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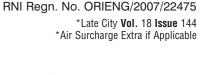
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Spared no effort in my service to nation: Modi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

As he completes eight years in office, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday asserted he did not give any reason to countrymen to hang their heads in shame. And with his eyes on the Gujarat Assembly polls later this year, Modi launched a slew of projects for the State, where he was joined by Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

"I have spared no effort in my service to the nation in the last eight years. I have neither allowed, nor personally done any such work that will make you or even a single person of India hang his head in shame. In 8 years, we made honest efforts to build India of the dreams of Bapu and Sardar Patel," he said while addressing an event after inaugurating a multispeciality hospital in Rajkot.

Modi's developmental push during his visit to Gujarat included the inauguration of world's first Nano Urea Liquid plant by IFFCO at Kalol. He along with Shah also addressed a seminar of 7,000 leaders of various cooperative institutions, which, in a way, is seen as a Patidar outreach.

Modi inaugurated the newly-built Matushri KDP Multispeciality Hospital in Atkot, Rajkot, managed by



Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets the crowd at an event in Gandhinagar on Saturday

Patel Seva Samaj and cited it as region. an example of what Government-private sector collaboration can achieve.

The PM will on May 31 visit Himachal Pradesh, which too will elect a new Assembly by the year-end. Modi had last month gone for a tribal outreach in Gujarat by addressing a big rally in tribal-dominated Dahod and launched projects

Modi said it is apt that he is on Gujarat soil on the eve of 8 years of service to the motherland and thanked the people of the State for giving him the opportunity and "sanskars" to serve the country.

Enlisting his performance, he informed that now more than 3 crore families have got a pucca house, more worth ₹22,000 crore for the than 10 crore families have

been freed from open defecation, more than 9 crore sisters have been freed from smoke in the kitchen, more than 2.5 crore families have got electricity connection, more than 6 crore families have got drinking water connection and more than 50 crore beneficiaries have got health coverage for up to ₹5 lakh free of cost.

He said the prices of fer-

tilisers have increased due to the Covid-19 pandemic and war in Ukraine, but the Government has ensured that the farmers in the country do not face scarcity of urea and other inputs. "An imported urea bag of 50 kg costs ₹3,500 but it is given to farmers at ₹300, which means the Government spends ₹3,200 per bag out of its pocket," Modi pointed out.

No forced night shift for women workers in UP

Employers must seek her written consent for work before 6 am & after 7pm: UP Govt order

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/AGENCIES LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh Government on Saturday urged employers not to force women employees to work after 7 pm and before 6 am without their written consent. The move is being seen towards providing a secure working atmosphere for women work ing in factories across the State and to protect their professional rights.

Also, the Government has asked employers to provide free transportation, food and sufficient supervision, if women exceed their working

Women workers shall be provided free transportation from her residence to workplace by the employer of the factory and back.... Employer shall ensure toilets, washrooms, changing rooms, drinking facilities and lights in the workplace (sic)," the order read. "No woman worker shall

be bound to work without her written consent before 6 am and after 7 pm," said the UP Labour Department in an

Strict action is to be taken

against those violating the State ries of the region concerned

Government order which surfaced on Saturday The order said it is mandatory to provide facilities like On the other, the labour washrooms, drinking water,

changing rooms and light in the workplace. "Employer shall take appropriate steps to prevent sexual harassment. The employer shall maintain a complaint mechanism in the factory itself as prescribed in the Sexual Harrassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal)

Act," the order read. Not less than four women should be allowed in a shift between 7 pm and 6 am.

According to sources, the order would be applicable in the private sector as well.

The employer is also expected to send a monthly report electronically or otherwise to the Inspector of facto-

about the details of women workers engaged during the night shift.

inspector has also been entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring safe working conditions for women workers and conducting inspections from time to time to ensure that there is no non-compliance with the provisions at the work-

The order also stated that on refusal to agree for night shift, a woman employee cannot be terminated, else action can be taken against the employer.

The UP Government has notified the exemptions to women workforce across all the mills and factories in the state under the powers vested in the Factories Act-1948 following the work plan of women employees.

IndiGo fined ₹5L for denial of boarding to special child

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on lakh on IndiGo for denying boarding to a specially-abled child in Ranchi on May 7.

In a statement, DGCA chief Arun Kumar said that the handling of the special child by IndiGo ground staff was deficient and ended up exacerbating the situation. "A more compassionate handling would have smoothened the nerves, calmed the child and would have obviated the need for the extreme step resulting in denied boarding to the passengers," read the order.

'Special situations deserve extraordinary responses but the airline's staff failed to rise up to the occasion, and in the process, committed lapses in adherence to the letter and spirit of the Civil Aviation Requirements (regulations), it

noted.
"In view of this, the com-



petent authority in the DGCA has decided to impose a penalty of ₹5 lakh on the airline under the provisions of the relevant Aircraft Rules," it added. Based on the findings dur-

ing the enquiry, a show cause notice was issued to IndiGo Airlines through its authorised representative, it stated.

The DGCA said in order to avoid such situations in the future, it would revisit its own regulations, making it mandatory for airlines to take the airport doctor's written opinion on the health of a passenger before making a decision to deny boarding.

Moreover it said that the new regulations would make sure that there is also a written consultation with the captain of the aircraft for his or her opinion on allowing

such a passenger on board.

On May 7, IndiGo had "inappropriately" denied boarding to the Hyderabadbound specially-abled child, and thereby his accompanying parents also did not go.

Some doctors travelling on Ranchi-Hyderabad of May 7 had also requested the airline to let the child, and thereby his parents, board the

Father of Kerala boy who raised provocative slogans arrested

PTI KOCHI

The father of the minor boy, who had courted controversy by allegedly raising recent march organised by the Popular Front of India (PFI) in Kerala's Alappuzha, was taken into custody from his house in Palluruthy here on Saturday, police said.

The family, including the boy, was reportedly away from the house ever since a purported video, in which the child could be seen sitting on the shoulder of a person and raising offensive slogans during the "Save the during the "Save the Republic" rally held by the PFI on May 21, went viral on social media platforms prompting police to register a

A police officer told PTI that the father was taken into custody and would travel to nearby Alappuzha soon for detailed interrogation. Further procedures would be decided later.

88% adults fully vaccinated against Covid PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The world's largest Covid-19 vaccination programme launched two years ago in India has so far covered 88 per cent of the country's adult population with 193 crore 11

However, the achievement came amid reports of detection of B.A. 4 and 5 variants of the Omicron in Maharashtra. Four patients of B.A. 4

variants and three patients of B.A. 5 variants were listed in Pune, as per the latest report of Genomic Whole Sequencing. But sources said as of now there is no cause of worry as the new variants are not virulent as compared to the original Omicron.

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya took to Twitter to announce the coverage milestone. "Over 88 per cent of the adult population is now fully vaccinated against #Covid19. Congratulations India! Keep following Covid appropriate behaviour even after getting vaccinated," said Mandaviya in a tweet.

According to the Ministry,



of the total Covid-19 doses administered so far to the care workers, 1.04,06,837 have received the first dose, 1,00,38,523 the second vaccine dose and 51,90,970 have been administered the precaution dose

Also, 1,84,18,839 frontline workers were administered the first dose, 1,75,81,512 with the second dose and 86,14,104 with the precaution doses.

Covid vaccination for the age group 12-14 years was started on March 16, 2022. So far, more than 3.36 crore

(3,36,37,974) adolescents have been administered with the first dose and 1,57,55,480 with the second dose of the Covid vaccine. Over 3.36 crore adolescents have been administered the first dose of Covid-19

vaccine since the beginning.
In the age group 15-18 years, 5,93,90,523 doses have been administered as the first dose and 4,54,76,127 doses as the second dose.

A total of 55,70,67,459 vaccine doses were administered as the first dose, 48,93,11,452 vaccine doses were given as the

second dose and 7,58,822 precaution doses as in the age group 18-44 years. Similarly, for the age group

of 45-59 years, 20,32,34,041 have received the first dose. 19,06,90,583 have received the second dose and 13,25,064 have been administered the 12,70,79,287 vaccine doses were administered as the first dose, 11,89,27,472 as second and 1,84,36,849 as precaution doses to the people over 60 years. Meanwhile, as many as 2.685 new Covid-19 cases were recorded in the last 24 hours in India, taking the active caseload to 16,308, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

informed on Saturday. The daily positivity rate stood at 0.60 per cent while the weekly positivity rate is at 0.54 per cent. According to the Health Ministry, India's Covid recoveries reached 4,26,09,335 with 2,158 fresh recoveries in the last 24 hours.

India's Covid-19 tally crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16.

Balbir, Vikramjit AAP's pick for RS from Punjab

PNS CHANDIGARH

Noted environmentalist Balbir Singh Seechewal and philanthropist Vikramjit Singh Sahney will be the can-didates of the ruling Aam Aadmi Party for the Rajya Sabha from Punjab as the party cleared their names on Saturday

Both the nominees, who are assured of a Rajya Sabha berth now, are Padma Shri recipients. While Seechewal is a noted environmentalist, Sahney is an entrepreneurphilanthropist.

The announcement was made by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on his Twitter handle. "I am happy to announce that AAP is nominating two Padma Shri awardees for the Rajya Sabha. One is environmentalist Padma Shri Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal and second is Padma Shri Vikramjit Singh Sahney. My best wishes to both of them," said Mann in a

Mann's announcement declaring Seechewal as the AAP candidate came a day after he participated in a function at Seechewal, where he urged the noted environmentalist to give his ideas for protecting the environment. Seechewal is known for his efforts to clean the 160-kmlong holy rivulet Kali Bein in Kapurthala's Sultanpur Lodhi. Sikhs believe that Guru

Nanak Dev got enlightenment after taking a dip in the Kali Bein. Seechewal's work was also applauded by the late President APJ Abdul Kalam, who visited his village twice.

Known as 'Eco Baba', he was hailed as one of the top 30 Heroes of the Environment in the world by the *Times* maga-

Centre to design ways to curb fake reviews on e-commerce websites

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ **NEW DELHI**

To protect consumer interest, the Centre on Saturday announced that it will develop a framework to curb fake reviews posted on e-commerce websites. Online customers rely heavily on the reviews given their inability to physically inspect the product. This makes them vulnerable to fake reviews when they look for the opinions and experiences of users who have already purchased the good or service

"The Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) will develop this framework after studying the present mechanism being followed by the ecommerce entities in India and best practices available globally," the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food &



Public Distribution said. The move came a day after

Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh held a meeting with various stakeholders on the issue. During the meeting, issues related to "paid reviews, unverifiable reviews and absence of disclosure in case of incentivised reviews which make it challenging for consumers to recognise genuine reviews" were discussed.

The Ministry, along with the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI), held

a virtual meeting with various stakeholders, including ecommerce entities, to discuss the magnitude of fake reviews on their platforms, which mis-lead consumers into buying online products and services.

The experts said the modus operandi is simple: The advertiser creates a website or a Facebook page/profile, and starts selling via their page on the social media platform, taking users to their portal

Facebook declares they are

cyber offenders and treats them

as "unhealthy".

Once they receive pay ments for their orders, they delay in dispatching the products and by the time Facebook women's section.' completes its feedback process to understand whether the advertiser is legit or a scam, the fraudsters make quick money and shut their operations once

Olympiad to be held here from July 28 to August 10. The Olympiad, the biggest ever global chess meet hosted

According to All India Chess Federation (AICF) sec-

Previously, the Olympiad in Batumi, Georgia, held in 2018, had set a record with 184 and 150 teams in the open and women's sections respectively from 179 countries.

World champion Magnus Carlsen of Norway, the highest

Record 343 teams from 187 nations to take part in Chess Olympiad

record number of 343 Ateams from 187 countries will take part in the 44th Chess

by India has two specific categories — Open Section and women's section.

retary Bharat Singh Chauhan, the Event Director, "We have a record-breaking 187 countries registered with 189 teams in the open section and 154 in the

is eligible to field an extra team in both sections and has an opportunity to field a third team in case of odd number of

et, will be the star attraction after he confirmed his participation in the mega event. India, as the host country,

entries, the release said.



two teams each in the Open and women's sections with the likes of Vidit Gujrathi, Nihal Sarin, P Harikrishna, teenaged sensations R Praggnanandhaa and D Gukesh along with women stars Koneru Humpy, D Harika and R Vaishali being

included in the squads.



Paid leave to menstruating working women sought

Social activist writes to Union Min

NIMAI CHARAN SAHU ■ SAMBALPUR

On the eve of the World Menstruation Day on May 26, eminent social worker Ranjeeta Priyadarshini, in a heart-touching letter to Union Minister of Labour & Employment Bhupender Yadav, demanded 'paid leave' to women workers during the 'period

time'. "Since women constitute nearly one-third of the total workforce in India, such a provision is necessary for them as these are the most 'discomforting days' for them but they have to work under compulsion," wrote Ranjeeta.

"As a previous employee in the heavy metal industry, I have encountered numerous cases where women workers suffered during their periods while at work due to lack of access to proper toilets, restrooms, etc. Some of the most common symptoms that

are cramps, backache, migraines, profuse bleeding, etc," she explained.

"According to Article 15 (3)

and Article 42 of the Indian Constitution, the state shall create special provisions for women providing just and humane conditions for work. And hence, my petition asking the Ministry of Labour to implement a 'no-questionsasked', paid monthly period leave for all women workers in the country is what necessary for a civilised country," said

Working women in India face additional challenges because they are often unable to freely talk about periods or the pain they endure every month as it's still a taboo in the soci-

If widely introduced, women, transgenders and non-binary workers who menstruate can stand to gain direct pathways to rest when they need it most and be happier and more productive at work. Further they can find it easier to remain in the labour

shame or stigma attached to requesting a 'period' leave. A monthly menstrual cycle paid leave, if passed, would provide a healthier working environment for all women workers who menstruate, she ex-

"I demand respect for me and all the women workers because we are the backbone of our Indian economy," she

"Sign the petition and share widely," she further appealed to one and all.



Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik talks to actor Sonu Sood at the Naveen Niwas in Bhubaneswar on

Vig holds training for forest officers

he State Vigilance Department conducted a two-day training programme on anticorruption laws and forest of-

for Odisha Forest Service officers at the State Vigilance Academy here on May 26 and

Vigilance Director YK Jethwa inaugurated the training programme and advised the forest officers to focus on preventive vigilance and improving transparency, a core agenda under the 5T framework of the State Government.

He added that prevention of leakage in execution of forest projects required close supervision and audit and such training would provide tools to the officers towards effective administration.

Among others, former DGP Dr Anup Pattanaik, former IFS officer Prabhakar Behera, Dr Arun Mishra, former Fire Services, Home Guards and Civil Defence DGP M Akhaya spoke on various aspects of the

B'swar man takes orphans for shopping, dining

Offers them chance to pick dresses, eat foods of their choice

UBACHAK MOHANTY ■ BALESWAR

orphans.

A social and political activist of Baleswar town is earning applause from various quarters for his noble job which could bring soulful cheers on the faces of some

Bikram Panda, taking cue from the district administration of Gajapati district, on Monday, took 15 children including five girls of an orphanage located on the outskirts of town along with the staff to a prominent shopping mall and urged them to choose dresses of their choice. And after purchasing dresses, he took them to a restaurant and offered them lunch of their choice. These children were ferried to the town by the conveyance provided by Panda. The children were very

happy to get dresses and foods.

"People come to our home and donate generous foods as well as dresses but in this case Panda gave us the freedom to choose the things as per our choices. This was a unique and unforgettable experience. We are highly thankful to him," the children said. The inmates of the orphanage, 'Karuna Gouri' located near Fuladi were ferried by Panda

"In fact it was inspired by watching the district Collector, Gajapati. He had given dresses to the children of a distressed home. So, I thought to extend a similar gesture to the children of this orphanage," said Panda. He said that the expenditure was around Rs

He further said those who have money should spend at least 5 to 10 per cent of their income for these kinds of people in distress.

Notably, Panda is involved in several social and philanthropic activities and he is also a member of an organisation which is building an old age home on the outskirts of the

Break taboos about menstruation: Meera | Series of crimes: 4 guns seized; 7 held

Panel discussion at RD varsity ahead of MH Day

PNS BHUBANESWAR

Ahead of the Menstrual Hygiene Day on May 28, the Youth4Water, UNICEF and RD Women's University hosted a panel discussion titled 'Engendered Menstrual Hygiene Management Education and Awareness: Fostering Transformation with Diverse Gender Groups' on here on Friday.

The panel consisted of social activists from the Diverse Gender Group such as Meera Parida, Sadhana Mishra and Lora Mohapatra. The panel also consisted of two youths from Odisha, Anwesa Dutta and Sarthak Sarangi from Youth4Water who asked relevant questions on the topic. The experts enlightened the

BHUBANESWAR

Mahapatra, Vice-Chancellor,

SOA University, inaugurated

an ICSI Bhubaneswar Chap-

ter seminar on "Limited Liabil-

ity Partnership Act & RERA"

He said, "We have to guide

ur students to become a s

human being and teach them

ethical issues and utilise our

universal human values." He

emphasised on quality, skills,

new innovation, holistic devel-

opment and practical knowl-

edge-based education. He also

stressed on the National Edu-

cation Policy (NEP), machine

learning and artificial intelli-

gence. Guest of honour CS

Sandip Kumar Kejriwal, ICSI

Central Council member spoke

about the various new initia-

tives of ICSI for the members

and students of the institute.

He also spoke about the services

Ashok Kumar

 P_{rof}

on Friday.



audience of about 100 on the issues that diverse gender during groups face menstruation. Overall, the topics discussed during the session focused on understanding menstruation with Diverse Gender Groups perspective, the physical and mental issues related to menstruation

in gender diverse population and challenges faced by diverse gender groups.

"The transgender persons face thousands times more problems during periods," said Meera Parida. "We need to have a system in place to talk about menstruation more freely with diverse gender

ICSI holds meet on LLP Amendment Act, RERA

groups. The transgender community is the most less talked about group in our society and the problems they face during menstruation go unnoticed. We need to break the taboos

and myths surrounding menstruation," she added. Mohapatra demanded gender neutral public toilets.

In Puri

Rattled by a series of crimes, the Puri police have launched a crackdown on the illegal firearms trade in the holy town and on Saturday arrested seven persons on the charges of possessing illegal weapons.

The accused were identified as Ratikanta Parida, Bikram Panda, Ashok Sahu, Rudra Prasad Rout, Harishchandra Prusty, Lokanath Das and Ranjit Kumar Mohanty.

Police recovered four country-made pistols including 9mm and 7mm bores, live ammunition, an iron rod and a motorcycle from the arrestees possession.

Puri SP Kanwar Vishal Singh said, "We have arrested

seven anti-socials and recovered four firearms from their possession. The accused have several cases pending against them.'

"As many as 16 firearms have been seized from Puri so far this year. The drive against possession and use of illegal arms will continue in the future. We are hopeful to identify and nab the source of inter-district illegal weapons

racket soon." Singh added. Police busted the racket while investigating the murder case of Shivaram Patra, who had been shot dead near Emar Mutt in Puri on Tuesday night. Police detained the main accused in the murder case identified as Chandan

II Exam evaluation from June 2

BHUBANESWAR

he evaluation of answer sheets for the annual Plus II Examination-2022 would commence from June 2, informed the Council of Higher Secondary Education (CHSE) on Saturday.

The evaluation would be made in two phases; one phase from June 2 to 12 and the second from June 13 to 22. The papers completed in the

first phase of examination would be evaluated first. The evaluation of rest of the papers would be conducted after completion of the examination. The entire evaluation would be completed within 24 to 26 days. The CHSE is planning to

announce the results of examination in all streams, Arts, Science, Commerce and Vocational courses, in first week of July, source said.

