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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday urged the

Chief Ministers and Chief

Justices of high courts to speed-

up the delivery of justice to 3.5

lakh undertrials languishing in

jails and increase the mediation

process to decrease the burden on judiciary. Modi also sug-

gested the increased use of

local languages and simplifi-

cation of legal process which

would help the common man

to understand the process and

speaking at the joint conference

of Chief Ministers and Chief

Justices. The annual confer-

ence, which is also attended by

Law Ministers, is happening

sensibility at the core of deci-

sion making. We still have 3.5

lakh undertrials. Most of them

are poor and these cases have to be decided by district judges

"We have to keep human

after six years.

use of technology more. The Prime Minister was

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Speed up trials of 3.5L poor undertrials: Modi

so that they can be released on bail whenever possible. I urge all Chief Ministers and Chief

Justices on the basis of human-

itarian law to give urgency to

the case of undertrials and

also look at the long pending

cases and if it can be solved

through mediation," said Modi.

The Prime Minister also urged the Chief Ministers to

abolish archaic laws and cited

how the Centre went about it.

'We repealed 1,450 Central laws. But from States only 75

laws were repealed. I am

requesting Chief Ministers to

unclog the web of dated laws,"

he said, assuring the judiciary

the cooperation of the Government in filling the

vacancies in all levels of courts.

widening of the mediation

process to decrease the burden

on judiciary. Seeking coordi-

nation from Chief Ministers

and Chief Justices in this

regard, he said, "As the Chief

Justice mentioned, I also con-

gratulate Justice UU Lalit for

Modi also urged the

In CMs-CJs meet,

Prime Minister bats for use of local languages in courts, widening of mediation process

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Chief Justice of India NV Ramana during a joint conference of Chief Ministers & Chief Justices of High Courts at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on Saturday

convening several mediations across the country, that too during Covid period."

Modi said that Central Government has formed a committee to examine simplifying laws and statutes so that it can be understood by a layperson. The committee is looking into making legislations in two formats — one in typical legal language and the other in simple language which can be understood by ordinary people. He said it is in practice in various countries and both the formats are considered as legally acceptable.

Stressing the usage of local language and simplification of legal jargon in court proceedings for the better understanding of the common man, the PM said, "All proceedings in HCs and SC are in English. Today the CJI has clarified

this subject and the media will get a good story for tomorrow. The entire process of justice is difficult to be grasped by the common man. We have to make local languages a part of the local courts. People will have more faith in India's legal system. We are thinking why technical and medical education cannot be in Indian lan-

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ED seizes ₹5,551 cr of Xiaomi under FEMA

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has seized ₹5,551.27 crore of Chinese smartphone distributor Xiaomi Technology India Private Limited under the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act. Xiaomi India is a wholly-owned subsidiary of China-based Xiaomi Group.

The ED had initiated inves tigation in connection with the illegal remittances made by the company in February, the agency said in a statement.

The company started its operations in India in 2014 and began remitting the money from 2015 onwards. The com pany has remitted foreign currency equivalent to ₹5,551.27 crore to three foreign-based entities which include one Xiaomi group entity in the guise of royalty. Such huge amounts in the name of royalties were remitted on the instructions of their Chinese parent group entities. The amount remitted to other two US-based unrelated entities was also for the ultimate ben-efit of the Xiaomi group entities," it said.

Xiaomi India, the ED said, is a trader and distributor of mobile phones in India under the brand name of MI. Xiaomi India procures completely manufactured mobile sets and other products from the manufacturers in India. The Xiaomi India has not availed any ser

based entities to which such amounts have been transferred the agency said.
"Under the cover of various

unrelated documentary façade created amongst the group entities, the company remitted this amount in the guise of rovalty abroad which constitutes violation of Section 4 of the

vided misleading information to the banks while remitting the money abroad," it added.

Earlier this month, the ED had summoned the global vice president of the company, Manu Kumar Jain, for questioning in a probe linked to contravention of the FEMA. Continued on Page 2

Jacqueline's ₹7.27cr assets attached for money laundering

Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached assets amounting to ₹7.27 crore including fixed deposits worth ₹7.12 crore of actor Jacqueline Fernandez under the Prevention Laundering Act (PMLA) in the case of conman Sukesh Chandrasekhar's extortion syndicate.

Investigation by the ED revealed that a person was contacting people spoofing calls to dupe them as the numbers reflecting on their phone were from Government officers and he claimed to be a Government officer offering to help people for a price.

Adopting this modus



operandi, the said person contacted Aditi Singh, wife of former Ranbaxy promoter Shivinder Mohan Singh, by impersonating himself as Union Home Secretary, Union Law Secretary, officer from Prime Minister Office and junior officials and extorted more than ₹200 crore from her over a period of one year on the pretext of contribution to party

Investigation revealed that the said person was conman Chandrasekhar who was running his illegal extortion business from Central Jail, Delhi, in

connivance with jail officials. During investigation, searches were conducted under PMLA at various premises all over India and properties like a bungalow in Chennai, 26 cars, Indian currency and valuables

worth ₹45 crore were seized. this Chandrasekhar and eight other persons, including his wife Leena Maria Paul, were arrestsequently prosecution complaint (chargesheet) was filed before the Special PMLA court here against all the nine accused. The court has taken

cognisance of the case. The PMLA probe revealed that Chandrasekhar had given various gifts worth ₹5.71 crore to Jacqueline from the "proceeds of crime", including extortion, the ED said in a

statement. Continued on Page 2

CJI: Court orders often not executed by Govt, leading to case pile-up

PNS NEW DELHI

hief Justice of India NV CRamana on Saturday said that the decisions rendered by courts are often not implemented by the Government for years together leading to contempt petitions piling up in the courts. He also pointed out that the Government is the biggest litigant accounting for more than 56 per cent of the cases and such defiance by it is overburdening the judiciary.

provides separation of power among the three organs of the State and while discharging duty, one should be mindful of "Lakshman Rekha". The CJI said deliberate inaction by Governments despite judicial pronouncements is not good for the health of democracy.

The CJI was speaking at the joint conference of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices of High Courts in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Law Ministers from across the country. "Decisions by the court are often not implemented by Governments for years together which lead to contempt petition which is a new burden on the court which is a direct result of defiance by the Government," said CJI Ramana.

The CJI also highlighted the lack of procedural fairness when it comes to arresting individuals and probing cases. The key to good governance is "abiding by law and Constitution", and if the police probes are conducted in a just manner, and illegal arrest and custodial torture comes to an end, the number of cases would drastically decrease.

ignored and opinions of the Law Department is not sought in the rush to implement executive decisions. The role of special and Government pleaders in court needs urgent remedy, Criticising the misuse of

PIL to settle scores, the CJI said, "The rising number of frivolous litigations is an area of concern. For example, the well-meaning concept of public interest litigation is at times turning into personal interest litigation. No doubt. PIL has served a lot of public interest. However, it is sometimes being misused to stall projects or pressurise public authorities.

