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Yasin awarded life for terror funding

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

A Delhi Special court on Wednesday awarded life imprisonment to Kashmiri ter-rorist Yasin Malik in a terror funding case

Special Judge Praveen Singh also awarded varying jail terms for various offences under the stringent Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) and the Indian Penal Code (IPC). The court also imposed a fine of over ₹10 lakh on Malik.

The life term was awarded for two offences — Section 121 (waging war against the Government of India) of the IPC and section 17 (raising funds for the terrorist act) of the UAPA. All the sentences will run concurrently.

Earlier in the day, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) during the argument on quantum of sentence demanded death sentence for Malik, highlighting crimes and terrorism he committed in Kashmir for the past three decades. "Let's not go into all this. Stick to the facts. This is a terror funding case," said Judge Singh, who delivered the judgment by 6.15 pm.

"However, in my opinion, there was no reformation of this convict. It may be correct

that the convict may have given up the gun in 1994, but he had never expressed any regret for the violence he had committed prior to 1994.

"It is noticed that, when he claimed to have given up the path of violence after 1994, the Government of India took it upon its face value and gave him an opportunity to reform and in good faith tried to engage in a meaningful dialogue with him and as admitted by him, gave him every platform to express his opin-

"However, as discussed in the order on charge, the convict did not desist from violence. Rather, betraying the good intentions of the Government he took a different path to orchestrate violence in the guise of political struggle. The convict has claimed that he had followed Gandhian principle of non-violence and was spearheading a peaceful non violent struggle.

"However, the evidence on the basis of which charges were framed and to which convict has pleaded guilty,

speaks otherwise.
"The entire movement was planned to be a violent movement and large-scale violence ensured is a matter of fact," said the judgment convicting Malik to life imprisonment.



Kashmiri separatist leader Yasin Malik being produced at Patiala House court in New Delhi on Wednesday

Malik's past catches up with him

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

L ife has come a full circle for chief of the banned Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) Yasin Malik , who graduated from being a Pakistan-trained terrorist to a separatist force in the Kashmir valley during his anti-India career spanning over three

On Wednesday, Malik, 56, was sentenced to a life term by a designated NIA court.

He has been in and out of jail several times dating back to his student activism days before the onset of militancy in J&K in 1990.

In his bid to mainstream himself, he "renounced" violence and donned the political

cloak in 1994. Malik - married to a Pakistani artist — had announced Gandhian way of protest after his release and sought to project himself as a moderate voice in separatist

Malik was arrested in early 2019 in connection with a 2017 terror-funding case registered by National Investigation Agency (NIA).

Teen massacres 19 kids in Texas school

lieutenant said. Multiple chil-

dren were wounded inside the

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Olivarez, but there is no exact

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you can have anywhere from 25 to 30 students in there, plus

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was a target, Olivarez said

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Investigators say the sus-

Olivarez said.

swered questions."

"It's a small classroom,

2 teachers among dead, attacker killed by police

PTI ■ HOUSTON

In one of the worst school shootings in the US, an 18-year-old gunman in body armour massacred at least 21 people, including 19 children and two adults inside one classroom at a Texas elementary school, prompting President Joe Biden to issue an emotional appeal to lawmakers to "turn this pain into action" to enact tougher gun laws to curb such recurring tragedies.

The youth opened fire at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde town, Texas, 134 km from San Antonio, on Tuesday morning before he was killed by law enforcement officers.

All fatalities and injuries took place inside one classroom Uvalde, according to Lt Chris Olivarez, spokesperson for the Texas Department for Public

Safety.

The shooter barricaded killing himself in one room, killing two teachers and 19 children, he told CNN.

"Just goes to show you the complete evil from this shooter," Ölivarez said, just 10 days since 10 people were killed in a mass shooting in New York. All the victims have been

removed, identified and their

reported earlier in the day at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas families have been notified, the

Law enforcement personnel walk outside Uvalde High School after shooting a was

Texas Governor Greg Abbott identified the killer as Salvador Ramos, a resident of the area where the school was located. The shooter's motive remains unclear. The teenager is suspected of shooting his grandmother at the start of the rampage, US media reports

Chief of Police, Uvalde, Pete Arredondo said the "mass casualty event occurred at Robb Elementary School at about 11:32 this morning". He said the killer acted as a lone wolf — who was shot dead in

a police exchange. The deceased children are in the second, third and fourth grades — aged between 7 years and 10 years, he said.

Ultras kill famous TV artist in Valley

10-yr-old nephew gets bullet wounds

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

 $B^{\text{arely hours after Kashmiri}}_{\text{separatist Yasin Malik was}}$ awarded life imprisonment by the NIA court in a terror funding case, a famous Kashmiri TV artist and singer Amreena Bhat was gunned down by "unidentified" terrorists while her 10-year-old nephew received bullet injuries on his arm in Chadoora area of central Kashmir district of Budgam on Wednesday.

Amreena was a famous TV artist and singer. She appeared in many music videos and small skits uploaded on the social media platforms

According to initial reports both Amreena and her nephew

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were targeted at their home in Chadoora by the armed ter-

In a tweet Kashmir zone police said, "Around 7.55 pm, terrorists fired upon one lady Amreen Bhat daughter of Khazir Mohd Bhat and resident of Hushroo Chadoora at her home. She was shifted to hospital in an injured condition where doctors declared her

dead. Her 10-year-old nephew who was also at home received a bullet injury on his arm."

reports three terrorists of LeT terror outfit were involved in this heinous terror incident.

The security forces have launched a massive manhunt to track down the foot prints of LeT terrorists

'The local police team has registered a case and also launched investigations in the

case," official sources said. Reacting to the murder, former J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah tweeted, 'Shocked & deeply saddened by the murderous militant attack on Ambreen Bhat. Sadly Ambreen lost her life in the attack & her nephew was injured. There can be no justification for attacking innocent women & children like this."

Sidhu given job of Patiala jail munshi



MONIKA MALIK CHANDIGARH

¬ricketer-turned-politician →Navjot Singh Sidhu is all set to play a new innings in Patiala Central Jail. Once considered a frontrunner for the Punjab Chief Minister's post the multi-faceted Sidhu wil be playing the role of a "munshi" (a clerical job) within the four walls of the Patiala Central Jail, after he was sentenced to a year's rigorous imprisonment by Supreme Court in a 1988 road rage case.



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New Delhi: Captain Abhilasha Barak on Wednesday became the first woman combat aviato of the Indian Army. She has PIONEER NEWS SERVICE been awarded the coveted 'wings' along with 36 Army LUCKNOW pilots at a ceremony held at $F^{ormer\ Union\ Minister\ and}_{senior\ Supreme\ Court}$ lawyer Kapil Sibal filed his Combat Army Aviation Training School in Nashik. officials said Captain Barak hails from nomination papers for the Rajya Harvana and was commissioned Sabha seat from Uttar Pradesh into the Army Air Defence Corps

in September, 2018 LAKHIMPUR: ASHISH BAIL **HEARING ON MAY 30** Lucknow: The Allahabad High

Court will hear on May 30 the hail plea of Union Minister Ajay Kumar Mishra's son Ashish Mishra, arrested in connection with the Lakhimpur Kheri violence that claimed eight lives in October last year.

'SHRI RAMAYANA YATRA **LAUNCH ON JUNE 21** Lucknow: The IRCTC is set to

launch a 18-day 'Shri Ramayana Yatra' through a special tourist train on June 21 to take pilgrims to sacred places associated with the life of Lord Ram

Sibal quits Cong, files RS papers with SP's support

as an Independent candidate backed by the Samajwadi Party and said he has already resigned from the Congress. Javed Ali Khan also filed his papers as SP candidate. There was speculation that the SP could field Sibal as a Rajya Sabha candidate. Kapil Sibal — the lawyer

who secured senior SP leader Mohammad Azam Khan's bail from the SC — after filing his papers, said he had resigned from the Congress on May 16. Sibal said his ideology was related to the party he had been with for three decades. His exit from the party is another jolt to the electorally battered

Sibal was accompanied by SP chief Akhilesh Yadav and SP



general secretary Ram Gopal adav to Central Hall of UF

Vidhan Bhawan "I have filed the nomination as an independent candidate. I thank Akhilesh for supporting me. I resigned from the Congress on May 16 and am no longer a senior Congress leader," ends in July.

he said.

The SP chief later said Sibal was being supported by the SP. A prominent member of the G23 which had sought an organisational overhaul in the Congress, Sibal's tenure as Congress' Rajya Sabha member





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Blue economy projects need fast tracking to mitigate climate change disruptions



Shaji Baby John

 $T^{\text{he significance of the blue}}_{\text{economy as one of the key}}$ strategic imperatives for the sustainable social and economic advancement of India has been well recognised by a cross section of decision makers in the country. Unfortunately, the idea remains largely unknown to the coastal community in general and other stakeholders including the potential investors. This calls for urgent steps to broad-base the blue economy concepts, particularly among the coastal community facing the twin threats of spatial dislocation and livelihood loss on account of the devastations caused by climate change.

The vast coastal stretch of India, including the top commercial metropolises and cities, are under the shadow of the fallout from the rising surface temperature in Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal. The metropolis of Mumbai and other key cities on the west coast and Kolkata and other cities on the east coast are facing short-term and long-term vulnerabilities, say experts. The importance of the blue economy in reducing the identified were- 1: national

the respective properties.

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ating principles for risk mitigation have been gaining acceptance across the world. The need of the hour is to initiate region specific systems and practices that would empower the local community to face the threats posed by spatial dislocation and liveli-

Professor Gunter Puali, in

his book 'Blue Economy' pub-

lished in 2010 expressed the

ultimate aim that the blue

economy business model will shift society from scarcity to abundance with what is locally available by tackling issues that cause environmental and related problems in new ways. The Policy Framework on India's Blue Economy prepared by the Economic Advisory Council (EAC) to Prime Minister Narendra Modi assumes significance in this background. A broader discussion of the policy framework among the stakeholders will go a long way in fast track-ing and broad basing our understandings of the sector and devising actionable solu-tions to achieve the strategic objectives delineated in the framework. The EAC identified the following areas as the key sectors for value addition from the blue economycoastal manufacturing and services, maritime trade, shipping, offshore and coastal energy, deep sea minerals, aquaculture and fisheries, and marine-related technologies. The EAC further prioritised the areas and appointed working groups to study and rec-

ommend actionable solutions. The seven priority areas

CEO's inspection reveals

anomalies in Kotdwar schools

The Pauri chief education officer Anand Bharadwaj sealed the storeroom

📘 of Scholar Academy in Kotdwar, in which books, school bags and uni-

forms were stored for selling to students. He also instructed Heritage Academy

in Kotdwar to get the NOC from the State government in the prescribed

duration failing which the letter will be dispatched to CBSE for cancella-

tion of affiliation. The CEO inspected these schools on Wednesday acting

on complaints received regarding private schools in Kotdwar. According to

sources, complaints had been made to the CM's office and the district mag-

istrate about some schools running without accreditation, charging high fees

and selling books, bags and uniforms at high prices. CEO Bharadwaj inspect-

ed Heritage Academy and found that the institution was running without the NOC of the State government. He directed the school officials to secure

the NOC from the State government on time, failing which the department

will recommend cancellation of the school's CBSE affiliation. While inspect-

ing Scholar Academy, Bharadwaj found books, bags and uniforms for sale

to students in the storeroom. The Education department had prohibited

schools from selling books, uniforms and other items to students. The store

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was sealed in the presence of the Dugadda block education officer.

climate change fallout and establishing the standard oper-economy and ocean gover-about 1,400 million tonnes of nance, 2: coastal marine spatial planning and tourism, 3: marine fisheries, aquaculture and fish processing, 4: manufacturing, emerging indus-tries, trade, technology, services and skill development, 5: logistics, infrastructure and shipping (including trans-shipments), 6: coastal and deep-sea mining and offshore energy, 7: security, strategic dimensions and international engagement.

> The working groups prepared the reports in their respective areas by taking into account the following pointsoverview of the sector/subject, existing policies and regulations, the global scenario for the sector, suggestions for short and medium term strategies, assessment of challenges in each sector, role of the government and the private sector and policy recommenda-

The EAC policy framework on blue economy was not something that happened suddenly. It was part of an ongoing process. The Vision 2030 prepared by the Union Government in 2019 has placed blue economy in sixth place out of the 10 core sectors identified for growth. The positioning appears appropriate given the unique maritime status of the country with a 7,517 kilometre coastline. The spatial dimension of India's coastline covers nine States and 1,382 islands. The EAC framework further elucidates the significance of the maritime character of the country with the following basic details. "The country has 12 major ports and 187

cargo every year, as 95 per cent of India's trade by volume transits by sea. India's Exclusive Economic Zone of over two million square kilometres is rich in living and non-living resources and holds significant recoverable resources of crude oil and of recoverable natural gas. The coastal economy also sustains over four million fishermen and other coastal communities. With these vast maritime interests, the blue economy in India has a vital relationship with the nation's eco-

nomic growth."

The strategic imperative of developing the blue economy as one of the key pillars of India's sustainable growth is evident from these factors. As I have mentioned in a previous article, the importance of the blue economy has already gained wide acceptance among the policy makers. Maybe the sector is likely to be designated as a priority sector soon. The role of the State governments becomes very critical at this juncture as they would have to prepare actionable projects in tune with the EAC's policy framework. The Sagarmala project has already initiated such a process with many State governments preparing projects for the development of coastal infrastructure including ports and road networks.

A similar initiative has to be developed in areas of aquaculture and mariculture with the participation of Union and State Government agencies and the entrepreneurs. The Kings Infra Venture has initiated the process by teaming with select universities for

Become tech savvy, post updates on

 $E^{\rm xhorting}$ the officers of Animal Husbandry and Fisheries departments to become tech-savvy, the Animal Husbandry and Cooperatives secretary, and project

director of State Integrated Cooperative Development project BVRC Purushottam

said that they should post regular tweets about the activities of their departments.

Chairing a review meeting of the Uttarakhand Sheep and Wool Development Board and the Fisheries department, he directed the officers to prepare weekly charts

of their activity and post the works done by them on the Twitter handle on a daily

basis, also tagging the departmental minister, NCDC and him. He said that the

State Integrated Cooperative Development project is funding the two departments

at the village and Nyay Panchayat level. Sheep and Wool Development board pro-

ject director Avnish Anand said that 'goat valleys' are being set up in Almora,

Bageshwar, Chamoli, Pauri and Rudraprayag districts. Under the project every

farmer can rear 25 goats each. Purushottam said the help of National Bank for

Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) should be taken for construc-

tion of major structures in the proposed goat valleys. Fisheries project director

HK Purohit said that seven cooperative committees of the state have been asso-

ciated with the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana and under it digging work

for three ponds in Haridwar district is going on. The secretary also asked about

the steps being taken by the department to reduce the market price of Trout fish

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activities- Purushottam

developing aquaculture and mariculture models that could be replicated in different agroclimatic conditions with the necessary modifications. Going forward the company would be sharing the specific details of these initiatives.

The role of the blue econo-

my for sustainable growth and food security has been recognised in the advanced economies of the world. The Organisation of Economic Cooperation Cooperation and Development (OECD) has projected (pre-pandemic) the blue economy to grow at double the rate of the rest of the world economy. An OECD report has suggested that "ocean based industry globally could double in size from US\$ 1.5 trillion in global value added in 2010 to US\$ 3 trillion in 2030." It has further mentioned that "marine aquaculture, marine capture fisheries, marine fish processing, off-shore wind and port activities were seen as having the potential to outperform the global economy."

The disruptions caused by the pandemic are likely to impact these projections in the short-term but the long-term outlook remains optimistic and bullish. We should also keep in mind that "conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development" is one of the United Nations Sustainable Development

(The author is the chairman of Kings Infra Ventures Limited who also writes on the blue economy and sustainable food production system. Views expressed are personal)

Lakshya Sen U'khand's youth icon- Governor

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The governor of Uttarakhand lieutenant general (retd) Gurmit Singh felicitated badminton star Lakshya Sen at Raj Bhawan on Wednesday. He congratulated Sen and for Thomas Cup win and presented a memento.

Speaking on the occasion, the governor said that Sen's feat has proved that the youth of Uttarakhand can achieve any goal. He said that Sen's achievement proves that there is now dearth of talent in Uttarakhand.

The governor said that the youngsters should understand that there is no shortcut to success. Giving the example of Sen he said that he has achieved success after the dedication and hard work of his father and grandfather. Referring to Sen as the youth icon of Uttarakhand, the governor congratulated his parents and said that they were instrumental in his success.

Addressing the gathering Sen said that the Thomas Cup success is inspirational for all.



He said, "As a child I used to think that if others can achieve success then why can't I? A kept concentrating on this idea and played badminton with big players. This helped me in winning the Thomas Cup for the country," he said. Narrating his experience and the role of other team members, Sen said that the whole team was confident that the country should win. Giving a message to the youth of the state, he said that everything is

possible if true efforts are

made after setting goals for oneself.

D K Sen, the father of the shuttler, expressed his desire to set up a badminton academy in the state and demanded that the Almora badminton court should be named after the grandfather of Sen who was a famous player.

president The Uttarakhand Badminton Association, Alaknanda Ashok and others were present on the occasion.

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Tender No.	32-DRM-MB-22-23	33-DRM-MB-22-23	34-DRM-MB-22-23			
Date 24.05.2022		24.05.2022	24.05.2022			
Name of work	Recoupment of monsoon reserve at different bridges under ADEN/RK.		Dewatering of naturally accumulated water from LHS ir the jurisdiction of Sr.DEN-I/MB			
Tender Closing Date Time	16.06.2022 16:00 Hrs	16.06.2022 16:00 Hrs	16.06.2022 16:00 Hrs			
Advertised Value (Rs.)	10004879.13	8499962.53	3499897.51			
Earnest Money (Rs.)	200000.00	170000.00	70000.00			
Bidding Start Date	02.06.2022	02.06.2022	02.06.2022			
Validity of Offer (Days)	45 Days	45 Days	45 Days			
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5 pilgrims from West Bengal & local driver killed in mishap

Jeep transporting pilgrims towards Gangotri falls off road & catches fire at Kandisaur



Tive persons from West Five persons from Bengal and the driver of the jeep they were travelling in towards Gangotri died after the vehicle fell off the road and down the mountainside near Kandisaur Tehsil of Tehri district on Wednesday. All the six persons died on the spot and their bodies were charred due to the vehicle catching fire

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made to halt at various loca-

tions by the police and admin-

istration. Physical barriers

should also be set up as and

where required, said chief sec-

retary Sukhbir Singh Sandhu.

He issued these instructions

while chairing a meeting with

officials regarding the Char

Sandhu directed officials to

ensure that all necessary

arrangements are in place for

systematic facilitation of the

pilgrimage. He directed the

district magistrates of the dis-

tricts where the Char Dham

shrines are located that pil-

grims beyond the carrying ca-

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to go ahead. The district mag-

istrates were also directed to

make local plans at their level

to ensure all necessary

arrangements. Plans should

also be prepared for commu-

nication and information so

that pilgrims can be stopped

in a systematic manner at

lower stops when the carrying

capacity has been reached at

the Char Dham complexes.

Dham Yatra.

Ensure effective

crowd control and

for Yatra-Sandhu

proper arrangements

after the mishap. The Tehri district magistrate has ordered a magisterial inquiry into the

According to sources, the driver of a Bolero jeep being driven from Rishikesh to Uttarkashi lost control of the vehicle at Kotigad near Kandisaur at about 3:30 PM

Sandhu further said that sheds

and other arrangements

should also be made to protect

the pilgrims from rain and

snowfall. While focusing on

improvement of sanitation, he

directed effective garbage dis-

posal and its consistent moni-

monitoring or a separate

source of information should

be arranged to ascertain if the

executing agencies are effec-

tively discharging their re-

sponsibilities for garbage

disposal, electricity, water and

It is worth mentioning here

that about 9,69,610 pilgrims

had visited the Char Dham

shrines till the night of May

24. With the pilgrimage being

held properly after a gap of two years when it has ham-

pered by the Covid-19 pan-

demic, a record number of

pilgrims are arriving for the

Yatra. While the large num-

bers have exacerbated some

issues including garbage dis-

posal, the recent spell of rain

and snowfall in the higher

reaches has also caused health

issues among the pilgrims.

other arrangements.

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on the Chamba-Dharasu stretch of NH 94. The jeep also caught fire after falling down the mountainside. The local residents who had spotted the mishap occurring reached the site and extinguished the fire. The local administration was also informed about the accident after which the police, administration and 108 ambulance service reached the accident site. Meanwhile, chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami expressed grief at the mishap. On learning about it, he directed officials to take necessarv action swiftly.

The Tehsildar Kishan Singh

Mahant informed that a total of six persons were in the jeep when it met with the accident. The ill-fated jeep was carrying part of a group of pilgrims who were also travelling in other vehicles. The other members of the group of pil-grims also reached the site on learning about the accident. The authorities had sent the bodies to the Kamand hospital for post mortem examination from where the bodies would be handed over to the other members of the group. Those killed in the mishap have been identified as the driver, Mukhba village (Uttarkashi) resident Ashish (35), West Bengal residents Pradeep Das (47), Nilesh Bhuniya (23), Madan Mohan Bhuniya (61), Jhumur Bhuniya (59) and Devmalya Devnath (43).

Gram Pradhan & 150 others booked for burning caged leopard

In the incident of a caged leopard being burnt alive by villagers on Tuesday, the Pauri police have registered a case against Gram Pradhan of Siplori village, five other persons and 150 unknown persons. According to the police, the forester of Nagdev range Satish Chandra lodged a report in the Pauri Kotwali against Gram Pradhan Anil Kumar, Devendra Singh, Sarita Devi, Vikram Singh, Kailash Devi along with 150 unknown persons. The report stated that earlier this month a leopard had killed a woman in the Siproli village. The forest department installed cage in the village to trap the leopard. On Tuesday morning the

more than 150 persons snatched the cage and burnt the leopard alive using petrol and dry grass. The mob also manhandled the Forest department employees. The police said that the case has been registered against six named persons including the Gram Pradhan and 150 unknown persons under Wildlife Protection Act and different sections of Indian Penal Code for killing the leopard, obstructing official work, manhandling government personnel and rioting. The sub inspector of Paubo police post Deepak Panwar is investigating the case. No arrest had been made till the time of this report

Pradhan Anil Kumar with



leopard was trapped in the cage. When the officer and employees of the department were taking the caged leopard to Nagdev range, the Gram

being filed. Sources state that the mob which killed the leopard included villagers of Siplori, Sarna and Kalmori.

