE Ground Water Srinagar Kashmir-190011 6. Document Cost: Non-Refundable in the shape of Treasury

Challan/receipt deposited to Account Head 0215 in favour of Executive ngineer (Jal Shakti) PHE Ground Water Division Srinagar (at Sadda Treasury Srinagar) (The firm shall specify the name of work for which apply) 7. Bid Validity Period: 180 Days . The bids can be downloaded or uploaded on www. Jktenders.gov.in

9. The bids of only those agencies shall be accepted who posses valid registration certificate of construction of 125mm dia machine drilled Hand pump wells.

Sd/- Executive Engineer

Note: DD/PO of EMD amount has to be made in favour of ICIC bank Limited, payable at Delhi.
Auction Date: June 98, 2022 From 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.
Place of Auction: Godara Yard, Khewat No. 166/1, Near Atul Ka Chowk, Behind Gyan Devi, School, Sec – 17, Sukhrali, Gurugram 122022

Contact Person- Rajeev Ranjan (8584874809)/ Jitendra Kumar (7304914763)

Note: DD/PO of EMD amount has to be made in favour of ICICI

NORTHERN RAILWAY

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

NOTE -1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

The under mentioned Assets will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of dues as per court orders, in the following cases:-

Asset Details

Vehicle No. DL6CM5155 Make and Model- BMW 520D Manu Year- 2013

Terms of Sale

Terms of Sale

The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participants are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids. All bidders are required to come at auction site with original KYC documents and DD/PO of EMD amount in favour of ICICI bank Limited, navable at Delhitto participate in the auction.

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Successfully bidder shall have to deposit sale amount (Excluding EMD amount) within 5 days from the Approval date by the way of pay order/demand draft/RTGS/NEFT. In case if you fail to make the remaining sale amount within 5 days, your EMD amount will be forfeited. The intending bidders may visit at ICICI Bank Ltd, 1st Floor, SD Tower, Community Center, Plot No-7, Rohini Sector-8 New Delhi- 110085 for details and inspection of the said hypothecated vehicles.

SALE NOTICE

The under mentioned Assets will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of dues as per court orders, in the following cases:-

ICICI BANK LTD VS	Vehicle No. HR38Z5502 Make and
DHARMENDER, CS	Model - TATA WINGER, Manu Year -
(COMM) 52/20	2019
ICICI BANK LTD VS	Vehicle No. UP14ET9537 Make and
RIZOO SOOD, CS (Comm)	Model - GENERAL MOTORS SAIL, Manu
No. 798/2019	Year - 2015
ICICI BANK LTD VS	Vehicle No. DL1ZB2790 Make and
RANJEET JHA, Suit	Model - GENERAL MOTORS SAIL, Manu
No.1044/18	Year - 2017
ICICI BANK LTD VS	Vehicle No. DL5CQ0140, Make and
VINOD GIRI, CS (COMM)	Model – MARUTI SUZUKI Wagon R,
No. 1168/2019	Manu Year - 2018
ICICI BANK LTD VS NASEEM KHAN, CS NO. 424/18	Vehicle No- DL3SDM9022, Make & Model - HERO SPLENDOR PULS, Manu Year-2016, Reserve Price: Rs. 13,000/-EMD Amount Rs.2000/-, EMD is to be made in favour of ICICI BANK LIMITED payable at Delhi and Bidder has to bring original EMD at site with KYC
ICICI BANK LTD VS MARC ANATONIO XAVIER, Suit No. 42/2018	Vehicle No- DL2CAT8986, Make & Model -MARUTI SUZUKI CIAZ ZDI, Manu Year- 2015, Reserve Price: Rs. 2,20,000/- EMD Amount Rs.22000/-, EMD is to be made in favour of ICICI BANK LIMITED payable at Delhi and Bidder has to bring original EMD at site with KYC
ICICI BANK LTD VS	Vehicle No. DL1RTA1662, Make and
MOHINDER PAL	Model- MARUTI SUZUKI RITZ, Manu
KAUSHAL, CS No.3191/18	Year- 2015
LUCICI Book Ltd. Vo. CORUA	Vahiola Na. LID16ET0759, Maka 9 Madal

ICICI Bank Ltd. Vs. SOBHA RAM, C.S. NO 3168/19 Vehicle No- UP16ET0758, Make & Mode - HYUNDAI XCENT, Manu. Year-2016 Auction Date: June 08, 2022 From 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Place of Auction: Godara Yard, Khewat No. 166/1, Near Atul Chowk, Behind Gyan Devi, School, Sec- 17, Sukhrali, Gurugra 122022

Contact Person-Rajeev Ranjan (8584874809)/ Jitendra Kumar (7304914763)

Case Details	Asset Details
ICICI Bank Ltd. Vs. Babar	Vehicle No - UP14JT1939, Make & Mode
& Anr., CS (Comm)	- ASHOK LEYLAND GURU 1010, Manu.
No. 1377-21	Year- 2019

Auction Date: June 08, 2022 From 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Place of Auction: Mahakal Parking Yard, Khasra No. 527 Village
Banthla Near Indane Gas Plant Loni Ghaziabad- UP- 201102 Contact Person- Rajeev Ranjan (8584874809)/ Jitendra Kumar (7304914763)