Like every year, the papers of all the subjects in Science and Commerce streams will be evaluated online at more than 37 centres in four zones of the CHSE -- Brahmapur, Sambalpur, Baripada and Central. The offline evaluation for the papers in Arts and Vocational courses would be con-

ducted at 64 centres. More than 12,000 teachers would be engaged in evaluation of the answer sheets amid tight security. CCTV cameras would be installed at all evaluation centres for transparency in evaluation. The annual Plus II Examination for the year 2022 began from April 28 and is scheduled to be completed

African lioness

on May 31.

Snakebite suspected

BHUBANESWAR

 ${f A}$ n African lioness at the Nandankanan Zoological Park on the city outskirts died due to a suspected snakebite on Saturday morning.

With this, the number of lions in the zoo came down to

was suspected that the lioness that was kept in enclosure-30 (B) was beaten by a venomous snake on Friday. Later, it died while undergoing treatment. However, the exact cause behind death of the lioness would be revealed once the postmortem report comes

in, the authorities added.

CMC raids Gupchup vendors | Action plan for urban flood, waterlogging ahead of monsoon

 ${m A}$ team of the Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC) on Saturday raided the houses of Gupchup vendors at Nakei Padia in the Shankarpur area in the city. The health squad conducted the raid at Nakei Padia, where around 50 families were involved in Gupchup business.

The CMC took the stringent action against the vendors following repeated complaints alleging that the eatable was being prepared in unhygienic conditions.

The inspection team found that unhygienic water was used during preparation of the food item. The officials later seized and destroyed a large quantity



of substandard items used during preparation of the food.

The officials also reprimanded owners of roadside eateries and warned them to

not repeat the same in future. "The way the food is being prepared is unhygienic. We

took the step today after the vendors did not pay any heed to our repeated warnings. We have decided to impart training on food safety and the basic standards of hygiene to the vendors," said a CMC of-

BHUBANESWAR

being provided by Company

Secretaries in practice as well

in service for the corporate sec-

tor and the society. While CS

Divesh Goyal, Company Sec-

retary, New Delhi, spoke about

he Department of Housing and Urban Development has asked all urban local bodies (ULBs) to prepare an action plan for management of flood and waterlogging in the urban areas during upcoming monsoon season. Director Municipal Administration Sangramjit Nayak has directed all Municipal Commissioners and Executive Officers of Municipalities/ NACs to follow certain recommendations while preparing the action plan so as to prevent and manage waterlogging /flood like situation. Nayak asked to make inspection of all drains/ manholes and repair or replace

drain cover to prevent acci-

the LLP Amendment Act, PK

Biswal, Member (Admn),

Odisha Real Estate Regulatory

Authority, dwelt on the RERA

protection available to home

buyers. Chapter chairman CS

In case of closed drains and machine holes, it is required to check the cover and see whether those have been damaged and there is any chance of an accident, Nayak said. The Municipal Commissioner and Collectors were asked to take immediate steps to repair and cover the holes. In case, it is not possible to repair the same, it was directed to put appropriate signage to caution people so that accidents can be avoided. Like previous years, the

ULBs have to take up joint verification with respective drainage division/ MI division of Water Resources De-

partment to ensure desilting and repair of all clogged/ choked drain channels before the onset of monsoon. The officials were also asked to identify vulnerable water logging areas/low lying areas and take appropriate steps for discharge of water expeditiously at the time of emergency by

Jyotirmoy Mishra, secretary CS

Bimal Prasad Pattanaik and

other Managing Committee

members, Company Secretar-

ies, other professionals of Odisha

attended the seminar.

prepositioning pump sets. "Wherever there is encroachment of drain channels which causes obstruction to the free flow of either storm water, rain water or waste water, the same should be demolished forthwith and channels are to be kept obstruction free," he said.

Legal action, wherever required is to be initiated

against the defaulting person or institution in order to prevent them from further encroachment, the DMA told the officers.

It is seen that a large volume of construction and demolition materials are being piled up inside the drains and on the road side which run away through rain water causing drain congestion. Therefore, the DMA directed to take out silting materials from the drains immediately to prevent them from re-entering drains. Rampant use of polythene in urban areas is a major cause for drain channel clogging leading to water logging in adjacent low-lying areas. The DMA asked to

monitor the same. The DMA further ordered to strengthen enforcement of polythene

For control of vectorborne diseases like malaria, dengue and Japanese encephalitis, besides water borne diseases like diarrhoea and jaundice, Nayak asked the Collectors to ensure there is no water logging in habitation areas. All ULBs are requested for formation of Unified Command and Control Centre headed by the Commissioner/EO with members from other line departments/ agencies including Fire Services to manage the flood like situation within their jurisdiction, he stated.

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HSRPs made mandatory for all old vehicles

Violations to attract fines up to Rs 10K

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ BHUBANESWAR

he State Government has made affixation of High-Security Registration Plates (HSRPs) mandatory for all class of old vehicles which were registered prior to April 1,

Earlier, the HRPS has already been made mandatory for all new vehicles registered on or after 1 April, 2019.

given at least thre months' time to fix the HSRP on old vehicles before enforcement is undertaken by the Transport Department and police officials. Accordingly, different deadlines have been set for vehicles as per its registration

As per the order, August 31, 2022 is the deadline for the vehicles carrying Odisha registration mark and registration number ending with 1 and 2, while September 31, October 31 and November 30 is the deadline for the Odisha regisending with 3 and 4, 5 and 6 and 7 and 8, respectively.

Similarly, the vehicle owners carrying Odisha registration mark and registration number ending with 9 and 0 would have to affix the HSRP by December 31

If the vehicle owners fail to replace the existing number plates with HRPS before the above-mentioned deadlines, e-challans will be issued against the offending vehicle and attract fine of Rs 5,000 or Rs 10,000 under Section 192 of MV Act, 1988 as the case may

The order also said that legal action would be initiated against dealers or any other person found to be selling and supplying HSRPs in the State without being authorised by vehicle manufacturers.

As per the guidelines issued by the Transport Commissioner, HSRP would be affixed by the vehicle manufacturers (OEMs) and their authorised dealers only. Only the HSRP vendor authorised by the vehicle manufacturers (OEMs) would supply the HSRPs only to their authorised dealers.

Illegal tollgate in Bargarh to be removed

An illegal tollgate installed by one Ashoka Bildkan on the Barahgoda-Nandatikra Rural Development (RD) road in the suburbs of Bargarh town will be removed.

Sub-Collector Shuvendra Kumar Samal has asked Ashoka Bildkan to remove the tollgate at a tripartite meeting held at Bargarh District Magistrate's Office on Friday morning. The Highway Users Forum had complained that the tollgate was being illegally run.

A petition was filed by the forum with the district Collector on May 5.

Mishra, the president of the forum, had threatened to launch agitation if the tollgate was not lifted.

The meeting was attended by Additional SP Pradyumna Kumar Mishra, Municipal Executive Officer Narayan Dandasana, other departmental officials, and representatives of the Highway Users Forum and of Ashoka Bildkan.

Covid death

kin get Rs 50L

PNS BRAHMAPUR

Deceased B'pur cop's

Brahmapur SP Dr Sravan

Vivek M handed over a cheque

worth Rs 50 lakh out of the

Chief Minister's Relief Fund

here on Thursday to

Anuradha, wife of frontline

Covid Warrior SR Narashingh

Das who died of Covid-19

Late Das was working as a

Home Guard in Brahmapur

Police District who tested Co-

rona positive while on duty

during second phase of the

pandemic and had died. The

son of the deceased received

Earlier, the SP had also

handed over similar ex-gratia

payment of Rs 50 lakh from

the Chief Minister's Relief

Fund each to the family mem-

bers of late ASI Krushna

Chandra Mandal and late

Constable Jitendra Pradhan

who died of Covid while on

while on duty.

the cheque.

On Friday, Er Debabrata

K'JHAR: ENERGY EFFICIENT BLDG DESIGN MEET HELD

tion programmes would continue in the coming days.

|GPCDA HOLDS COVISHIELD VACCINATION CAMP (Pix)

organised a vaccination camp here on Saturday to administer

the precautionary dose (Covishield 3rd dose) to all the owners

of medicine shops and their employees who had taken the

earlier Covishield dose 270 days back. This was informed by

GPCDA secretary P Satyanarayana. GPCDA president. Bishnu

Prasad Panda and secretary Satyanarayana said such vaccina-

Keonjhar: A two-day programme on 'Energy efficient building design' was organised by the Department of Energy at Keonjhar from May 26 to 27. The motto was how to lessen use

INBRIEF

Brahmapur: The Ganjam and

Phulbani Chemists' and

Druggists' Association

(GPCDA) with the coordi-

nation of the BeMC



of energy by bringing a change in the design of house construction and renovating the existing building, besides using minimum number of appliances for cooling and heating. While the programme was inaugurated by PD, DRDA, Keonjhar, Vishnu Prasad Acharya, officials of Road and Building, PWD, Municipality, designers and architects among others also participated. Energy consultant Ashok Nanda, Tarkesh Mishra and their team members coordinated the programme.

|SHG MEMBERS PROVIDED JERSEY COWS IN GANJAM

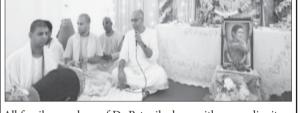
Chhatrapur: The Ganjam district administration on Friday gifted a cow each to the members of SHGs under the Mission Surabhi scheme of the Mission Shakti Department in an event at Satrusol village of Subalaya



panchayat under Ganjam block. Chhatrapur MLA Subash Behera inaugurated the programme in the presence of Collector Vijay Amruta Kulange, DRDA PD Sindhe Duttatreya Bhausaheb, Ganjam block Chairman Samista Pradhan and BDO Biswajit Roy. Each beneficiary was provided a Jersey cow. In the first phase, 10 cows were handed over. Total 600 cows are to be provided to SHG members of different villages under Ganjam block.

PROF SABITA PATNAIK REMEMBERED

Brahmapur: The first death anniversary of former Odia Professor of Mahamayee Women's College and writer Dr Sabita Patnaik was observed on Wednesday at the Odisha Bhavan in Chennai. Sumitra Krishna Kant Das of Iskcon was chief guest.



All family members of Dr Patnaik along with many dignitaries, friends and well-wishers paid their homage to Dr Pattnaik. They recalled the contributions of Dr Patnaik to Odia language and literature and her loving and caring nature.

In Kandhamal Youth held for abduction, rape of minor

PNS ■ PHULBANI PHULBANI: The G Udaygiri

police in Kandhamal district have arrested a person on the charges of raping a minor girl after abducting her on May 18 on pretext of providing her a iob.

The accused, identified as Santosh Digal (31), was arrested from Adasikupa village under the G Udayagiri police station.

According to reports, two youth on a motorcycle spotted the victim, who was standing alone at roadside at Dakedi village. They engaged her in conversation and assured her to provide a job.

Later, the duo took her to Damiguda village where they

raped her in an under construction house at night. Later, after three days they

shifted the girl to another location at Kalinga village from where the victim managed to escape from their clutches and informed her family about the incident. Based on a complaint by the victim's family, the G udaygiri police registered a case and raided various locations and apprehended Santosh. Following medical examination of the victim, the accused was booked under Sections 363, 366, 376(2)(n) and 506 r/w 34 of the IPC and POCSO Act. The accused was forwarded to a designated POCSO court in Phulbani,

police said.

Despite public outcry Ganjam hospitals hit

Transfers from MKCG con-

tinue nonstop KRUSHNA CHANDRA PANDA BRAHMAPUR

In spite of a huge public outcry on the dearth of experienced and senior doctors in the MKCG Medical College and Hospital, Brahmapur, for last few months, the health services in the MCH as well as in other hospitals across the district seem to have remained unchanged.

Sources said that again another four doctors have reportedly been transferred from the MKCH recently. The MCH has received only two doctors as against four transferred from the institute. According to a social worker, two well known Child Specialists who were not attending any private clinic and were shouldering a lion's share of work load

by doctor crunch in the Paediatrics Department were transferred earlier to different other hospitals of the State for reasons best known to the State Government and the Health Department.

According to information available, the healthcare service in Ganjam district continues to be neglected. Sources said that, out of the four doctors of Kukudakhandi Community Health Centre, three of them have gone on study leave to different medical colleges. The health centre is currently being managed by only one doctor as against a sanctioned strength of ten, sources said. The situation of Aska Sub-Divisional Health Centre is worse. According to information available, the hospital is being currently managed by only three doctors as against a sanctioned strength of 14 which is quite alarming. The dearth of doctors in almost all the hospitals in and around Ganjam dis-

Mineral Cong team hails JSP gasification tech



BHUBANESWAR

Over 60 delegates of the National Mineral Congress, organised by the Indian National Committee World

ANGUL/

Mining Congress and supported by the Union Ministry of Coal, visited the coal gasification plant (CGP) of the Jindal Steel & Power (JSP) at Angul on the second day of the Mining Congress on Saturday.

JSP Managing Director VR Sharma and other senior officials explained to the visiting delegates various features of the CGP and the process for production of synthesis gas. The JSP is the first steelmaker in the world to produce steel through the CGP-DRI route.

Addressing the first session of the National Mineral Congress at Bhubaneswar on Friday, JSP Chairman Naveen Jindal said, "Coal gasification is the future of coal." He highlighted the benefits of coal gas technology for producing clean energy.

"We are committed to take care of the environment and simultaneously ensure economic development for becoming the 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat' through the application of green technologies like coal gasification. The industry needs to collaborate with each other and work together to make this technology more efficient," Jindal added.

Participating in the session, JSP MD VR Sharma said, "The synthesis gas produced from the CGP contains 60% hydrogen." He suggested that more coal gasification plants be pro-

duty at the Brahmapur Traffic moted in and around coal-bear-Police Station and in Bada ing areas so that the logistics Bazar PS under Brahmapur expenses are minimised. Police District, respectively. IIT Prof tours country to promote solar energy | NTPC Darlipali launches mobile health clinic



BHUBANESWAR

 $M_{
m an}$ is responsible for the huge problem of climate change impacting the world today which can only be countered by harnessing solar energy to meet all kinds of requirement, Prof Chetan Singh Solanki from IIT, Bombay

Prof Solanki, who is known as 'Solan Man' and is on an eleven-year 'yatra' through different States of the country since 2020 to propagate his thoughts about energy solution, said his objective was to shift the country's focus towards completely harnessing solar energy for all needs by

Touring Odisha at present, Prof Solanki said he was trying to build a consensus through peoples' movement across the country in favour of solar energy so that the worry about carbon emission could be eliminated com-

He had already covered more than 21,000 km while passing through 11 States over a period of 547 days.

He took out a rally from SOA's headquarters at Khandagiri to its faculty of engineering, Institute of Technical Education and Research (ITER), on Friday and subsequently addressed students on the need to switch over to solar energy on the subject 'Climate Change, Energy Swaraj and I'.

The Madhya Pradesh Government has appointed him as 'brand ambassador' for the propagation of solar energy in the State.

ROURKELA

Darlipali, Sundargarh, Head of Project AK Tandon launched a mobile health clinic under community development of NTPC Darlipali for better healthcare of people in the peripheral villages.

Tandon, along with senior officials and CMO of NTPC

Darlipali and the Sarpanches of nearby villages flagged off the mobile health clinic accompanied with two doctors including a lady doctor and three paramedical staffs and a nurse.

The health clinic would ensure better medical facilities at doorstep, free-of-cost access to medical consultation along with free medicines. The medically-equipped vehicle would

give major emphasis on reproductive health services such as antenatal and postnatal care along with other minimum test facilities.

The clinic would operate for 24 days in a month and cover more than 25 villages of different gram panchayats like Darlipali, Raidihi, Laikera, Loising, Rajpur, Godmal, Chandnimal and J Raiboga.

DBF, Nabard launch project for tribals Over 500 farmtending these synergies in

ers in Rajgangpur, Kutra covered ■ RAJGANGPUR

The Dalmia Bharat Foundation (DBF) has undertaken the 'WADI' project in association with NABARD. The project aims to strengthen the value chain in tribal development and boost the financial growth of families of 38 villages under Rajgangpur and Kutra panchayats.

Through the initiative, farmers have been organised to form committees in every village, and set up a Farmer Producers Company by bring-



ing 500 farmers together. Over 420 beneficiaries will receive assistance in mango and cashew plantation on 420 acres of land while 80 beneficiaries will be provided assistance in apiculture.

Commenting on the undertaking, said Chetan

Shrivastav, Unit Head, Dalmia Cement Bharat Limited, Rajgangpur, said, "Our partnership with NABARD and the 'WADI' model of tribal development goes a long way with successful adoptions in West Bengal and the North East region.

Rajgangpur and Kutra, with a core focus of empowering tribals to lead a sustainable livelihood."DBF is expediting various programmes under NABARD's 'WADI' project in a bid to make farmers financially independent. These include soil conservation, development of water resources, women empowerment through Self Help Groups (SHGs), training, skill development, income-generating programs such as goat farming, pig farming, poultry, apiculture, earthworm rearing, community nursery etc. The project includes health awareness and health check-up camps as well.

In Rayagada Tribal women trained in jackfruit processing

A five-day training on jackfruit processing was organised by Agragamee at Mallijharan of Kashipur block of Rayagada district. 30 women, mostly tribal, from Koraput,

Kandhamal, Nabarangpur and

Rayagada districts participated.

They were trained in fourteen

types of food items.

BADAL TAH ■ RAYGADA

A separate session on preparation of pickle, badi and other items from raw jackfruit was taken up, where the trainers from Social Development Foundation, Talcher, gave several tips. Theoretical and practical orientation were provided to prepare squash, syrup, jam,



pappadam, murukku, honey, cake, cutlet, bhaji, laddu, chips, etc. The participants were curious about the novel opportunities in processing of raw jackfruits and were visibly excited about the prospects of the undertaking the raw jackfruit pro-

son. The inaugural ceremony was attended by former GM, NABARD Bhuban Mohan Patnaik, former senior officer of Agriculture Department Ekadasi Nandi and director, Agragamee, Achyut Das. The trainees were encouraged by

Vidya Das and advisor Mahendra Nath. The training programme was managed by Budhadev Das from Agragamee. Marketing agency such as Mamata Udyog was also present for entrepreneurship develop-

China setting up emergency airbase near Ladakh

fter readying Hotan airbase Afor operating H-20 stealth bombers, China is now setting up an emergency airbase in Tashkurgan district of Xinxiang opposite eastern Ladakh which is likely to be operationalised by September.

This will be the first Chinese-built high-speed air-base located in the Tajik Autonomous Region of Tashkurgan, Kashgar Province. Tashkurgan County is located in the Uighur Autonomous Region, an important strategic point bordering Tajikistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan which is close to Ladakh.

The military infrastructure is being ramped up by China post-Galwan Valley incident in June 2020 in which 20 Indian army soldiers were killed by the PLA troops. The Indian Army also inflicted heavy casualties to the PLA that has only confirmed deaths of

China has also tested oper-

year and is now setting up an emergency airport in Tashkurgan district of Xinxiang opposite Ladakh, top sources

"The construction of the airport is going on in full swing and is likely to be launched on a trial basis in September this year." said defence experts tracking developments in the region.

It could not be immediately ascertained if the emergency airbase would also have landing facility for the H-20 stealth

The development comes close on the heels of reports of construction of a second bridge on the Pangong Tso Lake in eastern Ladakh by the PLA amid Beijing's continued bid to ramp up military infrastructure along the Line of Actual

In June 2021, in the midst of the continuing standoff with India in eastern Ladakh, China had begun final trials of the H-20 bombers at Hotan airbase,



before induction as an area weapons, as reported by the Pioneer in June last year.

The testing exercise of the stealth bombers concluded on June 22, 2021 marking 100 years of formation of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and its rule.