Health issues of Char Dham pilgrims rise due to snowfall & rain

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The snowfall and rain in Char Dham has created health issues for pilgrims visiting these shrines in the high altitude regions with the doctors and paramedical staff on Yatra duty doing their bit to tackle this challenge. According to official sources, on Wednesday 1,076 pilgrims on Kedarnath pilgrimage were treated at various treatment units with 251 of these persons being given life saving treatment in emergency situacopter service is proving to be a boon for seriously ill pilgrims. So far, 29 pilgrims were taken by helicopter and 105 were taken by ambulance to higher centre for treatment. Inclement weather is also causing inconvenience in the pilgrimage to Yamunotri and Gangotri. The Health department conducted health screening of 9,572 pilgrims at various places while four pilgrims were sent back from the Yatra ahead. On Wednesday,



tions. Seven pilgrims were re-ferred to higher centre while three of them were transported safely by helicopter from Kedarnath. Health screening of 2,273 pilgrims was conducted while 56 were provided oxygen support dur-ing this pilgrimage. The Rudraprayag chief medical of-ficer informed that due to rain and snowfall in the Kedar valley, most of the patients reaching the Linchauli hospital were afflicted by hypothermia. The CMO said that the heli52 patients were provided life saving treatment on these pil-grimages. Similarly, 185 pilgrims underwent health screening at various locations on the pilgrimage to Badri-nath and Hemkund Sahib. Further, 31 pilgrims were provided emergency treatment while seven were referred to higher centre. According to information received from the districts in which the Char Dham shrines are located, 1,16,957 pilgrims have so far undergone health screening.

Committed to development of border areas- CM

Flags off adventure MTB rally in Gunji, Pithoragarh



he chief minister Pushkar ■ Singh Dhami has said that the state government is committed for strengthening the rural and border areas of the state and reducing the menace of migration. He was addressing a gathering at Gunji vil-lage, Dharchula in Pithoragarh district on Wednesday after flagging off the 'Tour De Kailash', the adventure MTB cycle rally. The event is being organised under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to celebrate 75 years of inde-pendence of the country. He also flagged off a rafting contingent for Kutti and Yangti rivers on the occasion.

Welcoming the participants of the cycle rally, the CM said that apart from adventure they would get a chance to view breathtaking natural beauty of Uttarakhand. He opined that such events would help the people of other states to know about the border areas and the state and would generate employment. Dhami said that the adventure sports would increase the footfall in the border areas and augment the income of home stay, taxi, hotel owners and guides.

The CM said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the third decade of 21st century would belong to Uttarakhand. The State government is working dedicatdevelopment of the State to achieve the goal set by the PM. Expressing gratitude to PM Modi, the CM said that under his leadership projects worth crores of rupees are going on in the state. "It is our endeavour that more and more home stays are made in the state which would create employ-ment opportunities for locals and help the tourist in under-standing our culture," he said.

The CM said that the under Bharatmala project the road connectivity to the border areas has increased and it would usher in all-round development in the area. Dhami added the policies of Union and State governments are being made to provide benefit to the person standing last on the ladder of the society.

He added that the Char Dham Yatra is now at its peak. He again appealed to the pilgrims having health issues that they should not come for the Yatra now. Appreciating the event the CM said that this will help in increasing employment opportunities and reducing migration.

The Pradhan of Gunji, Suresh Gunjyal, district mag-istrate Ashish Chauhan, officers and personnel of Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), Army and others were present on the occasion.

AAP terms Colonel Kothiyal an opportunist who prefers power

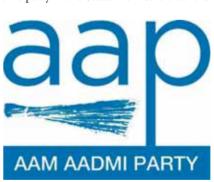
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ccusing colonel (retd) Asiay Kothiyal of being an opportunist who left the party which gave high-

est honour to him, the Uttarakhand unit of Aam Party Aadmi (AAP) has said that Kothiyal has chosen the easy path to power. The state convenor of Uttarakhand AAP, Jot Singh Bisht said that AAP had made Kothiyal its chief ministerial

Indian ambassadors to Slovenia &

candidate considering his past as an armed forces personnel. He said that the party gave supreme honour to Kothiyal, made him the CM candidate and placed thousands of his posters in different parts of the State. Bisht said that it is



unfortunate that instead of showing the determination of a leader, Kothiyal left the party at the time when it was nursing from the defeat it suf-

seats of the state. "He should have toured the State extensively and boosted the morale of the party workers in all the constituencies but instead of choosing the path of struggle, colonel Kothiyal took the easy path to power," he said.

fered in all the 70 Assembly

" The CM face of the AAP in the recent Assembly elections recently joined the BJP "

Coming down heavily on Kothiyal for listing the shortcomings of AAP at the time of

joining BJP on Tuesday, the State convenor of AAP said that it would be interesting to note how much freedom Kothiyal gets to express his ideas. He opined that while AAP is a truly democratic party dictatorship prevails in

It is pertinent to mention here that Kothiyal who was the chief ministerial candidate of the AAP in the recently concluded Assembly elections ditched the party and joined BJP with hundreds of his supporters in presence of chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami and other leaders on

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Managing Director, UCDF Limited **DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, DEHRADUN**

PUBLICATION NOTICE IN O.A. No. 28 OF 2021

(SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993, READ WITHSUB-RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME

Punjab National Bank V/s Sumit Kumar Varshney & Ors.

Mahesh Chandra Varshney S/o Brji Lal R/o 69, Dakshin Bazar, Ward No.

13, Chandausi, Moradabad, UP. Whereas the above named Applicant Bank has instituted OA No. 28 of 2021 against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 31,04,454.94 in which Hon'ble Tribunal was pleased to issue Summons/Notice U/s 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts and bankruptcy Act., 1993 and was listed before the Hon'ble Presiding officer on

Whereas, it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by way of this publication directing you to appear in person or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner before the Tribunal on 11.08.2022. Further, you are required to show cause as to why the relief(s) prayed for in OA should not be granted and to file reply, if any, in your defence in a paper book form in sets and produce all the documents and affidavits under which your defence or claim for set off, counter claim, in this Tribunal personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the specified day and time before the Tribunal, the case shall be heard and decided in your absence Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 20th day of May,

practitioner within 30 days from the date of the publication of this notice.

By order of Tribunal Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Dehradun

Light rain forecast in parts of 5 districts today

 $N^{\rm o}$ weather warning has been issued for the State after a spell of about four days which saw rainfall in various parts of the State. However, very light to light rainfall/thunderstorm are likely to occur at isolated places in the higher reaches of Uttarkashi, Rudraprayag, Chamoli, Bageshwar and Pithoragarh districts towards afternoon/evening on Thursday. Apart from this, dry weather is likely to prevail in the remaining districts of

For the provisional State capital Dehradun, the State meteorological centre has forecast mainly clear to partly cloudy sky. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be about 34 degrees Celsius and 20 degrees Celsius respectively on Thursday. Meanwhile very light to light rain was experienced in various parts of the State on Wednesday with 9.5 millimetres in Kedarnath, two millimetresin Koti and 1.5 millimetres in Thal. The maximum and minimum temperatures recorded in various parts of the State on Wednesday were 33.2 degrees Celsius and 17.7 degrees Celsius respectively in Dehradun, 34.7 degrees Celsius and 18.9 degrees Celsius in Pantnagar, 20.3 degrees Celsius and 9.7 degrees Celsius in Mukteshwar and 24 degrees Celsius and 10.8 degrees Celsius respectively in New Tehri.

Tajikistan meet industry officials The ambassador of India to the Republic of Slovenia, Namrata S Kumar and ambassador of India to the Republic of Tajikistan, Viraj Singh met

the Industries secretary Pankaj Kumar Pandey on Wednesday to discuss the possibilities of trade and association between the State and the republics concerned. Various matters of mutual interest were discussed and some possible consensus and ways forward were identified for further discussions in the future. This meeting was also attended by Industries director general Ranveer Singh Chauhan, Industries director SC Nautiyal and others from the Industries department. Later, the two ambassadors visited the State Infrastructure and Industrial Development Corporation of Uttarakhand Limited (SIIDCUL) office to discuss possibilities for industrial development across the

various Integrated Industrial

Estates (IIEs) that SIIDCUL has developed and managed over the years. The meeting was chaired by Chauhan in the presence of SIIDCUL general manager PC Dumka and

other officials. Various areas of

consonance were discussed

with both the ambassadors

being apprised about IIEs, the

infrastructure IIEs offer and

functional in the State. Talking about the strengths of Slovenia, Kumar informed that Slovenia and Uttarakhand are quite similar in terms of geography, topographic landscape and forest cover. She stressed upon green tech tourism and how it can be developed in Uttarakhand. She sports tourism, Yoga, Ayurveda and other AYUSH related activities, and how they can be developed in the State and branded overall with progressive intent. Talking about Tajikistan, Singh emphasised upon the population base of Tajikistan and the low country land cover for productive use, but still the country has managed to grow based on niche branding and marketing strategies being applied to drive growth. He spoke about

also spoke of mountain

agro-products being exported to India from Tajikistan and how high-quality saffron is being driven to Indian shores through the Iranian route. He spoke about creating a value chain and ecosystem with backward and forward linkages to drive agro investments to Uttarakhand.

2K registered unrecognised parties to face EC action

The Election Commission (EC) has decided to act against over 2,000 Registered Unrecognised Political Parties (RUPP) whose numbers saw a 300 per cent increase in the last two decades with most coming into existence just before Lok Sabha or Assembly elections. Saying it is placing the facts in public domain so that the citizens know the affairs of the political parties, the EC said in 2019, of the 2354 RUPPs only 623 contested even as 87 RUPPs were found to be nonexistent on ground. Many RUPPS do not comply to the Alarmingly, the RUPPs combined claimed Income Tax exemption in the range of 100 crore to 608 crore.

This is the first time that the poll body has decided to act against RUPPs for flouting rules, including failure to furnish a contribution report and communicate any change in its name, head office, office bearers and address to the poll panel. The EC said that it has been reported that income tax

the tune of Rs 445 crores in 2018-19 by 199 RUPPs and Rs 608 crores in 2019-20 by 219 RUPPs. Of these, 66 RUPPS have claimed income tax exemption without submitting contribution reports in Form 24A as mandated under section 29C of the Act.

In view of the fact that there are 2174 RUPPs, which have not submitted contribution reports, the list shall be sent to the Department of Revenue for taking all consequential action as per the RP Act 1951 read with the relevant provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and other statutory/regulatory regime including not granting exemption / withdrawing exemption, if already granted/ examining liability of wrongly claiming exemption as the case may be.

The poll body has directed chief electoral officials of state and union territories to put this order on their websites for compliance and for affording an opportunity to anyone aggrieved by above action.

"Action to be initiated against those receiving donations with-out due statutory compliances.

registered unrecognized political parties (RUPPs) reported to be involved in Serious financial impropriety," the EC said in a statement.

There are 87 RUPPs, whose address of communication, was statutorily required as registration requirement under section 29A(4). Any change in address was required to be communicated to the EC under section 29A(9), which they have not complied. "These RUPPs have been found to be non-existent after a physical verification carried out by the respective Chief Electoral Officers. The names of such non-existent RUPPs shall be deleted from the list and benefits under the Symbols Order (1968) withdrawn" the EC said.

As per data shared by the poll body, of the 2354 RUPPs over 92 per cent have not filed their Contribution Report in 2019 to the poll body.

The data showed that near-2056 RUPPs, which have failed to furnish Annual Audit Account of the (5) concerned financial year, are indicative of gaps in vital financial information including bank

natories pertaining to those RUPPs, statement of assets and liabilities, contributions received, details of donors and

expenditure. "Any RUPP aggrieved by any action may approach con-cerned CEO with full facts within 30 days of the issue of this direction with all evidences inter-alia including proof of existence, other legal and regulatory compliances made till now such as submission of year wise annual audited accounts, contribution report, expenditure report, if any, updation of office bearers including authorized signatories for financial transactions including bank account) and operations under the Symbols Order 1968," the EC said.

The poll body further said that 100 RUPPs, which have failed to furnish Election Expenditure Statements after the contest of election(s), have violated the directions of Election Commission. They may approach concerned CEO with full facts within 30 days of the issue of this direction for remedial action, if any, to avoid any consequential action.

MP Karti booked in

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has reg-Enforcement istered a money laundering case against Congress MP Karti Chidambaram and others in connection with the visas-forbribery scam entailing irregular issuance of visas to 263 Chinese nationals in 2011 when his father P Chidambaram was the Union Home Minister.

The ED has filed the case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) taking cognisance of a recent CBI case related to the scam.

The case pertains to allegations of Rs 50 lakh being paid as kickbacks to Karti and his close associate and Chartered Accountant S Bhaskararaman by a top executive of Vedanta Group company Talwandi Sabo Power Ltd. (TSPL), which was setting up a power plant in Punjab, according to the CBI FIR. The CBI had raided the premises of the Chidambaram family and arrested Bhaskararaman last week, even as Karti is likely to depose before it on Thursday.

This is the third money laundering case against Karti with the INX Media and



Aircel-Maxis cases being probed by the agency for the ast few years.

The ED will probe the possible "proceeds of crime" that could have been generated due to the alleged illegal activity in the visa case and once prima facie evidence is gathered, it can attach those assets, they said. The accused persons in the case will be questioned as part of the investigation, they further said.

Karti, 50, has denied all the allegations. In a statement posted on his Twitter handle on Tuesday, he said "if this is not harassment, not a witch hunt, then what is." Meanwhile, Karti has been summoned by the CBI for questioning on Thursday in connection with visa scam. He has been asked to join the probe within 16 hours after he returned from

Honcho held under visa-for-bribery scam | PMLA for causing ₹155 cr loss to bank



The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested Ashok Kumar Mittal, Director of Karnal-based Mahesh Timber Pvt. Ltd. in a bank fraud case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) for diverting funds to Singapore through fake imports, causing a loss of Rs 155 crore to the

The ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by the CBI here for criminal conspiracy, cheating, forgery and criminal misconduct of a public servant against the accused firm, its directors and others. "Ashok Kumar Mittal is

the key director of Mahesh

Timber Pvt. Ltd. who alleged ly connived with the bank officials and fraudulently got Letter of Credit limits enhanced from Rs 21 crore to Rs 195 crore, which were diverted to his Singapore based entities on account of fake imports. The accused firm and its directors caused overall wrongful loss to the bank to the tune of Rs 155 crore and wrongful gains to themselves in this manner," the ED said in a statement.

Mittal was non-cooperative during the investigation and withheld relevant information apart from misleading the investigation. After the arrest, he was produced before the Special Court, Panchkula, Harvana on Tuesday and has been remanded to ED custody for four days, the agency added.

Indian-Bangladeshi Navy bilateral exercise underway

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

n an effort to further strengthen ties in Ithe maritime domain, the four-day third edition of Indian Navy-Bangladesh Navy bilateral exercise "Bongosagar" is now on in Bangladesh.

Giving details of the exercise, navy officials said here on Wednesday, the drill commenced at Port Mongla, Bangladesh on Tuesday. The harbour phase of exercise is scheduled for two days followed by a sea phase in the northern Bay of Bengal from

Exercise 'Bongosagar' is aimed at developing a high degree of interoperability and joint operational skills through the conduct of a wide spectrum of maritime exercises and operations between the two

Indian naval ships Kora, an indigenously built guided missile corvette, and Sumedha, an indigenously built offshore patrol vessel, are participating in the Exercise. The Bangladesh Navy is being represented by Abu Ubaidah and Ali Haider, both guided missile frigates.

The harbour phase of the exercise includes professional and social interac-



addition to the tactical level planning discussions on the conduct of the exercises

ticipate in intensive surface warfare drills weapon firing drills, seamanship evolutions and coordinated air operations in a tacti-The sea phase of the exercise would cal scenario

CJI-chaired panel deliberated upon issue of tenure of 23 NCLT members: Centre to SC

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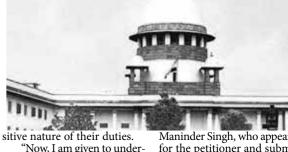
The Centre on Wednesday told the Supreme Court that a committee chaired by the Chief Justice of India had held a meeting on April 20 in which the question regarding the tenure of 23 members of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has been deliberated upon. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, told a vacation bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and Bela M Trivedi that the committee, which also comprises apex court judge Justice Surya Kant and Secretary of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, is seized of the issue and the next meeting is likely to be held within a week or 10 days

Mehta said the committee had considered all aspects of the matter, including verifica-





tion reports of character and antecedents, which are considered to be one of the important factors for the assessment of the suitability of the 23 members for extension of their term of office keeping in view the sen-



"Now, I am given to understand that the next meeting is scheduled in a week or 10 days," he said while requesting the top court to hear the matter on June 15. Mehta said the next retirement of one of the NCLT members is on June 20. The bench was hearing a plea that has raised issues about the tenure of the members of the tribunal.

The apex court noted the submissions of senior advocate

Maninder Singh, who appeared for the petitioner and submitted that term of all the members of the 2019 batch would come to an end on July 3, 2022, though the term should legitimately be for a period of five

"List the proceedings on June 15, 2022," the bench said, adding, "We request the Solicitor General to appraise the court of the developments which have taken place in the meantime."

Delhi HC seeks Centre stand on plea to regulate online gaming

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

 $T^{\text{he Delhi High Court on}}_{\text{Wednesday sought the stand of the Central}}$ Government on a petition to regulate online gaming and stop the games that are not games of skills but chance.

A bench of Acting Chief Justice Vipin Sanghi and Justice Sachin Datts issued metics are

Sachin Datta issued notice on the petition by lawyer Atul Batra who said in his plea that his concern was that online games of chance are promoted as games of skill and that online gambling is as bad as any substance addiction. Noting that betting and gambling is a State subject, the court asked the

petitioner to implead the Delhi Government as a party to the petition. Central government counsel said that various ministries are deliberating on the issue, which concerns a State subject, and the Centre, therefore, cannot legislate upon it without the consent of the State. In the petition, the petitioner stated that if online gambling and betting are not regulated, it is likely to cause immense damage to the society at large as youngsters with impressionable minds can fall prey to such games, which will have an adverse effect on their personal and professional life.

The petitioner sought appropriate action against an under the Information and entity offering an online crick-



website and prima facie promoting a game of chance.

et game involving money on its empowered to issue appropriate instructions to ban the operation of illegal gambling The petitioner said that online websites. The matter would be heard next on Technology Act, the Centre is

officer to join Aviation Corps as combat pilot PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

aptain Abhilasha Barak has become the first woman officer to join the Army Aviation Corps as a Combat Aviator or pilot. Fifteen women officers had expressed their desire to join Army Aviation Corps but only two officers were selected after Pilot Aptitude Battery Test and Medical examination.

Giving details of the momentous achievement, the Additional Directorate General of Public Information, defence ministry on Wednesday described it as a "Golden Letter Day" in the history of the

Indian Army Aviation Corps.
It flies Chetak, Cheetah and Dhruv helicopters and forms the life line for troops guarding the Siachen glacier and other inaccessible forward posts along the Indian borders. The helicopters are used for reconnaissance besides medical evacuation and disaster relief.

Upon successful completion of her training, Captain Barak was awarded the Coveted Wings along with 36 Army pilots, the directorate post said. The post, shared on Instagram, also features a set of

Captain Abhilasha becomes first woman

pictures from the ceremony.

It said "Golden letter day in the history of Indian Army aviation. Captain Abhilasha Barak becomes the first woman officer to join Army Aviation Corps as Combat Aviator after successful comple-

tion of training."
"Captain Abhilasha Barak has been awarded the Coveted Wings along with 36 Army Pilots by Director General and Colonel Commandant Army Aviation. Young Aviators are now ready to spread their wings in Combat Aviation Squadrons," it read. The Army Aviation wing of the Royal Air Force(RAF) in India came into being took place in 1942. In August 1947 the first Indian Air Observation Post-flight was raised.

The present day Army Aviation Corps was established on November 1, 1986. It was "immediately inducted into Operation Pawan," which has been described as a "crucial test" for the Corps that had been newly formed. It was the first major participation by the Corps in the Indian Peace Keeping Force(IPKF)operations in Sri

At present, women are given the responsibility of air traffic control and ground duty in the Aviation Department. Now Barak will take over the responsibility of the pilot. The Corps candidates are trained at the Combat Army Aviation Training School, Nashik. In June, last year, for the first time, two women officers were selected for helicopter pilot training.

The IAF already has started inducting women officers as fighter pilots and in 2018, Flying Officer Avani Chaturvedi became the first Indian woman to fly a

Some antivirals may shorten monkeypox symptoms: Study

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Some antiviral medications might have the potential to shorten symptoms of monkeypox and reduce the amount of time a patient is contagious, according to a study of seven patients diagnosed with the rare viral disease in the UK between 2018 and 2021.

The cases analysed in the study, published on Tuesday in The Lancet Infectious Diseases journal, represent the first instances of in-hospital transmission and household transmission outside of Africa.

The research also reported the patient response to the first off-label use of two different antiviral medications -brincidofovir and tecovirimat

-- to treat the disease.

The study found little evidence that brincidofovir was of clinical benefit but concluded that further research into the potential of tecovirimat would be warranted.

The researchers also report detection of monkeypox virus in blood and throat swabs.

As optimum infection control and treatment strategies for this disease are not yet established, data from the study could help inform global efforts to further understand the clinical features of the disease as well as transmission dynamics,

"As public health officials are trying to understand what is causing the May 2022 monkeypox outbreaks in Europe and North America -- which



have affected several patients who reported neither travel nor an identified link to a previously known case — our study offers some of the first insights into the use of antivirals for the treatment of monkeypox in humans," said Hugh Adler of the Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation

"Although this latest outthe world must remain vigilant break has affected more to the possibility of new cases

patients than we had previously encountered in the UK, historically monkeypox has not transmitted very efficiently between people, and overall the risk to public health is low," Adler, lead author on the paper, said. With international travel returning to pre-pandemic levels, public health officials and healthcare workers around

of monkeypox, said Nick Price of Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, senior author on the paper.