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RATHI BARS LIMITED CIN No: L74899DL1993PLC054781 Office : A-24/7, Mohan Co-operative Indu Mathura Road, New Delhi-110044 Ph.: 011-42760373, 42730360

Web: www.rathisteels.com, E-mail:rathibars@hotmail.com
NOTICE

Place: New Delhi Date: 24.05.2022 Company Secretary and Compliance officer



Registered Office: Modinagar - 201204; Dist, Ghaziabad, (U.P.) Corporate Office: 4-7C, DDA Shopping Centre, New Friends Colony,

New Delhi-110025; Website: www.modirubberlimited.com

Pursuant to regulation 29 of SEBI (LODR) 2015, Notice is hereby given that a 297th Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Saturday on 28th day of May, 2022 at 02.30 PM at Corporate Office: 4-7/C, DDA Shopping Centre, 4th Floor, New Friends Colony, New Delhi- 110025 to inter-alia approve the following:

Audited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Statements alongwith the Auditor Reports thereon of the Company for the year ended on March 31, 2022.

For Modi Rubber Limited

(S K Bajpai)

Place : New Delhi Date : May 18, 2022

SBFC

Head - Legal & Co. Secretary Address Unit No. 103, First Floor C&B Square, SangamComplex, 127, Andheri-Kurla Road, Village Chakala, Andheri (East), Mumbai 400059 | Telephone: +91 22 6787530 | Fax: +91 22 67875334 | www.sbfc.com| orporate Identity Number: U67190MH2008PTC178270

SBFC Finance Pvt. Ltd.

Corporate Identity Number: U67190MH2008PTC178270

FUBILE NOTICE

This is to inform the Public that Auction of pledged Gold Ornaments will be conducted by SBFC Finance Pvt.

Utd. on 28th May 22 at Dehit District branch 0 - 7.1 st Floor, 'Above Look Saloon, Lajpat Nagar 2, New Delhi110021, Faridabad District: branch 0 - 2, First Floor, N.I.T., Near 1 -2 Chowk, 'Faridabad, Harynan-12001 and
Gurugram District: Gautam Budh Nagar: Branch add- Plot No. 5, Ground Floor, Opposite White Castle Hotel,
Main Dadri Road, Salprup, Bhangel, Sector-101, District Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida 201804 (IPF, Shaziabad)
District: branch add- 82, Basement, BOC Raj Nagar, Ghaziabad -201002, Hapur, District: add- First Floor,
Above PC Lewellers, Garah Pargana, Garah Road, Tehsil & District Hapur - 245101, (U.P.)

The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to Loan Accounts of our various Customers who have
failed to pay their dues. Our notices of auction have been duly issued to these borrowers.

The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to all linked accounts of Customer ID for various customers mentioned below with branch details.

SBFC Finance Pvt. Ltd. Contact Number(s): Lajpat Nagar 1800-102-8012 / 011-40305228 / 207, Faridabad 01294314725/4104450 and Gurgaon Branch 0124-4276037,

Ghaziabad branch - 9205325672, Hopur branch - 8439761293, Roida branch: 8368589407, (SBFC Finance Pvt. Ltd.reserves the right to alter the number of accounts to be auctioned &/ postpone / cancel the auction without any prior notice.)

	(Under Decide) 200 (C)	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
	(Under Regulation 36A (1) o	of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)
_	REI EVANT P	ARTICULARS
1	Name of the Corporate Debtor	Ansal Urban Condominiums Private Limited
	Date of incorporation of corporate debtor	19th September, 2008
	Authority under which corporate debtor is	Registrar of Companies, Delhi, India, under The
	incorporated / registered	Companies Act. 1956
4	Corporate identity number / limited	U51909DL2008PTC183513
	liability identification number of corporate	0010000000010
	debtor	
5	Address of the registered office and	115, Ansal Bhawan 16, K. G. Marg
	principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	New Delhi - 110001
6	Insolvency commencement date of the	10th March. 2022
Ť	corporate debtor	Too march, Edel
7	Date of invitation of expression of interest	24th May, 2022
	Eligibility for resolution applicants under	Details are available and can be obtained by sending
	section 25(2)(h) of the Code is available at:	an email to cirp.ansalurban @gmail.com
9	Norms of ineligibility applicable under	Details are available and can be obtained by sending
	section 29A are available at:	an email to cirp.ansalurban@gmail.com
10	Last date for receipt of expression of	08th June, 2022 (before/by 5:00 PM.)
	interest	(44,04,04,04,04,04,04,04,04,04,04,04,04,0
11	Date of issue of provisional list of	18th June, 2022
	prospective resolution applicants	100100110, 2022
12	Last date for submission of objections	23rd June, 2022
	to provisional list	Eord build, Edel
13	Date of issue of final list of prospective	2nd July, 2022
	resolution applicants	210 001), 2022
14	Date of issue of information memorandum.	23rd June, 2022
•	evaluation matrix and request for resolution	
	plans to prospective resolution applicants	
15	Manner of obtaining request for	Eligible prospective resolution applicants set out as
	resolution plan, evaluation matrix,	per S. No. 8 and after executing the Non-Disclosure
	information memorandum and further	Agreement/undertaking can get on request by email
	information	electronic form.
16	Last date for submission of resolution	23rd July, 2022 (before/by 5:00 PM.)
	plans	Lord day, Loca (botto or b) d. do T.Mi.,
	Manner of submitting resolution plans to	By Post or by hand delivery in sealed envelope
••	resolution professional	followed by an email confirmation
18	Estimated date for submission of	22nd August, 2022
	resolution plan to the Adjudicating	and ragged, acce
	Authority for approval	
19	Name and registration number of the	Raiesh Ramnani
	resolution professional	Reg No- IBBI/IPA-002/IP-N00993/2020-21/13187
20	Name, Address and e-mail of the	Raiesh Ramnani
	resolution professional, as registered with	D-44, 2nd Floor, Naraina Vihar, New Delhi-110028
	the Board	Email-raieshramnani2407@gmail.com
21	Address and email to be used for	Raiesh Ramnani
	correspondence with the Resolution	83, National Media Centre, Shankar Chowk, Nr.
	Professional	Ambience Mall/DLF Cyber City, Gurugram,
	, ,	Harvana –122002
		Email:cirp.ansalurban@gmail.com
22	Further Details are available at or with	Can be obtained by sending email at
		cirp.ansalurban@gmail.com
	Date of publication of Form G	24th May, 2022