IG, SSP, SP shunted; net suspended till 4pm day after clashes in Patiala



Security personnel stand guard outside Kali Mata temple, a day after clashes broke out between two groups, in Patiala on Saturday

PNS PATIALA/CHANDIGARH

day after clashes between Aday after classics broke out in the Punjab Government on Saturday shunted out three senior police Continued on Page 2 | officials, including an inspec-

tor general, and suspended mobile internet and SMS services in Patiala district which was restored after 4 pm. In the clashes between the two groups

over an anti-Khalistan march, four people were injured. The AAP Government in

the State transferred the inspector general of police (IG) Patiala range, the Patiala senior superintendent of police (SSP) and the Patiala superintendent of police (SP) with immediate

Chief Minister's Office said Mukhwinder Singh Chinna has been appointed as the new IG-Patiala while Deepak Parik will be the new Patiala SSP. Wazir Singh has been appointof SSP Patiala from Nanak Singh. Police and district administration authorities on Saturday claimed that the situation is under control and peaceful in the city. Heavy police security has been deployed at the site of the clashes outside the Kali Mata temple here.

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instances of heatwave or severe

heatwave conditions reported

across the country in April this

year was 146, the highest since

continued till May 2 as per lat-

"Most parts of northwest

"I cannot make that fore-

est forecast of the IMD.

ed as the new SP of Patiala. Chinna replaces Rakesh Agrawal as IG (Patiala Range) while Parik takes over the post

The power demand in the national Capital on Saturday clocked 5,789 megawatt (MW), lower than the record 6,197 MW demand on Friday, even as the Centre assured supply of "as much

"On six occasions in April 2022, Delhi's peak power demand has clocked the highest ever in April, each breaking the previous record in quick succession. On April 19, it was 5.735 MW, 5,761 MW on April 20, 5,781 MW on August 21, 5,786 MW on April 27, 6,050

As for India, its peak power demand met or the highest supply in a day touched an alltime high of 207.11 GW on Friday amid ongoing heatwave sweeping through vast swathes of the country increasing demand for electricity.

Union Power Minister RK Singh on Saturday said electricity distribution utilities in Delhi will get as much power as required by them. The

Minister said this while reviewing the coal stock situation at state-owned NTPC and DVC were directed to give full availability as per the requirement

of discoms. GAIL India also assured that it will make gas available from all sources — APM, SPOT, LT-RLNG — to gasbased power plants in Delhi. NTPC has also been advised to offer normative declared capacity to Delhi discoms as per their allocations from gas-based power plants under respective PPAs (power purchase agreements)

During the meeting, it was informed that there has been no shortage of electricity supply to Delhi, sources said.

As per data provided by Power System Operation Corporation (POSCO), in April 2022, the peak demand went up to 6,096 MW (April 29) and there has been no shortage in meeting maximum (peak) demand. The entire energy requirement is also being met in Delhi which is about 123.6 MW (on April 29).

Distribution companies (discoms) in Delhi viz. Tata Power, BSES Rajdhani and BSES Yamuna have been getting power from the power plants based on declared capacity. The installed generation capacity in Delhi is 3,056 MW. Continued on Page 2

Knight Frank India.

Efforts on to end power crisis: Min

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

General Manoj Pande takes over as the 29th Chief of Defence Staff (COAS) of

2010, when 404 such cases were reported. The heatwave MW on April 28 and 6,197 on April 29," said sources.

Indian Army from General MM Naravane on Saturday

power as required in Delhi".

month," Mohapatra said to questions on whether temperatures would top 50 degrees thermal power plants, including the plants supplying power to distribution companies of Delhi. During the meeting,

CAPSULE

E-RETAILERS CAN'T SELI New Delhi: Consumer

protection regulator CCPA has issued an advisory to ecommerce companies against the illegal sale and facilitation of wireless iammers for general consumption, the Consumer Affairs Ministry said on Saturday. Before CCPA, the Telecommunication Department had issued an advisory on January 21, 2022, against the illegal sale and facilitation of wireless jammers on online platforms.

PRIEST GETS 18 YRS RI FOR RAPING 4 BOYS Kollam: A Kerala court has

sentenced a Christian priest to 18 years of rigorous jail for sexually abusing four minor boys of a seminary in Kollam district five years ago.

RANAS'S BAIL PLEA: **COURT CALL ON MAY 2** Mumbai: A special court here is likely to decide the bail plea of

iailed Independent MP Navneet Rana and her MLA husband Ravi Rana on May 2. **DELHI-NCR 9TH IN ASIA** PACIFIC ON OFFICE COST

New Delhi: Delhi-NCR ranks ninth in Asia Pacific in terms of occupancy cost for prime office space at USD 60.1 per square feet per year, according to

No respite in **May: IMD** RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI The northwest and central

India recorded the highest maximum temperatures for the month of April since 1900 with average maximum temperatures reaching 35.9 degrees Celsius and 37.78 degrees Celsius respectively, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Saturday. Overall, this April was the fourth warmest for the country ever, it pointed out. Releasing the forecast for

the month of May, the IMD said there would be no respite for the region next month as the above normal maximum and minimum temperatures would continue in northwest and central parts of India. This means, people will not only have to bear with hot days, but nights are also likely to be warmer than usual in May. There is possibility that the maximum temperatures may touch 50 degrees Celsius during May this year.

On Saturday, Chandrapur in Maharashtra was the hottest area in India with 46.6 degrees followed by Ganganagar with 46 degrees

Celsius and Jaisalmer with 45.9

Warmest April in NW-central India in 122 yrs degrees Celsius. Over 40 cities in nine States recorded 44 degrees Celsius and above. The maximum temperature of over 47 degrees Celsius was record-

ed in Banda. "Northwest and central India experienced their hottest

April in 122 years with average maximum temperatures reaching 35.9 degrees Celsius and 37.78 degrees Celsius respectively. This April was the fourth warmest for the country ever, the IMD said.

Similarly, the number of

India - J&K, Himachal, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat are expected to experience above normal temperatures in May said IMD Director General Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra on Saturday while releasing the monthly outlook for the temperature and rainfall during May. Mohapatra also did not rule out parts of western Rajasthan reporting temperatures more than 50 degrees Celsius.

cast, but it is climatologically possible as May is the hottest Celsius this summer.

The previous highest maximum temperature ever recorded in Rajasthan was 52.6 degrees Célsius in 1956.

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IP VARSITY EXTENDS LAST DATE OF APPLICATION

New Delhi: The Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University has extended the last date of online application for all programmes of the academic session 2022-23 till May 31. Candidates can apply for around 182 academic programmes from undergraduate to PhD level till May 31, 2022. Earlier, the last date to file an online application was April 30. "Now one can apply for all programmes based on national-level tests, programmes based on the university-conducted entrance tests and programmes on merit till May 31 2022," the statement read.