Of the seven UK mon-

keypox cases analysed in the study, four were imported from West Africa with three further cases occurring due to human-to-human transmission within the case clusters.

Monkeypox, a close relative of the smallpox virus, is a rare disease classified as a High Consequence Infectious Disease (HCID) by the UK Health Security Agency.

There are currently no licensed treatments for monkeypox and there is limited data on the duration of its contagiousness, with the incubation period ranging from five

increased from ₹20L to ₹50L under RAN

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 $F_{\text{activists, the Union Health}}^{\text{ollowing a demand from}}$ Ministry has increased the financial support from 20 lakh to 50 lakh for treatment of patients suffering from rare diseases under the umbrella scheme of Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN).

Beneficiaries for such financial assistance would not be limited to BPL families, but extended to about 40% of the population, who are eligible as per norms of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, their treatment in Government tertiary hospitals only," as per the official statement of the Health Ministry. The RAN was set up to provide financial assistance to patients, living below the poverty line and who are suf-

fering from major life threatening diseases, to receive medical treatment at any of the super speciality Hospitals/Institutes or other Government hospitals.

Financial support to rare disease patients

The financial assistance to such patients is released in the form of a 'one-time grant', which is released to the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital in which the treatment has been received.

The Government had in May last year approved the National Policy for Rare Diseases 2021, aiming to lower the high cost of treating rare diseases in India.. Activists like Saurabh

Singh, co-founder-director of Rare Disease India Foundation (RDIF), have been pointing out the need for higher funds for the sector. He had been urging the Government to address the

gaps in providing life-saving treatment to those requiring it. Singh has suggested that the annual budgetary allocation of Rs. 25 crore under the RAN for 2021-22 that has not been spent could be immediately used to treat patients with diseases under Group (3) such as Gaucher, Pompe, Fabry disease and MPS I and

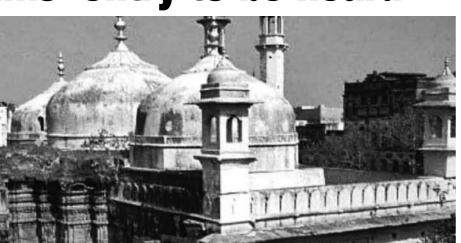
Gyanvapi row: Fresh plea on ban on Muslims' entry to be heard

Afresh petition in the Shringar Gauri-Gyanvapi Mosque complex lawsuit seeking a ban on the entry of Muslims in Gyanvapi complex was on Wednesday transferred to the court of civil judge (senior division/fast track) from the court of civil judge, senior division.

The fast track court will hear the petition on May 30. International general sec-

retary of Vishwa Vedic Sanatan Sangh, Kiran Singh, on Tuesday last had filed a fresh petition in the court of Civil Judge (Senior Division) Ravi Kumar Diwakar in the Shringar Gauri temple-Gyanvapi complex matter seeking a ban on the entry of Muslims in the Gyanvapi complex in which the Gyanvapi mosque is located.

The petitioner also demanded that the entire Gyanvapi complex be handed over to Hindus and sought permission for worship of 'Shivling'claimed by the Hindu side to have been found in the wuzu khana of the Gyanvapi



complex. The civil judge (senior division) had accepted

District Judge Dr Ajay Kumar Vishvesha on Wednesday transferred the petition to the court of Civil Judge (Senior Division/ Fast Track) Mahendra Kumar Pandey. The fact track court posted the hearing for May 30.

It is learnt that the court of the district judge will hear the maintainability of the Shringar Gauri-Gyanvapi mosque com-

plex lawsuit on Thursday. The five women filed a petition in the court of Civil Judge (Senior Division) Ravi Kumar Diwakar seeking permission to worship in the Shringar Gauri temple and preservation of the idols located in the Gyanvapi mosque complex.

The defendants, including the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee, which looks after the management of the Gyanvapi mosque, had moved an application in the Supreme

Court under Order 7, Rule 11 of the Civil Procedure Code (CrPC), raising question on the maintainability of the suit. The apex court on May 20 had transferred the petition to the court of the district judge from the court of the civil judge, senior division and directed him to hear the application moved by the defendants on priority basis. The court of district judge on Tuesday posted the hearing on the maintainability

of the suit first on May 26.

TN BJP leader hacked to death in Chennai in broad daylight

BJP leader K Balachander

er city suburb that law and

order was under control in the

State and there were no reports

of any unpleasant happenings.

State. No instance of caste or

communal clash in Tamil Nadu

or firing or deaths due to spu-

rious liquor has been reported

in the State," Babu had told

reporters at Avadi Police

chief took to the social media

within hours and said that

nobody was safe in Tamil Nadu. He asked the Police to

K Annamalai, BJP State

Commissionerate.

Tamil Nadu is a very peaceful

day before Prime Minister Aday before Prime winnster Narendra Modi was to make an official visit to Chennai to dedicate to the nation Rs 31,400 crore worth infrastructure works built as centrally-sponsored projects, a popular BJP leader in the State was murdered in front of hundreds of onlookers at Chintadripet, a city suburb on Tuesday evening at 7.50.

Two motorcycle borne gangs hacked to death K Balachander (30), Chennai Central District Secretary of the BJP's Scheduled Caste Wing in front of a crowd who ran for their lives after watching the gruesome murder.

Balachander who was accompanied by a security guard was on his way to a tea shop while the gangs of unidentified persons struck him, killing him on the spot and withdrew from the scene as fast as they made their appearance.

Hours before the incident, Sylendra Kumar, director general of police (law and order), Tamil Nadu Police had told reporters at Avadi, anoth-

arrest all the accused in the murder of the party func-tionary. Karu Nagarajan, senior BJP leader who staged a sit-in in front of the Government hospital where Balachander's body was taken for autopsy asked reporters whether Chennai was the polit-ical capital of Tamil Nadu or murder capital. In an embarrassment to the

M K Stalin-led Government, a popular TV channel friendly to the DMK, aired a news on Wednesday stating that Chennai has seen 18 murders in the last 20 days. The report contained the details of the murders with date, time and information about the victims.

But Shankar Jiwal, Commissioner, Chennai City Police, described the news as wrong. "There has been a 25 per cent reduction in the number of murders," said Jiwal while speaking to reporters. No arrests have been made

in the Balachander murder case at the time of going to Press though hectic combing operations are underway across the city. This is Prime Minister's first visit to Tamil, Nadu after the change of Government in the State in last May.

Tripura CM calls on President. Shah, Rajnath

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The new Chief Minister of the poll-bound Tripura Dr Manik Saha, who had this month replaced Biplab Kumar Deb, called on President Ram Nath Kovind, Home Minister Amit Shah and defence Minister Rajnath Singh here on Wednesday.

The change in the north East state was affected by the BJP central leadership as elections to the Tripura assembly are about Year away and the change is aimed at reducing the anti-incumbency of four year-rule of Deb as CM.

It was Saha's first visit to the national Capital since taking charge as the chief minister of the northeastern state on

Saha said he met the home minister and sought his continuous guidance for all-round development of Tripura.

"Delighted to meet the Union Home Minister Hon'ble Shri @AmitShah ji. Requested him for his continuous guidance so that I can devote myself to the all round development of Tripura as Chief Minister of the state," Saha tweeted.

SSC RECRUITMENT SCAM MAY GO BEYOND ₹15K CR

CBI grills senior Bengal Minister for 8 hrs as more scams surface

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The Central Bureau of Investigation probing the School Service Commission recruitment scam following a Calcutta High Court order on Wednesday subjected Bengal Industries Minister and former Trinamool Congress secretary general Partho Chatterjee to intensive 8-hour grilling.

Chatterjee, was the State Education Minister when the large-scale recruitment scam that saw junior Education Minister Paresh Adhikari's daughter Ankita landing a teacher's job by-passing empanelled candidates took place. The said teacher has since been dismissed from service following a court order.

According to sources Chatterjee was asked a whole range of "uncomfortable" questions that he either circumvented or replied in a roundabout manner. Chatterjee had created a five-member screening panel comprising among others his own personal assistant and officer on special duty in order to advice the SSC which is presumed to be an autonomous body responsible for appointments in school

A judicial committee appointed by the High Court by Justice RJ Bag had indicted not only the minister but the aforementioned panel and even recommended criminal proceedings against the offenders saying the formation of the screening committee was an illegal act. When asked as to why he

went out of the way to appoint the screening panel or under whose supervision it worked, Chatterjee reportedly said that he had no control over the committee. When asked as to who controlled the committee or for that matter if any outsider was controlling it he

allegedly feigned ignorance, sources said adding he also failed to answer why he did not take action when reports of irregularities were coming in.

Sources in the CBI which has been grilling five senior State government officials who were in the screening committee and through whom the scam was operated said Chatterjee's statements and the statements given by the five officials were not matching." They even said that the statements given by Chatterjee and his former Deputy Paresh Adhikari too contradicted at places."

The senior minister who has been asked to furnish his income details was on Wednesday asked to reduce his statements in writing for perusal.

While CBI sources said that the Minister could be summoned again they claimed that information regarding an

alleged newly constructed international school in West Midnapore and multiple apartments and hotels were also being collected.

While prima facie at least one thousand people were illegally given jobs by passing the empanelled candidates the High Court has directed the CBI to find out the total number of illegal appointments which the petitioners' lawyers Firdous Shamim said could run into thousands - and money trail if any behind such recruitments.

Saying that it was a "multilayered scam equivalent to Vyapam scam or chit fund" Shamim said illegal appointments took place in Group D, Group C, Primary, upper Primary, secondary and higher secondary level involving thousands of teachers.

"The rate for illegal appointments hovered anywhere between Rs 5 lakh for

the Group D level to Rs 20 or Rs 25 lakh for Higher Secondary level," he said adding "roughly it could involve a total scam of Rs 15,000 crores and this is by the lower side."

Already about 600 people have been identified and lost their jobs and many more hundreds or even thousands could face a similar fate, sources said.

Meanwhile, there were

more recruitment scams reported in other departments to 33 members. too, sources said. Protests were staged in front of the Calcutta University by aspiring professors who complained of a massive scam in the recruitment process of college teachers by the College Service Commission. CSC chairman Dipak Sarkar however denied such allegations. Similar scams were reported in the Health Department with the aspiring nurses staging protests outside the health ministry for the past two days. Tamta (Uttarakhand), Kapil Siba

Cong likely to get 11 seats in upcoming RS elections (Uttar Pradesh) and Chhaya

Congress is likely to get 11 Rajya Sabha seats in the upcoming election cycle with some of its top leaders, including P Chidambaram and Jairam Ramesh, eyeing another term. This will also help the Congress strengthen its party position in the Upper House of Parliament from the current 29

Some other top Congress leaders, including Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma, Mukul Wasnik, Randeep Surjewala, Ajay Maken and Rajeev Shukla, are waiting in the wings to get a Rajya Sabha nomination. Of the 55 vacancies arising in the Rajya Sabha in the next two months. seven Congress members -Chidambaram (Maharashtra), Ramesh (Karnataka), Ambika Soni (Punjab), Vivek Tankha (Madhya Pradesh), Pradeep

Verma (Chhattisgarh) — will be completing their terms.

The Congress will be gaining three to four seats in the Upper House if it manages to get all the three seats that are falling vacant in Rajasthan. While the party will get two seats in Chhattisgarh, where it is in power, it will get one seat each in Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand and Maharashtra, where it shares power with other likeminded parties.

The Congress is also likely to get one seat each in Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka on the strength of its MLAs in these states. Sources said while Chidambaram and Ramesh are hopeful that the party leadership would give a nod to them for another term, there are a host of other leaders who are waiting for a Rajya Sabha berth for some time now

Chidambaram is eyeing

the lone Rajya Sabha seat from Tamil Nadu. He has already met Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK leader M K Stalin. However, former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi's team is pushing for a young face in Praveen Chakravarty, the head of the party's Data Analytics department, for the seat.

Three-time Rajya Sabha member Ramesh will get a fourth term if his name is cleared for the lone seat in Karnataka, from where Surjewala is also a contender.

In Haryana, Surjewala, Kumari Selja and Kuldeep Bishnoi are vying for the lone seat, but former chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda is pushing for the nomination of Anand Sharma. The former Union minister is a prominent member of the "Group of 23" and is considered close to Hooda, who is also a member of the grouping.

After Nitish, Pawar raises 'caste-based' census issue

 $M^{
m aking}$ a strong case for the reservations for the Other Backward Classes (OBCs), NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Wednesday rooted strongly for the conduct of a 'caste-based' census by the Centre to determine the quantum of reservations for OBCs in the country.

Addressing a state convention on reservations organised by the NCP's OBC Cell at the YB Chavan Centre here, Pawar slammed the Narendra Modi-government at the Centre and the RSS that supports the government, for opposing the caste-based census in the country.

"The OBCS are not asking for anything free. They are merely demanding reservations as their right. The reservations cannot happen unless there is a caste-based national census. The SC and ST communities benefited by way of reservations made in the Constitution, We should make

OBCs," the NCP chief said.

"For the purpose of providing reservations to the OBCs, we need to ascertain their exact population. Only way to ascertain the OBC population in the country is to conduct a caste-based national census. Once the caste-based national census is done, we will know what exactly is the OBC population in the country, The reservations for them can be decided on the basis of their population," Pawar said. At the convention attended

by the OBC leaders from across the state, north Maharashtra representative Umesh Nemade moved a resolution demanding a "caste-based" national census so as to pave the way for reservations for the OBCs living across the country.

Coming down heavily on the Modi government at the Centre for resisting a "castebased" census in the country, Pawar said: "Yesterday, Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar

caste-based census. But till the Modi-led BJP is in power at the Centre, I don't think castebased census will happen in the country. This is because the mindset of the BJP and its ideological allies is different".

Pawar said that RSS' joint secretary Bhyajji Joshi had gone on record that his organisation was totally opposed to the caste-based census on the assumption that it would vitiate the atmosphere in the country. "I would like to know from him: how will the atmosphere get vitiated? When there is an imbalance in the society, we need to do something. The NCP is prepared to do whatever it takes to create awareness in the society," he said.

When he targeted the BJP and RSS for their resistance to "caste-based" census, the NCP chief was apparently alluding to an affidavit filed by the Centre before the Supreme Court on September 23 last year that a "caste-census", stating that a caste sible" and that it had taken a "conscious policy decision" to not to seek information regarding any other caste, except SCs and STs.

The Centre had filed an affidavit to this effect in the apex court in response to the Maharashtra government's plea to count Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the upcoming census.

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and former Bihar CM Jitan Ram Manjhi too have for some time been mounting pressure on the Modi government to get a clear count on OBCs. Even Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale is in favour of the caste-based census.

Pawar said that the ruling MVA in Maharashtra — comprising Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress — would go in for the upcoming civic polls only after the resolution of the reservations



NCC cadets perform a routine drill during their annual Army Training Camp, at Nagrota on the outskrits of Jammu.

BJP starts week-long campaign to

NAS report on school education System in country released Mathematics, Science & Social in developing

The Education Ministry on Wednesday released the National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021 report which assesses the health of school education system in the country by conducting comprehensive evaluation survey of children's learning compétencies at classes III, V, VIII and X with a cycle period of three years. It reflects the overall assessment of school education system. The last NAS was held in 2017.

The NAS 2021 was held on 12.11.2021 at all India level and covered Government Schools (Central Government and State Government); Government Aided Schools; and Private Unaided Schools. Subjects covered are Language, Mathematics & EVS for class 3 & 5; Language,

Science for class 8 and Language, Mathematics, Science, Social Science and English for class 10.

According to the Department of School Education and Literacy, about 34 lakh students of 1.18 lakh schools in 720 districts from both rural and urban areas have participated in NAS 2021. The National Report Card has been released and placed in the public domain on nas.gov.in. It will enable analysis of results and remedial action at the appropriate levels. The objective of NAS 2021 is to evaluate children's progress and learning competencies as an indicator of the efficiency of the education system, so as to take appropriate steps for remedial actions at difent levels. It will help to unravel the gaps in learning and will support state/UT governments

in developing long term, mid-term and short-term interventions to improve learning levels and orient on differential planning based on NAS 2021

The report is based on the performance in all subjects through disaggregation by gender (female, male), Area (Rural and Urban), Management of schools (Government, Government aided and Private unaided) and Social Groups (Schedule Caste (SC), Schedule Tribe (ST), Other Backward Communities (OBC) and General. This nation-wide 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 (NIC).

UP Finance Minister to present budget today

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Uttar Pradesh Finance Minister Suresh Khanna will present the first budget of the second term of the Yogi Adityanath-led Bharatiya Janata Party Government on Thursday.

The budget for the next fiscal 2022-23 is expected to be the biggest ever and is likely to be over Rs 6 lakh crore. The size of the 2021-22 budgets was Rs 5, 50 Lakh crore. Official sources said the

budget would be paperless and inclusive and would cater to the aspiration of all sections of The Uttar Pradesh government had on December 16,

2021 presented an interim-

budget for 2022-23 in the state

legislature, proposing an expenditure of Rs 5,45,370.69 crore and estimated receipts of Rs 5,44.836.56 crore. This left a deficit of Rs 534.13 crore.

The budget is likely to accommodate the promises made by the BJP in its election manifesto ahead of the 2022 UP assembly elections. The budget is likely to be focused on the agriculture sector. The BJP had promised free power to farmers in its election manifesto. Free power to farmers is likely to entail additional expenditure of Rs 1,800 crore on the state's finances.

The government is also likely to announce the creation of a stabilisation fund for ensuring remunerative prices for the crops of tomato, onion and potato.

strengthen party for 2024 elections and including vice president

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The BJP on Wednesday ■ started a week-long campaign to strengthen the organisation and boost outreach activities in around 74,000 electoral booths across the country where it is relatively weak. The move is keeping the next Lok Sabha elections in mind. BJP president J P Nadda 'Booth addressed Empowerment Campaign' event at the party headquarters here, the party said in a tweet. The meeting was attended by several Union ministers and leaders from across the country. The campaign will continue till May 31.

their constituencies, sources said adding the BJP's Rajya The BJP has formed a committee chaired by party Sabha MPs have been given the vice president Baijayant Panda responsibility of strengthen-

Dilip Ghosh, general secretary CT Ravi, and the party's Scheduled Caste (SC) Morcha head Lal Singh Arya as its members.

The party has identified around 74,000 booths across the country that are to be strengthened under the campaign. All party MPs have been asked to strengthen 100 weak booths in their respective constituencies and a 30-member team will be formed for the purpose, party sources

Similarly, party MLAs have been given the task of strengthening 10 weaker booths in

ing polling booths in those Lok Sabha constituencies where the party lost. The weaker booths have

been identified on the basis of the results of the 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha elections and state assembly polls, they said adding these booths have been divided into various categories on the basis of demography, organisational strength and other aspects. A similar exercise was ini-

tiated by the BJP in 2016 and the party had identified around 115 constituencies in six states Odisha, West Bengal,

Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala — and the Northeast. The party had never been able to win these constituencies

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Cost of 'service'

The Govt is set to discuss the contentious issue of applying 'service charge' to restaurant bills

ipping is not just about slipping some money to a waiter. Ideological battles were fought over it in the past. Today, the Governments square off with restaurateurs over it, pitting the customer's right of choice against the waiter's fruits of labour. On June 2, the Department of Consumer Affairs and the National Restaurants Association of India will meet to thrash out a contentious issue: Are eateries collecting service charge — tipping in legalese — by default even though it is voluntary. The question is, do restaurants 'force' them to pay the service charge? At least that is the allegation against the eateries. The other is that the service charge is fixed arbitrarily. Eateries are also accused of misleading customers about the legality of the service charge. The service charge is a transaction between the customer and the waiting or serv-



ing employees. It involves the staff offering the service of serving the customers and the latter, if happy, tipping the staff. When the tip is part of the bill in the form of a charge, it is called a service charge. Restaurants are not involved in this transaction at all, except by facilitating the voluntary collection of the service charge from customers instead of individual tipping. Why then is the Government inviting only the restaurants' bodies for the talks and not the employees' unions? Many customers are truly ignorant about service charge; many are still confused between service tax and service charge.

Many cannot be sure that the restaurant has calculated the service charge before charging GST and other taxes. The restaurants argue they have done their duty by mentioning the service charge on the menu card and the bill. For that matter, the Government is still not clear whether the service charge is taxable. The logic of the Goods and Services Tax is that all services are taxable. Even service charge, apart from service tax? The Government's service charge guidelines of 2017 are only advisory. No legislation backs them. The Consumer Protection Act, 2019, does not refer to tipping or service charge. Against this backdrop, what will the June 2 meeting achieve other than issuing "advice" to the restaurateurs' body? In the meanwhile, who will protect the interests of the waiting staff? A tip attests to the waiter's abilities. The best waiters corner the maximum tips. It is they who, apart from food and ambience, contribute to a restaurant's popularity. The service charge, on the other hand, is a level playing field for all waiters. They receive an equal share of the charge irrespective of their efficiency levels. For all waiters, however, tips represent extra income that makes a major difference in their lives. There may be cases where the employers are keeping a portion of the service charge with themselves. Why not bring in legislation that protects the interests of these waiters by legalising tipping if the service charge system is so complicated? That is the real issue.



Tourists ride a horsecart as clouds hover in the sky at Dadar beach, in Mumbai

Warming warning

The unusual and unseasonal prolonged spells of high temperatures are here to stay, reveal studies

f alarm bells on deteriorating weather conditions in India are not ringing just about yet, it's better to double-check the power supply. In a bad omen for our planet, it has been found that climate change made the extreme temperatures that baked northwest India and Pakistan in April and May over 100 times more likely and also increased the chances that such heat waves will occur more frequently by the end of the century. To put it in simpler terms, without accounting for climate change, a heat wave exceeding 2010's average temperature could happen once in every 312 years, according to an attribution study published recently. Taking climate change into account, however, the probabilities increased to once in every 3.1 years in the current climate, and to once in every 1.15 years by the end of the century. Climate change is already mak-



ing extreme weather events such as heatwaves more intense and more frequent, and will continue to do so in future. India and Pakistan's heatwave is also extraordinary in its duration — extremely high temperatures started as early as in March.