At least three H-20 bombers, developed as an area specific asset, are aimed at blunting the edge India acquired through the acquisi-

The stealth feature and long endurance o the H-20

bombers coupled with capa bility to carry heavy payloads could potentially dodge the "detect and disable radar" capa-

bility of Rafales, The H-20, though officially not announced by China yet, is likely to be deployed early next year following required tweaks at the Hotan base, opposite Ladakh, early next year, sources said.

The Chinese intention of making these strategic bombers an area specific asset is clear from Beijing's decision to designate the Hotan base as a test-

machines before being deployed in the area to take on targets in Afghanistan, Balochistan or Ladakh.

Post-Galwan valley incident in June 2020, there is a marked shift in Chinese strategy of deploying troops on the ground in areas bordering Ladakh as well as ramping up air defences to respond to any challenges with full might, offi-

Earlier, the H-20 bombers were slated to be inducted in 2025. However, the timeline has been compressed which signals a shift in China's approach in the region and the larger geopolitical space. The H-20s are also estimated to be capable of carry-

defences of enemy According to a 2020 Pentagon report on Chinese military power, the H-20s are estimated to have a range of 5,281 miles and lift capacity of

Jaishankar calls for better connectivity with neighbours

With the Government stepping up its efforts to strengthen ties with neighbouring countries, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Saturday called for better connectivity with Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar for faster development.

He also said these endeavours by India are part of its 'Act East' and 'Neighbourhood First' policy and will have enormous reinforcing impact beyond the confines of South Asia.

Addressing the Natural Allies in Development and Interdependence (NADI) coning nuclear payloads and carry clave in Guwahati, Jaishankar stealth missiles to defy air said the realisation of this is evident from the potential of the Bay of Bengal İnitiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation(BIM-STEC) on the Bay of Bengal region. The BIMSTEC includes Bangladesh, Bhutan, India,

Land connectivity through Myanmar and sea connectivity through Bangladesh will open up all the ways to Vietnam and Philippines, he

"Once this becomes viable on a commercial scale, it will create an East-West lateral with sweeping consequences for the continent," the minister added.

Elaborating upon it, Jaishankar said it will not only build on the partnership with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries and Japan, but will actually make a difference to Indo-Pacific Economic Framework that is now in the making, the minister said.

Jaishankar said that work on restoration of 6 historical rail links with Bangladesh, dormant since 1965, is underway and overland trade is taking place using 28 notified land customs stations and 3 integrated check points.

ability to overcome geography and rewrite history if only we can get the politics and eco-

nomics right," he said.

Jaishankar said this vision can be successfully realised by enhancing connectivity with Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar to improve access to the ASEAN countries and

beyond. "When done with imagination and on scale it can have repercussions far beyond immediate issues of the day. An India that is more connected to the northeast and a northeast that is more connected to India's neighbours will mean a complete transformation of the regional economy," said Jaishankar.

"Instead of being regarded as a frontier, the northeast region will emerge as a hub in itself. Its resources and skills will have a more ready market and the supply lines will be

SASB CEO accused of using foul language, detaining CPWD engineers

The Central Public Works
Department (CPWD)'s
Engineers Association has
accused CEO of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) Niteshwar Kumar for using derogatory language against their two engineers and illegally detain/arrest of them for delay in completion of a project. The Association also urged the Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to probe the matter against Kumar and SSP Ramban. The CEO of SASB is considered close to Lieutenant Governor Sinha.

In a letter sent to the Housing and Urban Affairs minister, the CPWD Engineers

Association demanded that IAS officer and CEO of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) Niteshwar Kumar and SSP, Ramban simply misused their authority and to take necessary action as deemed fit as per service rules against them for of abusing local engineers and forcing their "illegal detention" for 10 hours.

The copy of the letter was also marked to the Secretary, Housing and Urban Affairs and Directorate General of

This incident took place on May 25 when SASB CEO, Nitishwar Kumar, visited Chanderkote in Ramban district where the CPWD is constructing 18 cluster type dormitories for the shrine board.

As per the letter, during the inspection, Kumar, lost his temper, Seemingly on account that some pending finishing

He used derogatory lan-guage and hurled abuse on CPWD officers. Not satisfied with this act of his, he further ordered, verbally, to SSP Ramban to arrest/ detain the Executive Engineer and Assistant Engineer of CPWD.

CPWD superintending engineer, Mohan Lal wrote to Jammu & Kashmir chief secretary eight hours after the two engineers were "detained" by the Ramban police giving details of the sequence of events while seeking immediate intervention for the release of two

NCB uncovers drug trafficking network, arrests eight in raids

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With the arrest of eight people, including a Nigerian National, in different operations, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on Saturday claimed to have unearthed a major pan-India heroin trafficking network in the country. The NCB has also seized about 35 kilograms (kgs) of narcotics worth more than Rs 100 crores in the international market from the pos-

session of the accused. According to a senior NCB official, the operation began on May 24 after the federal antidrug agency first intercepted two women passengers who landed in Bengaluru from stated to be citizens of some Zimbabwe and about seven kg of heroin was seized from

Their questioning led NCB officials to various other links a Nigerian national identified as the "kingpin" of the network and other operatives staying in the national Capital and irsi in Madhya Pradesh.

In this operation, 34.89 kg of high-grade heroin has been seized and eight people arrested, the NCB said.

This was a major heroin trafficking network operating across the country, it said. Out of the eight, one accused is a Nigerian and the rest are Indian nationals. Three more women,

African nations, have been apprehended and they will be arrested once the agency gathers evidence against them, a senior NCB official

According to the statement issued by the NCB, Rs 5.8 lakh in cash was also seized during the operation. The Nigerian kingpin from Delhi used to ask Indian lady handlers to arrange women carriers who would fly abroad and bring drugs concealed in their

They were paid for each trip along with all travel expenses by the cartel, the

Widening difference in maths learning outcome among girls and boys: NAS survey survey. The last NAS was held

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The National Achievement The National Achievement Survey (NAS) conducted by the Ministry of Education has found there is a widening difference in mathematics learning outcomes among girls and boys as they reach higher classes. The survey conducted by Department of School Education has also indicated that the worst hit by academic disruptions during the pandemic are those studying in state-government schools.

The survey found that girls and boys begin at an almost level playing field in mathematics but by the time they reach high school, there is already a gap in learning out-comes which becomes even wider by class 12 when boys significantly outperform girls in the subject. For example in class 3, the

national average score for girls in mathematics is 301, which is not significantly different from that of boys (300) It is comparable in class 5

when girls scored 280 and boys 281. In class 8, the national average score for both boys and girls are equal, but already in some states, girls' performance appears to be declining.

most stark and the national scores reflect that girls are at 216 and boys at 219. The NAS was conducted throughout the country for classes 3,5,8 and 10 on November 12 last year.

About 34 lakh students of 1.18 lakh schools in 720 districts from both rural and urban areas participated in the

in 2017. The NAS covered government, governmentaided and private schools. The achievement tests along with the questionnaires — pupil questionnaire, teacher questionnaire and school questionnaire — were developed and translated in 22 different languages by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). This nationwide survey was administered by the CBSE in one single day at the same time. The survey was managed through the technology platform designed and developed by National Informatics Centre

significant difference in the national average of the performance of boys and girls since last survey, the number of states and UTs in which performance of girls was better than boys increased significantly this year in comparison with the 2017 survey. For example, in Language, girls in class 3 performed better than boys in 33 states and UTs against 18 states in 2017 survey. Similarly in class 5, girls in 33 states and UTs performed better than boys in Language while girls performed signifi-

While there was not much

In Mathematics, girls in class 3 performed better than boys in 16 states and UTs as against previously. Similarly in class 5, performance of girls was better than boys in 14 states and UTs in comparison with six states and UTs last time.

states and UTs, in last survey.

CBI questions Karti for 3rd | Plea challenging sections of Place of Worship Act filed in SC day in bribery-for-visa case

The CBI on Saturday questioned Lok Sabha member Karti Chidambaram for the third consecutive day in connection with alleged bribery of Rs 50 lakh in the issuance of visas for 263 Chinese workers in 2011 when his father P Chidambaram was the Union

The Congress MP who FIR said. arrived at the CBI headquarters in the morning was questioned till the evening, officials said. On Friday, he was confronted with documents connected to 11-year bribery scam.

On May 14, the CBI had registered a fresh FIR against

Karti and others on the allegations of a bribe of Rs 50 lakh being paid to him through his close associate and Chartered Accountant S Bhaskararaman, a top executive of Vedanta Group company Talwandi Sabo Power Ltd. (TSPL), which was setting up a power plant in Punjab for re-issuance of project visas for 263 Chinese work-

The agency has already arrested Bhaskararaman in connection with the case.

The CBI FIR has stated that the work for setting up the power project was being executed by a Chinese company and was running behind sched-

"Hindus are

NEW DELHI ■ AGENCIES

Another plea challenging the Constitutional validity of certain sections of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act 1991 was filed in the Supreme Court on Saturday stating that the said Act violates the principles of secularism.

The plea, filed by a religious guru based in Mathura, Devkinandan Thakur, has chality of Sections 2, 3, and 4 of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act 1991, stating that it offends Articles 14, 15, 21, 25, 26, 29 of the Indian constitution and violates the principles of secularism and the rule of law, which is an integral part of the Preamble and basic structure of the Constitution.

fighting for the restoration of the birthplace of Lord Krishna for hundreds of years with peaceful public agi-tation, but by enacting the Act, the Centre has excluded the birth-

place of Lord Ram at Ayodhya but not the birthplace of Lord both are the incarnations of Lord Vishnu- the creator," the petitioner said.

Advocate Ashwini Upadhyay, Rudra Vikram, residents of Varanasi, and Swami Jeetendranand Saraswati, a religious leader, among others have already filed a plea in the apex court against the Act.



away the r approach the Court and thus the Right to Judicial Remedy has been closed.

Section 3 of the Act bars the conversion of places of worship, by stating "No person shall convert any place of worship of any religious denomination or any section thereof

The pleas read that Act 1991 is void and unconsti-Sections 2, 3, and 4 of the Act tutional for many reasons," the

into a place of worship of a dif-

Section 4 bars filing of any suit or initiating any other legal proceeding for the conversion of the religious character of any place of worship, as existing on August 15, 1947.

or any section thereof."

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ferent religious denomination

The Places of Worship the right of Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, and Sikhs to pray, profess, practice and prorogate religion (Article 25).

The Act infringes on the rights of Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, and Sikhs to manage, maintain and administer the places of worship and pilgrimage (Article 26)," it added.

Naveentam Co-operative Group Housing Delhi-110085

Notice is hereby given to Public that mem-bership of late Sh. Sadhu Singh (M.No.121) was transferred to Ms. Surinder Kau lominee) ID/o, of Late Sh.Sadhu Singh i the Naveentam CGHS Ltd. (Regd. No.412 G/H), Plot No.7, Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi-110085 in the Special General Body Meeting dated 04.05.2014. Now name of Ms. Surinder Kaur has been forwarded by the society to RCS office for clearance of nembership for draw of lots on 27.04.2022 in Schedule-VII of DCS Rules 2007. If any person(s) having any claim/objection respect of this mermbership are requested to inform /file his/her objection to the under om the date of publication of this notice

President-For Naveentam C.G.H.S. Ltd PUBLIC NOTICE Through this newsletter, I am

informing the general public that

mv client's original lease deed No.-2826. Dated 26/08/1985 seller-New Okhla Industrial Developement Authority, buyer-M/S Skipper Fabricators and original lease deed No.-2260/ 2261, Dated 11/08/1997 seller-M/S Skipper Fabricators, buyer-M/S Ganpati Auto Industries, which is registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Noida. Both the above original lease deeds have gone missing somewhere in the National Capital Region, whose missing information has been lodged with the Crime Branch, Delhi on 29/04/2022. The gentleman who has received both the above deed, olease kindly make it available at mv address. The gentleman who deliver will be given a respectable remuneration.

> (Chandra Shekhar) Advocate

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

(Amount in Lacs)											
				QUARTE	R ENDED	YEAR ENDED					
SI.	Particulars	STANDALONE			CONSOLIDATED			STAND	ALONE	CONSOLIDATED	
No.		March 31, 2022	March 31, 2021	Dec 31, 2021	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2021	Dec 31, 2021	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2021	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2021
		Audited	Audited	Un-Audited	Audited	Audited	Un-Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited
1	Total Income from operations (Net)	51.63	94.29	69.91	181.82	88.29	248.83	215.57	301.17	512.69	277.17
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	28.62	1,014.77	-337.48	326.43	821.22	813.97	720.47	1,472.02	2,754.38	726.60
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	28.62	266.23	-337.48	326.10	206.92	813.97	720.47	723.48	2,754.05	372.50
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	42.97	312.04	-562.19	352.26	294.44	578.35	523.10	770.86	2,563.14	461.59
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (after tax)	250.58	389.52	14,340.73	704.70	417.86	15,795.12	16,202.45	1,909.75	18,519.40	2,714.85
6	Equity Share Capital (Face value of share is Rs. 10/- each)	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as per Financial Statements of previous year)	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A
8	Earnings per share (EPS) (of Rs. 10/- each) (Not Annualised)										
	(a) Basic and Diluted EPS (before exceptional Items) (in Rs.)	0.17	4.24	-2.25	1.41	3.63	2.31	2.09	6.07	10.24	3.26
	(b) Basic and Diluted EPS (after exceptional Items) (in Rs.)	0.17	1.25	-2.25	1.41	1.18	2.31	2.09	3.08	10.24	1.84

NOTES:

Place: New Delhi Date : 28th May, 2022

- 1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/ Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/ Annual Financial Results are available on the stock exchange website, www.nseindia.com, www.bseindia.com and on the Company website www.modirubberlimited.com.
- 2. The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their respective meeting held on May 28, 2022. The Statutory Auditors of the Company have carried out an audit of the aforesaid results.
- 3. Previous quarter/ year end figures have been rearranged and / or regrouped, wherever necessary, to make them comparable with those of the current quarter/ year end.

By order of the Board (Alok Kumar Modi) Managing Director DIN-00174374

Russia takes small cities, aims to widen east Ukraine battle

Russia asserted Saturday that its troops and separatist fighters had captured a key railway junction in eastern Ukraine, the second small city to fall to Moscow's forces this week as they fought to seize all of the country's contested Donbas region.

Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov said the city of Lyman had been "completely liberated" by a joint force of Russian soldiers and the Kremlin-backed separatists, who have waged war in the eastern region bordering Russia for eight years.

Lyman, which had a population of about 20,000 before Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24, serves as a regional railway hub. Ukraine's train system has ferried arms and evacuated citizens during the war, and it wasn't immediately clear how

the development might affect

Controlling the city would give the Russian military a foothold for advancing on larger Ukrainian-held cities in Donetsk and Luhansk, the two provinces that make up the Donbas. Since failing to occupy Kyiv, Ukraine's capital, Russia has concentrated on seizing the last parts of the region not controlled by the separatists. "If Russia did succeed in taking over these areas, it would highly likely be seen by the Kremlin as a substantive political achievement and be portrayed to the Russian people as justifying the invasion," the British Ministry of Defense said in a Saturday assessment.

Fighting continued around Sievierodonetsk and nearby Lysychansk, twin cites that are last major areas under Ukrainian control in Luhansk



Lyman or Sievierodonetsk will

be theirs, they are wrong.

province. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy reiterated that the situation in the east was "difficult" but expressed "If the occupiers think that

On Tuesday, Russian troops took over Svitlodarsk, a small municipality south of Sievierodonetsk that hosts a

intensifying efforts to encircle and capture the larger city. The governor of Luhansk warned that Ukrainian soldiers might have to retreat from Sievierodonetsk to avoid being surrounded. The advance of Russian forces raised fears that residents would experience the same horrors as people in the southeastern port city Mariupol in the weeks before it fell.

Sievierodonetsk's mayor, Oleksandr Striuk, said Friday that some 1,500 civilians have died there during the war, including from a lack of medicine or because of diseases that could not be treated while the city was under siege.

Before the Sievierodonetsk was home to around 100,000 people. About 12,000 to 13,000 remain in the city, where 90% of the buildings are damaged, the mayor told The Associated Press. Ukraine's

noon that the city is "under constant enemy fire" and civilians were wounded, but did not specify the number.

Just south Sievierodonetsk, volunteers worked to evacuate people Friday amid a threatening soundtrack of air raid sirens and booming artillery. AP reporters saw elderly and ill civilians bundled into soft stretchers and slowly carried down apartment building stairs in Bakhmut, a city in northeast Donetsk province.

Svetlana Lvova, the manager of two buildings in Bakhmut, tried to convince reluctant residents to leave but said she and her husband would not evacuate until their son, who was in Sieverodonetsk, returned home.

"I have to know he is alive. That's why I'm staying here,'

of Mariupol ended last week when Russia claimed the city's complete. The city became a symbol of mass destruction and human suffering, as well as of Ukrainian determination to defend the country. More than 20,000 of its civilians are feared

Mariupol's port reportedly resumed operations after Russian forces finished clearing mines in the Azov Sea off the once-vibrant city. Russian state news agency Tass reported that a vessel bound for the southern Russian city of Rostov-on-Don entered Mariupol's seaport early Saturday.

Meanwhile, the Ukrainian navy said Saturday morning that Russian ships "continue to block civilian navigation in the waters of the Black and Azov seas" along Ukraine's southern coast, "making them a zone of

Protest seeking resignation of Lankan Prez enters 50th day

s the ongoing anti-Government protest Ademanding the resignation of Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa over the worst economic crisis entered its 50th day, organisers on Saturday said the day would be marked with more intense agitation marches with wider participation.

Sri Lanka is near bankruptcy and has severe shortages of essentials from food, fuel, medicines and cooking gas to toilet paper and matchsticks. For months, people have been forced to stay in long lines to buy the limited stocks.Sri Lanka's economic crisis has created political unrest with a protest occupying the entrance to the president's office demanding his res-



ignation continuing for the past 49 days. The crisis has already forced prime minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, the elder brother of the president, to resign on May 9.

There has been an intense call for President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to also

resign however, he has refused to do so. Saturday marks the 50th day of the "Go

The Sri Lankan police have on occasions used force to control the unrest.

"The continuous protest demanding the resignation of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has reached its 50th day today. The day is to be marked with protest marches with wider participation," the organisers said. The action started on April 9 when protesters walked into the Galle Face promenade central Colombo and camped there blocking the entry gate to Rajapaksa's presidential office.

They expanded activities at the site by naming it GGG 'Gota Go Gama (village). A reference library, a theater, a political podium with cultural and religious

Palestinians: Teen killed by Israeli fire

AP ■ JERUSALEM

The Palestinian Health Ministry said Israeli forces shot and killed a teenager on Friday during an operation in a town near Bethlehem in the occupied West Bank.

The ministry identified the slain teen as Zaid Ghunaim, 15. It said he was wounded by Israeli gunfire in the neck and back and that doctors failed to save his life. The death raises to five the number of Palestinian teenagers killed during Israeli military operations in the

West Bank in the past month. Israeli-Palestinian violence has intensified in recent weeks with near-daily arrest raids in Palestinian-aḋministered areas of the West Bank and tensions around a Jerusalem holy site sacred to both Muslims and Jews.

Police inaction moves to centre of Texas shooting investigation



¬he actions — or more The actions notably, the inaction — of a school district police chief and other law enforcement officers moved swiftly to the center of the investigation into this week's shocking school shooting in Uvalde, Texas.

The attack that left 19 children and two teachers dead in a fourth grade classroom was the nation's deadliest school

shooting in nearly a decade, and for three days police offered a confusing and sometimes contradictory timeline that drew public anger and frustration.

By Friday, authorities acknowledged that students and teachers repeatedly begged 911 operators for help while the police chief told more than a dozen officers to wait in a hallway at Robb Elementary School. Officials said he

barricaded inside adjoining classrooms and that there was no longer an active attack.