Rajesh Ramnani (Resolution Professional) For Ansal Urban Condominiums Private Limited Reg No- IBBI/IPA-002/IP-N00993/2020-21/13



Expectation of rate hike in next policy 'no-brainer': RBI

Shaktikanta Das on Monday hinted at another interest rate hike in early June to bring down stubbornly high inflation rate which has remained above the tolerance level for the past four months.

"Expectation of rate hike, it's a no-brainer. There will be some hike but how much I will not be able to tell now... To say that 5.15 (per cent) may not be very accurate," Das said in an interview with CNBC-TV18.

The next meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is scheduled for June 6-

RBI, in its first rate move in two years and its first hike in nearly four years, raised the repo rate by 40 basis points to 4.40 per cent following an offcycle meeting earlier this month.

In April RBI raised its inflation forecast for the current fiscal year to 5.7 per cent from earlier estimate of 4.5 per cent and lowered its GDP estimate to 7.2 per cent from 7.8 per cent for 2022-23, citing the impact of escalating geopolitical tensions triggered by the

Russia-Ukraine war.

Das further said the RBI and government has entered into another phase of coordinated action to cool down



steps to moderate inflation in the last 2-3 months, he said, adding that the government on other hand has taken measures, including wheat export ban and cut in excise duty on petrol and diesel. All these put together will have sobering impact on price rise, he added.

Retail inflation has been above RBI's upper tolerance level for the past four months.

The government has man-dated MPC headed by the RBI Governor to keep the retail inflation between 2 to 6 per cent. As per the latest print, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) cent against 6.95 per cent in the previous month and 4.21 per cent in April 2021.

"Interest rates in almost

every country today are negative, except Russia and Brazil. The target for inflation for advanced economies is about 2 per cent. Except for Japan and one more country, all advanced economies have inflation of over 7 per cent," he said. "We will move towards positive real rates, but it is impossible to forecast how soon because of the evolving situation," said the

India, Brazil agree to further strengthen ties in agri, allied sectors

have agreed to strengthen their cooperation in agriculture and allied farm sectors.

Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairying Minister Parshottam Rupala met his Brazilian counterpart Marcos Cordeiro during a five-day visit that concluded on May

"Rupala held very fruitful discussions with his Brazilian counterpart and both ministers agreed to further strengthen the mutually beneficial ties," an official statement said.

Rupala also held meetings with Presidents of the Brazilian Association of Zebu Breeders (ABCZ), Mayor of Uberaba, Brazilian Confederation of Agriculture and Livestock (ČNA), and Brazilian Cooperatives Organization (OCB) and discussed ways to increase cooperation in the dairy sector through Research and development (R&D), genetic improvement, and trade and investment.

In January 2020, Brazil for the first time in its history had the first time in its history had signed 15 memorandum of understandings (MoU) and agreements with India and decided to widen cooperation in various areas including ani-mal husbandry and dairying,

would not only help the indus-

welcome the government deci-

poses a serious "risk to de

response,"

timely

New Delhi: India and Brazil oil and natural gas, bio-energy, ethanol, trade and investment,

> A Joint Declaration of Technical Cooperation between the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and Brazilian Zebu Breeders Association (ABCZ) was also signed in 2020.

> During the visit, Rupala also visited the Embrapa Cattle Dairy (Embrapa Gado de Leite) research center in Juiz de Fora and stressed on the early finalization and implementation of a work plan under the MoU signed in 2016.

Training of Indian professionals in Brazil in IVF technology and identification of Brazilian companies to take up IVF embryo production in India are the key activities being identified under the work plan.

PTI



Markets pare gains to end flat in volatile trade; Sensex slips 38 pts



Mumbai: In a highly choppy session, equity benchmarks pared early gains to settle on a flat note on Monday, with the Sensex falling 38 points amid a heavy sell-off in metal stocks.