In another surprising revelation, a study has found that, contrary to popular perception, biomass emissions (stubble burning and increased heating requirements) rather than bursting of fireworks drive the poor air quality in the Capital during the days immediately succeeding Diwali. The study, conducted by IIT-D researchers before, during and after Diwali, threw light on the pollution sources impacting the ambient air

quality in the Capital. The team discovered that biomass burning-related emissions rose steeply in the days following Diwali, with the average levels rising almost twice as compared to the pre-Diwali concentration. Also, the organic PM2.5 indicated a significant rise in both primary and secondary organic pollutants in the days following Diwali. Shockingly, the study discovered that the metal content in PM2.5 levels rose by 1,100 per cent ... and the fireworks alone accounted for 95 per cent of the metal PM2.5 during the Festival of Lights. However, the impact of the fireworks was noticed to plummet within around 12 hours after the day of the festival. What makes these studies important is the result which provides crucial insights into a topic of longstanding debate and concerns between air quality experts and the policymakers. Hopefully, this newfound knowledge will help alleviate the problems emanating from the extreme air pollution events in the Delhi-NCR areas.

Checkmate by the 'Neutrals' in Pak



No one in Pakistan has any doubt over the long, deep and dirty hands of the Pakistani military, called the 'establishment', in all sovereign decisions

he Pakistani Army's complicated relationship with democracy started with its first native chief, Gen Ayub Khan. Ayub's selection baptised the 'institution' with the political culture of out-of-turn nomination to the Chief of Pakistani Army Staff for posterity (Ayub was the junior-most Maj Gen in the Pakistani Army and his name was not even in the first consideration list). Soon the ambitious General took over the formal reins from the civilian politicians and promulgated the creatively deceptive concept of 'Basic Democracy' — a farcical system legitimising his iron-fisted dictatorship whilst providing a semblance of democracy. A similarly out-of-turn and ostensibly pliant General Zia-ul-Haq was to repeat the Ayub feat by deposing the civilian Government of Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto.

The even more unhinged dictator in General Zia immediately promised a restoration to democracy after taking over, "My sole aim is to organise free and fair elections", and within months shifted his stance to 'retribution first, elections later' he stayed on for the next 11 years till he died in a mysterious plane crash. In 1999, yet another out-of-turn and supposedly 'safe' Gen Pervez Musharraf grabbed power in a coup d'état and promised 'true democracy' which he claimed wouldn't be the "evil of sham democracy" but he, too, hung around for another nine years!

Much wisdom has dawned on the subsequent Pakistani Army Chiefs like Pervez Kayani, Raheel Sharif and, most recently, Qamar Javed Bajwa. All of them have preferred a more discreet, 'democratic' and highly effective way of running the show, without attracting international opprobrium. They have effectively 'chosen' civilian Governments as per their topical interests, extended their terms unilaterally to six-year terms (Pervez Kayani and Imran nadinyoked a stinging



legislations towards securing their own interests in plum post-retirement roles (currently heading the Islamic Military Counter-Terrorism Coalition).

No one in Pakistan has any doubts of the 'establishment's' (Pakistani military's) long and deep hands in all sovereign decisions. The once out-of-favour with the Pakistani military, Nawaz Sharif, had called the Generals as 'Khalai Mukhlooq' (aliens or the invisible hand) as the 'establishment's' hand in elevating Imran Khan to power in 2018 was undeniable. Obviously, as the beneficiary of the Pakistani military's favour, Imran had dissed all murmurs about the military's extra-constitutional abilities as he probably assumed that he'd be able to defang the Generals over time tried but failed miserably.

Ultimately, a desperately struggling Imran struggled to nuance the military's claimed apolitical and neutral stand when the tables turned, and he had become an outsized nuisance for the Generals. Facing a no-confidence vote, Qamar Bajwa) or, like Gen appeal for support by saying, Raheel Sharif, managed to twist "Allah did not allow us to be



DESPERATE IMRAN STRUGGLED TO NUANCE THE MILITARY'S CLAIMED APOLITICAL AND **NEUTRAL STAND** WHEN THE TABLES TURNED, AND HE HAD BECOME AN **OUTSIZED NUISANCE** FOR THE GENERALS

neutrals as only animals are neutrals!" Clearly, the Generals were not amused and they remained 'neutral' to Imran's extreme discomfiture. Soon the dejected and ejected Imran was left lamenting, "Neutrals weren't actually neutral." Today, as the vainglorious Imran replots his journey back to political relevance, he is left hoping in sarcasm, "I also say to my Army that you said you are neutral, so now remain neutral." Deep down, Imran would know better of the shift in tide and circumstances of his equation with these socalled 'neutrals'.

Meanwhile, in a curious closing of the loop, it is the Sharif family (deposed and hounded out of Pakistan in the 1999 military coup d'état) that is singing hosanas of the Pakistani military's 'neutral-

Tellingly, no Pakistani Prime Minister has ever completed his/her tenure and almost all were tripped through extra-constitutional or judicial intervention that invariably could be traced back to the shadowy Generals at the Rawalpindi Military Headquarters Ministers were able to go

beyond the four-year mark. The fissures in each case were triggered by political efforts to undermine or diminish the Pakistani Military — in Imran's case, his grandstanding in delaying the transfer of his preferred spy chief ie, then DG of ISI, General Faiz Hameed, was tantamount to crossing the traditional 'red lines' of noninterference in certain matters. Imran could no longer be trusted to walk the line of the 'establishment's' formula for Pakistani governance, and thus had to be removed. Today, the Pakistani mil-

itary has further denied any imminent threat to national security or the alarmist 'international conspiracy'. Making it worse for Imran is the careful recalibration of the Sharif-Bhutto combine towards the Generals, and the deliberate assertion by the Pakistani military spokesperson that General Baiwa seeks no further extension === both moves deflate Imran's expected aspersions and stridency against the 'neutrals'. Somewhere along the line, Imran had managed to create a dangerous divide within the ironclad 'establishment' with purported factionalism between a General Bajwa and a possible faction led by politically beholden/preferred, Lt Gen Faiz Hameed. This was unprecedentedly and unexpectedly brazen interference into the insular affairs of the Pakistani military, even by the standards of the hugely egotistical Imran. For now, the possible succession of Lt Gen Faiz Hameed as the Pakistani military chief has been checkmated, as has been the possibilities of a civilian dispensation attempting to usurp the powers of the incorrigible

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INDIA MUST CONSOLIDATE GAINS

Sir — While India has joined the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), a forum to enhance cooperation among 13 countries in areas such as clean energy, supply chain resilience, decarbonisation, digital trade and infrastructure, it is seen as a counter to the RCEP, from which India has stayed away. At a time when every country is trying to secure its own economic interests, India must be wary that all IPEF members except India and the US are part of the China-backed trading agreement, the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and yet have chosen to be a part of the US-led initiative.

The dream of a win-win situation for all members can only be realised if this framework provides a level playing field. Otherwise, it will become only a tool for the assertion of America's hegemony considering the fact that the latter's previous initiatives like Blue Dot Network and Build Back Better Initiatives had made little headway towards changing the region's infrastructural needs. India has a favourable balance of trade with the US, about \$33 billion of trade surplus from January to December 2021, the exports to America were valued at more than \$73 billion, way above imports worth around \$40 billion.

Vijay Singh Adhikari | Nainital

STRIKING THE RIGHT BALANCE

Sir — The Union Government's decision to reduce the taxes on petrol and diesel to curtail the inflation rate is strategic in nature. The cost of movement of goods and people directly adds to the cost escalation of every product and it has come to a point where the "consumption" factor gets a hit and demand automatically goes for a nosedive under compulsion. It, therefore, leads to excess supply pushing the graph further down to hit the bottom of the line, drastically affecting the economy in the long run. This price reduction and correction process was supposed

America and its gun culture



opened fire at a Texas Robb Elementary School, killing at least 19 children, two adults (including a teacher) as he went from classroom to classroom. It was the deadliest school shooting since the 2012 massacre in Newtown, Conn. The US Constitution gives all its citizens the right to own a gun, and guns are as easy to find in stores across America as grocery shopping in any country. Hence no one

to be taken up much earlier by the Government.

Taxing corporations and companies drives them away to another country, resulting in more job losses, reduction in IT revenues, more NPAs from failed businesses, and so on. While the rich must be taxed more heavily than they are now, middle income groups need to pay up their fair share. The cess collected by the Union Government is used to pay back the loans borrowed by State Governments on account of the GST revenue deficit to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. When people didn't have objection to collecting doles, they shouldn't object to paying their taxes either.

CK Subramaniam | Navi Mumbai

COURTS SHOULD DISMISS SUCH CLAIMS

Sir — The current situation of disgruntled communal elements trying to dig and explore mosques like Gyanvapi Masjid, saying Hindu temples existed under such structures, encouraged by politicallyaffiliated religious groups, has stemmed from the manner in which the Babri

is surprised that how much untrue it is that America has launched a decisive fight against terrorism, and calls itself the 'big brother' of humanity. It may declare itself the champion of democracy in the world, but it has never been able to do anything to stop the prevailing gun

culture there As a result, in the last five decades, more than 1.4 million people have died due to America's gun culture. Interestingly, hours after the attack, US President Joe Biden who was in Japan appeared ready for a fight in an address to the nation. "As a nation, we have to ask when in God's name are we going to stand up to the gun lobby?" Biden asked. "Why are we willing to live with this carnage?" It remains to be seen whether Biden will take specific action to control the powerful gun lobby.

Bidyut K Chatterjee I *Faridabad*

Masjid was allowed to be demolished and the Supreme Court's verdict to hand over the disputed site in Ayodhya to the Hindu claimants. It is also a blunder and flagrant violation of the law by the honourable courts by repeatedly entertaining such claims which are in contravention to the 'Places of Worship (Special Provisions)

It is an open secret that such moves are encouraged by the powers that be with a motive to reap political benefits. It is time the Supreme Court intervened, put an end to this menace and upheld the spirit of the Places of Worship Act and preserve communal peace. If this is not done urgently, India will have to lose its great name as a land of great values and heritage. Further, any more demolitions similar to that of the Babri Masjid would confirm that we too are a bunch of barbarians, like those who are said to have demolished other religious

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SOME BRANDS ARE AGGRESSIVELY CAPITALISING ON CANCEL CULTURE

A new public sphere in a network society







nderstanding cancel culture and a new public sphere are becoming imminent. Constructing and deconstructing the suitability of such culture is largely contextualized and is heavily relied on the cultural context. It has invariably attempted to redefine Jürgen Habermas' public sphere, especially the future of the public sphere in a network society. In the digital arena, the argumentative discussions on the public sphere are increasingly relevant and yet problematic. There is a little denial that public sphere is subjected to dramatic change and re-change. Reasons and passion in the public sphere are many and it has been increasingly interdisciplinary in approach. Over the years, cancel culture is getting more apparent from comedy to cricket. A product of internet culture, it has spread its wings across the globe including India. Several celebrities have faced severe backlash for their alleged deeds or narratives which were deemed offensive and inappropriate in the public. The butterfly effect of social media is adding to the cancel culture. The dark holes of disinformation are becoming rampant. The pandemic situation across the globe had added to the woes of the public. On the other hand, it has different implications in brand communication. Some brands are aggressively capitalizing on this culture and using this trend as branding. Of course, this needs to be handled with utmost care. Whether cancel culture actually works or not, it remains debatable. Cancel cul-



ture has become a common phenomenon in our society. To be precise, cancel culture means a practice of withdrawing support for public figures or companies or even against an individual after they have done or said something considered objectionable or offensive. It is generally discussed in the social media in the form of group shaming.

Cancel culture attempts to enforce some degree of accountability on an individual even though it demands a series of arguments and deliberations on the topics or individuals or institutions. This culture surfaced across nations when the #MeToo movement gained traction in 2016 in the US where people resorted to social media to cancel or boycott public personalities of repute. Last year #BanNetflix was getting viral for alleged inappropriate content. Cancel culture as a medium of showing disbelief towards a person or any organization or thought is nothing new in India. In the year 2019, the former US President Obama appealed to discard the cancel culture. The actor and activist Jameela Jamil claimed that cancel culture as pointless and is a waste of time. The names of JK Rowling and Harry Potter rose to some extent. Cancel culture has shared some common space in the pandemic and online trolling. According to reports, online hate speech rose 20% during the pandemic. However, it was often normalized in most of the circumstances.

Cancel culture has its own implications on brands and brand communication. The trolling in the Internet has become a common phenomenon. It has caused a stir in the recent times. One of the renowned jewelry apps had to face the wrath of the consumers for one of their promotional advertisements. A popular TV show anchor is being alleged trolled for not providing promotional space for a film. Cancel culture has encroached into the space of marketing and advertising. Usually, brands are politically non-partisans However, in applarisedworld, brands are slowly taking political patronage. Boycotting has become a mainstream consumer reaction. Consumers are increasingly demanding the brands to take a stand on any social or political issue. Consumers are also aware of the fact that several brands use societal issues as a marketing ploy to sell more of their product. Cancel culture is thus negotiating its space in the public sphere.

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Pak oppression stoking Baloch 'azadi' fires



Balochs say the CPRC ignores them and is Punjab-centric. The Gwadar-Karachi route goes through developed areas of Punjab and Sind while bypassing Balochistan districts

sophisticated nature of the attacks carried out by the Tehreek-e-

alochistan is Pakistan's biggest occupied province, making about 4% of the country's total land area. With a coastline of 770 kilometres, Balochistan also shares borders with Iran and Afghanistan, and 40% of the world's oil travels via Gwadar port, located near the opening of the Strait of Hormuz.

Pakistan's display of unified nationalism is met with ethno-nationalist opposition from Balochs, Pashtuns and Sindhis, who have been protesting against their political and economic marginalisation since the formation of Pakistan. The Punjab-centric planning and implementation of projects under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) have worsened the conflict between the state and the Azadi-seeking forces. A takeover of Gwadar port and subsequent exclusion of the Baloch firms, workers and fishermen from Gwadar-linked CPEC projects, and various developmental policies apart from exploiting its natural resources have exacerbated pre-existing secessionist sentiments in Balochistan. Furthermore, the Eastern route or alignment of the Chinese Project connects Gwadar and Karachi through the developed portions of Punjab and Sind while leaving behind several districts of Balochistan. The Baloch main-stream parties have thus opposed the pro-ject entirely and have called for complete

Further, political discrimination against the Shia Hazara community in Quetta has also been a human rights issue. Shia Hazaras are considered Iranian spies by Sunni sectarians. Restrictive practices in Rawalpindi are evident in the massacre of Shia Hazaras and their lack of mention in the national media. Nevertheless, East Pakistan (Bangladesh) was the only region to achieve liberation from all forms of tyranny.

Today, the unification of various Baloch rebel groups- Baloch Republican Army (BRA), United Baloch Army, Baloch Raji Ajoi Sangar (BRAS) to form a Baloch National Army (BNA) or the 'Azadi brigade' might result in the establishment of a Baloch territory carved out from Pakistan. If Rawalpindi increases its atrocities, the Balochs might retaliate further by calling all the Balochs in Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan to unite and form a 'Greater Balochistan'. The recent suicide bombing of Shari Baloch calls for the attention of the intensification of the freedom struggle in Baluchistan. Severaldisgruntled Pakistani factions have hailed Shari Baloch's decision to oppose the CPEC and Rawalpindi. On social media sites like Twitter, Sindhi separatists have expressed their admiration for her bravery. It is an indication thatthe Baloch National Army would expand to include Sindhi factions in the future.

Until now, the Baloch rebel groups' classic modus operandi used improvised explosive devices and hit-and-run attacks apart from the protests. Suicide bombing by Shari Baloch has commonalities with the



Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and its affiliates. The TTP aims to establish an Islamic Emirate of Pakistan, very similar to what the Taliban did in PAKISTAN'S Afghanistan. TTP recruits are pri-**MAJOR** marily from the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, and thus it has sympathies with the BLA. However, **SECURITY** a catch is that the TTP swears its POLICY FLAW allegiance to the Afghan Taliban and is backed by Al Qaeda. This makes TTP a dicey player between BEEN AN BLA and the Pakistan forces. Interestingly, is it possible that TTP's leader Noor Wali ANTI-INDIA APPROACH. Mehsud has allied with the Baloch rebels? Till now, independent VIEWING THE acts have been carried out by TTP OF JIHADIST FROM THIS

(North-West of Pakistan) and BLA (South of Pakistan). However, that might not be the case any longer. From a Pakistani perspective, the Afghan Taliban's takeover might have driven out the US and posed severe issues for its allies, yet, the Taliban's aspirations and capabilities to function independently of Rawalpindi cannot be ruled out. There have been statements from the Taliban "ministers" seeking an independent role in its 'national' and regional affairs. Moreover, the Taliban might have the revenge objectives of post 9/11 developments wherein Pakistan cleverly helped the U.S. crush the Taliban. oppress TTP's rearming and a resurgence for the reasons mentioned above, apart from forging alliances with Baloch rebels.

If one can recall, in the early 2010s, the Tehrik-e-Taliban Balochistan (TTB) emerged on TTP lines. TTB aspired for the complete exit of foreigners from Baluchistan apart from fighting the Pakistani security forces and law enforcement agencies to convert Pakistan into a battlefield. The organisation recruited indigenous fighting units and foreign fighters primarily of the Afghan-

Pashtun tribes. However, the Baloch are traditionalists and not fundamentalists, and hence the assumptions and possibilities of TTP and BLA finding convergences for their operational synergies is a strong possibility. The 'Azadi Brigade' can also be joined by the ISKP (Islamic State -Khorasan Province), proving fur-ther detrimental to Pakistan's

Although the intensity and the number of attacks against the Pakistani military establishments increased after the US exit from Afghanistan, the recent extension of the ceasefire between TTP and Pakistan, mediated through the Afghan Taliban and the Haqqani network, reminds us of 2020 when in a surprising move the truce and subsequent mergers between TTP with its splinter groups and rivals moderated by the Al-Qaida. Important groups which merged with TTP were a faction of the sectarian group Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ) and the splinter groups of TTP- Hakimullah Mehsud faction, Jama'atul-Ahrar (JuA), and its sub-splinter Hizbul-Ahrar (HuA). The mergers gave a predominant position to the TTP, which One might assume that the equalled the Afghan Taliban's position in Kabul. Despite ideational and strategic divergences, the ceasefire raises essential questions. Rawalpindi might be trying to establish another regional Sunni proxy terror alliance in Balochistan with Jaish ul-Adl, first to suppress the Baloch movement and second to revive the Iranian Jundullah organisation while creating instability in Sistan and Balochistan

'destructive forces'to be diverted elsewhere

Whether the BLA fights along

with the TTP or Pakistan and finally succeeds in creating instabilities, the Chinese CPEC is bound to be in the doldrums for violence plays an essential role in the region. A pertinent question is whether Pakistan is playing the same game with China as it played with the U.S. in Afghanistan? By attracting the Chinese money and infrastructure toBalochistan and Iran; encouraging Iran to remain isolated while simultaneously attempting to bring the extremist group under a single umbrella to launch offensive actions against Baloch citizens, groups, as well as Iranian Baluchistan, does it not hint at the same methodology as it adopted in the last decade for ousting the US? If the violence between factions intensifies, the Chinese Projects andits citizens will be affected. In an extreme case, would not the Chinese be forced to abandon theirprojects the same way the U.S. and the NATO forces

Pakistan's major foreign and security policy flaw has primarily been an anti-India approach. Viewing the mushrooming of the Jihadist organisation from this lens, it has only aimed to receive aid from either of the powers while simultaneously trying to destabilise India. Soon, isiamadad would de a victin of its homegrown terror and might enlist as a nation that dug its own grave. Joseph Nye once stated, 'Important political leaders never just followed their interests - they were concerned about the interests of their people". Islamabad has never produced a leader of that kind. With more chaos, terror, external loans and inflation, it would not be wrong to predict that 'Azad Balochistan' would see the light of the day very soon. province.Pakistan would want the

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Messed up post-COVID job statistics in India

MGNREGA job demand was less in 2021-22, meaning people who migrated to villages after COVID got their jobs back in urban areas

he Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) says that though the GDP has bounced back post-Covid, its biggest impact has been on employment. Employment reached only 40.18 crores in 2021-22 as against 40.89 crores in 2019-20. Unemployment which was 3.29 crore in 2019-20 reached 3.33 crore in 2021-22 — an increase of only 4 lakhs.

The CMIE concludes that though the decrease in employment has been nearly 7 million i.e. 70 lakh, the increase of unemployment is only 4 lakh, indicating that the people who got unemployed during this period have given up hope of employment and they are now

out of the race for employment. It's notable that for some time, due to some reasons, the employment related data in the



country is not being published by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO). It is natural that in the absence of official figures, the figures of institutions like CMIE get space in the media. However, their credibility is questionable.

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) guarantees at least 100 days of employment in every financial year to every rural unemployed. So, when people are unemployed, they are entitled to get 100 days of employment under MGNREGA. În such a situation, even if a person is getting casual employment anywhere and if he remains unemployed for 100 or less days, then he can seek employment under

'MGNREGA'.

unemployment rises, the demand for MNREGA will also increase. For example, in 2020-21 due to lockdown in cities and decline in economic activities, employment decreased and people migrated to villages,

then in those days the number

of 'MGNREGA' beneficiaries

This logically means that if increased to 7 crores from

Interestingly, the period (2021-22) for which the CMIE report is talking about a rise in unemployment, demand for MGNREGA employment was actually 6.55 percent less than the previous year. That is, it can be said that during the Corona period, people who had migrated to the villages had got employment back in the urban areas. In this sequence, if we look at the figures of April 2022, it is found that in April 2021, 2.62 crore people had sought work under 'MNREGA', whereas in April 2022, only 2.33 crore people sought work under MGNREGA, that is, a decline of 11.15 percent. Analysts believe that the fall in demand for employment under MGNRE-GA is due to increased employ-

merely 5 crores before the ment in urban areas. This figure is in stark contrast to the report published by CMIE, which says that people have moved out of the labour force, giving up the hope of employment due to the loss of employment opportunities. Instead of giving its own value judgement about unemployment, CMIE should have taken note of the MGNREGA figures to arrive at a conclusion.