DELHI CONG CRITICISES KEJRIWAL ON POWER CRISIS

New Delhi: Delhi Congress president Ch. Anil Kumar on Saturday criticised the Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal that it was strange Chief Minister woke up about a power crisis in Delhi only when coal stokes in the power plants supplying electricity to Delhi was reduced to less than three days, with the Capital facing an imminent power cut, with a record heat-wave of 47 degrees sweeping the Capital.

DELHI BJP PROTESTS AGAINST NOT REDUCING VAT

New Delhi: BJP's Delhi unit held a protest on Saturday against the AAP government for not reducing value-added tax (VAT) on diesel and petrol prices in the capital. BJP leaders alleged that the AAP government did not cut VAT on petrol and diesel, thereby making them costlier in Delhi. The protest comes after Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently flagged higher fuel prices in many opposition-ruled states, and urged the governments there to reduce VAT in "national interest" to benefit the common man.

AAP'S ANARCHIC FACE EXPOSED: BJP SPOKESPERSON

New Delhi: After the Gurugram Court ordered seven years jail imprisonmen for ex-councilor Nisha Singh in a 2015 case of rioting and attack on Government officials who also holds post of Adviser to Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, the Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor has on Saturday said the Aam Aadmi Party's anarchic face exposed again and it stands evidently clear that AAP is not just a political party, its a training school for spreading anarchy, rioting and corruption

'HAND OVER PAPERS OF JEHANGIRPURI ACCUSED'

New Delhi: A city court on Saturday directed Delhi Police to hand over copies of the FIR and certain other documents to two accused in a case related to Jahangirpuri violence. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Deepika Singh passed the order on a plea moved by both the accused - Zafar and Babuddin - but said the FIR should not be made public and its content should not be posted on social media

Delhi gives ₹1cr to families of 3 Covid warriors

STAFF REPORTER ■

The Delhi Government on Saturday provided a Samman Rashi of Rs one crore to the families of three Corona Warriors who martyred protecting Delhiites.

On this occasion, the The Revenue Minister Kailash Gahlot said "I completely understand and acknowledge that no amount of money would be able to compensate for the loss of a loved one, but this financial assistance is a way for the Delhi Government to pay tribute to the sacrifice made by these Corona warriors." "We are proud of our Corona Warriors who have served the people with their salutes the sacrifices made by these people in saving others

during the pandemic. The families of the corona warriors who died in the pandemic have been assured that the state government will always be there to assist them.

We would like to express our gratitude to all our Corona Warriors who have served the people while putting their own lives at stake." he added.Gahlot met with the families of Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Dr. Parvinder Pal Singh and Surender Kumar who lost their lives while serving during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Sanjay Kumar was Chief Medical Officer (CMO) at Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC), Munirka and Dr. Parvinder Pal Singh was CMO at NSUT Dwarka. Shri Surender Kumar Teacher and was deployed on COVID 19 duties.

CJI: Court...

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These days PIL has become a tool for someone who wants to settle a score or a political rivalry. Realising the potential of misuse, courts are circumspect in entertaining the same," the CJI said.

The CJI also highlighted the issue of pendency of cases. "Due to paucity of time, I cannot explain the same in detail. But a keen look at the websites of the courts will give you an idea about the huge workload on judges. The number of cases filed and disposed on each day is unimaginable," said the CJI.

1 Date of Calling of tenders

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has surrendered its share of power from NTPC Dadri Stage I (840 MW) and now the total allocation of power from the central generating stations is 3,806 MW while allocation from unallocated power is 30 MW. Thus, a total capacity of 6,892 MW is available for Delhi is met mainly from allocation from central sector power stations which includes allocation from thermal, hydro, nuclear and gas-based power

From Page 1 The Delhi Government

Efforts...

Delhi. The power demand of stations.

Advocate Abad Ponda and Advocate Rizwan Merchantrepresenting Navneet and Ravi Rana and Special Police Prosecutor Pradip Gharat, Special Judge RN Rokade reserved his ruling on the bail applications of the Rana couple for Monday. Ranas were arrested on April 23 for offences registered initially against them under sections 153A (causing enmity between different groups), 34

No let up in UP power crisis as demand peaks

 $T^{\text{here was no let up in the}}_{\text{power crisis as the demand}}$ for electricity touched a new peak of over 23,000 megawatt and coal stocks at thermal power plants in Uttar Pradesh

plunged to precarious levels.
The UP Power
Corporation Limited has imposed a 10-hour power cuts in rural areas and small towns. Bundelkhand is getting only 14 hours' supply while undeclared power cuts have been imposed in big cities also. Officially big cities are exempted from power

The power demand on Thursday/Friday touched 23,000 MW against the availability of only 19,000 MW. The availability of power included 4,300 MW from thermal power plants of UP Vidyut Utpadan Nigam, 6,200 MW from IPPs, 366 MW from hydro plants and 8,500 MW from central sector power plants.

The All India Power Engineers' Federation said out of 150 thermal plants using domestic coal, the number of plants with critical coal stock increased from 81 to 86 in one week, while among private power producers, the number of plants with critical coal stock increased from 28 to 32 during the same period.

As the power crisis was

maximum electricity demand that was met touched across the country 2.07 lakh MW on Friday, the highest ever. The peak power demand level stood at 2.05 lakh MW on Thursday, compared with a level of 1.82.5

lakh MW a year ago.
According to Central
Electricity Authority's fuel management cell daily coal data update, as on April 27, out of the 173 thermal plants across the country, 106 plants had coal stocks that were at critical levels. Out of 150 thermal plants using domestic coal, the number of plants with critical coal stock increased from 81 to 86 in one week, while among private power producers, plants with critical coal stock increased from 28 to 32 during the same period.

Meanwhile, UP Energy Minister AK Sharma blamed the previous Samajwadi Party and Bahujan Samaj Party governments in UP for the present power crisis. He claimed that adequate attention was never given to the power sector during the previous regimes.

"Had the previous government paid adequate attention to the power sector, the present crisis would not have happened. For the present government, the power crisis is a legacy issue. The Yogi Adityanath government is

Mumbai court reserves verdict on Ranas'

arising out of their threat to

front of Maharashtra chief

minister Uddhav Thackeray's

Bandra residence. They were

also booked under provisions of

the Bombay Police Act for

causing a law and order

nothing wrong in the state government allowing Ranas

from reciting "Hanuman

Chalisa" in front of the chief

minister's residence, senior

Advocate Ponda argued: "What

is sort to be punished is an idea.

It is connected with someone's

religious beliefs. If there was an

idea about slaughtering an

animal outside someone's

house then it cannot be allowed.

But where everyone is Hindu

here and someone just wants to

recite.."Ponda told the court

that while the principle of

democracy is to encourage

dissent but then in the same

breath dissenting voices were

Maintaining that there was

situation in the city.

"Hanuman Chalisa" in

bail plea in Hanuman Chalisa case

crisis," the energy minister said in Jhansi on Saturday.