The 30-share BSE benchmark Sensex encountered volatility during the day and settled 37.78 points or 0.07 per cent lower at 54,288.61. During the day, it hit a high of 54,931.30 and a low of 54,191.55.

The broader NSE Nifty declined 51.45 points or 0.32 per cent to end at 16,214.70. From the Sensex firms, Tata Steel tumbled the most by

UltraTech Cement, ITC, Power Grid, HDFC, HDFC Bank HCL Technologies and Reliance Industrie

In contrast, M&M, Maruti, Hindustan Unilever, Larsen & Toubro, Asian Paints and Kotak Mahindra Bank were among the gainers.
"Nifty once again gave up

the intra day gains and ended in the negative. Metals stocks sold off post the levy of export duties over the weekend on iron ore and some steel inter-mediates," said Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC

Meanwhile, Asian markets in Shanghai, Seoul and Tokyo ended higher, while Hong

Kong settled lower.
Equity exchanges in
Europe were trading mostly higher in the afternoon session Stock markets in the US had ended on a mixed note on

International oil benchmark Brent crude gained 1.15 per cent to USD 113.8 per bar-

Foreign institutional investors offloaded shares worth Rs 1,265.41 crore on Friday, as per stock exchange data. *PTI*

Gold jumps ₹170; silver rallies ₹458

New Delhi: G o l d jumped ₹170 to ₹50,926 per 10 gram in the national capital on

Monday in line with firm global precious metal prices, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal finished at ₹50,756 per 10 gram. Silver also rallied ₹458 to ₹61,792 per kg from ₹61,334 per kg in the previous trade.

In the international market, gold was trading higher at USD 1,857 per ounce and silver was flat at USD 21.99 per

"Gold prices traded higher with spot prices at COMEX trading 0.56 per cent up at USD 1,857 per ounce on Monday. Gold prices traded higher extending weekly gains sup-ported by weaker dollar," said Tapan Patel, Senior Analyst (Commodities), HDFC

Steel products' prices should fall by 10% for primary producers: EEPC

Kolkata: In the wake of rising input costs, especially primary steel, the government's decision to remove import duty on raw materials for the metal production would lower costs for domestic steelmakers and reduce prices by around 10 per cent, an Engineering Export Promotion Council official said on Monday.

The move would help engineering goods manufacturers and exporters become more competitive in the global markets, EEPC India chairman Mahesh Desai said.

He also said, "imposition of export duty on iron ores and a host of steel intermediaries would increase the domestic availability of the key industry

The government levied an export duty of 15 per cent on almost all the major steel products, including stainless steel.

In order to reduce the overall cost of domestic production of steel products, the Centre slashed import duty on coking coal and anthracite from 2.5 per cent to zero.



for coke or semi-coke and ferronickel were lowered too, from 5 per cent to zero and 2.5 per cent to zero, respectively.

"Downstream exporters feel primary steel products prices will fall by 10 per cent for primary producers and 15 per cent for secondary steel producers," Desai said in his reac-

He said that a reduction in fuel prices would ease logistics costs which have been hurting

Maruti Suzuki to acquire Al firm **Sociograph Solutions**

New Delhi: Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) on Monday said it will acquire an equity stake of 12.09 per cent in Sociograph Solutions Pvt Ltd (SSPL) for about Rs 2 crore.

SSPL is an artificial intelli-

gence (AI) software company that specialises in visual AI platform predominantly used to help enterprises improve sales experiences and improve efficiency in their business.

'The' investment would help MSI strengthen its offering to customers by creating a customised sales experiences on the web, virtual reality and augmented reality," the auto major said in a regulatory fil-



Crude oil futures gain on spot demand



New Delhi: Crude oil prices on Monday rose by ₹43 to ₹8,661 per barrel as participants widened positions on a firm spot demand.

On the Multi Commodity

Exchange, crude oil for June delivery traded higher by ₹43 or 0.5 per cent at ₹8,661 per barrel in 7,787 lots.

Analysts said the raising of bets by participants kept crude oil prices higher in futures trade.

Globally, West Texas Intermediate crude oil was down by 0.92 per cent at USD 111.30 per barrel, while Brent crude traded 1.09 per cent lower at USD 113.78 per bar-

Sintex Industries Q4 net loss at ₹119 cr

New Delhi: Textiles maker Sintex Industries Ltd on Monday reported narrowing of consolidated net loss to ₹119.30 crore for fourth quarter ended March 2022.

The company had incurred a net loss of ₹144.05 crore during January-March period a year ago, Sintex Industries said in a regulatory filing. Revenue from operations

was up at ₹1,028.49 crore during the quarter under review as corresponding period of pre-vious fiscal year.