The CMIE report states that even if 7.5 percent GDP growth is achieved in 2022-23, the unemployment rate will increase rather than going down. For this they talk of employment elasticity with respect to GDP. But we have to understand that the recovery after Covid in the economy is not a normal recovery. This recovery accompanies some fundamental changes in the Indian economy. All indicators of the economy are pointing

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towards these changes Significantly, in the last quarter of the last financial year (2021-22), the monthly average of GST collection was 1.42 lakh crore. The unprecedented GST collection of ₹1.68 lakh crore in the first month of this financial year (April 2022), is definitely pointing towards an upsurge in the economy. In March 2022, 7.7 crore e-way bills were generated, 13 per cent more than 6.8 crore e-way bills generated in February 2022. This clearly shows a sharp recovery in the economy.

Significantly, due to the shortage of semiconductors in the country, many of our industries including automobile, electronics, telecom have been

affected. Despite that, rising GST revenue is indicating an uptick in manufacturing in the economy. It is true that imports have also increased during this period, due to which the revenue of GST has increased, but where the revenue of GST has reached ₹1.68 lakh crore, the share of import GST in this revenue is ₹36705 crore, which is greater than import GST of March 2021 by 5608 crores only. It's notable that import GST in March 2021 was ₹31097 crore. This implies that domestic businesses have definitely grown during this period, resulting into this huge increase in GST.

The Government should soon publish robust official NSSO data and present the correct picture of employment in the country.

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Families mourn, worry in wake of US school shooting





Tuesday's attack at Robb Elementary School in the town of Uvalde began to emerge. One man at the civic centre walked away sobbing into his phone "she is gone". On the backside of the building, a woman stood by

her fist and stamping her feet. Texas Department of Public Safety Lt Christopher Olivarez told CNN on Wednesday morning that all the dead were in the same fourth-grade classroom, Public Notice
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। दि किसी भी व्यक्ति को इस संपत्ति में कोई आपत्ति या दावा है, तो नीचे दिए गए प र इस नोटिस की तारीखा से 15 दिनों में अधोहरलाक्षरी से संपर्क करें, ऐसा न हो र, यह माना जाएगा कि उपरोक्त संपत्ति के संबंध में कोई दावा या मुद्दे नहीं हैं।

7042098337, Secretary.atulyam2022@gmail.com PUBLIC NOTICE

A notice of intended marriage has beer received from Mr. Rupam Chaudhury s/c LatePareshChandra Chaudhury r/o 794, Arun Vihar, Sector29, NOIDA (UP) and Ms Rodingliani d/o Thangliana, r/o 23, Champhai Zote, Dist: Champhai, Mizoram Champhal Zole, Dist. Champhal, Mizona 796321, presently residing at 794, Arun Vihar, Sector29, NOIDA (UP) in the office of the undersigned. Any person interested therein, may file objections to it on any day upto 16-06-2022 in the office of the

Deputy Collector/ I/C City Magistrate Marriage Officer, NOIDA, Gautam Budh

OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR NAGRI PAROLE

Email:- Tehsilnagriparole@gmail.com Whereas, as per the Jamabandy for the year 2019-20 Smt. Sudershan Vaid D/o Fakir Chad R/o A/p Kathua is recorded as the owner of the land measuring 10 Kanal 13 Marla under Khewat No. 72 located at village Matore, Tehsil Nagri Parole

District Kathua; Whereas, this office has received an application from Sh. Ani Mehta S/o Sudershan Mehta (mother) R/o 2/2D Gali No-8 Eas Azad Nagar Dehli -110051, for attestation of inheritance mutation of Smt. Sudershan Vaid @ Sudershan Mehta for the

above said land in favor of the legal heirs of the deceased;

Whereas, as per death certificate annexed with the application issued from Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi, East Dehli Muncipal Corporation vide no. MCDOLIR-3118 004881169, Smt. Sudershan Mehta has expired on 26/07/2018 Whereas, as per the legal heir certificate annexed with the application, issued by Tehsildar Vivek Vihar vide No.

90600000 137954 the legal heirs of above said deceased are						
S.No	Name of Legal Heirs	ne of Legal Heirs Relationship				
1.	Smt. Kanika Mehta	Grand Daughter				
2.	Smt. Seema Mehta	Daughter-in-Law				
3.	Sh. Akash Mehta	Grand Son				
4.	Sh. Anil Mehta	Son				
5.	Sh. Ashok Mehta	Son				

Whereas, the undersigned has to attest the inheritance mutation of above said deceased, in respect of the above said land, favour of the above mentioned legal heirs of the deceased;

In view of above facts it is hereby informed through the medium of this notice that any person / persons having objection / objections regarding the death of Smt. Sudershan Mehta @ Sudershan Vaid, above mentioned legal heir of the deceased or the attestation of mutation of the above said deceased in favour of the above said legal heirs can file his / her objections personally or through any authorized person before this office within 15 days from the publication of this notice failing which i shall be presumed that there is no objection regarding the attestation of said mutation.

No. DIP/J/1950/22

Sd/- Tehsildar, Nagri Parole.

children and teachers. Manny Renfro said he got word Tuesday that his grandson, 8-year-old Uziyah Garcia, was among those killed.

"The sweetest little boy that I've ever known," Renfro said. "I'm not just saying that because he was my

Renfro said Uziyah last visited him in San Angelo during spring break. "We started throwing the football together and I was teaching him pass patterns. Such a fast little boy and he could catch a ball so good," Renfro said. "There were certain plays that I would call that he would remember and he would do

it exactly like we practiced."
Fourth-grade teacher Eva Mireles, 44, was remembered as a loving mother and wife. "She was adventurous. I would definitely say those wonderful things about her She is definitely going to be very missed," said 34-year-old relative Amber Ybarra, of San Antonio.

Ybarra prepared to give blood for the wounded and pondered how no one noticed trouble with the shooter in time to stop him.

"To me, it's more about raising mental health awareness," said Ybarra, a wellness coach who attended the elementary school where the shooting happened. "Someone could possibly have seen a dramatic change before something like this happened."

Lisa Garza, 54, of Arlington, Texas, mourned the death of her cousin, Xavier Javier Lopez, who had been eagerly awaiting a summer of swimming. "He was just a loving 10year-old little boy, just enjoying life, not knowing that this tragedy was going to happen today," she said. "He was very bubbly, loved to dance with his brothers, his mom. This has just taken a toll on all of us." She also lamented what she described as lax gun laws.

We should have more restrictions, especially if these kids are not in their right state of mind and all they want to do is just hurt people, especially innocent children going to the schools," Garza said.

On social media, pictures of smiling children were posted, their families begging for information. Classes had been winding down for the year and each school day had a theme. Tuesday's was Footloose and Fancy. Students were supposed to wear a nice outfit with fun or fancy shoes.

Adolfo Cruz, a 69-year-old air conditioning repairman, remained outside the school Tuesday night, waiting for word about his 10-year-old great-granddaughter, Eliajha Cruz Torres, whose whereabouts remained unknown to family.

Cruz drove to the scene after receiv-

ing a tearful and terrifying call from his daughter shortly after the first reports that an 18-year-old gunman had opened fire at the school. While he waited outside the school Tuesday night, his family was at the hos-

pital and civic centre waiting for any potential word on her condition. Çruz called the waiting the heaviest moment of his life. "I hope she is alive," Cruz said. "They are waiting for an update."

Federico Torres waited for news about his 10-year-old son Rogelio. He told KHOU-TV that he was at work when he learned about the shooting and rushed to the school. "They sent us to the hospital, to the civic centre, to the hospital and here again, nothing, not even in San Antonio," Torres said. "They don't tell us anything, only a photo, wait, hope that everything is well."

Biden: When are we going to stand up to gun lobby?

AP ■ WASHINGTON

 $P^{\text{resident Joe Biden delivered an}}_{\text{emotional call for new restrictions}}$ on firearms after a gunman opened fire at a Texas elementary school on Tuesday. "When in God's name are we going to stand up to the gun lobby?" Biden said at the White House shortly after returning from a five-day trip to Asia that was bookended by tragedy.

With first lady Jill Biden standing by his side in the Roosevelt Room, Biden added, "I am sick and tired. We have to act."

At least 18 students were killed, according to a state senator who said he was briefed by law enforcement, in addition to a teacher. Just two days before Biden left on

his trip, he met with victims' families after a hate-motivated shooter killed 10 Black people at a grocery store in Buffalo, New York. The back-to-back tragedies served as sobering reminders the frequency brutality of an American epidemic of mass gun violence. "These kinds of mass shootings rarely happen anywhere else in the world," Biden said. "Why?" He directed that American flags be flown at half-staff through sunset Saturday in honor of the victims in Texas. Vice President Kamala Harris said earlier that people normally declare in moments like this, "our hearts break — but our hearts keep getting broken ... And our broken hearts are nothing compared to the broken hearts of



"We have to have the courage to take action ... To ensure something like this never happens again," she said. White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said Biden was briefed on the shooting by deputy chief of staff Jen O'Malley-Dillon and other members of his senior team aboard Air Force One.

Shortly before landing in Washington, Biden spoke with Texas Gov. Greg Abbott from the presidential plane "to offer any and all assistance he needs in the wake of the horrific shooting in Uvalde, TX," White House communications director Kate Bedingfield tweeted.

'Humbled' Boris

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (PCHFL) [formerly known as Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd.(DHFL)] under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act, In exercise Jowers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under said Act read with role 3 of me security interest (Enforcement) Muley, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued bemand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to PCHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to PCHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively. Name of the Borrower(s)/

Demand Notice
Date and Amount with NPA date

(LC No. 00001321 of New Delhi-west Branch) Rakesh Kumar (Borrower) Meera (Co Borrower 1)	26-04-2022 /₹ 1333479 /-(₹ Thirteen lakh Thirty Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Nine Only) NPA (11-03-2022)	Plot No-8503, Ground Floor, Front Side Gali Abdullah Beg, Near Jaipur Golden Arya Pura, Subzi Mandi New Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110007
(LC No. 00008918 of Akola Branch) Dilip Pandurang Chavan (Borrower) Sunita Chavan (Co Borrower 1)	26-04-2022 /₹ 1143444 /-(₹ Eleven lakh Forty Three Thousand Four Hundred Forty Four Only) NPA (11-03-2022)	plot no. 43 east part sr.no. 7 wankhade nagar, dabki road nr. shriram tower Akola Akola Maharashtra :- 444006
(LC No. 00001724 of New Delhi-west Branch) Amit Harjai (Borrower) Simmi Harjai (Co Borrower 1)	26-04-2022 /₹ 1031197 /-{₹ Ten lakh Thirty One Thousand One Hundred Ninety Seven Only) NPA (11-03-2022)	1st Floor, H. No. 114 Block Hp Pitam Pura Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110034
(LC No. 00000500 of Dwarka Branch) Vinod Saini (Borrower) Neelam Devi (Co Borrower 1)	26-04-2022 /₹ 902921 /-(₹ Nine lakh Two Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty One Only) NPA (11-03-2022)	Rz-22a,3rd Floor (front & Northern Side) Gali No-9, Kh No-645 Part Of Kh 645/2 Indra Park,Village Nasirpur New Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110045
(LC No. 00002459 of Noida Branch) Vijaya Kumar (Borrower) Omana T (Co Borrower 1) Vistar Enterprises (Co Borrower 2)	25-04-2022 / 371934 /- (Three lakh Seventy One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Four Only) NPA (10-12-2021)	Flat Nof-1,1st Floor Front Side,prop. No-f-18, khasra No. 1076/5/2/519,village Jhilmil Tahirpur, Dilshad Colony, Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110002
(LC No. 00004951 of New Delhi Branch) Satinder Singh Nijhawan (Borrower) Taranpreet Singh Nijhawan (Co Borrower 1) Jaswant Kaur (Co Borrower 2)	26-04-2022 /₹ 11886903 /-(₹ One Crore Eighteen lakh Eighty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Three Only) NPA (11-03-2022)	Plot No. M- 61, Ground Floor Village Basai Darapur, Block- M Kirti Nagar, New Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110015
(LC No. 00041411 of Delhi - Pitampura Branch) Naveen Kasera (Borrower) Neeta Aggarwal (Co Borrower 1) Taran Aggarwal (Co Borrower 2)	26-04-2022 /₹ 6547331 /-(₹ Sixty Five lakh Forty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Thirty One Only) NPA (11-03-2022)	Flat No-315, Third Floor Printer Appartments (printer C.g.h.s Ltd) Block-c-2 , Sector-13 Rohini, Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110085
(LC No. 00041568 of Delhi - Safdurjung Branch) Sanjay Martin (Borrower) Arpana Sanjay Martin (Co Borrower 1)	26-04-2022 /₹ 5596133 /-(₹ Fifty Five lakh Ninety Six Thousand One Hundred Thirty Three Only) NPA (11-03-2022)	Plot No 1 2nd Floor Without Roof Right Road No F 8 Malviya Nagar Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110017
(LC No. 00000861 of Raj Nagar Branch) Anil Kumar Singh (Borrower) Arti Singh (Co Borrower 1)	26-04-2022 /₹ 3728822 /-(₹ Thirty Seven lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Two Only) NPA (11-03-2022)	Flat No- C 4 Second Floor middle Rhs plot No. 4/10 Block 4 Sector2 Rajendra Nagar Ghaziabad Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh:- 201010
(LC No. 00001030 of Cannaught Place Branch) Rajwinder (Borrower) Pinki (Co Borrower 1)	26-04-2022 /₹ 3203654 /-(₹ Thirty Two lakh Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Four Only) NPA (11-03-2022)	Khasra No. 123/13, Entire Property Extended Lal Dora Village Burari New Delhi North West Delhi Delhi :- 110084
(LC No. 00000585 of Gurgaon Branch) Vikram Singh Nagar (Borrower) Kartar Singh Nagar (Co Borrower 1)	26-04-2022 /₹ 2660644 /-(₹ Twenty Six lakh Sixty Thousand Six Hundred Forty Four Only) NPA (11-03-2022)	Flat No 176 Ground Floor Sector 16 Vasundhra Ghaziabad Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh :- 201010
(LC No. 00001650 of Netaji Subhash Place Branch) Deepak Pathak (Borrower) Poonam Kumari Singh (Co Borrower 1)	26-04-2022 / ₹ 2456003 /- (₹ Twenty Four lakh Fifty Six Thousand Three Only) NPA (11-03-2022)	Property No. Rz F 30a 3rd Floor, Khasra No-22/17, Block-f Village Dabri, Sagarpur, New Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110046
(LC No. 00044460 of Delhi - Safdurjung Branch) Rozy (Borrower) Khairati Lal Chawla (Co Borrower 1)	26-04-2022 /₹ 2406286 /-{₹ Twenty Four lakh Six Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Six Only) NPA (11-03-2022)	P.No.A-130/1,First Floor, kh no-903, Gali No.03, Village. Nawada, Gulab Bagh, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110059
(LC No. 00002063 of Raj Nagar Branch) Arun Kumar (Borrower) Nisha (Co Borrower 1)	26-04-2022 /₹ 1869093 /-(₹ Eighteen lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Ninety Three Only) NPA (11-03-2022)	Plot No 54 2nd Floor With Roof Rights Kh No 1580/2 Kailash Puram Phase 2 Vill Raispur Dasna Ghaziabad Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh :- 201005

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to PCHFL as aforesaid, PCHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of PCHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

26-04-2022 /₹ 1746475 /-(₹ Seventeen lakh Forty Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Five Only)

NPA (11-03-2022)

Date: 26-05-2022

(LC No. 00043670 of Delhi - Safdurjung Branch) Anil Kumar (Borrower) Mamta (Co Borrower 1)

(Authorised Officer)
Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited

Plot No-rzf-1/5,ugf Lhs,old Plot No11&12 Khasra No-88/3, Village Palam,gali No-1, Mahavir Enclave

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas

Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of

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

Date: May 26, 2022 Place: Delhi NCR

Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

China wants 10 Pacific nations to endorse sweeping agreement

AP ■ WELLINGTON NEW 7FALAND

hina wants 10 small Pacific Unations to endorse a sweeping agreement covering everything from security to fisheries in what one leader warns is a "game-changing" bid by Beijing to wrest control of the region.

A draft of the agreement obtained by The Associated Press shows that China wants to train Pacific police officers, team up on "traditional and non-traditional security" and expand law enforcement cooperation. China also wants to jointly develop a marine plan for fisheries — which would include the Pacific's lucrative tuna catch increase cooperation on running the region's internet networks, and set up cultural Confucius Institutes and classrooms, China

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m orth}$ Korea test-launched a suspected intercontinental

ballistic missile and two short-

er-range weapons toward its

eastern waters on Wednesday,

South Korea said, hours after

President Joe Biden ended a

trip to Asia where he reaffirmed the US commitment to

defend its allies in the face of

n't fly its full range. But if confirmed, it would still be North

Korea's first test of an ICBM

system in about two months

amid stalled nuclear diploma-

cy with the United States. The

launch suggests North Korea is

determined to continue its

efforts to modernize its

weapons arsenal despite its

first COVID-19 outbreak,

The suspected ICBM did-

the North's nuclear threat.

ICBM, 2 other missiles

also mentions the possibility of setting up a free trade area with the Pacific nations.

Foreign Minister Wang Yi and

of the 10 countries

partygate PTI ■ LONDON China's move comes as

a 20-strong delegation begin a visit to the region this week. Wang is visiting seven of the countries he hopes will endorse the "Common Development Vision" — the Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Samoa, Fiji, Tonga,

Vanuatu, and Papua New Guinea. Wang is also holding virtual meetings with the other three potential signatories — the Cook Islands, Niue and the Federated States of Micronesia. He is hoping the countries will endorse the pre-written agreement as part of a joint communique after a scheduled May 30 meeting in Fiji he is holding with the foreign ministers from each

which has caused outside wor-

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provocations can only result in

stronger and faster South

Korea-U.S. Combined deter-

rence and can only deepen

North Korea's international isolation," the South Korean

government said in a statement

after an emergency security

Nobuo Kishi called the launch-

es "an act of provocation and

absolutely impermissible." The US Indo-Pacific Command

earlier said the missile launch-

es highlight "the destabilizing impact of (North Korea's) illic-

it weapons program" though

they didn't pose an immediate

threat to US territory and its

Japanese Defense Minister

meeting.

"North Korea's sustained

issued another apology over partygate after top civil servant Sue Gray's damning report into breaches of coronavirus lockdown rules at Downing Street concluded leadership failures were behind a culture of rule-

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Wednesday

breaking within UK government offices. Making a statement in the House of Commons soon after Gray's findings were published, Johnson said he took "full responsibility" for everything that happened and said all the senior management has changed within Downing Street since the time of those rule-breaking parties Seoul: N Korea fires suspected in 2020-2021. Amid jeers and benches, the prime minister insisted his statement is aimed at setting out the context, not

> I take full responsibility for everything that took place on my watch," said Johnson. "Whatever the failing of No. 10 [Downing Street] and the Cabinet Office throughout this difficult period and my own, I continue to believe the civil servants and advisers... Are good, hard working people motivated... To do the very best for our country," he said. He went on to explain how he thought it was "appropriate" to thank staff who were leaving for the work they had done, with reference

to a particular farewell drinks

party that was found to have

been in breach of COVID

to mitigate or excuse what

happened. "I am humbled

and I have learned a lesson...I

also want to say above all that

Marcos Jr proclaimed next Philippine Prez with huge win

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m proclaimed\ the\ next\ presi-}$ dent of the Philippines by a joint session of Congress on Wednesday following a landslide election triumph 36 years after his dictator father was ousted in a pro-democracy uprising.

The Senate and House of Representatives also declared that his separately elected vice presidential running mate, Sara Duterte, had won by a wide margin. She is the daughter of outgoing President Rodrigo Duterte, whose turbulent sixyear term ends on June 30.

They will lead a nation battered by COVID-19 lockdowns, crushing poverty, gaping inequality, Muslim and communist insurgencies, crime and political divisions further



Marcos Jr., a 64-year-old former governor, congressman and senator, has refused to acknowledge or apologise for massive human rights violations and plunder under his father's strongman rule and has defended his legacy.

When they take office, Marcos Jr. And Sara Duterte will likely face demands to prosecute her father over thousands of killings of mostly poor suspects under his yearslong crackdown on illegal drugs. The deaths are currently under investigation

Marcos Jr. Received more than 31 million votes and Sara Duterte more than 32 million out of more than 55 million votes cast in the election. It was the first majority presidential victory in the Asian democracy in decades.

During the campaign, they avoided controversial issues and focused on a call for national unity, although their fathers' presidencies opened some of the most volatile divisions in the country's history. Marcos Jr. Appealed to be judged "not by my ancestors, but by my actions".

Sen. Imee Marcos, the president-elect's sister, thanked those who voted for her brother after what she described as years of humiliation.

PICICI Bank | Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch		
1.	Vikas Singh/ Abha Singh/ LBDEL00003758879	Flat No-T-4-706, 7th Floor, Tower-T-4, Nirala Estate Phase-1, GH-04, Techzone-IV, Greater Noida West, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh/ May 23, 2022	August 13, 2020/ Rs.20,95,095/-	Delhi/ NCR		
2.	Rajesh Kapoor/ Riya Kapoor/ LBNOD00002006011	Plumeria Garden Estate, Flat-N1801, 18th Floor, Greater Noida/ May 23, 2022	August 18, 2020/ Rs.47,49,796/-	Delhi/ NCR		
3.	Mukesh Singh/ Kiran/ LBDEL00002378475	December 13, 2021/ Rs.18,42,491/-	Delhi/ NCR			
4.	Sanjay Drall/ Poonam/ LBGUR00003296834					
5.	Sarita Sharma/ Capital High Street, Bhiwadi/ May 24, 2022 16, 2		October 16, 2021/ Rs.10,33,479/-	Delhi/ NCR		
6.	Susheel Kumar/ Suraksha Rani/ LBDEL00001953102	Flat No-A4/904, Block-A-4, Avalon Residency, Alwar Bypass Road, Bhiwadi, Distt-Alwar/ May 24, 2022	October 05, 2021/ Rs.8,45,979/-	Delhi/ NCR		

provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Ukrainian town of Pokrovsk

AP ■ POKROVSK (UKRAINE)

The Russian rocket strikes came early in the morning in the eastern Ukrainian town of Pokrovsk on Wednesday. shaking buildings, jolting people out of bed and sending chunks of concrete and jagged pieces of metal flying through

One of the two rockets left a crater at least three metres deep, remnants of the projectile still smoldering as nearby residents picked through the debris of their homes, trying to salvage whatever they could.