The chief's decision - and the officers' apparent willingness to follow his directives against established activeshooter protocols - prompted questions about whether more lives were lost because officers did not act faster to stop the gunman, and who should be held responsible.

The delay in confronting the shooter - who was inside the school for more than an hour - could lead to discipline, lawsuits and even criminal charges against police.

In these cases, I think the court of public opinion is far worse than any court of law or police department administrative trial," said Joe Giacalone, a retired New York police

Rajapaksa" protest which has also seen the PRAKASH WOOLLEN & SYNTHETIC MILLS LIMITED

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Website: www.prakashwoollen.com Extract of Audited Financial Results (Standalone) for the Quarter and Year Ended 31/03/2022

Particulars		Quarter en	ded	Year Ended			
	31-Mar-22	31-Dec-21	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-21		
	Audited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited		
Total income from operations (net)	2151.58	3900.64	1881.05	9866.13	9823.60		
Net Profit / (Loss)for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(52.69)	40.93	(0.23)	(13.17)	495.51		
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items	(52.69)	40.93	(0.23)	(13.17)	495.51		
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items	(25.81)	18.17	29.06	(5.56)	377.36		
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(12.62)	18.17	35.12	7.63	383.42		
Equity Share Capital	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98		
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	_	_	_==	_			
Earnings per share (before extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/-each):							
(a) Basic	(0.25)	0.18	0.28	(0.05)	3.68		
(b) Diluted	(0.25)	0.18	0.28	(0.05)	3.68		
Earnings per share (after extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/-each):							
(a) Basic	(0.25)	0.18	0.28	(0.05)	3.68		
(b) Diluted	(0.25)	0.18	0.28	(0.05)	3.68		
Notes:	-						

 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/ Annual Audited Financial Results (Standalone) filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/ Annual Audited Financial Results are available on the website of the Stock Exchange (www.bseindia.com) and on Company's website

For Prakash Woollen & Synthetic Mills Limited

Date: 28-05-2022

By Order of The Board Vijay Kumar Gupta

Whole Time Director & CFO

DIN: 00335325

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the share certificates No 793847 for 100 shares bearing distinctive No 216895601-216895700 standing in the name of SUBHASH MAKKAR in the books M/s PRISM CEMENTS LTD Limited, has been lost/misplaced and the advertiser has applied to the Company for issue of duplicate share certificate (s) in lieu thereof. Any person (s) who has/have claim (s) on the said shares should lodge such claim (s) with the Company's Registrars and Transfer Agents X viz KFin Technologies Pvt Limited, Karvy Selenium Tower B, PLot number 31 & 32, Financial District Gachibowli, Hyderabad 500 032 within 15 days form the date of this notice failing which the Company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificate (s) in respect of the said shares.

PUBLIC NOTICE Property No B 25 & B 26 Mayapuri, Rewari Industrial Area, Phase 2, Delhi owner of the property Mr Jagjit Singh Sahni

The partnership Deed of, M/s Sahni Bros (India) REGD ave been dissolved vide dissolution deed dated 10.04.2006 and 31.03.2011 and further no partnership has formed with Mr Chanpreet Singh Sahni.

PUBLIC NOTICE The general public is hereby informed that my client Nathoo Ram Jolly S/o Sh. Ishar Dass Jolly R/o Flat No. D-9. Akash Bharti Apartments, 24 I.P. Extension, Patparganj, Delhi-110092, has severed all relations with his daughter Rakhee grandson Sagar Marwah S/o Gaurav Marwah Both R/o 12/18, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi-110027 and has disowned/disinherited them from all his movable and immovable properties with immediate effect due to their bad and torturous conduct towards my client. Anyone dealing with them shall be doing so at his /he own risk and consequences. The general public is further notified that my client shall not be responsible for any acts, deeds, well being/ future life of Rakhee Marwah & Sagar Marwah

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ANNEXURE I Format for publishing financial results in newspapers

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[Regulation 52 (8), read with Regulation 52 (4), of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015] (Amount in Lakhs)

		For the Q	uarter ended	For the Year ended		
S. No.	Particulars	31.03.2022	31.12.2021	31.03.2022	31.03.2021	
	,	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited	
1	Total Income from Operations	2.65	1.83	15.20	6.02	
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	(65.51)	(110.64)	(324.44)	(85.89)	
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	(65.51)	(110.64)	(324.44)	(85.89)	
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	(80.52)	(42.10)	(229.99)	(793.68)	
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(80.52)	(42.10)	(229.99)	(793.68)	
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(2,458.95)	(2,378.43)	(2,458.95)	(2,228.95)	
8	Securities Premium Account	3 * 4				
9	Net worth	(2,457.95)	(2,377.43)	(2,457.95)	(2,227.95)	
10	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	59,823.71	59,808.82	59,823.71	61,820.94	
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares		34			
12	Debt Equity Ratio*	(24.34)	(25.16)	(24.34)	(27.75)	
	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -	2 8 4				
13	1. Basic:	(805)	(421)	(2,300)	(7,937)	
	2. Diluted:	(805)	(421)	(2,300)	(7,937	
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	:40	-	활	i <u>ā</u> i	
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	*	*	-	-	
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio*	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio*	(0.02)	(0.04)	(0.02)	(0.01)	

a) The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly/annual financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly/annual financial results are available on the websites of

b) For the items referred in sub-clauses (a), (b), (d) and (e) of the Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock Exchange(s).

c) # - Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with Ind AS Rules / AS Rules, whichever is

d) * - The pertinent items need to be disclosed if the said disclosure is required as per Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure

Requirements) Regulations, 2015. e) Previous periods figures have been reclassified wherever considered necessary.

Date: 27.05.2022

Place: Noida

For and on behalf of Board of Directors of

DIN: 06401442

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DIN: 00120610

ATS Heights Pvt Ltd Lovely Pathak Director

SORIL INFRA RESOURCES LIMITED

(CIN: L52190H	R2005PLC077960)									
Extract of consolidated audited financial results for the quarter and year ended 31st March 2022										
(Rs. in crores										
Particulars	3 months ended 31 March 2022	Preceding 3 months ended 31 Dec. 2021	Corresponding 3 months ended 31 March 2021	Current year ended 31 March 2022	Previous year ended 31 March 2021					
	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited	Audited					
Total income	51.18	52.39	50.41	192.27	193.06					
Net profit for the year (before tax, exceptional and extraordinary items)	3.29	2.41	0.52	8.49	23.72					
Net profit for the year before tax (after exceptional and/ or extraordinary items)	3.29	2.41	0.52	8.49	23.72					
Net profit for the year after tax(after exceptional and/ or extraordinary items)	2.68	2.01	0.40	6.20	19.35					
Total comprehensive income for the year [comprising profit/ (loss) for the year (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)]	2.77	1.88	0.53	6.29	19.75					
Paid-up equity share capital	31.50	31.50	31.50	31.50	31.50					
Reserves (excluding revaluation reserve)				236.10	229.42					
Earnings per share before extraordinary items (face value of Rs. 10 per equity share) (EPS for 3 months and year ended are not annualised)*										
- Basic (Rs)	0.85 *	0.64 *	0.13 *	1.97	6.14					
- Diluted (Rs)	0.85 *	0.64 *	0.13 *	1.97	6.14					

been subjected to a limited review by the statutory auditors of the Company

2) Key standalone financial information of SORIL Infra Resources Limited: (Rs. in crores Preceding Corresponding Current year 31 Dec. 2021 31 March 2021 31 March 2022 Audited Unaudited Audited Audited Audited Total income 48.94 49.69 47.09 179.76 160.78

31 March 2021 Profit before tax 0.88 0.83 0.44 0.17 7.57

3) The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly /yearly financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly / yearly financial results are available on the company's website (http://sorilinfraresources.com) and on the website

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For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

MeitY issues draft norms to mobilise non-personal citizen data with Govt

The Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has issued a draft National Data Governance Framework to mobilise non-personal data of citizens for use by both public and private entities to improve services.

The draft policy proposes the launch of a non-personal data based India datasets programme and addresses the methods and rules to ensure that non-personal and anonymized data from both Government and private entities are safely accessible by the research and innovation ecosystem.

Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar said the National Data Governance Framework is

Total income from operations

Net profit for the year before tax

Net profit for the year after tax

Paid-up equity share capital

(face value of Rs. 10 per equity share)

Securities pren

Outstanding deb

Debt equity ratio

- Basic (Rs)

- Diluted (Rs)

Note to financial results:

Place : Gurugram Date : 28 May 2022

Net worth

(after exceptional and/ or extraordinary items

(after exceptional and/ or extraordinary items)

(after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)]

(EPS for the guarter and year ended are not annualised)

website of BSE (http://www.bseindia.com)

Net profit for the year (before tax, exceptional and extraordinary

ensive income for the year [comprising profit for the year

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of interest for artificial intelligence (AI) startups, AI research entities and government depart-

"Its imp piece of policy framework thats being devlopd to catalyze #India's \$1 Trillion #DigitalEconomy," he tweeted.

Asking stakeholders to comment on the draft framework, the minister said the National Data Governance Framework will also accelerate digital govern-

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held on 28 May 2022. The financial results have been subjected to a limited review by the statutory auditors of the company

2) The above presentation is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly, year ended / annual financial results filed with the Stock

Exchanges under regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and other disclosure requirements) regulations, 2015. The full format of the

ment and digitisation of government with common standards, rules and guidelines for data storage and management across all departments.

The draft said during the COVID-19 pandemic, digital governance played a big part in India's resilient response to the pandemic and its impact on lives, livelihoods and the economy.

In the post-COVID era, digitisation of government is accelerating faster and data generation is also increasing exponentially which can be used in turn to improve citizens' experience and engagement with the government and governance as 'Digital Nagrik'.

The digital government data is currently managed, stored and accessed in differing and

2022

Audited

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For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

Whole Time Director

2021

Unaudited

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Previous

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venting an innovative ecosystem from emerging to its full poten-

Governance Framework Policy (NDGFP)," draft said.

ment entity.

"State Governments shall

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Whereas, Hansafion Buildcon Pvt. Ltd. is in the process of undertaking the development of Commercial Plotted Colony in sector -79, Faridabad over an area measuring 5.44375 acres in revenue estate of village Bhatola in addition to already licensed area 3.35625 acres in Sector-79, Faridabad granted by Director, Town & Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh.

And whereas, there is no third party right has been created in the said Plotted Colony.

And whereas, the earlier approved layout plan is now proposed to be revised.

And whereas, the office of Director, Town & Country Planning, Haryana Chandigarh has required

lanning, Haryana Chandigarh has required eeking of objection against the revision of 3.35625 cres and approval of proposed layout plan of dditional area 5.44375 acres as a pre-condition for

plan. Accordingly, vide this public notice objections are hereby invited from any of the allottees in the said colony on the proposed and revision of the layout plan of the said colony. A copy of the proposed and revised Layout plan bearing drg no.8332 dated 62/05/2022 and earlier approved layout drg. no. 8173 dated 10/03/2022 available for perusal on our website i.e., www.hansaflon.co.in. The said layout loan also he penused at the office of undersigned as website i.e., www.hansaflon.co.in. The said layoul plan also be perused at the office of undersigned as well as in the office of District/Senior Town Planner, Faridabad, HUDA Complex, sector-12, Faridabad. Any allottee having any objection on revised layout plan, may file his objection in the office of STP/DTP, Faridabad within 30 days of the publication of this notice, failing which it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the proposed revised layout plan.

inconsistent ways across different government entities, thus attenuating the efficacy of datadriven governance, and preof data science, analytics and AI

tial, the draft said. "The power of this data must be harnessed for more effective Digital Government, public good and innovation, thus requiring a National Data

The proposed policy will be applicable to all government departments and entities and rules and standards prescribed will cover all data collected and being managed by any govern-

It proposed to cover all nonpersonal datasets and data and platform, rules, standards governing its access and use by researchers and startups.

be encouraged to adopt the provisions of the Policy and rules,

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PTI ■ NEW DELHI

merican electric carmaker

A Tesla, which has been seek-

ing reduction in import duties

to sell its vehicles in India, will

not manufacture its products

locally unless it is allowed to first

sell and service its cars in the

country, company founder and

chief executive Elon Musk has

user asking about Tesla setting

up a manufacturing plant in

India, he said, "Tesla will not put

a manufacturing plant in any

location where we are not

allowed first to sell & service

Last month, Union Road

In a tweet responding to a

NOTICE

Director, Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi invites the

- 05 (UR-01, OBC-02, SC-01 a) Clinical Psychology Tutor EWS-01, Horizonta

b) Psychiatric Social Work Tutor - 06 (UR-02, OBC-02, SC-01 Reservation-PH-01)

Desirous candidates possessing the essential qualifications and who are within the prescribed age limit may appear for walk-in interview with their application in the prescribed format giving ful details of academic records and experience along with origina and attested photocopy of the relevant documents with recen photograph on 21.06.2022 at 9:30 A.M. at this institute. Details car be seen on the Institute website www.cipranchi.nic.in

Engineers India in India unless allowed to adopts new vision statement

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Ctate-owned consultancy **S**firm Engineers India Ltd (EIL) on Saturday said it has adopted a new vision statement that aims at the company becoming a global leader offering total energy solu-

tions.
"The energy landscape in India and across the globe is changing at a swift pace and organizations across the globe are re-strategizing their business operations focused towards sustainability, climate change and energy transition," the firm said in a statement. EIL said since its inception it has always aligned corporate and business strategies with the energy ecosystem and aims to attain leadership position across the energy sector.

"To strengthen our resolve and commitments towards futuristic goals, we at EIL, would now be driven by our new vision statement - 'To be a Global Leader offering Total

Energy Solutions for a Sustainable Future'," the statement said.

This new vision would steer EIL towards a growth and transition pathway, thus evolving the firm into a total energy consulting organisa-tion with leadership position across all the pillars and con-

stituents of the energy sector. 'The Vision Statement would also motivate and drive us to strengthen our resolve and our aspirations to be global leader providing a complete range of solutions to its stakeholders across the energy sector with focus on minimizing overall carbon footprints in processes and designs," it said.

We believe that this powerful vision statement, coupled with strong fundamentals, technical prowess and high skill sets that we possess, will further enthuse and motivate all of us at EIL to provide our niche and value added services across the energy landscape."

CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY

Tesla won't manufacture

sell, service cars: Musk

Minister Nitin Gadkari had said

if Tesla was ready to manufac-

ture its electric vehicles in India

then there was 'no problem' but

the company must not import

had said Tesla may set up a man-

ufacturing unit in India if it first

succeeds with imported vehicles

launch its vehicles in India "but

import duties are the highest in

the world by far of any large

country!" Currently, India

imposes 100 per cent import

duty on fully imported cars

with CIF (Cost, Insurance and

Freight) value more than USD

40,000 and 60 per cent on those

In August last year, Musk

He had said Tesla wanted to

cars from China.

in the country.

applications for the following post on tenure basis for a period of three years. Details of vacant posts are as under:

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M&M Q4 profit zooms to ₹1,192 crore

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Mahindra & Mahindra on Saturday reported nearly five-fold jump in standalone profit at Rs 1,192 crore for quarter ended March 31, 2022.

The company had posted a profit of Rs 245 crore for the year-ago period, it said in a statement.Revenue grew 28 per cent to Rs 17,124 crore in the period under review as compared with Rs 13,356 crore in March quarter 2020-21, it said. In full fiscal year 2021-22, the company logged a standalone profit of Rs

4,935 crore, a multi-fold growth from Rs 984 crore in fiscal year ended March 31, 2021.M&M said it achieved the highest ever standalone revenue for auto and farm segments at Rs 55,300 crore for FY22, which is 29 per cent higher than previous year's. It also said the company's auto business delivered highest ever quarterly UV (utility vehicle) volumes in Q4 with 42 per cent year-on-year growth while Farm Equipment Sector (FES) tractors market share for FY22 stood at 40 per cent, a growth of 1.8 per

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ANNEXURE I

Format for publishing financial results in newspapers

[Regulation 52 (8), read with Regulation 52 (4), of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015]

(Amounts in INR Lacs except per share data and ratios)

		For the Qu	arter ended	For the Year ended			
S.	Particulars	31.03.2022	31.12.2021	31.03.2022	31.03.2021		
No.		Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited		
1	Total Income from Operations	1,230.26	450.24	6,590.82	1,620.03		
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items*)	9.92	3.75	93.67	(247.11)		
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items*)	9.92	3.75	93.67	(247.11)		
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items*)	0.45	(1.69)	31.24	(264.38)		
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after Tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after Tax)]	(3.54)	(1.69)	27.25	(258.04)		
6	Paid-up Equity Share Capital	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(965.73)	(962.19)	(965.73)	(992.98)		
8	Net worth	(964.73)	(961.19)	(964.73)	(991.98)		
9	Paid-up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	14,789.52	14,733.65	14,789.52	14,450.70		
10	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	+	-	:		
11	Debt Equity Ratio*	(15.33)	(15.33)	(15.33)	(14.57)		
12	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each)						
	(for continuing and discontinued operations) -						
	1. Basic: (in Rs)	4	(17)	312	(2,580)		
	2. Diluted: (in Rs)	4	(17)	312	(2,580)		
13	Capital Redemption Reserve			-			
14	Debenture Redemption Reserve	-	2	-	2		
15	Debt Service Coverage Ratio*	0.0007	0.0003	0.01	(0.18)		
16	Interest Service Coverage Ratio*	0.03	0.01	0.07	(0.18)		

Place: Noida

Date: 27.05.2022

a) The above is an extract of the detailed format of quaterly/annual financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quaterly/annual financial results are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s) and the listed entity.

b) For the items referred in sub-clauses (a), (b), (d) and (e) of the Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock Exchange(s).

c) # - Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with Ind AS Rules / AS Rules, whichever is d) * - The pertinent items need to be disclosed if the said disclosure is required as per Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure

Requirements) Regulations, 2015. e) Previous periods figures have been reclassified wherever considered necessary.

> For and on behalf of Board of Directors of **ATS Infrabuild Private Limited**

Sd/-Getamber Anand Director DIN-00120610

Lovely Pathak Director DIN-06401442

(Formerly "Yaarii Digital Integrated Services Limited" & "Indiabuli (CIN: L51101HR2007PLC077999)

Yaari Digital Integrated Services Limited

Particulars	Quarter ended 31-Mar-22	Quarter ended 31-Dec-21	Quarter ended 31-Mar-21	Year ended 31-Mar-22	Year ended 31-Mar-21			
	(Refer note 3)	Unaudited	(Refer note-3)	Audited	Audited			
Total Income from Operations	50.24	52.31	82.83	204.62	247.22			
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Minority Interest and Share of								
Profit / (Loss) of Associate, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(55.85)	(60.62)	(8.15)	(156.57)	(74.74)			
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Minority Interest and Share of								
Profit / (Loss) of Associate (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items))	(55.85)	(60.62)	(8.15)	(156.57)	(74.74)			
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax, Minority Interest and Share of								
Profit / (Loss) of Associate (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(60.50)	(60.20)	(11.58)	(173.81)	(87.65)			
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the				V. 1.21 2.0 M.V				
period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(140.31)	(72.01)	(170.32)	(182.83)	125.81			
Equity Share Capital	17.51	17.51	17.51	17.51	17.51			
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the audited Balance Sheet				306.56	486.27			
Earnings per Share (EPS) before extraordinary items								
- Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(6.88)	(6.82)	(1.31)	(19.70)	(10.58)			
- Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(6.88)	(6.82)	(1.31)	(19.70)	(10.58)			
Earnings per Share (EPS) after extraordinary items	NO Charles		ADVE ODTO		F0-433 SEC03			
- Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(6.88)	(6.82)	(1.31)	(19.70)	(10.58)			
- Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(6.88)	(6.82)	(1.31)	(19.70)	(10.58)			

Date : 28 May 2022

The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 28 May 2022.