Total expenses were at

₹1,189.41 crore as against ₹894.06 crore.For the fiscal year ended March 2022. it reported a net profit of ₹573.82 crore as compared to ₹1,306.41 crore profit in 2020-21. *PTI*

BUSINESS BRIEFS

RAIN GAMES LAUNCHES GAME MAGIC T23

New Delhi: India's first hack-proof real money gaming start-up for professional gamers, Rein Games, today unveiled Magic T23, India's first innovative, real money card game. A new genre of card game, it involves tactical decision making & quick thinking and is ideal for even a family to play together. Magic T23 is also India's most transparent game with features like replay, fair play, instant withdrawal & fastest KYC

EXCON-22: PRODUCTS EXCLUSIVELY DESIGNED FOR INDIA New Delhi: Sany, one of the leading manufacturers and suppliers of construction machinery, is all set to unveil at mega trade fair EXCON its state-of-the-art products exclusively designed for the application in India, while keeping Indian customer requirements in mind. We were eagerly waiting for this event to unfold since last two years, said Deepak Garg, MD of Sany South Asia. He added Sany has

Rupee recovers from record lows to end 15 paise higher at 77.55/USD

Mumbai: Rupee recovered from record lows and settled 15 paise higher at 77.55 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday, supported by a weak

greenback overseas.

At the interbank forex market, the domestic unit opened It moved in a range of 77.51 to 77.69 during the session.

The rupee finally snapped

its three-session losing streak and closed at 77.55, registering a rise of 15 paise over its previous close.

On Friday, the rupee had



Analyst, Motilal Oswal Financial Services, rupee continued to consolidate and volatility remained confined to a narrow range despite choppiness in domestic equities

"Today volatility for the dollar could remain low as no settled at a record low of 77.70 against the American currenmajor economic data is expect-ed to be released from the US. cy. According Gaurang Somaiya, Forex & Bullion

We expect the USD-INR (Spot) to trade sideways and quote in the range of 77.20 and 77.80," Somaiya added. However, unabated foreign

fund outflows and firm crude oil prices weighed on the rupee and kept the appreciation bias The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six curren-

cies, was trading 1 per cent

lower at 102.12.
On the domestic equity market front, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 37.78 points or 0.07 per cent lower at 54,288.61, while the broader NSE Nifty fell 51.45 points or 0.32 per cent to 16,214.70. *PTI*

Non-payment of TDS not a ground for initiation of insolvency process: NCLAT

New Delhi: The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has held that dues on account of non-payment of TDS can not be a ground to initiate insolvency proceedings against any company. Setting aside an order of the Kolkata bench of NCLT, the appellate tribunal said "the process of Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code (IBC) cannot be utilised" for recovery of TDS dues by an operational creditor of the company.

"The consequences of non-payment of TDS are provided and the second of the company.

ample powers to take appropriate action," said the NCLAT bench headed by Chairperson Justice Ashok Bhushan. The bench said the National Company Law Tribunal

(NCLT) has committed a "serious error" while directing to initiate insolvency proceedings over a section 9 application filed by an operational creditor under the IBC after admitting that nonpayment of the TDS (Tax Deducted at Source) amounts as default

"We are of the view that it is not for us to consider whether TDS amount has been paid or not ... We, thus, are of the view that the Adjudicating Authority (NCLT) has committed a serious error in admitting the Section 9 Application on the ground of non-payment of two TDS amounts," the NCLAT said. *PTI*

slowed to 3.5% in Q4 FY22' Mumbai: The economic The National Statistical

P-Notes investment rises to ₹90,580 cr in April

growth may have slowed to 3.5 per cent in fourth quarter of 2021-22 from 5.4 per cent in the previous three-month period due to the impact of higher commodity prices on mar-gins, decline in wheat yields and on higher base, Icra

The agency said the hiccups in the recovery of the contact-intensive services attributable to the third wave of Covid-19 in the country may have also affected the economic growth in the quarter. Even the gross value added (GVA) at basic prices (at constant 2011-12 prices) in Q4 FY2022 seems to have eased to 2.7 per cent from 4.7 per cent

in Q3 FY2022, it said.

'Economic growth may have

Office (NSO) will release the fourth quarter numbers of fiscal 2022 on May 31.
Icra's Chief Economist

Aditi Nayar said Q4 was a challenging quarter, with the Omicron-fuelled third wave momentum in contact-intensive services, and a pervasive pressure on margins from higher commodity prices.

Moreover, the heatwave adversely affected wheat output in March 2022.

"We are apprehensive that both agriculture and industry will post a sub-1 per cent GVA growth in Q4 FY2022, whereas services growth will print at

around 5.4 per cent," Nayar said.

The agency further said that the recent cut in excise duties on petrol and diesel will help boost sentiments and improve consumers' dispos-able incomes, while simultaneously cooling the CPI inflament had cut excise duty on petrol by a record Rs 8 per litre and that on diesel by Rs 6 per litre to give relief to consumers battering under high fuel prices that has also pushed inflation to a multi-year high.

Retail inflation, as measured by consumer price-based inflation (CPI), accelerated to an eight-year high of 7.79 per cent in April. cent in April.

Prolonged high temperatures could worsen inflation, hurt growth: Moody's

New Delhi: Prolonged high temperatures are credit negative for India, as that could exacerbate inflation and hurt growth, Moody's Investors Service said on Monday.

Over the longer term, India's highly negative credit exposure to physical climate risks means its economic growth will likely become more and more extreme incidences of climate-related shocks, it noted. The rating agency said although heat waves are fairly common in India, they usually occur in May and June.

However, this year New Delhi witnessed the fifth heatwave in perature touching 49 degrees celsius.

"The prolonged high temperatures, which are affecting much of the northwest of the country, will curb wheat pro-duction and could lead to extended power outages, exac-erbating already high inflation and hurting growth, a credit negative," Moody's said.