A row of low terraced houses nearby suffered significant damage, with roofing tiles blown off, door frames ripped from the walls and pieces of brick, concrete and asphalt scattered on the ground. Four civilians were wounded, said Pavlo Kyrylenko, head of the Donetsk military administration.

At least one of them suffered a head wound and was ferried to the local hospital by ambulance, blood seeping through the bandages and trickling down the side of his

The strikes in Pokrovsk were among several over the past two days that have hit towns and villages as Russia pressed forward in its offensive in the Donbas, Ukraine's eastern industrial heartland.

"There's no place left to live in, everything is smashed," said Viktoria Kurbonova, a mother-of-two who lived in one of the terraced houses.

The windows had been blown out by an earlier strike about a month ago, and they had replaced them with plastic sheeting. That, she said, probably saved their lives as at least there was no glass flying

She had been asleep when the strike hit, just metres from her house. "There was a really big flash and a lot of dust, Kurbonova said, standing outside her home still in her paja-

Saving the children:

eastern Ukrainian town

War closes in on



mas, her legs and arms black-

Her four-year-old son wandered around, clutching a toy

train, while her two-year-old daughter smiled in a stroller

"I was reaching for my child and I couldn't find him in the dust," she said. The boy had been sleeping in the same room as her, while her daughter had been in the next room with Kurbonova's mother. They were all shaken, but none were

Kyrylenko said Russian strikes killed 12 civilians the previous day in the Donetsk region, and wounded another 10. Another strike on the city of Kramatorsk, northeast of Pokrovsk, hit a multi-story building under construction, damaging it and blowing out windows in nearby buildings but causing no casualties.

"Russians continue hitting the cities that are away from the front line," Kyrylenko said on his Telegram channel. "They would like to kill as many civilians as possible and cause panic. That is why the only good choice is evacuation. vacuation saves lives.'

The governor of the neighbouring Luhansk region, Serhiy Haidai, said at least six civilians had been killed and eight wounded over the past 24 hours in shelling in the town of Sieverodonetsk, at the heart of the Russian offensive in eastern

Russian forces have been attempting to encircle Sieverodonetsk and cut off

PUBLIC NOTICE 79, Block-A, Sector-30, Noida, has been allotted in the name of Surender Kumar S/o Shri Kashmiri Lal R/o 283/53A, Vishnu Garden, New Delhi presently residing at 1/265. Subash Nagar (Opp. Aianta Cinema). New Delhi, had sold/transfer the said property, on the basis of GPA to the following

. The GPA of the above said property has been executed by the original allottee in favour of Gurcharan Ahuja S/o Shri Sant Lal Ahuja R/o House No. 370, First Floor, Chandi Wali Gali, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi-110055 which is registered in the office of Sub Registrar Noida Vide Block No.Volume No...... on pages...... to...... at Document No..........dated

16.11.1987 and the Agreement to Sell of the above said property was executed by the original allottee in favour of Shri Sant Lai Ahuja S/o Late Shri Gurdass Mal Ahula & Smt. Raj Kumari Ahuja W/o Shri Sant Lal Ahuja both R/o House No. 927 Sector-28, Noida registered in the office of Sub Registrar Noida Vide Block No.Volume on pages...... to......at Document ...dated 16.11.1987. At present the

AP ■ BAKHMUT (UKRAINE)

hunks of thick, twisted Cmetal and wood splinters lie among the swings and slides in the playground outside a bombed-out school. Some streets away, a yellow bathtub dangles over the void left when part of an apartment building collapsed in a bomb-

The eastern Ukrainian town of Bakhmut has been coming under increasing bombardment in Russia's war, particularly over the last week, local officials and residents say, as Russian forces try to press forward in an effort to encircle and capture the key city of Sieverodonetsk to the north-

Moscow-backed separatists have fought Ukrainian forces in the Donbas for eight years and hold large swaths of territory. Sieverodonetsk and neighboring cities are the only part of the Donbas' Luhansk region still under Ukrainian government control.

Most of Bakhmut's population has already fled, and more are leaving every day. Evacuation minibuses run mainly by volunteers shuttle back and forth, sometimes even during bombardments, to get people out.

"Now it's a question of saving the children," said Olga Hordiyenko, 51, as she stood in a playground on Tuesday near her apartment building. "The Russians are shelling us,

so there's this burning issue to get the children out of here.'

Ignoring the repeated background sounds of shelling, her three grandchildren, girls ages 7, 9 and 11, focused on learning dance moves from a video on their mother's mobile phone.

Hordiyenko and her daughter Anna Dyachenko, 28, wanted to leave on Tuesday but there was no room on the bus for them, they said. Instead, they would be leaving on Wednesday, heading to western Ukraine initially and then abroad to relatives.

"People say it's time to go, and we're happy to leave, Dyachenko said. But they still fear they will have nothing to come home to once the war is

"Here we have our apartment, our house," she said. "Everything will be smashed and destroyed."

With a pre-war population of around 85,000, there are now around 30,000 people left, Bakhmut City Council Secretary Ganna Petrievnko-Poluhina said. While authorities are encouraging more people to leave, some are hesitant, she said.

"Life is the most important thing for a person. But people are tied to their homes, to what they remember," Petrieynko-Poluhina said. "Every day we see that shelling happens more often, and people leave. We would like that more people

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mutated on the basis of Will Deed to the following person.
The Will Deed was registered by SHRI VIKRAM SINGH RANA S/O LATE JAGAN SINGH R/O C-415 SECTOR-22, NOIDA, DISTT. GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH In favour of SHRI JOGINDER SINGH RANA & SHRI DHARMENDRA CHAUHAN BOTH S/O LATE VIKRAM SINGH RANA R/O C-415 SECTOR-22, NOIDA, DISTT. GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH.
Because Will Deed is registered, so it is Publically Notify that the mutation application of the aforesaid property is going to apply through Will Deed in the name of SHRI JOGINDER SINGH RANA & SHRI DHARMENDRA CHAUHAN BOTH S/O LATE WIKRAM SINGHRANA R/O C-IAUHAN B/O C-IAUHAN B/O

JUGINDER SINGH RANA & SHRI DHARMENDR. CHAUHAN BOTH S/O LATE VIKRAM SINGH RANA R/O C 415 SECTOR 22, NOIDA, DISTT. GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR UTTAR PRADESH, if someone has/have any objection h

Authonty.
Mr. Joginder Singh Rana and Mr. Dharmendr
Chauhan, sons of Late Vikram Singh Rana, resident o
C-415, Sector-22, Nolda, Uttar Pradesh.

PUBLIC NOTICE

RAMAN VIHAR COOP, GROUP HOUSING SOCIETY LTD. Plot No.5A, Sector-11, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075 In pursuance to rule 19(2) of DCS rules

2007, applications are invited from general public of Delhi who fulfill the conditions laid down in rule-19 & 20 of DCS Rules, 2007 for filling up one vacancy in Raman Vihar CGHS Ltd. (Regd. No. 872GH) for proposed three bedroom flat (Tentative cost of flat 87,31,610/-) (having area approximate 1750 Sq. Feet), which has arisen due to resignation of member, the presence an collect the Interested persons can collect the application form in person from society office ie Plot No.5A, Sector-11, Dwarka. New Delhi-1 10075 between 10.00 am to 4.30 pm free of cost and the same have to deposited along with the amount of Rs 87,31,610/- which includes Share money admission fee, land &Construction mone and Equalization money through Pa order/ Demand Draft within 15 day of issue of this notice in favour of Rama Vihar Co-operative Group Housing Society Ltd Secretary-Raman Vihar CGHS Ltd

agreement to sell holders Shri Sant Lal Ahuia expired on 22.04.2019 & Smt. Raj Kumari Ahuja

expired on 09.02.1998. Now the above said property is going to be transferred in favour of Pramod Ahuja & Sunil Ahuja both S/o Late Shri Sant Lal Ahuja Both R/o A-79, Sector-30, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. through the GPA, if any one has/have any objection he/she may submit his/her, objection in the Residential Plot Department of Noida Authority along-with sufficient proofs within 30 days of the publication this notice. Gurcharan Ahuja

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform public in general that Kotak Mahindra bank Ltd has organized an auction in below mention respect of Vehicles. **VEHICLES FOR SALE**

1) M&M SCORPIO REG. NO. DL8CAC1371-YOM -2014

2) FORCEFORCETTFB REG. NO.

HR38Z3433-YOM -2019 3) CB AL ECOMET 1412 ASHOK LEYLAND LIMITED- REG. NO. UP14HT8964-YOM -2019

4) TATA ACE- REG. NO.

UP15ET9861-YOM -2021 5) SUPRO MINI ENGNNO.

LHM6K24141-YOM -2021 6) TATA MOTOR ULTRA 1518 REG. NO. UP14HT4779

YOM 2018 7) EICHER 10.49 REG. NO.

DL1LAB4102 - YOM - 2018 8) CB TATA LPT 1109 FULLY BUILT REG. NO.UP16ET4703-YOM-2017

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CONTACT: ABHINAV LAL / RAJESH ANTIL KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD. Cont.No.7798988481/9711173320 E Mail -abhinav.lal@kotak.com

Russian rockets hit eastern | EU seeks more clout against sanctioned Russian oligarchs

The European Omono Care utive arm entered sensitive ¬he European Union's execlegal territory on Wednesday with a proposal to confiscate the frozen assets of oligarchs who try to violate the bloc's sanctions over Russia's war in Ukraine.

The European Commission proposed two EU laws that would require the 27 member states to cede a degree of jealously guarded national sovereignty over

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Drillers/Contractors as per the details given in tender document.

Estimated Cost (Lacs):- Rs.36.74

Earnest money Deposit:-Rs. 73840/-

Time of Completion of work (days):-60 Days

Tender fee (in Rs):-Rs. 1100/-

Class of Contract :- AAY/BEE

Estimated Cost (Lacs):- Rs.19.98

Earnest money Deposit:- Rs. 39960/-

100% coverage of FHTCs "Under JJM).

Earnest money Deposit: - Rs. 65420/-

Time of Completion of work (days):-60 Days

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Estimated Cost (Lacs):- Rs.32.71

Tender fee (in Rs):-Rs. 1100/-

Class of Contract :- AAY/BEE

Estimated Cost (Lacs):- Rs.35.02

Estimated Cost (Lacs):- Rs.61.02

Earnest money Deposit: - Rs. 122040/-

I) Publish Date: - 23-05-2022 at 9.00 AM

Time of Completion of work (days):-60 Days

Tender fee (in Rs):-Rs. 1600/-

Class of Contract :- AAY

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be declared non-responsive.

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No. DIPK-2591/22 Dated: 24-05-2022

Tender fee (in Rs):-Rs. 1100/-Earnest money Deposit:- Rs. 70040/-

Class of Contract :- AAY/BEE

Class of Contract :- AAY/BEE/CEE

Time of Completion of work (days):-60 Days

Tender fee (in Rs):-Rs. 800/-

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

SPECIAL SUB DIVISION GUREZ

Fresh e-NIT No (39) EE/SSDG/1391-1401 2022-23 Dated:-21-05-2022

For and on behalf of lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders are

invited in two cover system with 50 meters depth from registered Water Well

Sr.No 1. Particulars of the work :- Laying and fitting of GI pipes including

replacement /improvements of damaged / wornout pipes and Construction of Intake

Chamber near head site, 0.10 lac gallon SR, Protection work at head site, Sluice

Chamber, Cattle Trough, Anchor/Saddle block, Chain Link fencing around structures

Sr.No 2. Particulars of the work :- Laying and fitting of GI pipes including

Construction of protection works/ head works at head site, Intake Chamber near head

site, 0.02 lac gallon SR, Sluice Chamber, supporting pillars for RWM at spots, cattle

trough for Retrofitting of WSS Check Bayant Tulail for 100% coverage of FHTCs

Sr.No 3. Particulars of the work :- Laying and fitting of GI pipes including

Construction of protection works/ head works at head site, Intake Chamber near head

site, 0.05 lac gallon SR, Sluice Chamber, supporting pillars for RWM at spots, Chair

Link fencing around structures, cattle trough for Retrofitting of WSS Dangithal Tulail for

Sr.No 4. Particulars of the work :- Laying and fitting of GI pipes including

Construction of protection works, Intake Chamber near head site, 0.25 lac gallon SR

Sluice Chamber, supporting pillars for RWM at spots, Crate work, Chain Link fencing

around structures, Cattle troughs, PST near head site for Retrofitting of WSS

Sr.No 5. Particulars of the work :- Laying and fitting of GI pipes including

Construction of protection works/ head works at head site, crate protection work at

sports, Intake Chamber near head site, 0.06 lac gallon SR, Sluice Chamber

supporting pillars for RWM at spots. Chain Link fencing around structures, cattle trough

The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Special Sub Division Gurez.

1. Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website

2. The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender porta

www.jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from

3.The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Specia

Sub Division Gurez Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender

a. The cost of tender documents should be in form of DD/TR/e challan in favour of

4. The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of TR/e-challan, Earnes

from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.

money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained

5. The bid shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the last date of submission of

bids. If any bidder withdraws his bid before the said period or makes any modifications

in the terms and conditions of the bid, the same shall be considered to be in

violation of bid security declaration and shall be dealt with accordingly and the bid shall

6.Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website

the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading the month e tender portal.

Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table and shall be payable at Srinagar.

for Retrofitting of WSS Javdara 1st for 100% coverage of FHTCs "Under JJM).

Position off under: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission(JJM)

The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

II) Document Download Start Date :- 23-05-2022 at 9.00 AM

III) Clarification Start date: - 23-05-2022 from 10: A.M

V) Bid submission Start date: -23-05-2022 from 10: A.M

VI) Bid submission End date: - 31-05-2022 at 4:00 P.M.

IV) Clarification End date: - 30-05-2022 up to 6: P.M

VII) Date of Bid opening: - 31-05-2022 at 5.00 P.M

Executive Engineer Special Sub division Gurez.

7. Queries by email if any should be made at.

CriticalDates:

for Retrofitting of WSS Agnikoot Baduab for 100% coverage of FHTCs "Under JJM).

One piece of draft legislation seeks new European rules on freezing and confiscating the assets of people blacklisted by the EU. The second legislative pro-

posal aims to expand the list of acts deemed to be "EU crimes" by including breaches of European sanctions. Both initiatives need the

approval of EU governments in a scrutiny process that usually takes many months and can even last for years.

ernment are due to discuss options for using the frozen assets of sanctioned Russian oligarchs to support the recon-

struction of Ukraine during a

two-day summit next week.

"There is no time to lose," Margaritis Schinas, a European Commission vicepresident in charge of security matters, told reporters in Brussels. "Many times we see assets recovery and confiscation of the small fry, whereas the big sharks find ways to

While the EU has spent decades crafting common rules on various areas of criminal law, European sanctions against Russian leaders and oligarchs over the past three months have added impetus to calls for a stronger European framework.

The EU has imposed asset freezes and travel bans on more than 1,000 people, including over 30 oligarchs, in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine on February 24.

POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of INDIABULLS RURAL FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED (CIN:U74140MH1993PTC074596) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 22.12.2021 calling upon the Borrower(s) ANIL MALIK PROPRIETOR MALIK TRADING COMPANY, SANGEETA MALIK AND KRISHNA MALIK to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being Rs.1,11,64,042.35 (Rupees One Crore Eleven Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Forty Two and Paise Thirty Five Only) against Loan Account No. HRSMDPR00482712 as on 17.12.2021 and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice

The Borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 23.05.2022

The Borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of INDIABULLS RURAL FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED for an amount of Rs.1,11,64,042.35 (Rupees One Crore Eleven Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Forty Two and Paise Thirty Five Only) as on 17.12.2021 and interest thereon. The Borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 o

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY PROPERTY BEARING NUMBER 215/6 (OLD NUMBER 92 AND 93)

the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the Secured Assets.

MEASURING 300 SQUARE YARDS, SITUATED IN ABADI OF NIJAD STATE BANK, BAHDURGARH, ZILAROHTAK, JHAJJAR-124507, HARYANA.

Date: 23.05.2022 Place: JHAJJAR

Authorised Office INDIABULLS RURAL FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED



ई-निविदा सूचना

मुख्य महाप्रबन्धक, उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान, देहरादून की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु -िनिवेदा, टू—बिंड सिस्टम (तकनीकी बिंड एवं कोमर्शियल बिंड) आधार पर निम्नानुसार मामंत्रित की जाती हैं :-

घरोहर निविदा कार्य पूर्ण घनराशि का मूल्य करने की (रू. में) (रू. में) अवधि नेविदा विकासखण्ड कार्य विवरण डोईवाला इकाई के अन्तर्गत 134815.00 4000 डोईवाला नगर पालिका वार नं0—01 के अन्तर्गत खादर में 01 नग नलकूप अधिष्ठापन, पाइप लाइन् सुदृढ़ीकरण एवं

डोईवाला इकाई के अन्तर्गत 134320.00 डोईवाला नगरीय पेयजल योजन के अन्तर्गत वार्ड नं0-18 (प्रेमनगर) में 01 नग नलकूप अधिष्ठापन तत्सम्बन्धित कार्य। डोईवाला इकाई के अन्तर्गत 133505.00 4000 06 माह अठूरवाला पेयजल योजना के +GST सुदृढीकरण हेतु वार्ड नं0-09 01 नग नलकूप अधिष्ठापन, पाइप लाइन सुदृढ़ीकरण एव तत्सम्बन्धित कार्य। डोईवाला इकाई के अन्तर्गत 132380.00 डोईवाला नगर पालिका के अन्तर्गत 4000 वार्ड नं0-10 (भानियावाला) 01 नग नलकूप अधिष्ठापन पाइप लाइन सुदृढीकरण एव डोईवाला इकाई के अन्तर्गत 123510.00 अठूरवाला पेयजल योजना के सुदृढीकरण हेतु वार्ड नं0-08 01 नग नलकप अधिष्ठापन पाइप लाइन सुदृढीकरण एवं तत्सम्बन्धित कार्य

निविदा समय सारणी (मुख्य तिथियाँ) निम्नवत् हैं। विवरण क्र0सं0 अनुसूची ऑनलाईन प्रकाशन की तिथि। 28.05.2022 at 11:00 Hrs निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड करने की तिथि। 28.05.2022 at 11:00 Hrs 3 प्री–बिड मीटिंग की तिथि। 04.06.2022 at 11:00 Hrs बिड ऑनलाईन जमा करने की प्रारम्भ तिथि। 07.06.2022 at 11:00 Hrs बिड ऑनलाईन जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि। 13.06.2022 up to 17:00 Hrs ऑफ लाईन रूप से जमा किये जाने वाले पपत्र 13.06.2022 up to 17:00 Hrs (निविदा प्रपत्र हेत् निर्धारित शुल्क, बिड सिक्योरिट

वित्तीय निविदा खोलने की तिथि सूचना पृथक से दी जायेगी ई-निविदा से सम्बन्धित समस्त जानकारियां व शर्तें उत्तराखण्ड राज्य की वेबसाइट vw.uktenders.gov.in पर ऑन लाइन देखी / प्राप्त की जा सकती हैं।

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EXTRACT OF FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2022

14.06.2022 at 11:00 Hrs

П	Particulars	Standalone				Consolidated					
şı		Quarter Ended		Year Ended		Quarter Ended			Year Ended		
N٥	raiticulais	31.03.2022	31.12.2021	31.03.2021	31.03.2022	31.03.2021	31.03.2022	31.12.2021	31.03.2021	31.03.2022	31.03.2021
		Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited	Audited
1	Total Income	963.54	1031.16	1712.39	4388.52	3917.78	4554.16	4606.35	5264.83	18363.19	17711.85
2	Net Profit before exceptional items and tax	24.39	365.39	342.27	1202.04	969.39	2253.54	3349.33	3645.15	12771.24	13221.92
3	Net Profit after exceptional items before tax	24.39	365.39	342.27	1202.04	969.39	2253.54	3349.33	3645.15	12771.24	13221.92
1	Net Profit after tax	(32.05)	291.68	270.34	932.79	813.63	1562.43	2518.47	2653.56	9597.07	9518.26
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Net of Tax)	(33.77)	293.63	276.14	936.92	821.43	2226.47	1679.55	3036.29	10896.28	12037.56
3	Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs. 5/- per share)	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68
7	Other Equity	-	-	-	20121.37	19184.45	-	-	-	102670.86	91774.58
3	Earning Per Share (Face Value Rs. 5/- per share)										
	Basic (Rs.)	(0.27)	2.50	2.32	8.00	6.98	13.40	21.53	22.85	82.79	82.07
	Diluted (Rs.)	(0.27)	2.50	2.32	8.00	6.98	13.40	21.53	22.85	82.79	82.07

hsite (www.bseindia.com) and the company Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results is available on the Stock Exchange By Order of the Board Place : New Delhi

The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended 31st March, 2022 filed with the Stock Exchange (BSE Ltd.) under Regulation 33 of the SEBI

(S.C. Jain DIN: 00092079

'India's economy seen **growing 9.2 % in FY22'**

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's economy is expected to have grown at 9.2 per cent in the fiscal ended March 2022, after having contracted by 7.3 per cent in the previous financial year, aided by resilience in the rural economy, uptick in bank credit and rising GST collections, a note by Bank of Baroda said.

As per government's advance estimates, the gross domestic product (GDP) in FY22 is projected to grow by 8.9 per cent. The National Statistical Office (NSO) will release the final GDP growth figures for FY22 on May 31.