The minister said the power demand was around 17,000 MW in the last four vears which had shot up to 22,000 MW due to the unprecedented heat wave. He said the technical faults at the state owned thermal power plants had aggravated the power crisis. He said the faults had been rectified and plants had resumed normal power

All India Power Engineers Federation chairman Shailendra Dubey said lack of coordination amongst the ministries of Coal, Railways and Energy was responsible for coal shortage, which had caused widespread power outages across the country.

Every ministry is now claiming that it is not responsible for the present mess in the power sector and what is worse is that the Central ministries have now linked the issue to the states' inability to make timely payments to coal companies," he said.

Against the requirement of about 22 million tons of domestic coal for thermal power plants every day, only 16.4 million tons of coal is available. The inventory of coal is depleting every day and has now reached a critical position,

₹3 cr looted from Delhi's house

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

 $F^{\rm our\ unidentified\ men\ robbed\ jewellery}$ worth over Rs three crore from a house in south Delhi's Anand Lok area on Saturday morning. Police said that the accused tied the legs of a 68-year-old woman, who was present in the house with her granddaughter, before leaving the house.

According to Benita Mary Jaiker, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), South district, a police control room (PCR) call was received

on Saturday morning about the robbery.

"The complainant, identified as Ritika,

Δ Mumbai Sessions court on

in the bail applications of

Amravati Naveent Rana and

her MLA-husband Ravi Rana

in the case involving their arrest

over threat to recite "Hanuman

Chalisa" in front of chief

minister Uddhav Thackeray's

private residence "Matoshri"

at Bandra in north-west

Mumbai. After hearing Senior

(common intention) and later

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Independent

told the police that she was sleeping with her five-year-old granddaughter in the bedroom on the ground floor. Around 3.30 AM, she heard some noise and saw four men searching her almirah in the same bedroom," said the DCP.

The men asked the woman to keep quiet and broke the almirah, took away the jewellery worth Rs 3-4 crore. While they were leaving, they tied the woman's legs with a cloth, the DCP said.

The other family members -- her son, his wife and kids -- were on the first floor of the house, police said, adding that a case of robbery has been registered at the Defence Colony police

challenging the government being discouraged. Making a

machinery and making strong case for release of Ranas

remarks against Maharashtra on bail, Ponda argued the

Chief Minister Uddhav Mumbai Police had neither

Rana couple nor did they

interrogate them even for a

single day during their judicial

reciting Hanuman Chalisa

outside a mosque would have

different repercussions, "but it

is not that case here, because

CM himself is a staunch

Hindu".Ponda contended that

that the Rana couple had not

criticised the Muslim

community by using

loudspeakers nor were

intending to use loudspeakers

for the recitation. The defence

lawyer said that while the state

government had invoked

sedition charge against Ranas,

its supporters had raised issues

about the decision.Ponda

pointed out that since the police

sent notice to Ranas not to recite

Hanuman Chalisa, they could

not go ahead with their plans

and that being the case, the

offence did not amount to

Ponda said that while

Remembering Kulhand massacre 2006 in Jammu

MOHIT KANDHARI JAMMU

The dreadful night of April 30, 2006 still remain etched in the memories of 47-year-old Gillo Devi, a survivor of Kulhand massacre in which 19 Hindus were killed in cold blood at two different hamlets of Ponchara and Thawa by a group of heavily armed terrorists in a landlocked Doda Gillo Devi lost her

husband, Jagdish Lal Bhagat along with eight year old daughter Sapna, a student of class two. She along with her elder daughter were airlifted several hours later to the Government Medical College hospital in Jammu where she survived and returned home to nurture her kids, shouldering all other responsibilities of her family. She is currently serving the UT administration. The scars of that fateful night still haunt her family and her children. The youngest of them all was two and half months

Sitting in front of a group of volunteers from Jammu, Gillo Devi recreated the entire

"It was in the middle of the night around 12.30 a.m when I first heard a loud noise at my doorstep. As I got up and opened the door three heavily armed terrorists along with over one dozen villagers barged inside our home," Gillo Devi remembered. "They segregated us. The villagers were made to sit in one corner of the room and I along with my children were present in the kitchen. 'The three terrorists were dressed in Salwar kameez. Their faces were covered with a scarf. They were not recognizable. One of them asked me for a glass of water. I took a jug and a glass. After quenching their thirst they handed me the jug. While I turned back towards the kitchen they opened a burst of fire. I fell on the ground after receiving a bullet injury on my right foot. The terrorists fired indiscriminately. My husband



and eight year old daughter were among 10 people killed in the room"

Another survivor, Ajay Sharma told volunteers, "I was only 9 years old and had faint memories of that black day of our lives". He said, "I was told by my parents that my grandfather Prem Nath Sharma was also killed by the same group of terrorists". He said the terrorists struck at two places around 2.10 a.m. "There was blood all over the place. The injured, with fatal injuries, were shouting for help. They were asking for water. There was no water. The villagers who reached there used leftover water in the soiled utensils to quench their thirst. No one could reach them in the dead of the night. The first team of security forces from the nearby village arrived

there after 7.00 a.m". Another survivor Bodh Raj Sharma, currently running a general store in the area told volunteers, "The sleepy hamlet in the Doda hills had turned red. In another neighbouring village another group of terrorists, dressed in army fatigue, had repeated the same drill. Sharma said, " it was around 11.00 p.m a group of armed terrorists directed the villagers to gather at the residence of a village head Gopi Chand". Initially we thought they were here to address us. As they were holding guns no one could raise a voice. We assembled there. He said I was one of the survivors present in the same

woh din kisi ko dubara na dikhaye" (Whatever happened during that fateful evening I pray to God no one should face the same fate again). "There was no power supply in the area. It was pitch dark. Inside the house around two dozen people were present. Suddenly one of the terrorists directed the lambardar to bring earthern lamp. As he picked the same indiscriminate firing started". Sharma recalled, "I also fell on the ground and escaped the hit. I only received bruises on my hands and face. I was lying there in the pool of blood. Around 10 people were killed in the firing and nine others were injured". Sharma remembered the three terrorists were speaking Urdu and Kashmiri language and were sheltered by a local terrorist in the area. Later, they were killed by the State task force personnel. "Since then peace prevailed in the area. The Village defence committees were trained and armed with weapons to defend themselves", Sharma elaborated. "I cannot forget that fateful night. I saw villagers whose skull was punctured during the firing, another had his stomach blown away. The intestines were tumbling out. The terrorists had pumped three magazines on unarmed people inside the house of village lambardar Gopi Chand. He too was killed in the firing, Sharma concluded

while praying for the victims of

house. "Us din ju hua bhagwan

National level kabaddi player arrested for murder, extortion

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELH

The Special Cell of Delhi Police has arrested a national-level kabaddi player, identified as Dinesh alias Dhillu, for his alleged involvement in a number of criminal cases, including murder and ctortion. Dhillu is said to be an aid inter-state gangsters Kaushal, Monu Lalheri and Naveen Bali.On April 28, on the basis of a secret information received by the Special Cell, a raid was conducted at Hirankudna village from where the accused was held. A pistol and four live cartridges were recovered from his possession."