The Indian government has revised down its estimates for wheat production by 5.4 per cent to 105 million tonnes for

the crop year ending June 2022, given lower yields amid higher temperatures.

"The lower production, and fears that a surge in exports to capitalise on high global wheat prices would add to inflationary pressures domestically, has prompted the gov-ernment to ban the export of wheat and to divert it toward local consumption instead.

"Although the move will partially offset inflationary pressures, it will hurt exports and subsequently growth. The ban comes at a time when India - the world's second-largest

wheat producer - could have been capitalising on the glob-al output gap from wheat following the Russia-Ukraine military conflict," Moody's said. Global wheat prices have

jumped 47 per cent since the conflict began in late February The agency said India's export partners will likely face a further surge in wheat prices because of the ban. They include Bangladesh, which absorbed 56.8 per cent of India's wheat exports in fiscal

2021, Sri Lanka (8.3 per cent)

UAE (6.5 per cent) and Indonesia (5.4 per cent). *PTI*

New Delhi: Investments in the Indian capital markets through participatory notes (P-notes) increased slightly to Rs 90,580 crore at the end of April, as for-

eign investors are shifting allo-cation from China to India amid a significant economic slowdown in the most populated country.

P-notes are issued by reg-istered Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) to overseas investors who wish to be a part of the Indian stock market without registering themselves directly. They, however, need to go through a due diligence process.

According to Securities

and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) data, the value of P-note investments in Indian markets -- equity, debt, and hybrid

crore at April-end, compared to Rs 87,979 crore in March. In February, the investment reached Rs 89,143 crore

against Rs 87,989 crore in Sonam Srivastava, the founder of Sebi-registered investment advisor Wright

Research, said the investment via P-notes rose last month from March, as FPI were net sellers in Indian markets in April with a negative flow in both equity and debt segments. slight increase could be that foreign institutional investors are shifting allocation from China to India given the significant economic slowdown in China, or that the IPOs which came out in April pulled in foreign investors. So, there is a tiny up move from March numbers but seeing strategic foreign hedge funds take positions in

"The rationale for this

India is exciting," she added. Manoj Trivedi, co-founder Jama Wealth, Sebi-registered investment advisor, said these are legitimate instruments. They can be potentially used for money laundering purpos-es. When Indian markets are

effort to bring P-Notes within regulatory jurisdiction, but controls have been lifted when meting.
"Given that FPIs have been

buoyant, there has been an

net sellers in the market for some time, there seems to be an uptick in investments through P-notes. It probably points to over-

seas investors continue to look at India as an attractive investment destination, but just want to ensure that they do not get stuck with regulatory compliance in case there is a need to make a quick exit," Srivastava

GT take on Royals for place in final

quipped with a lethal bowling attack and boasting a number of quality finishers, debutants Gujarat Titans will start as favourites against spinheavy former champions Rajasthan Royals when the two teams face-off in the first IPL Qualifier, here on

Captaining a team in the IPL for the first time ever, a fit-again Hardik Pandya has been a revelation this season as he led from the front with both bat and ball to ensure a top finish for his team in the league stage. Apart from firing at number 4.

Pandva has used his resources well. be it the death bowling of wily Rashid Khan or making his batting exploits count to go alongside the fiery duo of David Miller and Rahul Tewatia. Every little thing has fallen in place.

Their weak link was their toporder batting with highly-rated Shubman Gill failing to convert his starts but the addition of veteran Wriddhiman Saha has done won-

ders for the team.

The discarded India wicketkeeper-batter is batting with a new-found passion at the top of the order and has scored three half-centuries in nine matches to make up for Gill's lacklustre run.

While the Afghan leg-spinner has been outstanding in the middle and death overs, India senior pacer Mohammed Shami has given them perfect starts, by being the highest wicket-taker (11 wickets) in the

powerplay this season.
Saha, who has been making headlines since he was axed for Team India, will look to make a point as he along with Bengal teammate Shami play in front of their home crowd again.

The fact that the playoffs will be



Titans vs Royals STAR SPORTS 1 NETWORK

played on fresh tracks would put the seamers in focus and Pandya may look to bring in Alzarri Joseph to go alongside Lockie Ferguson and

The Titans had defeated the same opponents by 37 runs in the league stage but the inaugural edition champions have a spin-heavy attack to go with rich experience and they might prove to a tricky cus-

The Titans also have looked vulnerable as they suffered three defeats in last five matches, including an eight-wicket thrashing by Royal Challengers Bangalore in their pre-vious outing, which would mean that the Pandya-led side has to step

Three of Titan's four defeats, and four of Royals' five losses have come while setting up a target as the toss would also be a key area of con-

The Sanju Samson-led outfit boast of both the Orange and Purple Cap holders this season --Buttler and Yuzvendra Chahal.

They also have the experience of Rayichandran Ashwin whose versatility has come to the fore especially in the second-half of the sea-son. Ashwin's batting has also made a huge difference.
Batting at number 5 ahead of

their regular batters Shimron Hetmyer and Riyan Parag against Chennai Super Kings the other day, Ashwin smashed an unbeaten 23-ball 40 to script a five-wicket win

that also sealed their top-two finish.