Bank of Baroda (BoB), in a note on GDP expectations by its Economic Research Department, said it expects the economy to post higher growth in the last quarter ended March as mobility improved, allowing opening up of economy with much lower COVID-19 cases across

Contact-intensive sectors are expected to make stronger recovery, and the economy is projected to grow by 5.5 per cent in Q4 FY22 against 5.4 per cent in Q3, it said. A much needed pick up will be visible

and hospitality contributing significantly. Construction is also likely to edge upwards.

However, agriculture growth might be a tad slow as compared to government expectations (3.3 per cent against government estimate of 3.5 per cent) owing to lower yield of wheat crops, conflict between Russia-Ukraine and heat wave conditions, as per the research

BoB said these might pose downside risks to its projections. Industrial growth might be adversely impacted too. It said India's economy is poised to recover in FY22 after contracting by 7.3 per cent in FY21.

The main factors contributing to this kind of growth are -- resilience shown by the rural sector with normal monsoon and higher production of foodgrains; uptick in bank credit growth to push financial services and improvement in services sector with passenger traffic (-62 per cent to 59 per cent), rail freight (2 per cent to 15 per cent) and port cargo (-4.6 per cent to 7 per cent) leading the race.

Higher GST collections have also provided much needed support. "Against this back-

Baroda said. However, there are downside risks emanating from the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, soaring of commodity prices and acceleration in global inflation going ahead, it added. Further, aggravating heat wave conditions have curbed wheat output and added some pressure to industrial growth.

A mix of both monetary

(RBI frontloading with rate hike) and fiscal policy (reduction in excise duties) at play is expected to boost growth prospects, it contended.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) expects India's economy to grow by 9 per cent in FY22, while Asian Development Bank (ADB) has projected India's growth at 7.5 per cent. "However, we expect the economy to do much better sequentially specially on the back of base effect and normalisation of economic activi-

"The overall impact of Omicron variant which resulted in the 3rd wave of COVID-19 seems to be relatively muted than was initially anticipated.

Further, rapid pick up in pace of vaccination programme is also expected to support growth," as per research note by drop, we expect GDP growth at the public sector lender.



Sensex tumbles over 300 points in volatile trade

PTI ■ MUMBAI

 $B^{\text{enchmark indices wiped}}_{\text{out early gains as volatility}}$ yet again ruled the markets, with the Sensex extending its decline to the third day running on Wednesday, falling over 300 points amid a sell-off in IT stocks.

The 30-share BSE Sensex tanked 303.35 points or 0.56 per cent to settle at 53,749.26. During the day, the bechmark hit a low of 53,683.16 and a high of 54,379.59. The broader NSE Nifty declined 99.35 points or 0.62 per cent to end at 16,025.80. From the Sensex

pack, Asian Paints, TCS,

Wipro, Tech Mahindra, Larsen & Toubro, Infosys, State Bank of India, HCL Technologies and M&M were among the biggest laggards. In contrast, NTPC, Bharti Airtel, HDFC, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Nestle, ICICI Bank and ITC were the prominent gainers.

Asian markets in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Seoul ended with gains, while Tokyo was marginally lower.

Exchanges in Europe were trading in the green in the afternoon trade.Stock markets in the US had mostly ended lower on Tuesday. International oil benchmark Brent crude jumped 1.37 per cent to USD 115.1 per barrel. Continuing their selling spree, foreign institutional investors offloaded shares worth a net Rs 2,393.45 crore on Tuesday, as per stock exchange data.

"Domestic indices wavered tracking mixed sentiments from global markets as investors assessed the possibility of a recession in the US followed by the Fed policy tight-

ening.
"Global markets are awaiting the release of the Fed minutes, which will be evaluated for details on the path of the upcoming rate hikes," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Rupee edges up 3 paise to close at 77.54 against US dollar

The rupee recovered 3 paise to settle at 77.54 (provisional) against the US currency in a restricted trade on Wednesday as interventions by banks supported the local unit while a stronger dollar in overseas markets restricted the

At the interbank forex market, the rupee opened higher at 77.54 against the greenback and moved in a range of 77.44 to 77.57 in the day trade. The rupee finally ended at 77.54, higher by 3 paise over its previous close of 77.57 against the American currency.

"Rupee traded with pendulum swing on a range fight between hedgers as participants from banks tried to support rupee whereas remittance

takers of dollar equally bought keeping rupee ranged between 77.47-77.60. The US Fed statement minutes later in the night might give some trend to the USDINR pair in futures," said Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst at LKP Securities.

On the domestic equity market front, the BSE Sensex ended 303.35 points or 0.56 per cent lower at 53,749.26, while the broader NSE Nifty fell 99.35 points or 0.62 per cent to

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.36 per cent to 102.22. Foreign institutional investors were net sellers in the capital market on Tuesday as they offloaded shares worth Rs 2,393.45 crore, as per stock exchange data.



'Inflationary concerns may delay GST rate rationalisation³



GST tax rate rationalisa-Ation is likely to be delayed due to elevated inflation, sources said on Wednesday.

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime taxes goods and services in four tax slabs of 5 per cent, 12 per cent, 18 per cent and 28 per cent.

It was being considered to reduce these tax slabs possibly to 3, an exercise which would have involved raising taxes in some items and a reduction in others. But with inflation rate ruling at all-time high, such an

Govt's 29.5% stake sale in Hindustan Zinc Limited OK'd

PNS NEW DELHI

The Cabinet Committee on ■ Economic Affairs (CCEA) on Wednesday cleared the Government's 29.5 per cent stake sale in Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL), which could fetch around Rs 38,000 crore to the exchequer. The decision would give a push to the Government's disinvestment drive in the current fiscal.

The government has budgeted Rs 65,000 crore from PSU disinvestment and strategic sale. The sale of 29.5 per cent stake representing over 124.96 crore shares would fetch around Rs 38,000 crore to the exchequer at current market prices, said officials. Shares of HZL closed at Rs

305.05, up 3.14 per cent on the BSE. During the day, the scrip touched a high of Rs 317.30 a

till 2002. In April 2002, the Government offloaded a 26 per cent stake in HZL to Sterlite Opportunities and Ventures Ltd (SOVL) for Rs 445 crorethereby giving Vedanta group management control in HZL.

. Vedanta group later

bought 20 per cent from the market and another 18.92 per cent from the government in November 2003, raising its ownership in Hindustan Zinc to 64.92 per cent. This 20 per cent sale became a controversy and recently Supreme Court directed CBI to probe into the price variations between the first offloading and second offloading of shares happened during the Vajpayee Government.

Vedanta, led by mining magnate Anil Agarwal, recently said the company can buy just 5 per cent additional stake

RBI issues norms for import of gold by qualified jewellers

The RBI on Wednesday came up with norms for facilitating physical import of through International Bullion Exchange IFSC (IIBX) or similar authorised exchange by Qualified Jewellers in India. In addition to agencies

nominated by the RBI and by DGFT, Qualified Jewellers (QJ) as approved by International Financial Services Centers Authority (IFSCA) were permitted to import gold in Ianuary The RBI issued the guide-

lines in order to enable resident Qualified Jewellers to import gold through IIBX or any other exchange approved by IFSCA and the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).

As per the guidelines, banks may allow Owalies.

banks may allow Qualified Jewellers to remit advance payments for 11 days for import of ance to the extant Foreign lion in the year-ago month.

Trade Policy and regulations issued under IFSC Act. "The advance remittance for import of Gold should not be leveraged in what-so-ever form for importing gold worth more than the advance remittance made," the Reserve Bank of

In case the import of gold through IFSCA authorised exchange, for which advance remittance has been made, does not materialise, or the advance remittance made for the purpose is more than the amount required, the unutilised advance remittance shall be remitted back to the same bank within the specified time limit of 11 days.

RBI also said all payments by qualified jewellers for imports of gold through IIBX, shall be made through exchange mechanism as approved by IFSCA. Gold imports dipped by about 72 per cent to USD 1.72 billion dur-

Paper exports from India jumps 80% to all-time high of ₹13,963 cr in FY22: IPMA

 $E_{\text{board from India jumped}}^{\text{xports of paper and paper}}$ nearly 80 per cent in FY 2021-22, touching a record Rs 13,963 crore, according to industry The export growth has

straddled across different grades of paper, said a statement from Indian Paper Manufacturers Association (IPMA) while citing data released by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S).

"In value terms, exports of coated paper and paperboard increased by 100 per cent, uncoated writing and printing paper by 98 per cent, tissue paper by 75 per cent and kraft paper by 37 per cent," said IPMA.

Paper exports from India

Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, Vietnam and Sri Lanka."In volume terms, paper exports from India have gone up four times from 0.66 million tonnes in FY17 to 2.85 million tonnes in FY22.

Similarly in value terms, the figures for corresponding years rose from Rs 3,041 crore to Rs 13,963 crore," it said.
"Exports have been rising

in the last few years due to capacity expansion and technological upgradation under-taken by Indian paper mills, leading to better product quality which has found wider acceptance globally," said Rohit Pandit, Secretary General, IPMA.

In the last five to seven years, paper mills in India have invested over Rs 25,000 crore to create new capacities and action of clean and green | \$114. technologies, he said.

Crude oil futures gain on spot demand



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rude oil prices on Wednesday rose by ₹102 to ₹8,614 per barrel as participants widened positions on a firm spot demand.

On the Multi Commodity Exchange, crude oil for June exchange, crude oil for June delivery traded higher by ₹102 or 1.2 per cent at ₹8,614 per barrel in 6,907 lots. Analysts said the raising of bets by participants kept crude oil prices higher in futures trade.

Globally, West Texas Intermediate crude oil was up by 1.03 per cent at \$110.90 per barrel, while Brent crude traded 1.03 per cent higher at

Govt imposes restrictions on sugar exports from June 1

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ability of the commodity in the domestic market and curbing price rise.

"Export of sugar (raw, refined and white sugar) is placed under restricted category from June 1, 2022 onwards," the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said in a notification.

restrictions would not be applicable on sugar being exported to the EU and the US under CXL and TRQ. A specified amount of sugar is exported to these regions under CXL and TRQ.In a statement, the government said that with a



availability and price stability of sugar in the country during sugar season 2021-22 (October-September), it has decided to regulate the sugar 1."The government has decided to allow export of sugar up to 100 LMT (Lakh Metric Tonnes) with a view to maintain the domestic availability

season 2021-22 (October-September)," it said. 'As per the order issued by DGFT, with effect from 1st June, 2022 till 31st October, 2022, or till further order, whichever is earlier, the export of the sugar will be allowed with specific permission of the Directorate of Sugar, Department of Food and

Repos Energy partners Mahindra for doorstep fuel delivery

Ratan Tata-backed energy distribution startup Repos Energy has partnered with Mahindra for doorstep fuel delivery through the automaker's Furio trucks, a release said on Wednesday.

The Pune-based firm Repos is currently present across over 220 cities through its over 1,500 partners and more than 2,500 mobile petrol

pumps.
The doorstep fuel delivery model has grown rapidly across the country and scaled up even faster in the post-Covid era, owing to many factors, such as structural constraints of the existing distribution model, changing buying behaviour of consumers and technological disruptions, according to the

release. Nagpur-based startup Navankur Infranergy has recently launched a mobile fuel station for the doorstep diesel delivery to various customers across Nagpur.

The mobile station, built on a Mahindra Furio 11 truck, with a double dispensing Alpha mobile pump, has been sup-plied by Repos Energy, accord-ing to the release.

Repos Energy has tied up with Mahindra to cater to doorstep fuel delivery demand through their Furio trucks, said the release.

"Mahindra's range of light and the intermediate commercial vehicle come with their inherent advantages to make it a perfect fit for fuel Bowser operation and ensure profitability," said Jalaj Gupta, Business Head for commercial vehicles at Mahindra & Mahindra Limited. A major proportion of the diesel goes into fuelling industries, where it is often required in bulk.

These industries resort to procuring diesel from fuel pumps using improper receptacles like barrels and bowsers, which cause great losses in the form of spillage, pilferage, dead mileage, and manpower costs, he stated.

"Combining with the expertise of Repos Energy in fuel bowser business solution, we are introducing a com-pelling product offering to cater to the emerging need of industries," Gupta added. Doorstep diesel delivery in India has eased the way fuel is being delivered in the country, according to Chetan Walunj, co-founder of Repos Energy.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

BEST AGROLIFE FY22 NET PROFIT JUMPS TO ₹104.76CR Agrochemical firm Best Agrolife Ltd has reported a nearly three-fold jump in its

net profit at Rs 104.76 crore in FY 2022. Its net profit stood at Rs 37.08 crore in the 2020-21 financial year, Best Agrolife Ltd (BAL) said in a statement. The company posted a 34 per cent increase in its revenue at Rs 1,210.79 crore in the period under review as against Rs 905.45 crore in the previous fiscal. "Our performance this year boosts our confidence and confirms that we are on track to achieve our strategic and financial objectives.

MANGO FESTIVAL FROM MAY 23

New Delhi: To refresh your taste-buds with ripe, sweet and delectable mangoes in this sweltering heat, Barista, a leading coffee chain, is starting a mango festival. The festival will be on in all Barista cafés in Delhi NCR, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Kolkata from May 23. "The mango affair is very refreshing, natural and replenishes your body's lost minerals while battling out in the sun. We expect to have a great response to the festival," said Rajat Agrawal, COO, Barista Coffee

EMPYREAN CASHEWS GROWS 101%

Mumbai: The revenue of Empyrean Cashews Limited, a leading firm engaged in processing raw cashew nuts, grew by 101 per cent touching Rs 12.41 cr for Q4FY22 and Rs 52.2cr for FY22. The firm is planning to set up 4 COCO outlets in Goa in Q2 FY23. Empyrean Cashew Ltd went public in March 2022.

Sebi to auction properties of Golden Life Agro India, Sunshine Agro Infra on June 16

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o recover investors' money, ■ Sebi on Wednesday said it will auction a total of five properties of Golden Life Agro Îndia Ltd and Sunshine Agro Infra Ltd for a reserve price of Rs 11.5 crore on June 16.

The two companies raised

funds from investors without complying with regulatory norms.

The properties put on the block include land parcels and a double storied building situated across West Bengal, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in a notice.

Inviting bids for the sale of

properties will be conducted through online mode on June 16, 2022 during 10.30 am to 11.30 am. Out of the five properties being put on the block, three belong to Golden Life Agro India and remaining two relate to Sunshine Agro Infra. Total reserve price of these

properties is pegged at Rs 11.53 crore, as per notice.Quikr Realty has been appointed as eauction service provider. The regulator said bidders

should make their own independent enquiries regarding encumbrances, title of properties put on auction and claims, among others, prior to submitting their bids.

"The properties are being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to Sebi.

The Government on Tuesday imposed restrictions on sugar exports from June 1, a move aimed at increasing avail-

However, it said that these

exports with effect from June

Standard Chartered Bank settles case

view to maintain domestic and price stability during the Public Distribution," it said.

with Sebi in CG Power case, pays ₹4.97 cr Euro 44 million to CG International BV (CGIBV) which was transferred to AIABV on the same day to

> bursed another loan of Euro 44 million to CG Industrial Holdings Singapore Pte Ltd (CG Singapore') which was transferred to AIABV on the same day. On the same day, AIABV returned the funds received from CGIBV which were frozen and CGIBV utilized these funds for repayment of the loan taken from SCB in

RBI cancels registration of 5 NBFCs due to irregular lending practices

PTI MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank on Wednesday said it has cancelled Certificate of Registration (CoR) of five NBFCs for violation of norms related to outsourcing and fair practices code in their digital lending operations.

Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) whose CoR stands cancelled are: UMB Securities Ltd, Anashri Finvest, Chadha Finance, Alexcy Tracon, and Jhuria Financial

"The CoR of the (five) NBFCs have been cancelled on account of violation of RBI guidelines on outsourcing and



undertaken through third party apps which was considered detrimental to public interest," the RBI said.

vith extant regulations pertaining to charging of excessive interest and resorted to undue harassment of customers for loan recovery purposes.



It further said these companies were also not complying

recovery proceedings against Golden Life Agro India and Sunshine Agro Infra and their directors, Sebi said auction of

Standard Chartered Bank has settled with markets regulator Sebi a case pertaining to alleged violations of regulatory norms in the matter of CG Power and Industrial Solutions Ltd after paying Rs 4.97 crore towards settlement charges. The order came after Standard

settle case pertaining to alleged violations of PFUTP (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices) rules "without admitting or denying findings of fact and conclusions of law", through a settlement order. "Pending enforcement proceedings for alleged defaults ... Are settled qua applicant," Sebi said in its settlement order

Chartered Bank (SCB)

approached Sebi proposing to

passed on Wednesday. The regulator further said it will not initiate other enforcement actions against the applicant for the defaults. Sebi had initiated proceedings through a show cause notice issued to

rules. In the show cause notice, Standard Chartered Bank was alleged to have benefitted a private limited company controlled by the promoter group companies, at the expense of a listed company (CG Power) to the detriment of the interest of the minority shareholders of CG Power. As per the order, Avantha International Asset BV

(AIABV), an entity related to

the promoter group of CG Power and Industrial Solutions

Ltd or CG Power, had taken a

loan from SCB. In October

2017, SCB disbursed a loan of

the bank in May 2021 for the

alleged violations of PFUTP

repay its earlier loan from SCB. The funds were later frozen by SCB at AIABV. In February 2018, SCB dis-

October 2017.

Patidar 112* helps RCB post 207-4 vs LSG Bangalore's No. 3 remained unbeaten and scored 12 fours, 7 sixes during his 54-ball knock in IPL 2022 eliminator

ittle-known domestic bulwark Rajat Patidar found his hour of fame as his magnificent 49-■ball hundred propelled Royal Challengers Bangalore to an imposing 207 for 4 against Lucknow Super Giants in the IPL Eliminator on

Courtesy Patidar's 54-ball-112 not out which had 12 fours and seven huge sixes, RCB literally knocked the stuffing out of LSG attack with Mohsin Khan's superb 1 for 25 proving to be only saving grace.

On a day their famed batting duo trio of Faf du Plessis (0), Ğlenn Maxwell (9) and Virat Kohli (25) failed to enthrall a capacity Eden crowd, RCB's No, 3 played out of his skin as 90 runs came in fours and sixes off just 19 balls.

While most of the star-studded RCB batters struggled for timing, the 28-year-old looked effortless with his slices, punches, counter-punches and drives to tower over the rest.

more interesting, he wasn't picked from auction this season and joined the team after start when a player called Luvnith Sisodia was injured. Had Sisodia been alright, RCB smacked the 'googly-man' for three

And to make Patidar's story

HISTORY MAKER RAJAT PATIDAR

Rajat Patidar is the first uncapped player to score a century in the play-offs/knockouts of the IPL. The previous highest score by an uncapped was the 94 off 50 balls that Manish Pandey scored for Kolkata Knight Riders in the final of the 2014 IPL.

 He scored his century in 49 balls which is the joint fastest ton scored by any played in the playoffs or knockouts of the IPL. Patidar equalled the record set by Wriddhiman Saha, who scored 115 off 55 balls for Kings XI Punjab in

sixes and two fours in succession in an over that read 1 6 4 6 4 6.

A sloppy LSG also helped his cause as Patidar, who got reprieves on 59, 72 and 93. After a 40-minute delayed start due to bad weather, Lucknow got off to a superb start when Mohsin got RCB skipper Faf du Plessis for a golden duck in the

Having lost their skipper early, it was about biding time as Kohil and Patidar opted for a wait-and-watch policy before the latter broke loose

the 2014 IPL final.

► Patidar's 112 not out has helped him go past a player who was recently inducted in RCB's hall of fame. He has surpassed the 89 off 47 balls that Chris Gayle scored against Mumbai Indians in 2011.

This is the third-highest score by an uncapped player in the IPL. Patidar crossed the unbeaten 101 that Devdutt Padikkal scored for RCB against Rajasthan Royals last season. Manish Pandey is second

against Krunal Pandya in the last over

three boundaries and one six in an

over that yielded 20 runs to make it

up for their slow start and cruise to

SACHIN, VIRU IMPRESSED

Patidar slammed Krunal for

Patidar's binder earned him a lot

of praise of social media and taking

to Twitter, Master Blaster Sachin

Tendulkar and legendary Indian

opener Virender Sehwag hailed him

of the power-play.

 $5\overline{2}/1$ in six overs.

Meanwhile, Patidar and Karthik's

while Paul Valthaty tops the list.

■It is also the fifth instance of a play-

er scoring a century in the

playoffs/knockouts of an IPL tour-

nament. Patidar's 112 not out is also

the fourth highest score ever in the

onslaught in the final overs helped RCB take as many as 88 runs in the death overs. That is the most scored by any team in this period of a match

in the 2022 season. for playing a match-changing knock

for the Faf du Plessis-led side. "Serious hitting by Rajat Patidar

and nicely supported by @DineshKarthik. It's a great total but given how the surface is playing and the fast outfield, I feel it'll be a close game. Well played by @rcbtweets in the first half!," Tendulkar said in his tweet. Tendulkar's former Team India teammate Sehwag also shared a special tweet for the middle-order batter of the Bangalore-based fran-

You've got to swallow your ego sometimes and hang in there: Buttler

wouldn't have required services of

Patidar, who made 65,000 at Eden

(37 not out from 23 balls) put on a match-turning unbroken partner-

ship of 92 runs from 41 balls as RCB scored 84 runs in the last five overs

his stroke-making skills to slam

Krunal Pandya for three boundaries

and one six inside the power-play to

overshadow Kohli in a 66-run part-

ry in 28 balls, he took another 21 balls

to reach his maiden hundred in T20s.

Mohsin Khan over square leg with a

sweet-timing of the bat that summed

well-set Kohli, Maxwell and Mahipal

Lomror in the middle overs to see

their run-rate drop. In-form Dinesh Karthik, who has

played the role of a finisher to per-

fection for RCB this season, also sur-

vived some anxious moments against

the last over Bishnoi when he

But Patidar turned it around in

Ravi Bishnoi to start with.

up his effortless stay at the crease.

Having cruised to his half-centu-

He got to the landmark pulling

RCB lost three key wickets of a

He along with Dinesh Karthik

First, he showed the glimpses of

Gardens stand on their feet.

to prop up the total.

nership from 46 balls.