As per the directions of his mentor from jail,

Dhillu was planning to eliminate the members of

Recently, the Haryana police had declared a cash reward of Rs 5,000 for his arrest in a case related to the murder of his wife," the police said. In January this year, the accused along with

murder of their aide."Dhillu represented Haryana at the junior national kabaddi championship. During his graduation, he came in contact with dreaded gangsters Monu Lalheri, Kaushal and

man named Rohtash in Rohtak to avenge the

Naveen Bali. He was involved in various cases of murder and other heinous crimes," the police said.

IG, SSP, SP shunted; net suspended till...

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Various Hindu outfits had given a call for a bandh in protest against the Friday incident and several markets in Patiala city remained shut on Saturday. Representatives of some Hindu outfits lifted their "dharna" outside the temple and deferred their proposed protest march after police and district administration assured them of action within two days against those who were behind the disturbance and violence on Friday.

The groups had clashed over the anti-Khalistan march, hurling stones at each other and brandishing swords. Police had to fire in the air to bring the situation under control. The Opposition parties attacked the AAP-led regime, alleging that the law and order in the State had collapsed. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann ordered a probe into the clashes and said that not a single culprit will be spared.

The order to suspend mobile internet and SMS

services, except voice calls, was issued by the State's Home Affairs and Justice Department. The Govt initially ordered to suspend internet till 6 pm on Saturday and later modified it for 4 pm. Talking to reporters, Patiala Deputy Commissioner Sakshi Sawhney said the situation is calm and peaceful. "We have deployed the police force here. The situation is peaceful right now and the situation is under control. We are constantly monitoring the

situation," Sawhney said.

Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Kathgodam, Haldwani.

E-Tendering/Tender Notice

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Name of Scheme :- (1) Dah-Dhaki (MVS) W/S Scheme of Block Khatima (2) Bigrabaag (MVS) W/S Scheme of Block Khatima (3) Kutra-Deokala (MVS) W/S Scheme of Block Khatima (4) Majhola-1 (MVS) W/S Scheme of Block Khatima (5) Purnapur (SVS) W/S Scheme of Block Khatima (6) Govindpur (MVS) W/S Scheme of Block Sitarganj (7) Thart Tisaur (MVS) W/S Scheme of Block Sitarganj 30.04.2022

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Even a village-born can access this education then and this is also social justice and language plays an important role in this.

Earlier, Chief Justice NV Ramana explained the need of usage of English language in High Court proceedings. "Chief Justices and many judges are appointed from outside the State. Some years ago Tamil Nadu sought local language in the High Court," he said. Article 348 of the Constitution of India insists on the usage of English in High Courts and the Supreme Court proceedings.

The Prime Minister assured cooperation on the infrastructure development of Courts and emphasized on the need of use of more technology in judiciary. "The scope of technology has expanded in the judiciary and that e-courts are being implemented on a mission mode. The Executive is trying to increase judicial strength and improve judicial infrastructure," he said.

Jacqueline's...

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"Chandrasekha had put Pinky Irani, his longtime associate and co-accused in this case, to deliver the said gifts to Fernandez. In addition to these gifts, Chandrasekhar had also given funds to the tune of USD 1,72,913 and AUD 26,740 to the close family members of Fernandez out of the proceeds of crime through co-accused Avtar Singh Kochhar, an established and well known international hawala operator," it said.

Chandrasekhar had also delivered cash to the tune of Rs 15 lakh to a script writer on behalf of Fernandez as advance for writing a script of her webseries project.

ED seizes...

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The ED had then asked Jain, the former India head of Xiaomi, to furnish a number of financial documents linked to the company by appearing in person or by sending it through an authorised representative.

The ED's regional office in Bengaluru had sought from Jain documents related to Xiaomi's shareholding, source of funds, vendor contracts, and payments made to Indian management and sent abroad.

Proceedings under the FEMA are civil in nature and the final penalty, post adjudication, can be at least three times the amount contravened under the law.

Warmest April in NW...

The average maximum

temperature in April over central India was 37.78 degrees Celsius, higher than the average of 37.75 degrees recorded in

Mohapatra said most parts

of west-central and northwest India will experience above normal maximum temperatures during May. Days are likely to be hotter than average in northern parts of northeast India. Nights would also be warmer in May in most parts of the country, except some regions of south

peninsular India. "During May, above

temperatures are likely over most parts of the west central and northwest India, and northern parts of northeast India. Normal to below normal maximum temperatures are likely over the remaining parts of the country. Similarly, above normal minimum temperatures are likely over most parts of northwest, central, east and northeast

minimum temperatures are likely over the south peninsular India and few pockets of extreme northwest India," the IMD said in its forecast.

Normal to below normal

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Water supply to be hit due to maintenance work: DJB

Delhiites will have to face a water crisis as the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) on Saturday issued an advisory stating that the water supply in the national Capital will be affected due to the maintenance work at Haiderpur plant.

The areas which will be affected are North Delhi, North West Delhi, West Delhi and Part of South Delhi including Delhi Cantt. and the command area of Deer Park. Delhi is currently under heat wave conditions from the past 10

According to DJB advisory, the production at the Haiderpur plant has been low for the last few days as the excessive and unusual floating material has choked the filter

"We have started the cleaning of the filter bed without compromising on the production. The production should become normal by May 1 evening, DJB advisory said in a statement.

"However, the situation is being reviewed constantly. Delhi Jal Board is endeavoring to rationalise the water supply, however water will be available at low pressure till the situation improves," DJB advisory said.

use of water to avoid any inconvenience and said the water tankers will be made available at the time of any water related problem.

In its summer action plan, the Delhi Jal Board is targeting the production of about 1000 MGD of potable water during the summer of 2022 by optimising all the resources. Earlier, there used to be 935 MGD of potable water produced during the summer.

This means that Delhi will have an extra 65 MGD of water supply this year. Also, water treatment plants and associated pumping installations are being renovated keeping the issue of persistent ammonia release from

Ín addition, piped water supply networks are being provided in unauthorized/regularized colonies in a phased manner to improve potable water supply.

"Work for piped water supply networks with individual water connections in JJ clusters will be taken up in a phased manner. Water tankers will be provided in these areas if there is any scarcity of water," said Delhi government in a Press

eatwave continues to sweep city

s the heatwave continued As the heatwave continued to sweep the national Capital, the city on Saturday recorded a maximum temper-ature of 43.5 degrees Celsius which was five notches higher than the normal temperature of the year, according to the India Meteorological Department

The weather stations at Ridge, Ayanagar, Mungeshpur, Najafgarh, Pitampura, Palam and Lodhi Road recorded maximum temperatures of 45.6 degrees Celsius, 46 degrees Celsius, 45.9 degrees Celsius, 45.9 degrees Čelsius, 44.5 degrees Celsius, 43.9 degrees Celsius and 40.6 degrees Celsius respectively.