But for them to repeat their 2008-IPL winning show, the Royals would not just need an Ashwin but the top-order to fire.

IPL Playoffs: Super Over could determine winner in case of disruptions

A Super Over could decide IPL 15's champions should rain gods play spoilsport and no play is possible in regulation time.

If not even an over a side is possible, the league standing will decide to the precedence and will decide

take precedence and will decide the winner, according to an IPL

briefing note.

This will also apply to the Qualifier 1. Eliminator, Qualifier 2, which do not have reserve days. May 30 has been kept aside as

a reserve day for the summit clash, which will begin at 8pm. With the IPL moving to Kolkata for the playoffs and inclement weather forecast for the city, the IPL has issued certain guidelines in case of rain-inter-

rupted games. While Gujarat Titans take on Rajasthan Royals in Qualifier 1 on Tuesday, Lucknow Super Giants will play Royal Challengers Bangalore at the same venue the next day in the Eliminator.

The second Qualifier and the final are slated to be played in Ahmedabad on Friday and Sunday respectively.

"The number of overs in the playoff match may, if necessary, be

Their leading run-getter Buttler has slowed down in the business end of the season with single digit scores — 2, 2, 7 — in his last-three outings. The Englishman, who has slammed three centuries and three fifties this season, is yet to score a half-century in five innings and the Royals would desperately need him

opportunity to bat for five overs," the IPL guidelines read.

"For the Eliminator and each Qualifier playoff matches, in the event that it is not possible to schedule a five-over match to complete by the end of the extra time on the original day, the teams will, if conditions permit, play a Super Over to determine the winner of the relevant

Eliminator or Qualifier match."

If the Super Over is not possible "the team that finished highest in the league table after the 70 matches of the regular season shall be declared the winner of the relevant playoff match or final," it

In case of the two Qualifiers and the Eliminator, if one innings is complete but no
Play is possible in the second,

the DLS method will come into

If the final starts on May 29 that is at least one ball is bowled then the "match will resume at the point where it stopped on the pre-vious day. For the avoidance of doubt, any match recalculations done without the match actually restarting on the previous night will be ignored."

to be back among runs.

Their batting too has slumped with Samson and Hetmyer's loss of form and they would look to get into

the act ahead of the big match.

The fact that the loser of the Qualifier One will get a second shot at making the final will give both the teams some breathing space

the 11th over bowled by Ecclestone vir

tually ended the contest. Ecclestone had Richa Gosh (2) off the

second ball of the over and Arundhati

Reddy (0) was run out in the next delivery as Trailblazers batters looked in a

Harmanpreet Kaur brought Vastrakar for her second spell and the pacewoman got immediate success by having Khatun to reduce Trailblazers to

Jemimah Rodrigues (24) tried to make a match out of it but she also fell in the

14th over to Meghna Singh to extinguish any hopes of Trailblazers' fight back.

Earlier, Supernovas captain Kaur top-scored with 37 off 29 balls while

Harleen Deol and Deandra Dottin

Asking rate had climbed more than 11 runs an over by then and one-down

hurry to return to the hut.

73 for 7 at the end of 12 overs.

Disappointed with last few games: Jos Buttler

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Star Rajasthan Royals batter Jos Buttler is "disappointed" with his form in the last few games but said he is taking a lot of confidence from the big knocks that he had played early in the tournament going into the IPL play-offs.

The English wicketkeeperbatter has accumulated 629 runs at a strike rate of 147, including three hundreds and three fifties, this season but has slowed down in the business end of the tournament with single digit scores — 2, 2, 7 -- in his last-three outings.

"I've obviously been delighted with my form in the IPL, but a bit disappointed with the last few games," said the 31-year-old Buttler ahead of RR's first qualifier against Gujarat Titans at the Edens Gardens on Tuesday.
"The first half (of the tour-

nament) I was playing some of the best cricket I've ever played, and I'm still taking lots of confidence from that going into the play-offs.

points table behind new entrants Gujarat Titans.

Retiring out is risky but can

give competitive advantage:

Experienced spinner Ravichandran Ashwin, who has impressed both with ball and bat this season, feels certain decisions like retiring out can provide a competitive edge to the teams if done properly.

'It's important to understand how it (a decision) is going to give us an edge in important moments. I think (retiring out) is part of the future of the game in T20 cricket, and I believe it's there to stay," said Ashwin, RR's most economical bowler this season.

"People are going to per-ceive it as risky because once you retire a batter out and things don't go your way you might have to explain that. But if it's executed well, then it can give you a competitive advantage."Ashwin has scored 183 runs and picked up 11 wickets at an economy of 7.14 this season.

WARNE HAS BEEN WATCHING ME FROM ABOVE: CHAHAL

Yuzvendra Chahal credit-ed his success to the closely knit group and said playing for RR

I kept learning as a batter & captain: Sanju Samson

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Leading the franchise for a second full season, skipper Sanju Samson said he has never stopped learning and communication has been communication has been one of the key components of his captaincy. "I think I've actually developed and kept on learning as a batter and also as a captain. I'm really enjoying the responsibility of leading this team bility of leading this team, especially with so many experienced players in our

"I think when you lead a side, it's very important to have that kind of perspective where you allow people to

has also been special because of the late Shane Warne, who

gural season. "I know it's just the first season here (at Royals) for me, but it feels like I've been playing here for many years. I'm really relaxed here mentally, and I believe the credit goes to the people here, who take really good care really made me connect with the franchise at a different level," said the Purple Cap holder.

it's also spe-cial for me because played for RR first-ever

Royal, and I think his blessings are with me. I feel like he's been watching me from above."

come and talk to you in pres sure situations and allow them to express their ideas,

each and every decision made by the team."