2) Key Standalone Financial Information (Rs. in Crores) Quarte Year 31-Mar-22 31-Mar-22 31-Dec-21 31-Mar-21 31-Mar-21 (Refer note 3) Unaudited Audited (Refer note-3) Audited Total Income 4.50 0.92 0.81 5.79 4.84 (Loss) / Profit before Tax (41.97)(68.48)(29.80)(178.59)(88.09)(29.80) (178.59) (88.09) (41.97)(68.48)Net (Loss) / Profit after Tax

3) Figures for the quarters ended 31 March 2022 and 31 March 2021 represent the balancing figures between the audited figures for the full financial year and published re date figures upto third quarter of the respective financial year

4) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Annual Financial Results are available on the Company's website (https://www.yaari.com) and on the website of BSE (https://www.bseindia.com) and NSE (https://www.nseindia.com). Registered Office: Plot No. 448-451, Udvog Vihar, Phase-V. Gurugram - 122016 For and on behalf of the Board of Director

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Kubeir Khera

Executive Director & CEO

STATEMENT OF AUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31⁵⁷ MARCH, 2022 Consolidated **Particulars** Year Ended Quarter Ended

	<u> </u>				31.03.2022										
_		Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited	Audited				
1	Total Income from Operations (net)	0.02		0.04	0.20	0.29	0.02	0.03	0.12	0.50	0.37				
2	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(3.57)	(0.76)	(0.78)	(5.05)	(1.80)	(4.75)	(1.65)	(1.01)	(7.52)	(3.39)				
3	Net Profit for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(3.57)	(0.76)	(0.78)	(5.05)	(1.80)	(4.75)	(1.65)	(1.01)	(7.52)	(3.39)				
4	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(3.57)	(0.76)	(0.78)	(5.05)	(1.80)	(4.75)	(1.65)	(1.01)	(7.52)	(3.39)				
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(40.97)	47.29	1.45	26.14	26.94	(191.84)	181.75	50.23	114.93	112.40				
6	Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs.10/- Per Share)	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00				
7	Reserves (excluding revaluation revaluation reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	-	•	-	i.	•	ă			0.00	-				
8	Earning Per Share (before & after extraordinary item) (face value of Rs. 10/- each)			*******			Ta Table	100 400 4							
	Basic	(1.49)	(0.32)	(0.33)	(2.10)	(0.75)	(1.98)	(0.69)	(0.42)	(3.13)	(1.41)				
	Diluted	(1.49)	(0.32)	(0.33)	(2.10)	(0.75)	(1.98)	(0.69)	(0.42)	(3.13)	(1.41)				

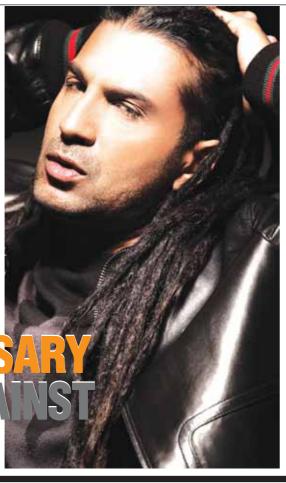
- 1) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Oblications and Disclosu Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Annual Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchanges website
- The above result have been prepared in accordance with principle and procedures of Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as notified under the companies (Indian Accounting Standards Rules, 2015 as specified under section 133 of Companies Act, 2013.
- The above results have been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on May 28, 2022. The Statutory Auditors of the Company have carried out audit for the year ended March 31, 2022 and have expressed an unmodified audit opinion on these results

Vivek Gupta Dated: 28.05.2022 DIN No. 00035916

APACHE INDIAN

The singer-songwriter and reggae DJ, who is known in the United Kingdom for the song Boom Shack-A-Lak, has recorded with Sean Paul, Maxi Priest, Shaggy, AR Rahman, Asha Bhosle, Jazzy B, among others. He speaks with SUPRIYA RAMESH about his latest song, his experience and upcoming projects

RISE AG



■What is the song Rise Up about?

Written during the lockdown, the song is about rising against all things bad and negative. Rise up and be unified, for you are not alone! Life is difficult, with or without any pandemic. Which is why, it's necessary to rise against anything that's wrong, bad, evil. We must keep rising and not let anything or anyone stop us on our path to progress.

■How did you come up with the idea of creating this music?

Dinero, my dear friend and brother from India, came up with the idea for the song. He wanted artists from around the globe to ampliwanted artists from around the globe to amplify the strong and positive message of the song and mix different genres and style of music. Big respect to him! He called me to inform that he will be sending the beat and wants me to work around the theme. He got Shibani Kashyap and Chezin on board after I wrote and composed the best. and composed the beat.

■How was your experience working on

It was difficult working abroad during the lockdown as you're all alone in the studio and are trying to pour your energy into the song. So, it was a big challenge to vibe with other artists. I was so inspired by the concept of the song that it made me go the extra mile and give Dinero more than I do. Working with him is always a pleasure. Adding to that, it's always wonderful to work with established artists who have a fire in their belly and are determined to use their name, voice to make a difference.



THE INDIAN MUSIC INDUSTRY IS WELL ESTABLISHED. DESPITE HAVING RETAINED THEIR TRADITIONAL ELEMENTS. THE BOOM OF THE INTERNET HAS MADE THE YOUNGER **GENERATION WANT TO** EXPERIMENT WITH NEW STYLES AND DIFFERENT **GENRES**

Your song Dil Lutteya and similar others in India are loved by many. How has your jour-

Dil Luteya, a song that was a collab with Punjabi artist Jazzy B is a song that is loved by people all over the world to this very day. Having been part of the industry for over thirty years, I've performed all over the world. I was brought up in Birmingham, which is known for reggae. Growing up in a Punjabi household, I got introduced to bhangra and Hindi music at a very young age. I mixed it up because that's how we were raised. We mix languages and cultures and at the same time

retain our identity. As far as my love for reggae goes, it was a movement and still is. It's a reflection of a new style, culture and an expression of freedom. Music is liberating, for it has set me free and share the joy with the world. It has indeed been an amazing journey.

■Major differences between the British and the Indian music industry?

The British music industry has a long way to go. Having said that, it does represent the new generations and always tries to mix it with the pop sound and get it crossed over. It has always been one that has been inspired by other styles; western in the 50s and 60s, or pop in the 90s followed by reggae, hip hop and underground Asian sound. On the other hand, the Indian music industry is far more establishment. lished. Despite having retained their traditional elements, the boom of the internet has made the younger generation want to experiment with new styles and different genres. Which is why I think that the Indian music industry will go through a few changes. Adding to that, it's amazing to see how big the market is for the Indian music on a global level. It's taken time, but you now see Bollywood in Hollywood. You see its influence all over the world.

■Upcoming projects?

I have a lot of upcoming tours in India and around the world along with a host of songs in the pipeline. I've collaborated with AR Rahman and Asha Bhosle and am very excited to see how things pan out. There are a few projects coming up with Dinero Ash, Shibani Kashyap and some of my own too.

Plan Your Day

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Sanskrit, used during Buddhist time to help the practitioners

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Today, the Mandala art form is used widely as a therapeutic art to channel workshop will help you start your mandala journey.

What: Workshop When: Multiple Batches

Sound of.



Music is the best medicine. Here are the top 10 songs of the week that will lift up your weekend mood

Bollywood vibes Dafa Kar (A R Rahman) Saamna (Akasa) Mast Nazron Se (Rochak Kohli) Kya Kar Diya (Vishal Mishra) Macha Macha Re (Mika Singh)

English Vinglish Psychofreak (Camila Cabello) Seven Bridge Road (Jake Bugg) Wings Of Stone (Adam Levine) FREE (John Legend) Crazy (Doechii)

BURSTING MYTHS AROUND IT

Even though menstruation is such a big part of a woman's life, it is still considered a taboo in many societies. Taboos, myths and restrictions associated with it leave a negative impact. Here are a few tips on how to maintain menstrual hygiene

or some women, menstruation may just be that time of the month when they must submit to cramps, bear some discomfort and probably not wear light-coloured clothes. Howbeit, for millions of others, this biological process can equate to abuse (the onset of menstruation can signal that a girl is ready for marriage and childbearing, even if she is still a child herself), stigma (banished to menstruation huts, barred from sharing meals) and missed opportunity (skipping school or work because of pain and/or lack of personal hygiene products).

One among the several responsible initiatives to support menstrual health and hygiene, is the Menstrual Hygiene Day which is celebrated on May 28. The date signifies the average 28-day menstrual cycle and May being the fifth month of the year, stands for the average of five days women menstruate for each month. The day is meant to advance menstruation as a normal biological process so that women can go through it without being cast out or shame and without being treated any less and exposed to more vul-

It also raises awareness about period poverty or the inability of millions of girls to afford the basic menstrual supplies needed to manage health and hygiene with dignity during this period.

Menstrual Hygiene Day is especially dedicated to informing and educating people about the impor-tance and awareness of menstrual hygiene management. Women menstruate for an average of four to six days a month for approximately 40 years. Even though menstruation is such a big part of a woman's life, it is still considered a taboo in many societies. Taboos, myths and restrictions associated with menstruation



leave a negative impact.
It is time to break the silence, cre-

ate awareness and normalise menstruation for everyone around. Here are a few alarming myths:

blood when menstruating Fact: This is a common miscon-

ception that period blood is dirty or impure. However, what most people fail to understand is that the menstrual cycle is part of a woman's reproductive system that prepares her body for a (possible) pregnancy. The menstrual blood is also the same blood that circulates throughout the

Myth: Any form of physical activity can disturb the menstrual flow

Fact: Exercising and playing sports can actually help to relieve the pain. There is no scientific evidence that exercising while you are on your period can harm your physical health

Myth: Girls on their period should sleep in a separate room or

Fact: Periods are not contagious and cause no harm to anybody else Myth: You shouldn't wash your hair during your period

Fact: You don't need to comprohabits due to your periods. There is no study that states one cannot wash her hair or take a shower on her period. In fact, a warm bath can help you with the painful cramps

Myth: Don't use heat to reduce cramps pain; it can affect hormone Fact: Heat therapy is one of the

best ways to relieve menstrual cramps. Cramp Comfort Heat Patch by Nua is the perfect example to share, these patches are inspired by a hot water bag designed to fit your life. It is a self-heating patch that emits soothing heat for up to eight hours and hugs your body to give you relief from cramps

Basic Menstrual Hygiene Do's: ♦ Change sanitary pads every four to six hours to avoid any infection. Changing sanitary pads within every four to six hours is the basic rule to establish vaginal hygiene. Menstrual blood, when released from the body. attracts various organisms from our blood and causing irritation or rash-

♦ Change panties to keep it hygienic and fresh down there. Keep separate underwear to be used during your period. If stained, wash it immediately and disinfect it. It is not hygienic to walk around in stained underwear. Keep an extra pair handy when you are going out, just in case you need it.

*Regularly wash the vaginal area. Every time you use the toilet, washing your vulva regularly is extremely important because the organisms cling to your body after you have removed your sanitary napkin. We should also use an intimate wash which is specially formulated to eliminate infection-causing bacteria like Nua's Foaming

Intimate Wash, which is a gentle cleanser that eliminates infectioncausing bacteria. The ingredients like aloe vera and lactic acid ensure it is gentle and safe for daily use.

Give importance to proper disosal. Disposing your sanitary napkins properly is an important step. Make sure not to leave it exposed or in a condition that can contaminate the surrounding and create problems for people handling that waste. Most pads come in an individual disposal cover with a resealable flap. After use, place the pad into the disposal cover, seal the flap and discard it in a bin. Don't flush them, since that will block the toilet causing the water to clog. Washing your hands properly is of utmost importance after you have discarded the used sanitary nap-

How to choose right pads according to your flow?

Understanding your body and menstrual cycle is the first step towards choosing the right pads for yourself. The flow is not exactly the same throughout your period, it starts with heavier then proceeds to You have to choose a sanitary pad according to your needs and flow.

The first time you get your period, you might want to try a regular-sized pad but if the regular size seems to be filling up too quickly, try a longer pad. It totally depends on the body shape and flow whether you need an extra-long pad with broad hip-guard or a regular one. There are some products like customisable pads available. Nua helps you choose your pack according to

It is customisable! So, if two out of your five days are heavy flow, one is medium and two are light, you customise accordingly. This will make your periods hassle-free and a comfortable experience.

Nameeta Saigal, Marketing Head, Nua



he Epic Stuff cushion covers provide cork bottom to prevent sticking /stains on the surface. It is easily washable with no

Epic Stuff India is the home of superheroes created for the nerd in you. It has got the ultimate collection of super cool officially licensed fan merchandise of Harry Potter, Friends TV show, Game of Thrones, Batman, Superman, Tom & Jerry, among others

Add some colour to your world with our vibrant Flash cushion cover! Cuddle up with your favourite superhero or show your support for the Justice League with this stylish addition to any

DC Superman cushion cover

DC Flash cushion cover

Bring home the power of Superman with this cover! Made with 100 per cent synthetic material for comfort and durability, this cover is the perfect addition to any fan's collection.

A woman's unconventional journey

Much like her one-liners, she is defined by her unabashed grit and resilience. She is not the quintessential *maa* to indulge her kids beyond measure nor does she gets bogged down by her tough life. Beyond her boisterous unpretentious and hardworking exterior, lies a woman who finds solace in little



joys of life, classic Hindi film songs and an ardent love for cricket. And it's time to know her and her story! Sony SAB brings to you a slice of life narrative in *Pushpa Impossible*, the story of a woman and her exceptional turnaround in her quest to earn respect from her family and society through education. Headlined by Karuna Pandey, the show underlines a woman's stellar transition from a victim of fate to a champion of her destiny. Pushpa Impossible premieres on Sony SAB on June 6 at 09:30 pm.

Happu Singh bana Happi Jaan!

courtesan, Jiske Ek Ada Par Hoga Pura Mohalla Nyochavar!

& TV's *Happu Ki Ultan Paltan* never fails to entertain its audience with humorous and enjoyable tracks. Every time we see the characters landing themselves into amusing situations. making for a hearty laugh for the audience. So, get ready to experience hilarity at its best as Yogesh Tripathi (Daroga Happu Singh) turns into an entertaining courtesan, sabke dilon ki Jaan, Happi Jaan! So, as it goes, in a mission to arrest a gangster named JK, Daroga Happu Singh disguises himself as a beautiful and charming



Annual cook off competition in Bangalore Regency College, Hyderabad



Academy Of Pastry & Culinary Arts, a world-renowned and esteemed group of professional culinary and pastry schools, culminating their annual cook off competition at the Bangalore center. The event featured 20 chefs from Bangalore, Hyderabad and Chennai competing as a duo to exhibit their unique culinary skills. Regency college, Hyderabad secured the first position followed by IHM Hyderabad and St Joseph, Bangalore secured second and third position, respectively in this highly anticipated event by displaying their impeccable pastry and culinary skills

The students were asked to prepare a four-course menu with progressive India themes within eight hours. The dishes prepared by the chefs were judged by chef Jagadish Purushotham, Chef Charles Jayakumar and Chef Raghunandan V.

Expressing appreciation for the participants, Niklesh Sharma, Executive Pastry Chef & Managing Director APCA said: "It was delightful to see such talented chefs create delectable delicacies and each creation is worth the mention. We appreciate the efforts of all the chefs who participated in this event and also would like to congratulate the winners."

The winning team was judged based on creativity, hygiene, taste. texture, and appearance. The top three winning teams won prizes

Chander Parkash Kathuria is championing the right's rights

The executive and judicial parts of our Government are involved in a maneuver in which they may wind up stepping on each other's toes. The case at hand is a petition seeking the court to order the Government to grant Hindus minority status in six states and three union territories where they are underrepresented numerically. The Centre has so far avoided publicly announcing its intentions, and the Supreme Court has been careful not to issue orders that could override the executive's



Haryana Sugarfed Chairman Chander Parkash Kathuria has been advocating a Public Interest Litigation filed by BJP leader and lawyer Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay in 2020, which asks the court to direct the Government to notify Hindus as a minority community in places like Lakshadweep, Ladakh, Mizoram, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Jammu and Kashmir, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, and Punjab.

According to Kathuria, there are only one per cent Hindus in Ladakh, 2.75 per cent in Mizoram, and 2.77 per cent in Lakshadweep He further adds that in States like Kerala, Jammu and Kashmir, and Punjab, where Hindus are in weak numbers, extra precautions are needed to ensure that minority communities' rights are not violated in

When it comes to the notification of Hindus as minorities in the States in question, the Supreme Court has so far simply sought the Centre's response and has avoided issuing any instructions or

Titans brace up for fight against Royals

wo leaders, who are minefields of talent in their own right, one team that has made a mockery of all betting odds and the other trying to complete a cycle that started 15 summers back, IPL final between Gujarat Titans and Rajasthan Royals is about this and much more.

When IPL started over two months back, nobody would have believed that two captains walking out for toss in the title clash will be Hardik Pandya and Sanju Samson

Remember the Titans', a 2000 Hollywood film headlined by Denzel Washington is considered one of the best sports films on the proverbial underdog story, which always has a capital.

It is not known if Titans skipper Hardik has watched it but for him and head coach Ashish Nehra, this journey of two months has been nothing short of spectacular. They have made a lot of people eat a humble pie because many, including experts, termed them a team of no-hopers post auc-

A team that looked like a rag-tag outfit with only a few good players like David Miller, considered past their sell by date, or one-match wonders like Rahul Tewatia, it didn't really look good on paper.

But then you wouldn't call cricket a "game of glorious uncertainties" if everything would be decided on paper.

A fit-again Hardik took to leadership like fish takes to water and showed the way with his performances and the reason why he will always be an asset for Indian cricket.

Miller, who played his best cricket at least five years back,



showed his 2.0 version that examples that sporting teams stunned one and all. Tewatia bind a community and perhaps Titans can strike that chord with showed that those five sixes in Sharjah wasn't a mere flash in the Gujaratis.

Rashid Khan knew that he

would be read well, so he

became all the more parsimo-nious. Wriddhiman Saha after

Rahul Dravid's hard-talk had

reached a dead-end in his career

but got a new lease of life and

been known for its sporting

Parthiv Patel or one of India's

greatest ever pacers in Jasprit

Bumrah but just like Tamil

Nadu never had an emotional

connect with a team before

CSK appeared in the horizon,

same is the case with Gujarat.

partisan and vociferous crowd

to chant "Aava De" and that's the

impact that Titans have had on

Come Sunday, expect a

History will always throw

Gujarat as a state has not

It produced players like

at least one more season to look

forward to.

exploits.

For Titans, if this is about carving a niche in-front of home crowd, Rajasthan would like to do it for someone, who would be watching up from the stars.

Shane Warne -- Rajasthan's forever first Royal had used the IPL stage in its inception year to show Australian cricket establishment what Ian Chappell had always maintained: "Shane Warne was the best captain Australia never had".

With the Ravindra Jadejas, Dinesh Salunkhes, Swapnil Asnodkars and Niraj Patels, Warne had guided tournament's then cheapest team to victory.

Thirteen summers have one but there is no Warne in flesh and blood to watch his beloved team complete a cycle of

Sanju is perhaps one of those rare Indian cricketers, who has a massive fan following despite not having played even

20 international matches for the In terms of talent quotient, there is little to choose between

Sanju and Hardik. Sanju's batting like a pendulum swinging between heroism

and insanity.

One ball, he can audaciously flick Kagiso Rabada or a Josh hazlewood for a six and the next delivery could be an atrocious shot that would make his biggest supporter tear his hair in frustra-

But captaincy has made him explore a different aspect - the skills of a manager.