The minimum temperature in the city settled at 25.7 degrees Celsius, which was two notches above the normal temperature for this time of season, IMD stated.

The national Capital had recorded a maximum temperature of 43.7 degrees Celsius on April 18, 2010. The all-time high temperature for the month is 45.6 degrees Celsius,

which was recorded on April 29, 1941. The relative humidity

recorded at the Safdarjung observatory, in the morning at 8:30 am was 36 per cent and 17 per cent in the evening at 5:30 pm. The IMD predicted, "Heat wave conditions to continue over Northwest & Central India till May 2 and over East India till April 30 and abate thereafter." "Thunderstorm activity likely to enhance over East and Northeast India from today and over northwest India from 03rd May, 2022," said

"Formation of a Low Pressure area over south Andaman Sea around 06th May, 2022," weather station predicted. The IMD, however, pre-

dicted dust and thunderstorm on Monday and Wednesday which is likely to give some respite to residents from the scorching heat. "Heatwave is likely to sweep across the region on Sunday too and the maximum temperature will shoot up to 43 degree Celsius.. People are likely to get some respite from the heat as the city

would witness dust or thunderstorm on Monday and Wednesday. There will be part-ly cloudy sky on Tuesday," IMD said.

"However, in the upcoming week the mercury will be above 40 dergree Celsius," predicted the IMD. For the plains, a heatwave is declared when the maximum temperature is over 40 degrees Celsius, and at least 4.5 notches above normal. According to the weather

office, city's minimum temperature was recorded at 25.7 degrees Celsius, two notches above the normal on Saturday morning. The relative humidity at 5.30 pm on Saturday was 17 percent, the IMD said.

Addressing a press conference earlier in the day, IMD Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said night would be warmer in May in most parts of the country, including Delhi.

Private weather forecasting agency, Skymet Weather said Palam recorded highest maximum temperature of the season. "Delhi Palam recorded maximum temperature 44.6 degrees Celsius, highest of the season and also highest after



People use scarfs to shield themselves from the hot summer sun in New Delhi on Saturday

2017 when it was 44.9 degrees Mahesh Palawat said in a tweet. Celsius. Record is 45.3 degrees Celsius on April 25 in 1970. @SkymetWeather @JATIN-SKYMET (sic)," Vice President,

Meanwhile, according to the sources in discoms, "The maximum power demand in the capital city on Sunday cloaked Meteorology and Climate Change, Skymet Weather, account of being a Saturday, 5789 MW." Sources said that on Delhi's peak power demand was slightly less than yesterday's peak. It clocked 5789 MW at around 3: 45 pm and just a little past midnight, it had clocked 5989 MW," said

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Capital reports 1,520

The national Capital recorded 1,520 fresh Covid cases with one person succumbing to the virus in the last 24 hours. According to a health bul-

letin issued on Saturday, the positivity rate, which is indicative of the spread of infection in the community, stood at 5.10 per cent on Saturda with 29,775 tests having been conducted.

Delhi had recorded 1,607 Covid-19 cases and two deaths on Friday, while the positivity rate was recorded at 5.28 per cent. The health bulletin data

showed that with these new cases, the national capital's overall Covid tally has increased to 18,83,075 while the death toll has risen to 26,175. There have been four other single-day instances when the positivity rate crossed the 5% mark this month, mostly owing to fewer tests. In fact, the rate likely remained under 5% over the last two weeks because the number

from less than 10,000 to over 3 0 , 0 0 0 . The positivity rate usually tends

to drop if the number of tests is increased suddenly. The increase, experts believe, is because of all Covid-19 norms being relaxed. There is no threat from a new variant so far, according to genomic sequenc-The national capital on

Thursday had recorded 1,490 COVID-19 cases and two deaths, and the positivity rate had stood at 4.62 per cent. The number of daily

COVID-19 cases in Delhi had touched Rohini area as an "abode of lakesrecord high of 28,867 on January 13 during the third wave of the pandemic. The city had recorded a positivity rate of 30.6 per cent on January 14, the highest during the third wave of the pandemic, which was largely due to highly transmissible Omicron variant of coronavirus. The number of patients under home-isolation

Covid cases, 1 death in 24 hrs of tests was gradually increased is 4,044 on Saturday, the bulletin from less than 10,000 to over said. There are 9,586 beds for hospitals and 154 (1.61 per added.

SDMC announces special arrangements in hospitals

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

n view of the surging num-Liber of coronavirus cases in the national Capital, the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) on Saturday announced special arrangements in the hospitals under their jurisdiction to control spread of the disease, said a senior official.

According to a senior SDMC official, the civic agency has made elaborate arrange ments at its hospitals and health centres like setting up of separate registration counters for suspected Covid patients, separate waiting rooms, separate queues for medical consultations, dedicated lab testing facilities and separate counters for free distribution of medicines besides making people aware through IEC activities. "All SDMC hospitals and

health centres have been asked to make proper arrangement of signages at premises of hospitals and health units. All medical officers and in-charges have been asked to ensure that health care staff (HCW) could follow Covid related guidelines and norms," he said.

"The civic body have also been directed to maintain adequate stock of essential medicines such as Paracetamol, Azithromycin, ORS. Levocetirizine, cough medicines, Pantocid, etc and essential items like PPE kits, masks

gloves, sanitizers, liquid soaps, pulse oximeters etc. should also be stocked for the prevention and control of coronavirus," he said.

"To meet any emergency requirement, oxygen supplying units and PSA oxygen plants set up at hospitals have been asked to remain in operational

"Sufficient numbers of oxygen cylinders and concentrators have been made available to make sure uninterrupted supply of oxygen to the patients. Advisory has been issued to refer patients suspected of higher virus infection to higher tertiary care nodal hospitals for further care and treatment," SDMC official said.

Will BJP dissolve Gujarat House ahead of Assembly elections, asks Kejriwal

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supremo Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday asked the BJP if the Gujarat Legislative Assembly will be dissolved for announcement of elections in the State next week. In a tweet, the AAP nation-

al convener also wondered if the BJP was so much scared of his party that it plans to hold elections in the State much ahead of the schedule. "Is the BJP going to dissolve the Gujarat Legislative

Assembly and announce the Gujarat elections next week? So much fear of AAP?" Kejriwal tweeted in Hindi.

The Assembly polls in the Bharatiya Janata Party-ruled Gujarat are expected to be held later this year. Riding high on its stupendous victory



in the Punjab Assembly poll, the AAP is preparing to contest on all seats in the Gujarat elections, hoping to gain a foothold in the state.

Early this month, the AAP claimed that its internal survey found that the party could win around 58 seats in Gujarat Assembly polls. The survey said AAP is likely to get votes from rural voters and from the lower and middle-class segments in the urban areas. "As per our internal survey, as on today we will win 58 seats.