England left-arm spinner Sophie Ecclestone and Australia all-rounder said Samson. Alana King chipped in with two wickets apiece as Trailblazers could only score 114 for 9 in 20 overs while chasing 164. "I do receive a lot of information, a lot of suggestions... So, I'm really enjoying the unity and the willing the tournament's highest-ever score of

ness of everyone to contribute to the team, and I think it's very important to listen to everyone. But I also know that the final call has to be from my side, and I have to take the ownership of

Trailblazers to leave the defending cham-

pions in deep trouble. She first had the wicket of Matthews off the last ball of the fifth over and then dismissed skipper Mandhana and Dunkley in the space of four balls in the eighth over.

Wickets kept on tumbling in quick succession as Sharmin Akhter (0) was out in the next over for a duck to be King's

Trailblazers as they reached 71 for 4 at the halfway mark. But two quick wickets in

first victim of the day.

Runs were hard to come by for

chipped in with 35 and 32 respectively. They, however, lost five wickets in the

last two overs for just eight runs, including that of Kaur, in a dramatic collapse.

Matthews was the pick of the Trailblazers bowlers with figures of 3 for 29 while Salma Khatun took two for 30

County stint will keep me in good stead: Pujara

Back in national team for the Edgbaston Test after scoring a bagful of runs in stint for Surrey will hold him in good stead when India takes on England in the one-off red ball

ooja Vastrakar picked up four wickets for just 12 runs in a bril-

liant pace-bowling display as Supernovas notched up an easy 49-run win over Trailblazers in a record-

breaking opening match of the Women's T20 Challenge here on Monday.

The 22-year-old Vastrakar claimed the wickets of Trailblazers' captain Smriti

Mandhana (34), her opening partner Hayley Matthews (18), No 4 Sophia Dunkley (1) and Salma Khatun (0) in two

separate spells to tear apart the batting line-up of the defending champions.

The Supernovas had earlier scored

163 all out after opting to bat.

Trailblazers made a strong start to

their chase with Mandhana and Matthews putting on 39 runs for the

opening wicket in five overs. But Vastrakar struck triple blows on

fixture in July.

The 34-year-old Pujara scored 720 runs, including two double hundreds and two centuries, in five Division two games for Sussex, which forced the selection committee to give him a call-up for the resched-uled 'fifth' Test of the last

series.
"I am glad to have been selected for the England Test, and happy that my recent county performances were recognized," Pujara told PTI. "Having spent some time in the mid-

dle during the county games, I do believe



it will keep me in good stead as we get ready

for the game against England.

"As always, looking forward to preparing and training well ahead of the tour, and Indian team," he added.

The fifth Test, which was postponed last year due to a COVID-19 outbreak in the Indian camp, is scheduled from July 1 to 5 in Birmingham.

Going through a poor run of form, Pujara had been left out of India's home Test series against Sri Lanka earlier this year but he made a return to the squad after producing a scintillating performance for Pujara amassed an unbeaten 201

against Derbyshire, before scoring 109 against Worcestershire. He also smashed 203 and 170 not out against Durham and Middlesex. Playing for Saurashtra in the Ranji Trophy, Pujara had also hit 91 against Mumbai and 64 not out against Goa. Pujara has scored 6713 runs at 43.87 in 95 Tests for India



Pakistan has dropped leg-spinner Usman Qadir and hard-hitting batters Asif Ali and Haider Ali for next month's limited-overs international series against the West

Indies.
"Usman, Asif and Haider remain in our plans for the shortest format as we have a series of T20s lined up this year, including the T20 World Cup," chief selector Mohammad Wasim said in a statement on Monday.

Wasim said the return of vice-captain Shadab Khan and Mohammad Nawaz from injuries resulted in Usman's absence for the ODI series Both players missed Pakistan's last ODI series at home against

three one-day games, which are part of the Cricket World Cup League, on June 8, 10 and 12.

Arshdeep delighted to represent India PTI MUMBAI

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Delighted to earn a maiden national call-up, left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh said bowling to the big-hitting Punjab Kings batters in the nets helped him perfect his yorkers.

The 23-year-old, who has impressed one and all with his death over bowling this season, ended his IPL campaign with 10 wickets and an economy rate of His ability to bowl the

change-ups along with wide york-ers and deliveries in the blockhole earned him a place in the squad for the home series against South Africa next month.



Arshdeep got to know the good news on his way to Punjab's last league stage match against Sunrisers Hyderabad on Sunday. "I got to know just before the match, in the bus that I have got

Because the match was going on I didn't feel much," Arshdeep told Rawalpindi will host the teammate Harpreet Brar after Punjab Kings' five-wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad.







सुपोषित और शिक्षित भविष्य के लिए



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