It is not easy to lead a pack that has bonafide stars like Ravichandran Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Jos Buttler, Trent Boult along with young guns Yashasvi Jaiswal or Prasidh Krishna but Sanju has handled

It will be one hell of a battle where Buttler with 800-plus runs will not only fight a Lockie Ferguson or a Yash Dayal but also withstand crowd pressure:

about 1,11,000 fans would be cheering for the hosts.

Similarly, Shubman Gill would like to own the big stage and show what he can do when the canvas is as large as the IPL

Prasidh Krishna is a handful when his team bowls first but how will he react against a rampaging Miller if he has to defend in a tense situation?

What will be Hardik's tactic against a wily Chahal and an experimental Ashwin during the middle overs? Or will Buttler take risks against a Rashid

We will get all those answers in the next 24 hours.

There will be heroes, there will be heartbreaks but above everything, perhaps a contest that everyone will remember for

Squads

Gujarat Titans Hardik Pandya (c), Abhinav Manohar, David Miller, Gurkeerat Singh, B Sai Sudharsan, Shubman Gill, Rahul Tewatia, Vijay Shankar, Matthew Wade, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Wriddhiman Saha, Alzarri Joseph, Darshan Nalkande, Lockie Ferguson, Mohammed Shami, Noor Ahmad, Pradeep Sangwan, Rashid Khan, Ravisrinivasan Sai Kishore, Varun Aaron, Yash

Rajasthan Royals Sanju Samson (c), Jos Buttler, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Ravichandran Ashwin, Trent Boult, Shimron Hetmyer, Devdutt Padikkal, Prasidh Krishna, Yuzvendra Chahal, Riyan Parag, KC Cariappa, Navdeep Saini, Obed McCoy, Anunay Singh, Kuldeep Sen, Karun Nair, Ďhruv Jureĺ, Tejas Baroka, Kuldip Yadav, Shubham Garhwal, James Neesham, Nathan Coulter-Nile, Rassie van der Dussen, Daryl Mitchell,



Supernovas post 165/7 in WT20 Challenge final against Velocity

West Indian opener Deandra Dottin made full use of an early reprieve to score a blistering half-century and power Supernovas to 165 for seven against Velocity in the Women's T20 Challenge final here on Saturday.

The 30-year-old Dottin was dropped on 13 by Speh Rana off Deepti Sharma in the fourth

by Sneh Rana off Deepti Sharma in the fourth over, and she made Velocity pay for that costly mistake by making 62 off 44 balls, which was studded with one four and four sixes.

The experienced campaigner stitched 73 runs for the opening wicket with Priya Punia (28) and added 58 for the second wicket with in-form captain Harmanpreet Kaur (43 off 29 balls). For Velocity, captain Deepti Sharma, Kate Cross and Simran Bahadur took two wickets apiece, while Ayabonga Khaka got one. The Supernovas could only score 34 runs in the last five overs while losing five wickets.

Dottin and Punia gave the Supernovas a flying start after being put in to bat, scoring at a brisk pace and reaching 46 for no loss in the

Punia hit a six off Cross in the third over but her partner Dottin did even better, smashing consecutive maximums in the sixth over bowled by Rana. Punia was going strong when she got out in the 10th over bowled by Simran Bahadur, after smashing a six.

Captain Kaur, the tournament's highest scorer, came out and straightaway began collecting the runs, hitting a six off Rana in the 12th over and following it up with two maximums in the 14th over bowled by Yadav. In the

Velocity captain Deepti struck as she bowled Dottin. The Supernovas suffered a batting collapse in the death overs as they lost four wickets for the addition of just 11 runs.

Pooja Vastrakar (5) was cleaned up by Ayabonga Khaka in the 17th over before Cross claimed two wickets -- that of Kaur and Sophie Ecclestone (2) -- in the space of three

Bopanna, Middelkoop save 5 match points to knock out Wimbledon champions from Roland Garros

PTI ■ PARIS

The never-say-die spirit was 📘 at work as Kohan Bopanna and Matwe Middelkoop saved five match points to knock out Mate Pavic and Nikol Mektic, the reigning Wimbledon champions, from the Roland Garros, here on Saturday.

Bopanna's serve was as venomous as it has been throughout his career and his volleys too were as sharp as ever while his Dutch partner showed exemplary calm under pressure in an edge-of-theseat action in the men's doubles third round.

A break of serve early in the third set put them at a disadvantageous position but there was no dearth of spirit or class from Bopanna and Middelkoop, who eventually prevailed 6-7 (5) 7-6(3) 7-6 (10) in two hours and 32 minutes.

Bopana, thus, matched his

best performance at the clay court major by reaching the quarterfinals, having done it four times in the past. After annexing a set each

the pair of Mektic and Pavic got a break chance straight away in the opening game of the decisive third set when Middlekoop fired a forehand long at 30-all

Middelkoop put a terrific first serve in but Mektic found a solid return which the Dutch could not put across the net, his backhand kissing the net. Mektic had no trouble

whatsoever in making it 2-0 with a comfortable hold. Bopanna held his own and lefthander Pavic too stayed solid on his serve as the second seeds were now leading 3-1.

Bopanna made a backhand error, close to the net when Middelkoop served at 30-30 to be down by another breakpoint but they saved that and the next one too

Rafa vs. Uncle Toni: Nadal to meet Auger-Aliassime in Paris

Rafael Nadal knew this was bound to happen. So, too, did his uncle, Toni Nadal, who coached Rafael to most of the nephew's men's-record 21 Grand Slam titles. Also well aware this moment

Auger-Aliassime, the promising player who brought aboard the man known to many simply as Uncle Toni for some extra assistance last year. Once Toni and Rafael ended

their professional partnership, and once Auger-Aliassime hired Toni to work in tandem with full-time coach Frederic Fontang, they all figured that somewhere, sometime, their paths would cross.

Now it'll happen in the French Open's fourth round: Nadal vs. Auger-Aliassime. Which in some



ways is also a matchup of Nadal vs.

So, the 13-time champion at Roland Garros was asked, might there be some awkwardness there? Probably no way you'll be chatting with your uncle ahead of Sunday's meeting against the ninth-seeded Auger-Aliassime, a 21-year-old from Canada, right?

Nadal shook his head and said he already had spoken to Toni straight after beating 26th-seeded Botic Van De Zandschulp 6-3, 6-2,

"For me, it's very simple. He's my uncle. I don't think he will be able to want me to lose, without a doubt, but he's a professional and he's with another player," said the fifth-seeded Nadal, who has dealt with chronic foot pain and a rib injury this sea-Open in January.

"It's not a story at all for me. I know what the feelings are that we have between each other. I know he wants the best for me. Now he's helping another player," he said. "But honestly, for me, it's zero problem."

Auger-Aliassime, meanwhile, resolved one little bit of intrigue, saying that he expected Uncle Toni to sit in a neutral spot in the stands, rather than being forced to choose between one player's guest box or the

Fazza Dubai Para badminton: Bhagat, 4 other Indians enter semifinals

 $P^{
m aralympic}$ gold medallist Pramod Bhagat was made to toil hard by fellow junior Nehal Gupta before emerging winner in three games to enter the semifinals of the fourth Fazza Dubai Para Badminton International 2022 here on Saturday.

Bhagat, who won two gold medals at the recent Bahrain Para Badminton International 2022, came back from a game down to beat Gupta 18-21 21-15 21-11 in the men's singles SL3 event.

that time, Nehal started playing well. He is improving fast and is highly skilled. He has a bright future,' said Bhagat, who will next face Japan's Daisuke Fujihara, the Paralympic bronze medallist, in mixed

By definition, the SL3 category is for players with movement moderately affected one side of the body, both legs, or the absence of limbs.

In men's singles SL4 category, Tarun Dhillon also advanced to the semifinals with a 21-15 20-22 21-14 win over Korea's Cho Nadan.

SL4 is for players with movement affected at a low level on one side of the body, in both legs, or the minor absence of one limb.

Cup qualifiers AP SYDNEY Two players who achieved **▲** recent European club honors were among a squad of 29 named by Socceroos coach

Australia names

29-man squad

for final World

Australia's final World Cup qualifying campaign in Qatar in June. Ajdin Hrustic became a Europa League champion with Eintracht Frankfurt in Seville this month while Tom Rogic won the Scottish Premier League with Celtic FC. The players are set to arrive

in Qatar's capital Doha over the next three days as Australia attempts to qualify for a fifth consecutive World Cup.

The Socceroos' qualifica-tion hopes come down to a playoff match against United Arab Emirates on June 7 at Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium. If Australia wins that match, it will play Peru on June 13 at the same stadium. The winner of the UAE-Australia match vs. Peru will join Group D featuring France, Denmark, and Tunisia at the World Cup which will be held between Nov. 21 and Dec. 18. "We have selected a large squad for this window for a few reasons, but first and foremost because so many of our players have been in great form for their clubs over recent months," Arnold said.

Tamil Nadu, Karnataka dominate Day 2 of Indian Open Surfing

Karnataka's Ishita Malviya (6.17) and Sinchana Gowda (7.30), along with Goa's Sugar Banarse (11.27) and Tamil Nadu's Srishthi Selvam (10.37), advanced to the finals of the women's competition in the Indian Open of Surfing here on Saturday.

Banarse will also compete in the finals of the groms (16 & under) girls surf category on Sunday.

Banarse, 16 impressed all the



highest points among the women who made it to the finals at the Panambur beach.

The three-day competition is the official national championship of the Surfing Federation of India, - the country's governing body for the sport of surfing and stand-up pad-

In the Groms Boys (U16) surf category semifinals it was a clean sweep by Tamil Nadu surfers, with Kishore

judges with her surfing, gathering the Kumar leading the race by a huge mar-

Kishore emerged with the highest marks in the competition. His 15.50 points from the judges was a testimony to his impressive surfing and maneuvers that also included a reverse flip, helping him comfortably secure a spot in the finals.

The others who have made it to the finals are Tayin Arun (11.10), Naveenkumar R (10.17) and Jeevan S

Asia Cup hockey: India beat Japan 2-1 in first

Liverpool, Real Madrid play Champions League final in Paris

AP PARIS

Thousands of soccer fans were descending on Paris to see Liverpool and Real Madrid meet in the Champions League final later on Saturday.

There are milestones at stake in the Stade de France.

Carlo Ancelotti is looking to become the first coach to win European club football's top prize four times, adding to his 2014 success during his first spell in charge of Madrid. The Italian's first two triumphs came with AC Milan in 2003 and 2007. Ancelotti has already delivered the Spanish title in his first season back at Madrid, which beat Liverpool in the 2018 final led by Zinedine Zidane for a record-extending



13th European Cup. "We are handling the pressure of this very close to achieving something huge this season, and we will give our all to achieve it," celotti said.

"We are very calm in the camp. This team is very good

matches." Liverpool went on to become European champions for a sixth time by returning to the final in 2019. Since then Jurgen Klopp has ended the team's 30-year English champi-

onship drought in 2020. While the Premier League was missed out on by a single point last weekend, the season can end with a rare treble of trophies, having already won the FA Cup and the League Cup. Liverpool's route through

the knockout phase past Inter Milan, Benfica and Villarreal seemed relatively smooth. Madrid had to mount repeated comebacks. It was facing elimination in the round of 16 before two of Karim Benzema's 15 European goals this season turned around the game against Paris Saint-Germain. It took an equalizer with 10 minutes to go against Chelsea to stay in the quarterfinals before ousting the defending champions in extra

Rudrankksh makes it through qualification at Baku World Cup

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's Rudrankksh Balasaheb Patil carried forward his good form from the Junior World Cup to make it through to the last-eight stage of men's 10m air rifle competition in the combined ISSF World Cup in Baku, Azerbaijan.

The final stages are set for Sunday. India has fielded a 12member rifle squad only in this World Cup.

Rudrankksh, who emerged triumphant in the same event at the Junior World Cup held three weeks ago, shot 628.8 to finish fourth in the 78-strong qualification field.

Super 4 league match, avenge pool loss Japan threatened India ini-



PTI JAKARTA

The Indian men's hockey team scored two fantastic field goals to beat Japan 2-1 in its first Super 4 league match and avenge its loss in the pool stage of the Asia Cup here on

The defending champions,

who lost 2-5 against Japan in the pool stage, scored two eye-catching field goals through Manjeet (8th minute) and Pawan Rajbhar (35th) to register a narrow win.

Japan's lone goal came from penalty corner through Takuma Niwa in the 18th

tially and secured a penalty corner as early as in the opening minute but the Indians thwarted the danger. The Indians grew in confidence and got their footing as

the match progressed.

It was a moment of brilliance from Manjeet that handed India the lead. He made a brilliant solo run down the left

flank after receiving a pass from Pawan Rajbhar and used 3D skills to perfection to beat Takashi Yoshikawa under the Japanese bar. Maninder Singh earned India a penalty corner in the

13th minute but Nilam Sanjeep Xess' effort was saved by the Japanese defence.

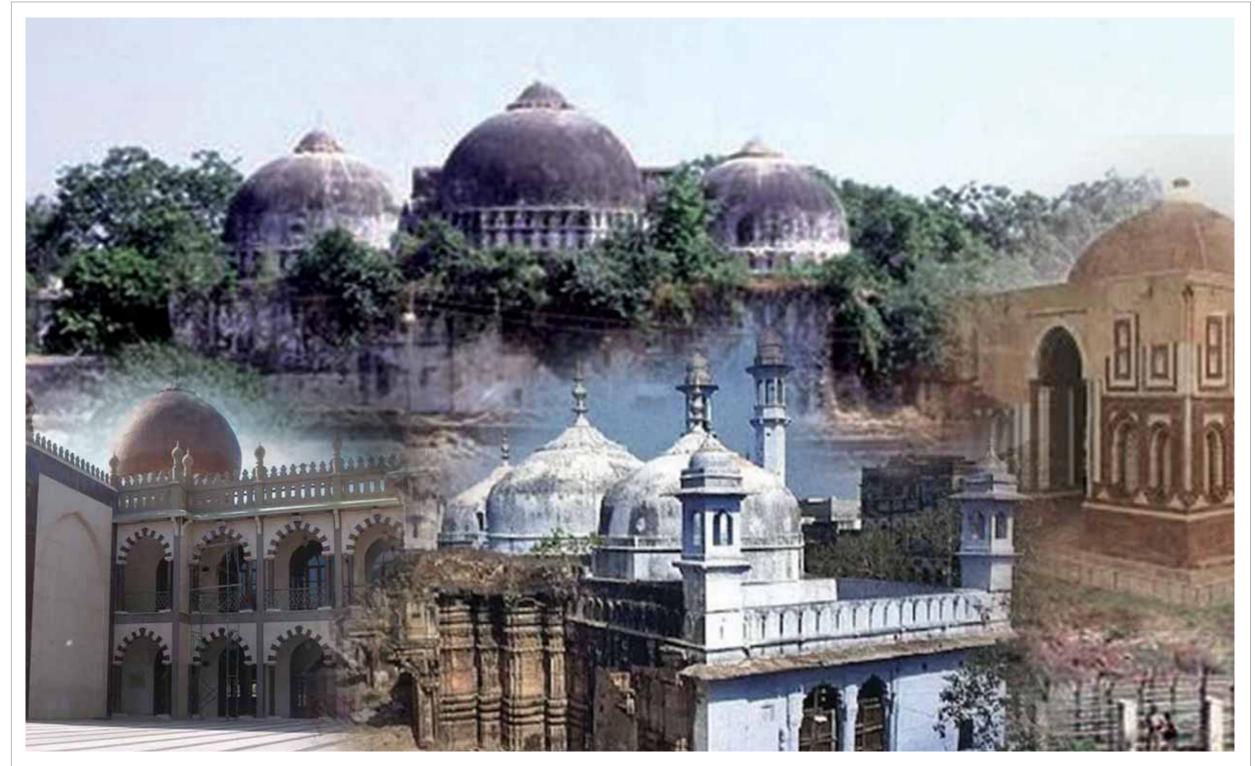
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The lesson I've learned the most often in life is that you're always going to know more in the future than you know now

— Taylor Swift





APANDORA BOX

The ongoing Gyanvapi mosque dispute has led to similar petitions being filed in other temple-mosque cases, which would have larger implications for the country, writes BISWAJEET BANERJEE

n November 9, 2019, when the Supreme Court delivered a judgment on the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Mosque dispute in Ayodhya, many thought this was the end of such contentious issue as the court in its order dwelled at length about the Places of Worship Act, 1991. But within a year, petitions were filed across the country with Gyanvapi mosque and Krishna Janmashtami- Shahi-Idgah cases hogging the limelight. Hindu organizations also filed petitions demanding they should be allowed to offer prayers at Quwwatul Islam mosque in the Qutub Minar premises in New Delhi, while another Hindu organization claimed Taj Mahal as Tajo Mahal temple of Lord Shiva and asked for the court's permission to offer prayers there

This was not limited only to Uttar Pradesh and Delhi, but in down South, too. The Vishwa Hindu Parishad volunteers demanded they should be allowed to offer prayers at the outskirt of Mangaluru after a Hindu temple-like architectural design was purportedly found there underneath the Juma Masjid on April 21 2022. The VHP claimed that the mosque was built atop Sri Ramanjaneya Bhajana Mandira. Prohibitory orders were imposed in the city after Hindu organizations said they will be organizing 'Tambula Prashne' at Sri Ramanjaneya Bhajana Mandira.

The police claim that the status quo should be maintained as the matter is already in the court and temporary injunctions have been issued to the president of the mosque as well as all the parties.

The legal battle is the latest instance of a growing phenomenon in which Hindu groups petitioning courts demanding land where mosques are located by claiming these belong to Hindus. They claim that these mosques were built after demolishing temples

A senior advocate appearing for the Varanasi mosque management committee informed the lower court that the ongoing dispute had led to "similar petitions" being filed in other temple-mosque cases, which would have "larger ramifications across the country". The statement signifies the petitions filed in different courts by Hindu plaintiffs against mosque committees across the state claiming

ownership right of land where the mosque stands now. Inevitably, such petitions claim that the said mosques were built atop Hindu temples and thus the right be restored to the rightful owner.

In the forefront is the Gyanvapi case of

Varanasi. Historians claim that originally it was

Lord Visweswar Temple. Jean-Baptiste

Tavernier, a French merchant, described a cruciform structure of the temple complex with multistoried domed towers at the four ends and at the center. It was the most sacred shrine in the subcontinent after the Jagannath Temple at Puri. In September 1669, Moghul emperor Aurangzeb ordered the demolition of the temple and a mosque was constructed in place. Initially, the mosque was called Aamgir mosque - under the name of Aurangzeb but later it was called Gyan Vapi (Well of Knowledge). Scholars attribute political reasons rather than religious zealotry to be the primary motivation for Aurangzeb's demolition. Madhuri Desai — in her magnum opus on Banaras — opines that Aurangzeb's complex and often-contradictory policies can be "more accurately analyzed in the

bigotry."

Muslims, however, argue that the Gyanvapi was constructed much before Aurangzeb's reign. Syed Mohammed Yasin, Joint secretary of Anjuman Intizamia Masajid Committee, the organization responsible for the maintenance of the mosque, claims that the mosque was built in 12th Century and later Aurangzeb renovated it in the 17th century. "The mosque was not built by demolishing the temple," he said. He claims Akbar had renovated an adjacent Shiva temple as a mark of Hindu Muslim unity. In fact, both the Kashi Vishwanath Temple and the Gyanvapi were constructed by Akbar in a true to his spirit of religious tolerance

light of his personal compulsions and political

agenda, rather than as expressions of religious

Cut to present scenario: In August 2021, five women, belonging to Vishwa Vedic Sanatan Sangh,d filed a civil suit in the Varanasi civil court on the "Right to Worship", seeking daily access to the Shringaar Gauri temple, the Swayambhu Jyotirling, the Maa Ganga temple, and the Nandi temple to offer daily prayers. Shringar Gauri is a small temple at the western side of the mosque where till 1992 Hindus

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were allowed to offer prayers. Ramatama Srivastava, a resident of Varanasi, said that he had gone there many times where a group of Hindu women could be seen offering prayers. But after the demolition of the Babri mosque in 1992, Hindus were not allowed there and the area was sealed.