Man, son held for duping ₹35L from woman in Kondli area

STAFF REPORTER

The Delhi Police has arrest-**⊥** ed a 46-year-old man and his son from Delhi's Kondli area for allegedly duping a woman of over Rs 35 lakh on the pretext of getting a petrol pump allotted in her name.

The accused has been identified as Meghraj Singh and his son Gaurav Milind (23), residents of Kondli in Mayur Vihar Phase-III here. Milind also has a YouTube channel named "ggg productions" and has released three to four songs in the last two years on it, police said.

According to Rohit Meena, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Crime Branch, police received a complaint from Babita Devi who alleged that she had been cheated by Singh and Milind.

Govt to develop Rohini area as 'abode of lakes'

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government plans ■ to develop Rohini area as an "abode of lakes and recreation" and the work will be completed in eight months, Delhi Water Minister Satyendar Jain said on Saturday. Jain visited Rohini Lake situated in Sector 25, Rohini, and reviewed the progress of various units that are being constructed.

Jain has directed the offi-

cials to modify the structures in order to maximise the underground water recharge with cost-effective methods as well as maintain the ecological conditions Later, Jain tweeted: "Visited

Rohini Sewage Treatment Plant, where huge lakes and green areas spread over 80 acres are being constructed. A total of eight lakes will receive and recharge 68 MLD of treated water from STP after polishing to a biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) 3 level.

The Kejriwal Government plans to develop the area as an abode of lakes and recreation." The work will be completed in eight months, he The entire project is broad-

ly based on sewage water remediation and lake development. According to Delhi lal Board, this Rohini Lake will be constructed on 80 acres of land and will be used for a variety of environment-friendly

The Delhi Water Minister's primary focus is on developing the lake area as a landscaped tourist spot that can act as a source of recreation for visitors. The Rohini Lake project is expected to be completed in an eight-month time frame and will be commissioned within one month after completion, the statement said.

The lake project will also include a primary pedestrian, a secondary pedestrian and a jungle trail with a 4.5-m pathway that will run through the middle of the lake.

Numerous trees and plants will be part of the project, not just to give it a complete aesthetic look but also to allow the visitors to get closer to nature. It will also be accompanied by world-class facilities like parking spaces, cafeteria, children's park, entrance plaza, grand stepped plaza, etc, it added.

Along with this, a stepped water garden, water alcoves, and an outdoor museum that will narrate story of water harvesting in India will also be set up at the lake site, the DJB said.

Firefighting on to douse Bhalswa blaze | Miffed at extortion bids

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Firefighting operations are still going on to douse the blaze that broke out in north Delhi's Bhalswa landfill site earlier on April 26. According to fire department, five fire tenders are still working on the spot to douse the flames. Several videos showed the blaze churning out dense plumes of smoke and turning the sky hazy

Local residents Wednesday said the thick smoke was choking them.The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained. An official had said rising temperatures lead to the formation of "extremely flammable" methane gas at the

dumping yards. On Friday, a police com-plaint was filed by those residing near Bhalswa landfill site against the North Delhi Municipal Corporation. The residents filed the complaint at

the Bhalswa Dairy police station, demanding legal action against North Delhi Mayor Raja Iqbal Singh, Deputy Mayor Archana Dilip Singh and North MCD standing committee vice-chairman Vijay Kumar Bhagat.

Environment Delhi Minister Gopal Rai on Wednesday blamed "corruption" in the municipal corporation for the frequent fires at landfill sites in the city, saying

the BJP-ruled civic bodies should have used bulldozers to clear the mountains of garbage. Gyan Sarovar School, a child resource centre for children of ragpickers living near the Bhalswa landfill site, has been closed for a week as thick

smoke enveloped the area. Three incidents of fire were reported this year at east Delhi's Ghazipur landfill site, includ ing one on March 28 which was doused after over 50 hours.



by in-laws, rape accused jumps to death at court STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI had arrived at the court

A²¹-year-old rape accused jumped to death from the sixth floor of a Faridabad court building on Saturday after his regular bail plea was heard.

Accused Suraj's parents, who had accompanied him to the court, said their son had married the girl who had accused him of rape, but alleged that her parents had begun demanding money from him. He was upset due to their demand, they added.

Suraj was a native of Ghaziabad and was working at a private firm in Faridabad. On June 15 last year, an FIR was registered against him at Kheri Pul police station and he was arrested a week later. He secured an interim bail on August 11, and on Saturday, he

attend the hearing of his regular bail plea, police said. His parents said Suraj looked disturbed as he came out after the

They said they were standing some distance away while Suraj jumped off the court building. The police rushed him to hospital but the doctors declared him brought dead.

About the demand from the girl's parents, Suraj's father said, "First, they asked for Rs 5 lakh and then Rs 10 lakh. Off late, they were asking for Rs 15 lakh and our son was upset due to this."

Suraj's parents, however, said they did not file a complaint against the girl and her parents. "We have not received any complaint from the family of the deceased yet.

DP inks MoU with MSDE to provide vocational training

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police on Saturday signed a Memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) to provide vocational training to around 10,000 fresh candidates across 67 police stations with active participation of corporate houses under their scheme YUVA 2.0.

Speaking on the occasion, Delhi Lieutenant Governor, Anil Baijal, recalled how idea behind YUVA was born when he recommended then Delhi Police Commissioner to mark those who were on verge of breaking line and integrate them with mainstream. Complementing youth who got



them to constantly develop their skills to extent of becoming job givers. Delhi CP, Rakesh Asthana said that YUVA program is meant to provide employment oriented skills to those who are first time criminals, victims of crimes and those who have propensity to

rors humane and compassion ate face of Delhi Police, but also serves prime objective of policing. "Around 10,000 youth are proposed to be trained with new technical and digital courses including Artificial Intelligence, Cyber world during scheme of YUVA 2.0," the CP said.

RERA: No project registered under Land Pooling Policy of DDA **SHEKHAR SINGH** NEW DELHI

¬he Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) in Delhi has issued an advisory saying that it has not registered any real estate project under the Land Pooling Policy of Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and the home buyers and general public are to be extremely careful and not be misled by the promoters, builders, developers, who in form of Societies, Companies, Trusts are collecting money on the pretext of

The move comes after several complaints were received from various home, commercial space, plot buyers that many builders and developers are avoiding RERA registration of their projects in capital on various pretexts.

providing flats or apartments.

of any provision of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, it may be brought to our notice through a complaint (along with photographs or any other evidence) sent to email : gcdelhirera@gmail.com or above given address," read the advi-The Authority has noticed

that some of the Societies registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (which cannot undertake housing as an activity under Section 20 of said Act), Multi-state Cooperative Societies registered under the Multi-state Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, Companies registered under the Companies Act, 2013 and Trusts formed under the Indian Trust Act 1882,

have collected money from home buyers and general public on the pretext of providing flats/apartments under the Land Pooling Policy of DDA.