Rajasthan Royals opener Jos Buttler had no qualms in admitting that he struggled to get going initially against Gujarat Titans in the first qualifier, saying sometimes you have to "swallow your ego" and hang in there without panicking.

This season's Orange Cap holder Buttler, who now has 718 runs in 15 games, initially failed to time the ball and was 39 off his first 38 balls.

But the opener shifted gears in style and smacked another 50 off his next 18 deliveries faced to lift RR's total to a challenging "I was determined to hang

in there. It was a big game for us and we wanted to make sure to put a big score," Buttler said at the post-match press conference after RR's seven-wicket loss to "Sometimes you got to swal-

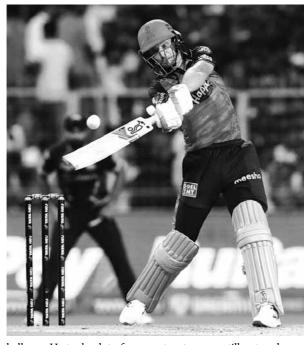
low your ego, if you are finding it hard, you are finding it hard. I don't try to force too much, don't panic.

"The opposition would prefer me to panic and get out, just try to hang in there. I knew at some point I would get away. I trusted myself. Today, it came late in the innings," he added.

Buttler also had plenty of luck go his way as he got two reprieves in the middle in his 89 off 56 balls. It was Sanju Samson who

gave RR a fiery start with his 47 off 26 and Buttler said the Royals skipper took some pressure off him.

"Yes I was finding it tough to start with and then Sanju came in and played well from



ball one. He took a lot of pressure off me. I wouldn't say it was my most fluent innings but I just tried to hang in there and managed to get a little bit away in the

The 189-run target proved insufficient for the Royals as David Miller and Hardik Pandya shared a 106-run unbroken partnership for the fourth wicket to seal a win and take GT to the final in their maiden IPL season. "We just could not break that partnership, if we managed to take a wicket and found a way to break that partnership, it would have been crucial for us. The deeper they took, the harder it became for us.

"But we are still alive in the tournament after finishing in the top-two, we still got a chance. We're disappointed today, but still in the tournament," he

The Purple Cap-holder Yuzvendra Chahal and India senior off-spinner R Ashwin, who have a combined tally of 37 wickets this season, were wicketless and leaked 72 runs against the Titans. "Those two guys have been outstanding for us this sea-

son. It's a tough place for bowlers

spin or pace bowling.

"It's a small ground with a
fast outfield. A lot of boundaries are available on this particular ground. So it is always going to be tough. There was a bit of dew also in the second innings," he said, throwing his support to the

Hardik says his name 'always sells, no problem with it'

PTI ■ KOLKATA

n his short international career, Hardik Pandya has seen it all — highs and lows, injuries, surgery, being embroiled in controversies - but he says he faces them with a smiling face.

Putting behind all these, Pandya has shone not just as an all-rounder but as a leader, taking an under-rated Gujarat Titans to the final in a dream IPL debut "People always talk, that's their job.

I can't help," Pandya said after Titans win. "The name 'Hardik Pandya' always sells. I've no problem with it, I just take it easy with a smiling face." After making his international debut

in 2016 following his success with Mumbai Indians, expectations skyrocketed with Pandya as he was compared with the legendary World Cup-winning India skipper Kapil Dev. In 2019, Pandya was suspended for

his loose talk on women on 'Koffee with



committee of the BCCI. The 28-year-old star all-rounder

made his last appearance for India against Namibia in the T20 World Cup in Dubai on November 8 and then strug-Karan'. He later apologised to the inquiry gled to manage his bowling workload

post his back surgery. Released by Mumbai Indians, Hardik was picked by Gujarat's for ₹15 crore ahead of this IPL season. Questions were raised when he was handed captaincy for a team making its debut, but Pandya has delivered,

be it with the bat, ball or in his 'Captain Cool' demeanour, much like his mentor

"Obviously Mahi bhai has played a big role in my life. He's a dear brother, a dear friend, and family to me," Pandya "...I've learnt a lot of good things from him. For me, it was more about being individually strong which I'm really proud of myself as well how I was able to manage all the parts."

Mostly coming at number four, Pandya is at the fifth spot in the chart for most prolific batters this season, with 453 runs at a 45-plus average and a healthy strike rate of 132.84.

Pandya has also come handy with the ball, giving crucial breakthroughs for his team. He has bowled 26.3 overs so far and taken five wickets with an economy of 7.73. "Before the captaincy as well, I always made sure that I approached all the situations in a cool-headed way. Generally, you make better decisions that way," he said about his recipe for success in this IPL.

Test rankings: Kohli, Rohit, Ashwin maintain their top-10 positions

PTI ■ DUBAI

 $B_{\text{Sri Lankan veteran Angelo}}^{\text{angladesh's Liton Das and}}$ Mathews have made valuable gains in the ICC Men's Test Rankings after fine performances in the drawn first match while there has been no movement in latest top-10 list issued by the world body.

In the batter's list, Marnus Labuschagne maintained his pole position while India captain Rohit Sharma and his predeces-

sor Virat Kohli remained static at eighth and 10th place respectively. Similarly in bowling, Pat Cummins (901 points) has a 51point lead over his nearest rival Ravichandran Ashwin, who is followed by countryman Jasprit Bumrah. India's Ravindra Jadeja also remained on top of the allrounders' table.

With only Sri Lanka and Bangladesh engaged in a WTC series, it was inevitable that players from those two nations earned points.

I feel extremely backed: Miller after his match-winning knock against RR

AGENCIES ■ KOLKATA

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mee.

After helping Gujarat Titans to seal a spot in the final of the ongoing Indian Premier League 2022 on Tuesday, star batter David Miller said continued backing from the team has played a big role in improving his game in this season.

Miller was the chief creator of GT's brilliant great seven-wicket win over Rajasthan Royals. David Miller played a ballistic knock of 68 from 38 balls and captain Hardik Pandya's 40 off 27 balls guided debutants Gujarat Titans to a

> seven-wicket win over the inaugural champions Rajasthan Royals at the Eden Gardens.

"I think opportunity, firstly (what's changed?). I've been given a role, I felt extremely backed from the outset. My personal game - I'm enjoying my role, I've been playing for many years now. Understanding my game a lot better.

In high-pressure situations, you tend to go away from your game plan but I feel like I'm trying to keep everything together close to the game plan", said David Miller

in a post-match presentation. David Miller further said that the plus point of IPL is that

you play for different teams in it. There has been a lot of going

wide to me on the off-side, so I decided actually for the first time to step across. Backed me and went with it. The rest I tried to hit as hard as possible. That's the joys of IPL you play for different teams, and get to meet different players," he added.

Miller struck five sixes, including three in the final over when 16 runs were needed in a thrilling chase of 189

Gill feels he doesn't have to prove anything to anyone

KOLKATA: Chasing a challenging 189-run target, Shubman Gill along with Matthew Wade laid a solid foundation striking a 72run partnership for the second wicket to pave way for a seven-wicket win over Rajasthan Royals here at the Eden Gardens Stadium on Tuesday to enter the final of the IPL. The GT opener scored 35 off 21 balls hitting five fours and one six. "Kolkata has always been nice to me, fortunately, it was one of those nights where we were on the winning side, happy we are in the final. After Saha got out, we got off to a good start in the powerplay, batting in the Eden Gardens is always fun," said

Shubman. Talking about the batting surface and his team, he said "We expected the surface to be better, but the ball was holding a bit and spinners were getting a bit of grip on this wicket. It's a new team but the way the support staff and players have come together has been tremendous to watch, we are all really enjoying our cricket.'

Shubman further added that he played

well for Gujarat and had a good season. "There hasn't been any added pressure on me, I was picked (in the draft) because I have done well for my earlier franchises, I don't have to prove anything to anyone, I just had to contribute to my team and play well for them. It was nice to watch (from sidelines), a semi-final and your teammates are doing the job, it was amazing," he added.

as Gujarat Titans became the 3rd team to reach

the final in their debut season. "It was a new team so there are a few butterflies here and there. From the first win, everything sort of aligned. You have to control what you can, can't think too much ahead. Concentrate on your breathing, and if it's in your area, you have to capitalise. We've got a few days off. There's a bus trip back, we'll have a few drinks and celebrate," said

Gujarat Titans will now wait to see who among Lucknow Super Giants, Royal Challengers Bangalore and Rajasthan Royals meet them in the title clash in Ahmedabad on May 29.

Mathews, de Silva keep Sri Lanka alive 5 at stumps on the third day, still trailing



ngelo Mathews and Dhananjaya de Silva each hit Aa fifty and put on a 102-run partnership to keep Sri Lanka going strong in the rain-hit second Test against

Bangladesh on Wednesday Mathews remained unbeaten on 58 after de Silva

went out with the same score to take Sri Lanka to 282-

Bangladesh by 83 runs. Rain washed out entire post-lunch ses-

sion but the duo stepped up their scoring rate to make up for lost time, with de Silva striking nine fours before Shakib Al Hasan

The right-hander, who faced 95 balls, was initially given not out on a caught-behind appeal before Bangladesh successfully reviewed.

Mathews, who smashed four fours and a six, was batting with Dinesh Chandimal on 10 Bangladesh made early inroads after Sri

Lanka resumed on 143-2, Ebadot Hossain bowl-

ing nightwatchman Kasun Rajitha for a duck with the second ball of the day.

A gem of a delivery from Shakib dismissed Dimuth Karunaratne for 80 soon afterwards, with the Sri Lankan skipper adding 10 to his

overnight score. Shakib tossed the ball up on off-stump and Karunatne went for a drive but saw the flighted delivery dip and turn between bat and pad before crashing into his stumps.

Karunaratne, who was dropped on 37.

struck nine boundaries in his 15th Test fifty. De Silva hit Ebadot for three fours in one over just before the break after he and Mathews survived a difficult spell from the right-arm pace

Shakib, the most successful bowler for Bangladesh so far, has claimed 3-59.

bowler and Shakib.

Kerber, Azarenka win; Emma out

ormer Grand Slam champions Angelique Kerber and Victoria Azarenka advanced to the third round of the French Open on Wednesday.

Kerber, who won her first clay title in six years on the eve of the French Open, defeated French wildcard and 2020 junior champion Elsa Jacquemot 6-1, 7-6 (7/2) as she seeks the only Grand Slam missing from her collection.

The German 21st seed next plays Aliaksandra Sasnovich, the Belarusian who knocked out US Open champion Emma Raducanu 3-6, 6-1, 6-1

"I think the last week was really important for me to get the title," former number one Kerber said of her Strasbourg triumph.

"I had a lot of confidence. It's great to be back here and I hope I can still play a few more matches.

"When you achieve everything you want, you play for the love of the game. I just love the sport. Let's see how long I can keep playing at a high level."

Azarenka, a two-time Australian Open winner, beat 2014 Roland Garros semi-finalist Andrea Petkovic 6-1, 7-6 (7/3). She meets Swiss 23rd seed Jil Teichmann for a place in the fourth round.

SAKKARI OUT

Greek fourth seed Maria Sakkari crashed out in the French Open second round, going down 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/4) to Czech world number 81 Karolina Muchova.

Sakkari, a 2021 Roland Garros semi-finalist, is the fifth women's top-10 seed to lose in the first four days at Roland Garros.

Muchova has matched her run to the third round from 12 months ago and will next play 27th seed Amanda Anisimova, who reached the last four in Paris three years

ing player. It was a big fight, a little bit of a test and challenge for me

mer world number one and fourtime Grand Slam title winner

and I'm happy I took it the way I did," said Muchova.

The 25-year-old reached the semi-finals at last year's Australian Open and the last eight for the second time at Wimbledon, but is playing just her fourth tournament since the US Open after struggling with an abdominal injury. "It's an amazing feeling I can play again

Sasnovich also said she "respects" the controversial decision of the ATP and WTA to strip Wimbledon of ranking points.

That move has prompted a "It's very special, she's an amaz-number of players, including for-

Naomi Osaka, to consider with-drawing from Wimbledon which starts on June 27. Wimbledon chiefs said the

ATP and WTA decision was "disproportionate". Russian men's star Andrey

Rublev said the atmosphere in the sport is currently "toxic" while French player Benoit Paire believes '99%" of players want a Wimbledon with points.

"I'm sorry for Russia and Russians, but they are the ones causing all the trouble," he said.

Sasnovich said she talks to Ukrainian players in the locker

"I ask them how they feel. We

added the world number 47 from

"They have families there. It's a very bad situation for them. We try to live our lives and find the positives. These are tough times.

"I would have no problem if I had to play against a player from

On Wednesday, Sasnovich made the third round of the French Open for the first time by stunning US Open champion and 12th seed Emma Raducanu 3-6, 6-1, 6-1.

'AGAINST THE WAR'

Belarus tennis star Aliaksandra Sasnovich may be banned from Wimbledon but she insisted Wednesday that she opposed the ongoing war in Ukraine and supports players from the embattled country "100%".

Belarusian players such as Sasnovich, compatriot and former world number one Victoria Azarenka, as well as a host of Russians including men's world number two Daniil Medvedev, were declared persona non grata by Wimbledon in response to the invasion of Ukraine.

"I wanted to play Wimbledon so much, it's one of my favourite tournaments but I respect the decision," the 28-year-old said.

"Normally, I speak with some of the Ukraine players. We are not

friends, we are just colleagues but I support them 100%.

I want the war to finish as soon as possible. I don't support the war and am against the violence. I just want peace.'

1ST SLAM MAIN DRAW WIN

Indian tennis player Ramkumar Ramanathan cherished his first ever main draw win at a Grand Slam as he combined with American Hunter Reese to beat the German team of Daniel Altmaier and Oscar Otte in the men's doubles event of the French Open, here on Wednesday. Ramkumar, who has made

umpteen attempts to crack a singles main draw of a Grand Slam without success, and Reese beat their rivals 7-6(4) 6-3 in their opening round of the clay court The 27-year-old Indian had broken into the doubles top-100

early this year, following his maiden ATP Tour title win with compatriot Rohan Bopanna in Adelaide and at home in Pune, competing in the Tata Open Maharashtra. Rohan Bopanna and his Dutch

partner Matwe Middelkoop had progressed to the second round with 6-4, 6-1 win over local wild cards Sascha Gueymard Wayenburg and Luca Van Assche, on Tuesday.

Wimbledon 'will never be an exhibition': Murray

AP ■ PARIS

Two-time former Wimbledon champion Andy Murray ofr Britain on Wednesday said that the tournament "will never feel like an exhibition" despite it being stripped of ranking points over the ban on Russian and Belarusian

The decision by the ATP and WTA to remove the sport's most prestigious tournament of ranking points has prompted some players to say they may skip Wimbledon, the year's third Grand Slam.

"I'd hazard a guess that most eople watching on centre court Wimbledon in a few weeks' time wouldn't know or care about how many ranking points a player gets for winning a 3rd round match," tweeted Murray.

"But I guarantee they will remember who wins. Wimbledon will never be an exhibition and will never feel like an exhibition."

Former world number one Naomi Osaka has revealed she is "leaning towards not playing" Wimbledon while defending champion Novak Djokovic said he will play despite losing 2,000

But Djokovic described it as "lose-lose situation", and the controversy has showed no signs of abating, with several players at the ongoing French Open likening Wimbledon to a high-profile exhibition event this year.

"I follow golf very closely and have no idea how many ranking points the winner of the the Masters gets," said Murray, who opted to miss the French Open to prepare for the grass-court season.

'Me and my friends love football and none of us know or care how many ranking points a team gets for winning the FIFA World

"But I could tell you exactly who won the World Cup and the

Chelsea sale gets green light from UK Government

The UK government on Wednesday announced it had given the green light to Todd Boehly's proposed takeover of Chelsea football club from the sanctioned Russian oligarch Roman Abramovich.

Culture, Media and Sport Nadine Dorries said she had issued a licence permitting the deal late on Tuesday, shortly after it won approval from the Premier League.

"We are satisfied the proceeds of the sale will not benefit Roman Abramovich or other sanctioned individuals," Dorries tweeted.

"Given the sanctions we placed on those linked to (Vladimir) Putin and the bloody invasion of Ukraine, the longterm future of the club can only be secured under a new owner,' she said.

A consortium led by Boehly, a co-owner of baseball's Los Angeles Dodgers, had already agreed a record £4.25 billion deal to buy the Premier League club from Abramovich on May 7.

The Premier League said its approval hinged on the government sale licence "and the satis-



factory completion of the final stages of the transaction".

Officials wanted everything completed on Tuesday so Chelsea could meet all registration deadlines for next season's

football competitions. Abramovich put Chelsea on the market in early March, just before he was sanctioned by Britain following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Completing the purchase has been a lengthy process due to government concerns over the potential for Abramovich to profit from the sale.

The total value of the deal smashes the previous record for the sale of a sports team - \$2.4 billion for the New York Mets baseball franchise in 2020.

Liverpool's Klopp named PL manager of the year

Liverpool's Jurgen Klopp has been named the League Managers' Association Premier League Manager of the Year, it was announced on Tuesday.

The Reds won both the English League Cup and FA Cup, beating Chelsea in penalty shoot-outs at Wembley on both occasions.

League title to Manchester City by just a point after both Klopp's men and Pep Guardiola's side won their respective matches on Sunday's final day of a thrilling

Klopp, collecting his accolade at the LMA Awards dinner in London on Tuesday, said: "It is a great honour and it was an insane season. The last matchday when only two

games were meaningless and in the rest, we all played for absolutely everything.

"It was not the best outcome for us, but we are already over it."

The German, paying tribute to his backroom team, added: "When you win a prize like this you are either a genius or you have the best coaching staff in the world — and I am here with all of my coaching staff,

they know how much I appreciate them."
Klopp also collected the Sir Alex Ferguson Trophy, named in honour of the celebrated former Manchester United boss, which is voted for by the full membership of managers across all the divisions in English senior football.

"This being voted for by my colleagues



is obviously the most important prize you

can get," Klopp said. I don't believe in individual prizes in football generally, it is a team sport and I would be nothing without these boys

"It is all about what we can do togeth-

er and what we did together." Liverpool may have been denied an unprecedented quadruple by City, but they will now try to add the Champions League to their impressive trophy haul this season

when they face Real Madrid in a Paris final

on Saturday.

would be one of the sides to watch out for in the U-17 Women's World Cup. "This group has been preparing for this moment for

India will put up fantastic

show in U-17 WC: Aditi

Star India women's football team goalkeeper Aditi Chauhan feels that the under-17 team is not short on

preparation for the upcoming World Cup despite the

in April 2019 before the coronavirus outbreak upset all plans.

But Aditi feels the Indian team is on the right track and

absence of senior nationals in the country since 2019. India organised its last U-17 National Championships

"They've been getting regular match time and training regularly and hopefully, they'll be able to gain more exposure and play more friendlies before the World Cup.

"I am confident that they will put on a fantastic performance in front of their home crowd at the World Cup.' India under coach Thomas Dennerby has already

named 33 probables who are currently training in Jamshedpur. There have been questions about the selection policies without a national tournament. 'I think India has a lot of potential in their U-17 squad

and I have been lucky to play with a few of them. The young girls have shown their fighting spirit in their

last SAFF Cup where they were the champions.

The players have been practicing together for a long time and I am sure India will be one of the teams to watch out for," she said. The tournament is slated from October 17-30 in the

five cities of Bhubaneswar, Kolkata, Guwahati, Ahmedabad and Navi Mumbai. "The U-17 World Cup is going to be a huge opportu-

nity for our girls to play and compete against the best in

the world. "It is important that we put on a good display because all eyes will be on our team from across the world.

We can demonstrate that women's football in India is progressing on the right path by doing better here," she In April last year, Aditi became the second Indian woman player



leagues in the coming

years," the star goalkeeper

from Tamil Nadu added.

India need luck, big win against Indonesia

PTI ■ JAKARTA

Defending champions India need to beat hosts Indonesia by a huge margin and hope Japan defeat Pakistan in the other Pool A match for advancing to the knockout stage of the Asia Cup men's hockey tournament here on Thursday.

India's fate is not in their own hands anymore as even a win against lowly Indonesia will not guarantee them a knock-out berth. Japan will have to beat Pakistan to keep India's faint hopes alive.

With a draw and a loss, India are placed third in Pool A behind Japan (6 points) and Pakistan (4 points).

Under the guidance of Sardar Singh, India fielded a young team in the tournament alongside a handful of seniors like Birendra Lakra and SV Sunil, who came out of retirements. But the senior duo looked well past their prime if their performances in the two matches so far are to go by.

India conceded a last minute goal to draw 1-1 against Pakistan in their

tournament opener before being thrashed by Japan 2-5.

But now, a "next to impossible" task awaits the Indians as they not only have to score big against Indonesia but also hope that Japan beat Pakistan in the other Pool A match on Thursday if they are to progress to the Super 4 stage.

India have a goal difference of minus three as against Pakistan's plus 13. If Pakistan lose to Japan, India will have to beat Indonesia by a huge margin to go past their western neighbours in goal difference and advance further in the tournament.

Inexperience was the major reason behind India's below-par performances as the young players, mainly drafted from the last Junior World Cup squad, are finding it difficult to get a measure of the level of international

In the two matches so far, the Indians lacked cohesion in the three departments — defence, midfield and forwardline.

The Indians lacked a quality playmaker in the midfield, which was evi-



dent from their constant efforts of building attacks from the centre instead of using both the flanks more

Lakrá looked a pale shadow of himself in the backline, which has crumbled big time when put under relentless pressure. The forwadline has been wasteful

with the likes of Tokyo Olympian Simranjeet Singh and youngster Uttam Singh not having the best of outings. The lanky and strongly built Pawan

Rajbhar is the only player who have

impressed with his commitment and stick work in the two matches, creating chances and also scoring a goal. Penalty corner conversion is another area where the Indians are struggling as they lack a quality drag-flicker in the side after veteran Rupinder Pal Singh

wrist injury.
With the odds staked against them, the young Indian players could be pepped up to give their best shot on Thursday and show they can rise to the

pulled out at the last minute due to a