Eight suits are currently pending before the Varanasi civil court, which on April 8 passed orders for videography and survey of the area by court commissioners. The survey and videography inside the mosque were carried out for three days after which the Hindu side claimed that a "shivling" was found from 'wazookhana', which is a small reservoir used by Muslim devotees to perform ritual ablutions before offering the namaz.

The lower court ordered the sealing of the premises, but the Supreme Court ordered that Muslims should not be prevented from offering prayers

Besides, a separate application seeking an ASI survey through Ground Penetrating Radar are pending in the Allahabad High Court. The Supreme Court in its directives of May 20 said that the district judge will hear the issue of maintainability of the Right to Worship petitions.

Shahi Eidgah case, in Mathura, at least 10 suits were filed in the Krishna Janmabhoomi temple and the Shahi Idgah mosque dispute in 2020, even though a compromise was reached in two sections over the title suit in 1968, and the issue was settled by the civil court.

In its new petition, Ranjana Agnihotri, who claimed herself as the "next friend" of Bhagwan Shri Krishna Viraajman, said that the 1968 compromise was achieved "through fraud". She said that the Shri Krishna Janmasthan Seva Sansthan, which had agreed to the compromise, was not the owner of the disputed land. Instead, Shri Krishna Janmasthan Trust was the rightful owner of the land.

The civil court of Mathura dismissed the case in September 2020, but the petitioner challenged the order and moved a review petition. The District Judge on May 19, 2022, directed the civil judge to re-hear the matter. Another case has been filed demanding the appointment of a Court Commissioner and videography be carried out to ascertain whether the mosque has

Hindu religion signs, as is done in the Gyanvapi case.

Petitions are also filed in other places:

QUWWATUL MOSQUE, DELHI

Ranjana Agnihotri, also moved Delhi civil court in October 2021 seeking the restoration of Hindu and Jain temples demolished to build the Quwwatul Islam mosque in the Qutub Minar premises in Delhi. Early this month, volunteers of VHP also held a prayer meeting at the Qutub Minar premises and recited Hanuman Chalisa there. The petitioners claim that 27 Hindu and Jain temples were demolished by Qutubuddin Aibak to construct the Quwwatul Islam mosque. They say the walls of the mosques are adorned with symbols of Hindu gods and goddesses. The plea had called for the restoration of the temples.

The petition was dismissed by the civil judge in November 2021. The verdict was challenged in the court of the district judge and is currently pending.

TAJ MAHAL, AGRA

In May 2022, a PIL was moved in the Allahabad High Court by Rajneesh Singh who sought a "fact-finding commission" and survey of the Taj Mahal's premises. It had argued that there are "Hindu symbols" on the premises and sought orders from the court to open the 22 locked rooms in the basement of the mausoleum. The plea was thrown out by the Allahabad High Court. Singh was pulled up for "making a mockery of the PIL system". The controversy was first stirred by Purshottam Nagesh Oak, a historian, who in his book in 1989 named "Taj Mahal: The True Story" where he claimed that the Taj Mahal initially was a Shiva temple and a Rajput palace named Tejomahalaya, which Mughal emperor Shah Jahan seized and adopted as a tomb.

The argument was debunked by a number of historians, and even the Supreme Court in 2000 rejected a petition by Oak to declare that the Taj Mahal was constructed by a Hindu king. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), in August 2017 said that that Taj Mahal was not a temple but a tomb.

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BE ALERT BUT DON'T PANIC

An outbreak of monkeypox, which is related to smallpox, in around 20 countries has alerted public health officials. The virus can, however, be contained with vaccines that are already available in some countries, doctors say, asserting that there is no need to panic. The HEALTH PIONEER profiles the disease.



ith the world still reeling from the effects of the covid-19 pandemic, the rise of a different disease called Monkeypox is putting many people on edge. It has taken into its grip atleast 20 nations. Over 200 cases have been reported so far.

Thankfully, India is spared for now. "But the only policy right now is to monitor the global scenario, step up the vigil and expand testing," Dr Nivedita Gupta, head of virology at the ICMR told a news channel.

The Centre has already issued an alert to the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) and the ICMR and asked them to keep a close watch on the situation evolving in relation to the monkeypox cases abroad. Among States, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra have been at the forefront in asking their officials to keep a watch on airports and water borders.

ICMR scientist Gupta also made it clear that monkeypox will not spread like wildfire as had happened in the case of Coronavirus as "it's not a new virus and has been in existence in some radic outbreaks."

The ICMR has designated the virus as exotic and all samples are being sent to the Pune lab for testing."All viruses which don't exist in India are labelled exotic and their samples are sent to the National Institute of Virology, Pune, which is a BSL4 facil-

ity," she said.

The facility ensures there are no chances of leakage of virus in India,

■ World No Tobacco Day (WNTD 22) is round the corner. You have

been vocal against tobacco consumption for quite a long time.

village in Haryana, born as a rheumat-

ic arthritis kid. Hailing from a hum-

ble family and having a disability,

everyday was a struggle for everything—physically, financially and

mentally. Those were very difficult days. Doctors had dumped me, say-

ing that I won't survive long. But with

the blessings and care of my mother

and my strong will, I was able to be

physically fit and played for the coun-

try. I feel bad when I see youth and

kids around me addicted to smoking

and chewing tobacco, unaware of its

harmful impact. It pains me. We have

got this precious life only for once. I

want these kids and youth to not waste

their life but help contribute to make

■ What is the reason that despite

various efforts, we have failed to curb

tobacco habits among people? Lakhs

of youth continue to succumb to the

hazardous items every year. Where

enced by the tobacco or liquor barons

in anticipation of getting funds for their party activities. Also, celebrities

At times political parties get influ-

India a strong nation.

are we faltering?

I have started my life from a small

leading to an outbreak here. "This communication has been sent to all airports. All samples of incoming passengers will be sent to the NIV," Gupta told the channel.

CAUSE: It is caused by a virus of the same name that is closely related to smallpox, which has now been eradicated from the planet. Both are members of the Orthopoxvirus genus in the family Poxviridae.

HISTORY: It was first discovered in 1958 when outbreaks of a disease causing a pox were discovered in monkeys held in captivity for research. It was first seen in humans in 1970 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and it is now endemic in Central and West Africa.

In 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) reported 4,594 suspected cases of monkeypox, including 171 deaths (case fatality

SYMPTOMS: It starts with a headache and fever, the usual things that you infection. Then, within a week or two, some people get a rash which develops into pustules. If you're covered in these pustules, then you'd have the risk of bacterial infection and, in some cases, sepsis. That's where the lethality can come from. Although symptoms often ease within a month, one in ten cases can be fatal. Children are particularly

MONKEYPOX WHICH HAS **ERUPTED IN** MANY COUNTRIES IS NOT NEW TO THE WORLD. THOUGH NO CASE OF VIRUS INFECTION HAS BEEN REPORTED IN INDIA YET, STATES AND THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT ARE KEEPING A **CLOSE WATCH ON** THE SITUATION.

Health experts say that one should not let their guard down but there is no need to panic. "We need to keep a surveillance on how it is evolving, and how many people are getting affected. Fortunately, it is not as severe as smallpox," says Dr Jugal Kishore, head of the Community Department, Safdarjung Hospital

" There is a need to keep a watch on borders and international travelers and ensure that those having rash-like symptoms or reporting fever are kept in quar-

antine as per protocol."

Dr Kishore adds that the virus can spread through touching or using clothes or towels of someone who is infected; touching monkeypox skin blisters; coughs or sneezing. Hence, health

WHO RECOMMENDATION: Given that rashes are seen in many other diseases such as chickenpox and diagnosis when identification is necessary. This has to be with PCR

TRANSMISSION: The virus generally spreads to people from infected wild animals such as rodents and primates, found in the rainforests of Central and West Africa, but humanto-human transmission can also occur. Similar to viruses like Ebola, hygiene is a must. Also, those venturing in wildlife should stop

doing so for some time.
"We encourage you all to increase the surveillance of monkeypox to see where transmission levels are and understand where it is going," the WHO's director for Global Infectious Hazard Preparedness, Sylvie Briand, said at a conference recently.

Dr Faheem Younus, Chief Quality Officer and Chief of Infectious Diseases at the University of Maryland, says: "Monkeypox cases are concerning but the risk of this becoming a COVID like pandemic is zero% Why? This virus is not novel; is typically not deadly; is less contagious than Covid and has been around for 5 decades. Also, it can be prevented by a smallpox vac-

transmission only happens in close proximity by contact with lesions, body fluids, respiratory droplets or bedding or clothes.

TREATMENT: At present, there is no specific treatment. But there are antivirals licensed to combat orthopoxviruses, such as tecovirimat. The smallpox vaccine was key to eradicating smallpox decades ago, and this vaccine can be highly effective - 85% - in preventing

BEYOND THE STETHOSCOPE

When not pursuing their profession, a breed of doctors prefer to wear different hats to keep themselves fit and centered. The HEALTH PIONEER tries to catch up with them every week.



The Long And Short Of Beard

absence of Beard is usually a sign of physical and moral weakness." Letting it grow is "reverencing the Creator's laws as above the dictates of man".

Dr. Himanshu Verma, Head of Department of Nephrology and Renal Transplant at one of the country's premier medical institutions, Safdarjung Hospital in Delhi who wears a well-groomed heard agrees. A beard does draw

who wears a well-groomed beard, agrees. A beard does draw attention. Most of the popular style icons like Ben Affleck and George Clooney too had once started growing one too.

For Dr Verma, keeping a beard is a symbol of manliness and, in fact, "It's not about just Beards, it's about Beards With Substance," he stresses.

"Whether it is long or short, I always have a beard. Beard is an asset that can make most men look quite suave and masculine," the 39-year-old doctor muses his childhood memories that connect him with Rambo-like characters equated with masculinity.

Dr Verma, a gold medalist in DM (Nephrology) from prestigious RML Hospital in Delhi finds a parallel in bearded scientists like Darwin and Aristotle known for their wisdom. He feels keeping a beard has several benefits. For instance, "it protects skin from the harmful Ultraviolet rays; it can add a layer of protection to your chin and neck; Your beard and moustache works as a filter that helps to keep allergens from entering your nose and mouth, thereby reducing chance of skin infections."

Data says, the average man spends approximately 4.5 months in shaving. Imagine all the time you would save and invest it in overall men's health. Hence, it is also a 'way to show support to men's health', Dr Verma tries to make a

Hence, whenever he gets an opportunity, he takes out time to participate at various fundraisers like the global No Shave November movement, aka 'Movember', which creates awareness about the hazards of prostate cancer and other health issues in men. It was started in Australia in 2003 and now spread across the world.

Dr. Verma, the father of two sons, laments that men do not take care of their health. "Males usually give priority heir family and in the process neglect their own he

This leads to stress in them. "Prostate cancer, unbalanced lipid profile and depression are some of the diseases that remain undiagnosed in

men and ignorance of these ailments can be fatal," points out Dr. Verma, himself an asthmatic since childhood "In fact, male depression needs to be addressed. Suicidal

tendencies among them are becoming common. This can be prevented by emotional counseling," he continues. It's not just that he loves keeping mane to highlight health

issues, this 39-year-old soft-spoken medico is also an avid bike lover, a dancer and a model who walks down fashion ramps with an equal ease.

But this first generation doctor who is also the youngest HOD in the history of Nephrology in India, amidst a huge extended family of engineers hailing from Agra, remains committed to his patients as he says my motto is: "For patient's care, I am there." We are sure his friends and patients will agree with him.

—As told to Archana jyoti

(Medicos may write to us at healthp100@gmail.com)

Tobacco is slow poison, killing our youth'

Sangram Singh is a wrestler, actor, motivational speaker, philanthropist and health guru, who wears his heart on his sleeve. Recently in Delhi to support the anti-tobacco campaign, he shared his thoughts with ARCHANA JYOTI on the need for stringent COTPA law to protect youth and kids from falling prey to the deadly products.



like tobacco, cigarettes, gutka and other harmful products like liquor,

junk food products, and online games

are like poison for the new generation.

But still there are some celebrities who,

for earning quick bucks, forget that

their callousness and greed can kill

many children and youth who take

them as their idols. I want to ask these

too, do not think twice about the illeffects their endorsement of harmful products can have on youth and kids. The Government should take

strong steps to check availability of these products while celebrities should introspect what they are promoting. So much money is spent on healthcare for people falling ill due to tobacco related diseases. It is important to implement and enforce the most effective tobacco control policies aimed at reducing the supply and demand for tobacco.

Health is something that I hold very dear. I also do not support what I do not believe in. So how can I knowingly promote something that will risk people's life? As a celebrity, it's my responsibility towards people to not endorse anything that could be harmful to human health.

Everyone knows that toxic items

many celebrities do not think twice about the ill-effects of their endorsement of harmful tobacco products on the lives of youth and kids. They do not deserve **Government awards** like Padma Shri.

It angers me that

public celebrities, will they allow their kids to chew tobacco or cigarettes, guthka and other harmful products like liquor, junk food products etc?

Activists have been seeking stringent COTPA Act such as ban on Point of Sale advertisement and on public designated smoking areas to curb tobacco consumption. What is your take on this?

I am always on the same page on all the issues if it saves a life. The $\check{W}HO$ data says that every year more than 8 million people die of tobacco consumption. The addiction continues to rapidly increase among people of all age groups in India. We all know that it causes a range of deadly diseases related to the heart and respiration system and cancer.

In such a scenario, we definitely need to not only emphasize on creating awareness against tobacco hazards but also tighten the gaps in the COTPA Bill which is giving tobacco manufacturers a leverage to play around the system. I feel that to curb tobacco consumption amid kids, Point of Sale should be banned. After all, why are we allowing tobacco items to be sold amidst candies and toys meant for kids. We should also take steps to protect non-smokers by banning designated smoking zones in airports, restaurants and hotels.

■ What is your message to youth who refuse to quit tobacco?

My advice to them is that by consuming tobacco they are not only harming themselves but also their loved ones in their homes. Smoking kills you daily. Your lungs get damaged and stamina weakens.

We get only one life. It is upto tobacco users what type of life they want to choose: good and health life or a torturous death. They have to choose between the two. If I can, who was in a wheelchair for years, win the World Wrestling Championship, anybody can quit tobacco and lead a

NEWS BRIEFS

The Government, for the first time, has proposed to introduce over-the-counter (OTC) drugs through an amendment in the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules and allow their sale in the retail market without doctors' prescription. Around 16 drugs, which include common antipyretic medicine such as paracetamol 500 mg, some laxatives, nasal decongestants and topical antifungal creams have been proposed to be included in the OTC drug category.

'EPILEPSY & HEARING LOSS, EARLY SIGN OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE'

According to a study published in JAMA Neurology, epilepsy and hearing loss have been found to be two early signs of Parkinson's disease. Lead study author Cristina Simonet, MD stated, "It's important that primary care practitioners are aware of these links and understand how early the symptoms of Parkinson's can appear, so that patients can get a timely diagnosis.

DELHI HOSP'S 'CROSS-SUBSIDY MODEL' LAUDED

Delhi-based Sir Ganga Ram Hospital's Cross-Subsidy model--where rich patients pay for poor—got appreciation from Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar, Union Minister of State for Health who said that such a system should be replicated by other hospitals too. She was speaking at an event of the 66th batch of nursing students from School of Nursing, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital recently. "Our nurses are in huge demand all over the world due to their humility, passion and giving best care to the patients. They are the backbone of our healthcare industry. We are proud of them," she added.

WHO HELPS RAJASTHAN TO CREATE HEALTH ACCOUNT

Rajasthan has become the first State in the country to institutionalise health accounts which will help in estimating the amount spent on the health sector and its impact. The data or facts available from these accounts would be used in future for policy making, and technical and financial assistance will be provided by the WHO to create health accounts, as per a statement here.



Can Quad restrain wayward China?

The May 24 face-to-face meeting of the Quad leaders is considered very crucial against the backdrop of the ongoing Ukraine war. All the four heads of the Governments - Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, US president Joe Biden, Japan Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese - came together on a platform to display strength and sustainability of the group at a crucial juncture when the world is gradually emerging out of the monstrous Covid-19 pandemic and entering into nothing short of Third World War in

It must be said once again the global governance institutions, especially the UN and the US-led liberal West have miserably failed to stop the most devastating war in Ukraine. Undoubtedly, the centrality of the Quad summit was the Russian onslaught in Ukraine. The Quad summit is indicative of a new beginning as it has also witnessed the formation of two fresh initiatives: The Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) and the Indo-Pacific Partnership for Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA). The IPEF, launched by the

US with 12 members on board now, is precisely its answer to the Trans Pacific Partnership (TTP) and its successor, the Comprehensive Progressive Agreement for the TTP (CPTTP) and towards the China-led 15-country grouping called, Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).

The IPMDA is aimed at building a "faster, wider and more accurate maritime picture of near real-time activities in partner's waters". Basically, it will directly facilitate the tracking of "dark shipping" across the Indo-Pacific region. These all seem to be a detailed preparation by the members of the Quad for preventing China-led initiatives both in the trade and security spheres in one of the busiest sea-communication lanes in the world.

The joint statement issued after the summit addressed the concerns emerging from the war in Ukraine. The statement underlined that the member countries discussed conflict in Ukraine and the ongoing tragic humanitarian crisis and assessed its implica-



Leaders of Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) from left to right, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, US President Joe Biden, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, pose for photo at the entrance hall of the Prime Minister's Office of Japan in Tokyo on May 24

tions for the Indo-Pacific region". The Quad summit has also highlighted and discussed any possible Chinese military adventures in the Indo-Pacific after Europe experienced Russia's bloodiest invasion of Ukraine.

How did the Quad originate? It all began as a loose partnership against the background of the tsunami in the Indian Ocean in 2004. In fact, all the four nations came together to offer humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. But today China complains that the group is intending to form an "Asian NATO" simply to act against the Beijing's interests in the region.

Is China threatened by the Quad grouping? The Quad had its first historic meeting in the year 2007. Then no one thought it would be another respective responses to the platform to counter China in the days to come. But afterwards, the forum went into some. His "China Dream" prooblivion for a decade or so. It jects are nothing but to assert Security Dialogue or the old

There are two ways to con-

quer and enslave a nation. One

is by the sword. Other is by debt.

reemerged in November 2017. Its regrouping piqued Chinese interests. And the Communists in China seriously gauged that America was plotting a Cold War style strategic encirclement of China by taking two other Indo-Pacific nations — India and Australia — into the orbit. Initially, when then Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe invited officials from India, Australia and the US to gather in Manila, the Xi Jinping regime was not much worried. Wang Yi, the Foreign Minister of China, had scoffed at the grouping: "They (the Quad nations) are like sea foam in the Pacific or Indian Ocean: They get some attention

but will soon dissipate." Is there any urgent need to thwart China in the Indo-Pacific? Yes, of course. China's growing expansionist policies particularly under the current President Xi Jinping is worri-

Beijing's soft and hard power around the world.

What role India must play in the group? For Delhi, multilateral forums like the Quad are of high importance. China's growing encirclement and its recent aggressive actions against India are an immediate threat to the latter's territorial integrity and sovereignty. Xi's hidden agenda is all out in public now. India at the moment needs external balance. And in this regard, Quad is considered as the best alternative for the country.

How is the old Quad different from the new Quad that India joined in 2021? Yes, they are different in their own way, vet some of the concerns are almost identical. Indeed, India's growing insecurity in the Indo-Pacific can be sensed when it joined the new Quad comprising Israel, the US and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) last year. Like the Quadrilateral

Quad among the US, Australia, Japan and India, this new economic forum also equally emphasised on trade, climate change, energy and maritime

Unlike the earlier group, the current one is not aimed at countering China. It is largely felt that the new one certainly lacks a shared objective, and its future trajectory seems to be uncertain. However, this grouping may facilitate India to pursue its foreign policy goals by aligning more with the UAE and Israel in the West Asian

And, this will offer Delhi another opportunity to engage more closely with Washington. Further, India sees West Asia strategically important. India depends heavily on its energy imports. Nearly 9 million Indian workers earn their liveliUS to ramp up ties for another Quad is the growing Chinese interest in Israel and the UAE.

But the same is not true for other members of the group. In the recent past, both Israel and the UAE amplified their commercial investments with China, particularly in the shipping sector. Therefore, Washington takes this opportunity to convince Israel and the UAE to come out of the Chinese net. Clearly America's intention dovetails with India's as the latter has been continuously fighting to wean off Chinese influence in a region wherein it wants to remain a potential player for long.

The Quad needs to consolidate further. The Indo-Pacific is heading for a serious crisis. China's ever-expanding agenda accompanied by sheer aggression might destabilise hood from the Persian Gulf. the whole region. Most prob-Israel and the UAE can ably, this kind of a future sceenhance India's role in the nario may drag the US for an region. What prompted the all-out war against China. al research journal)

Along these lines, Japan, Australia and India will certainly be involved in this quagmire. Though the Quad group has been formed to boost economic prosperity, geostrategic equilibrium and tranquility in the Indo-Pacific, it is clearly making an alliance that is directly targeting China today. And the latest IPEF will be an advanced economic platform again to target China-led development initiatives in the region. Hence, the Quad and its extended members are all forging together to ramp up support to stop Chinese expansion across the Indo-Pacific.

Beijing now knows it very well. Its full-blown preparations to encounter this alliance are underway. Inevitability of another global conflict in this part of the globe cannot be denied. The road ahead for the

Quad and its new avatars like the IPEF should be to minimise any possible countdown with China. Washington knows fully well that Xi is an over-ambitious leader like Russian President Vladimir Putin. Xi is going to stay in power for long and his third term, unlike his immediate predecessors, is most likely to be endorsed by the Communist Party of China in the coming months. Moreover, he has already shuffled his cronies in such a manner that his grip on the Party and the throne will be completely safe for years from now. Looking at all these developments back home in China, the Quad group leaders and its allies in the IPEF must be cautious while dealing with Xi. Though the US-led IPEF is centrally aiming at strengthening economic ties and achieving shared goals, its anti-China tag may escalate the trade war between Washington and Beijing in future. After having a bitter experience with Putin, Biden needs to maintain more restraint, simply to avoid another catastrophe in the Indo-Pacific.

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PERSPECTIVE

Down dragon's deep-debt maze

China's basic criteria behind the selection of BRI projects have been to consolidate its geostrategic position, to facilitate easy access to natural resources of the host state and its market for Chinese exports. To lure vulnerable small developing nations into its debt-trap strategy, Beijing offers a hefty loan which they won't manage otherwise



- John Adams $S^{\rm ri}$ Lanka's economic collapse and its unsustainable debt has brought the world's spotlight back to China — the government's biggest bilateral lender, owing at least 10 per cent of its external debt (noninclusive of hidden loans). A real concern exists for nations like Pakistan and Nepal, among others, who might fall prey to a similar design. China's Belt and Road Initiative, for which 146 nations

from Indo-Pacific, Africa, Europe, Latin America and Caribbeans have signed up, has resulted in several unsustainable debt-for-infrastructure deals, which further Beijing's political, economic and geostrategic ambitions. It is the single largest lender globally, bigger than the World Bank, IMF and the Paris Club (industrialised nations grouping that lend to the developing nations), and has over 100 ports in 63 countries.

The debt-trap strategy US-based research lab AidData has found that 42 low-to-middle income coun-

tries owe a debt bigger than 10 per cent of their GDP to China. BRI loan contract contains secrecy clauses: Amount and conditions attached are to be kept confidential from other creditors, IMF and citizens. Loans are systematically underreported (to the tune of \$385 billion), debt-burdens kept off the nation's balance-sheet through use of special-purpose, semi-private loans or loans to state-owned companies and banks — still enjoying government's liability protection — amounting to 70 per cent of funding. China lent disproportionately to countries that performed poorly on conventional measures of credit worthiness, in contrast to other international lenders, but demanded far higher interest rates with shorter repayment periods and is more aggressive than its peers at positioning itself at the front of the repayment line via collateralisation. World's 74 lowest income nations owe 37 per cent of their loans to Beijing. Many of the debtor states are in a situation where their debt is unsustain-

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to facilitate easy access to natural resources of the host state and its market for Chinese exports. Some other features of Chinese debt-trap strategy are: A hefty loan is advanced which small developing nations would not manage otherwise, use of corruption to make the leaders of borrowing nations willing and pliable, setting terms for hire of Chinese companies and workers for project execution, higher loan rates than peers with shorter (less than 10 years) loan repayment period. On loan-default, it seeks creation of equity in the project or demands new projects, thus tying the subject state into an interminable knot.

Dragon's advocates

Expectedly, Beijing has pushed back against the allegations, denying existence of any bad motive and justifying that the loans were demanded by the debtor countries and were economically beneficial

An interesting phenomenon has occurred recently, some publications have stood up in defence of Beijing, upholding the Chinese narrative. Last year US' The Atlantic and UK's Chatham House published reports calling Chinese

debt-trap a myth. The publications attempted a systematic refutation of any intention or liability on Beijing's part, towards saddling nations with unsustainable debts or unviable projects, or of having any geostrategic ambition behind them. Indeed, they portrayed the dragon to be innocuous and uncoordinated, making poor economic choices. A leading newspaper in India recently published a piece on Chinese lending, titled, "Entrapment' or 'ineptitude'?" along the same lines. A Chinese think tank, CISS, has acknowledged and thanked some of these think tanks — like The Atlantic and media houses for "willing to communicate" with it by joint research or joint meetings and helping them establish "a brand and reputation".

The right questions that need to be asked here are: Why is Beijing interested in loans for projects which are unviable and have no other takers? Do the debts given under BRI have the potential to function as tools to advance China's geostrategic interests? To argue that such was not the intention of the dragon — or steps towards acquisition of the assets due to

Why would Beijing want to spook and warn the world, especially India and the West,

so well in advance? External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar quipped, "We have seen projects which are commercially unsustainable; airports where aircraft don't come, harbours where a ship doesn't come" (Hambantota port and international airport, Gwadar is another example). The sole motive to undertake these 'white elephant' projects is to secure geostrategic advantage for Beijing: Chinese submarines docks at Sri Lankan ports and Chinese warships are pressed into the security of Gwadar. The whole structure of BRI debts is such that they become unsustainable - action is the biggest indicator of intention. Whether or not it causes an economic crisis in the host nation will depend on its economic management, however, unarguably, it provides Beijing a strong foothold in the nation which is exploited for furthering dragon's ambitions.

Behind the scenes

In 2018, the New York *Times* reported the Sri Lankan officials stating that intelliloan default have not yet been gence sharing was an integral undertaken — is foolhardy. part of Hambantota deal and strategic possibility of the port location was also discussed from the beginning. It also reported about the millions of dollars that flew from the project fund to the Rajapakshas' election campaign. It revealed an insistence on the Chinese side to hand over equity in the port and 15,000 acres of surrounding land, rather than allowing any easing of negotiating terms. Some Chinese companies have also faced ban in Bangladesh and the Philippines for engaging in

corrupt practices. Montenegro presents another example of Chinese strategy behind BRI where Beijing is funding and building an economically unviable highway - 78 per cent of Montenegro's external debt is owed to China and in case of a default Beijing has a right to access Montenegrin land as collateral. Any arbitration would be conducted according to Chinese laws. Such strategies will be at play at all BRI sites.

Three years ago, IMF's then Managing Director Christine Lagarde raised the same issue, stating that BRI should go only where it's needed and where the debt it generates can be sustained.

Alternatives to BRI

One would have expected that BRI with 18 EU members and 20 Latin America and Caribbean nations would have sent shivers down the spine of Western world. But the Chinese, unlike the Russians, ace the art of subtle game play that the West blindly falls for. Washington's Build Back Better World (B3W) and the EU Global Gateway, still in the launching phases, are too little too late; the analysts have already declared them incapable of competing with BRI.

Now there's concern and debate in the BRI states about debts, however, if their common populace can continue to put consistent pressure on their governments about complete transparency over the loans, the situation can improve. International development banks and multilateral initiatives will also need to step up their game. Finally, IMF and World Bank will have to provide debt to needy nations while toning down the harsh conditions and dropping the imposition of Bretton Woods consensus, if they were to have a real choice to get out of Beijing's deep-debt maze.

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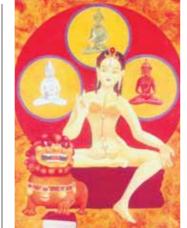




ARIES March 21-April 19

This week your priorities will focus on others like children, spouse, and any elderly members in the family over your health. For those who follow an unhealthy diet, this is a wake-up call. A poor level of vitamins and protein will make you feel tired and irritable. The time is not favourable in terms of health, you must take care and eat healthy to increase your metabolism. Professionally, those who are looking for a job will get hired in a few days which will test their skills and potential. This will be a very demanding job. Believe in yourself. Some of you will be weighed down with far more responsibilities. On a personal level, you will have concern for others and people around you will be grateful and reciprocate well.

Lucky number 14 Lucky colour Green Lucky day Thursday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week you may need a medical examination, to clear some doubts and lead a stress-free life. You are likely to face some confusion and it will make you feel low. This is the time to lift yourself and transform your lives. It is a crucial time when you must be honest with yourselves and decide what best action should be implemented to rise to the challenges and embrace the best life. Careerwise, this week will be in your favour. You are likely to appreciate your sincere and hard work. Financially the week will be satisfactory, but you need to follow a budget to avoid any tough times. Relationship wise, you will experience freshness and a blissful state. This week you will be passionate and energetic and will enjoy a charming personality.

Lucky number 8 Lucky colour Magenta Lucky day Friday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

You are likely to spend your time in spiritual pursuits to find peace and inner calm. Follow meditation, yoga, Pranayam etc to bring balance and give you the strength to fight any stress. You will be able to find solutions to most of the issues of life. Don't be in a hurry for any work. Give time to pamper yourself. The divine connection will show you the right path. This week financial worries are indicated. Professionally, you are not happy and some of you feel demotivated. If possible, interact with people to keep up your morale. Do not give up on a temporary low phase. This is the time to wait for the good times. Things are not so good in the relationship area. Your partner will have a long list of accusations, sit and discuss them. Things will move into a lighter phase.

Lucky number 18 Lucky colour Silver Lucky day Wednesday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week take your time to identify hidden issues and other subconscious thinking that is preventing you from seeing the fact. Some of you may look out for emotional support from a female person to identify the emotional trouble and what can be done about it. Meditation is beneficial currently. Don't be disappointed about not getting the things done as this would spoil your day or maybe the week. On the career front, investing your time in attending a webinar or any online skill development class will be favourable. These programs will help you virtually connect with people. This will further provide you unique guiding light and moral force. This week relationship area needs your attention and clear expression. Express yourself before it is too late.

Lucky number 6 Lucky colour Purple Lucky day Friday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

You are likely to feel great about yourself. This week is a period of great productivity. You will have a sense of fullness and confidence that will make you feel that you have finally found your niche. This time is the biggest changing point in your life, so being too stuck and aggressive about the things that are not working in your favour could hold you back. It is advised to choose a middle path to live life fullest. On the career front, you will face opposition. Your colleagues might not agree with your thinking. Aggressive nature is indicated. Understand the mentality of others and avoid conflicts. On the personal front, you will use your charm to attract people. Be careful as a complication is indicated in your relationships.

Lucky number 13 Lucky colour Brown Lucky day Saturday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

You can enjoy this week as per your well-planned schedule and bring a smile to your face. Your health, wealth and happiness are co-related. It is recommended that you learn some stress-free techniques to keep you healthy. Take some time out for a walk amidst nature that could be a great energy provider and refreshing for you. Career-wise, you need to ease your expectations. Those in business will see a good response and a hike in financial matters. Those in the job need to sit down with a financial planner and figure out exactly their needs are and plan their finances accordingly. On the personal front, you are likely to feel a tight leash around you. There is a lack of understanding and feelings for each other. Married couples need to communicate well.

Lucky number 7 Lucky colour Grey **Lucky day** Saturday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

After recovering from certain health issues, you feel recharged with energy and stamina. During this time, you will find your self-confidence unharmed. And this is your greatest achievement that helped you to regain an inner sense of direction. You need to be grateful for all the blessings that surround you at this time. This week you will reflect on the positive influence and will prove to be a motivator for others. Career-wise, you will experience roadblocks and will find stagnation in your present job. The current scenario is not bright and this could demoralize you. Those in business will get some monetary gains. Prioritize your expenses and avoid unnecessary spending, this will help you now as well as in the long run. On the personal front, your maturity play's an important role at home.

Lucky number 15 Lucky colour Sky Blue **Lucky day** Thursday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week foresees indulging in social activities. You will be shifting the balance in your life from work to more social activities. This will improve your health and give you more energy. This way you are trying to be of help to your family as well as society. On the career front, you may feel a little confused with your career. Try not to get too overworked about it. Your modest approach and shift into a different track/department would be helpful. This is the time to define yourself do not bother yourself with other people's perspectives. There will be a time when you think that everything has come to a standstill. Use this time to enhance your skill. On the personal front, your partner is supportive. You can try and talk to your spouse and relieve yourself from the stress

Lucky number 11 Lucky colour Beige Lucky day Sunday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This is a good week for your emotional and physical wellbeing. Your positive approach to things will be of great help. Those who are waiting on test results regarding your health, relax and know that the news will be good. You are likely to enter new realms in your spiritual exploration. You will get attracted to herbal ingredients and homemade remedies to cure health and you may join some courses. For those in the retail business, this week will be the most fruitful. For some of you who are working from home should not take it as leisure time, otherwise, this might take a negative turn on you. On the personal front, you may be involved in a serious conflict. Feelings of helplessness and lack of understanding are indicated. The situation may be lightened up with the support of a close family member.

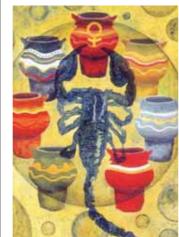
Lucky number 2 Lucky colour Pink Lucky day Sunday



CANCER June 21-July 22

When it comes to following a healthy diet, you all make the same mistakes -neglect. Please remember that if you are healthy you are happy. Give extra attention to your diet, and follow physical exercise for at least half an hour. This will further enhance other aspects of your life including health skin. On the career front, it is time to take a stand and make some tough choices. You need to be straightforward in your communication and to the point. This will bring reasonable change and improvement to a specific concern in life. This week if you implement certain important pending decisions that will have the potential to change the rhythm of life for the better. On the personal front, you have very forceful energy this week. You are likely to be diplomatic and know how to get things done in your favour.

Lucky number 19 Lucky colour White Lucky day Tuesday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week count your blessings and enjoy the good things that life has to offer. Whatever you do, keep it simple and enjoy it. Stay safe and enjoy a good meal with your family. Some of you would like to stay close to nature, therefore, will spend time gardening. Females will feel sensitive and nurturing and make life meaningful. Professionally, good times on the card Moneywise week is satisfactory, and your generosity will earn you goodwill. Overall, it is an extremely good period in your career life, and you should take full advantage of it. Do not indulge in gossip as it might hurt your image. On the personal front, you will find emotional stability. This is the time to enjoy your

Lucky number 20 Lucky colour Mauve Lucky day Monday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week you will feel very charged up and ready to take up some physical activity. You are focused and goal-oriented. You are well directed and clear on what your hopes and dreams are and what you should do to get there. Your enthusiasm and charismatic personality will impress others. You are optimistic about your future. Therefore, your overall health will remain good On the career front, you are trying your best to be in your senior's good book. Your determination and ambition will make you move forward. On the personal front, it is advised not to let small issues blow out of proportion in your mind. Beware that there is someone who does not want your relationship to grow and who is working against you.

Lucky number 12 Lucky colour Peach Lucky day Tuesday

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¬wo years back, a mother worried about future prospects of her only son came seeking guidance: "Sir, my son spends lot of time playing games and doesn't pay due attention to his studies. I am worried whether he will be able to clear his 10th boar examination he appeared for. He is lazy and doesn't pay attention to my advisory. Please tell me what lies in store of his future? I will appreciate if you could counsel him to become serious at such a critical juncture of his life, which shall have a long term bearing on his future." At the outset, let me assure you that

your child will come out with flying colours in his examination. Not simply that, he will do well in the 12th board examination as well. Take my words, you child carries the potential to pursue and complete higher education, not to say anything about getting admitted to a graduation course. The 4th sign and sublord identified with college education happens to be Venus. It occupies the nakshatra owned by Rahu, tenanted in the 9th house, which signifies higher education. Here again, the 9th sub-lord is Rahu, tenanted in the 9th house occupies the nakshatra owned by Ketu, which is

conjunct Venus. Incidentally, Venus happens to be the 11th lord identified with fulfilment of his desires. Such a close linkage of the 4th, 9th and 11th houses promises higher education.

"Sir, I feel assured with your observation. But as a mother, I am aware of his fault lines and I know it for certain that he is not putting in his best. Without putting in due effort, how will he be able to pull through?" Madam, I appreciate your concern. But the problem with you is that you are stuck to his few negatives. In the process, the positives in him that are immense, elude your attention. Not that I am not able to see your child's fault lines. But I am also able to see positives in him. Don't underestimate him. Rather than reprimanding him with your negative comments, better encourage him to capitalise on his potential side.

True, counselling your child will help him improve his performance. But before that you need to be counselled. "What do you mean? Will a mother ever think bad of her child?" The lady countered. Agreed, mother's intent can't be questioned. But you should also try to understand the mind and psyche of your child. That will help you lead him

Handle you child with a sense of love



properly. From your child's chart I can make out that you have a commanding nature. 4th house represents mother also. 4th sub-lord Venus posited in the nakshatra owned by Rahu posited in Mars owned sign Aries, speaks of your attitude. It implies that you will behave as a hard task master. On the contrary, a look at your child's personality traits

suggests that he won't digest commandments and the least of all finding fault with him. He will rather become rebellious as would the Sun placed adverse to Uranus mean. All the more because his lagna lord Moon too occupies Aries sign, and is opposite Mars, which makes him impulsive, irritable, temperamental, and moody. Continued negative talking will induce a sense of inferiority complex in him, as would Mars placed adverse to Neptune suggest. But should you treat him with a touch of love, he will listen as would Venus beautifully aligned to Mercury mean. So, better change your approach. The child finally scored well as predicted at his 10th Board examination.

Now with the 12th board examination happening and different institutions carrying on their entrance tests, the lady visited again for guidance on his preferred discipline. What discipline does your son prefers? "He is keen to take up mathematics. Can he make out a career in this discipline?" The lady said. Well, what is important is in which field he excels. He can definitely make a career with mathematics back ground. But then, there are greater chances that he will have to change his choice option as would exchange of Jupiter and Mercury suggest. The 4th sub-lord Venus conjunct Ketu, which is well aligned to Mercury indicates the possibility of taking up Computer sciences. Let us see the outcome of different entrance tests. But rest assured he is sure of entry into a good institution and will do well. Later, I was informed that he has scored pretty well in one of his entrance test and is assured of a discipline of his choice. The result is there to see.

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