According to the advisory issued under section 33 and 34 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, various promoters including builders and developers have expressed doubt before the authority if they are required to register their plot area that exceeds 500 square meter but the number of apartments proposed to be constructed remain below nine.

"Most of them appear to be under the impression that no registration is required with RERA if the plot size is either of 500 sq meters or below or they are constructing less than nine units. These impressions

The notice further stated that no promoter shall advertise, market, book, sell or offer for sale, or invite persons to purchase any plot, apartment or building, as the case may be, in any real estate project, in any planning area, without registering the real estate project with the RERA.

"Provided that the pro-

jects which are ongoing on the date of commencement of this Act and for which the completion certificate has not been issued, the promoter shall make an application to the authority for registration of the said project within a period of three months from the date of commencement of this act," the notice further read.

"In the interest of allottees,

but with the requisite permission of the local authority, it may, by order, direct the promoter of such project to register with the authority and the provisions of this act or the rules and regulations made there under, shall apply to such projects from that stage of registration," the notice further read. "The authority, considering

for projects which are devel-

oped beyond the planning area

the intent and purpose of the act, would like to clarify in the interest of all allottees including home, commercial space, plot buyers and general public, that all Real Estate Projects being developed within DDA Master Plan 2021 area in Delhi would require compulsory registration with RERA, as per category," the notice further read.

My blueprint for Cong was all about regaining its glory: PK



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

 $E^{\text{lection strategist Prashant}}_{\text{Kishor has revealed that his}}$ strategy for the Congress' revival through the much-hyped 600-slide presentation was not about defeating Narendra Modi, but about how to win India.

"My blueprint was all about how the Congress should regain its glory days. It wasn't about winning one or two elections. It was to help the Congress resurrect itself as a strong political force in the that while the BJP would

country," Kishor said in an interview to the BBC.

"It is not about how to defeat Modi, it is about how to win India. There is a fine but important difference between the two. The basis of the presentation was not about how to defeat the BJP or to win a particular state election," he explained after hogging lime-light for almost a fortnight with several rounds of meetings and presentations to the Congress leaders including party chief Sonia Gandhi.

remain in a strong position for some time to come, they were not invincible. Moreover, a resurgent Congress would be

good for democracy, he added. Acknowledging that there were some differences with Congress leaders, Kishor said there were also many points that they agreed on and decided would be good for the party's fortunes if implemented. Discussions were held and a strategy was agreed on, Kishor added.

The former JD(U) leader was offered by the grand old party to come on board and remain actively involved in party affairs instead of giving consultations. But Kishor rejected the party's offer to join due to a number of factors.

One of these was the Empowered Action Group (EAG), an eight-member decision-making body formed by the Congress to deal with the political challenges besieging it.

Kishor, who was invited to be a member of the EAG, found it "problematic" that the panel was not aligned with the Congress constitution. This may have led to contradictions

and conflicts in the future, he

On the question of suggesting Priyanka Gandhi's name for Congress president, Kishor said that this is a rumour. His first choice for this post is the current president Sonia Gandhi. He said that he definitely wants that the one who is the president of Congress should not be the leader of the Parliament Party.

He mentioned that he himself went to the Congress, and his stature in front of the Congress is not so big that it should come to him.

He said that if the Congress implements the suggestions made in his proposal then it will definitely benefit. Regarding the future ahead Kishor said that he will clear it in the next day or two. When asked if he still talks

to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, Kishor said that if the PM calls, then who will be the person in the country who will say that he will not talk Kishor had worked for PM Modi in the 2014 Lok Sabha

'Concerned Citizens' group calls CCG's letter to PM 'agenda driven'

PNS NEW DELHI

In an open letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a group of former judges, ex-diplomats, former public servants and armed forces officers on Saturday backed his Government and described a letter last week written by another group of their counterparts as "agenda driven" and "politicised".

A set of former civil servants called CCG had on April 26 addressed an open letter to the Prime Minister calling for "an end to politics

The counter letter by 'Concerned Citizens' said the "self-styled" Constitutional Conduct Group's (CCG) "biased politicised statements" are not "acceptable".

. the reality is that this is a manifest political anti-Modi Government exercise which this group undertakes periodically in the belief that they can shape public opinion against the ruling dispensa-

"This is way for them to release their frustration that public opinion remains solid-ly behind Prime Minister

Modi as recent state elections have shown", the letter said.

The letter said that these open letters "repeat the same language, have the same tenor and use biased terms with clear ideological moorings speaks for itself.

'Strangely, one often notices a striking similarity between the phraseology of the CCG missives and utterances in the western media or by western agencies", it further

The statement hit-out at what it called the "studied silence of this so-called CCG on unprecedented post-poll violence in West Bengal which was so serious that the Kolkata High Court had to mandate the National Human Rights Commission to carry out an independent investi-

The letter said the same attitude shapes their reactions (or rather the lack of any reaction) to the multiple violent incidents in various states ruled by different political parties (premeditated attacks on peaceful processions during Ram Navami, Hanuman Jayanti, and other sacred festivals in Rajasthan, Madhya

Pradesh, Gujarat and New Delhi), and targeted violation of human rights adversely affecting the livelihoods of the poor irrespective of their

The reality is that instances of major communal violence have palpably decreased under the BJP government and this is appreciated by the public. This has instigated groups like the CCG to highlight beyond proportion sporadic instances of communal violence that no society can entirely eradicate", it said.

Their "anger and anguish" is not only empty virtue-signaling, they are actually fuelling the politics of hate they seek to combat by attempting to engineer hate against the present government with their patent prejudices and false portrayals,"

There are total 197 Signatories to the letter including ex-Chief Justice to Sikkim High Court Pramod Kohli, ex-Foreign Secretary Kanwal Sibal, former foreign secretary Shashank and ex-RAW chief Sanjeev Tripathi.

said 'Concerned Citizens'.

Chidambaram takes swipe at Govt cancelling trains to run coal rakes

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

 $F^{ormer\ Union\ Minister\ P}_{Chidambaram\ on\ Saturday}$ took a swipe at the Centre over the issue of widespread power outages, saying the Government has found the "perfect solution" to it which is to cancel passenger trains and run coal rakes.

The senior Congress leader also said the Ministries of coal, railway and power are desperately inventing excuses to hide their "monumental incompetence".

Various states continued to reel under power crisis with soaring mercury pushing demand higher, as opposition parties blamed the Centre for coal shortage at thermal plants.

Chidambaram in a tweet said the ministries of coal, railway and power are desperately inventing excuses to hide their "monumental incompe-



shaped recovery, they would have stepped up coal production and coal imports," said the former finance minister.

Despite the absence of a Vshaped recovery, and only a recovery in fits and starts, the government is "totally unpre-pared" to tackle the coal-railpower crisis, the former Union minister said.

As shortages persist and inflation rises, please brace for more hardships, he added

that we were witnessing a V- underestimated the require- power plants.

ments for 2021-22'

"Evidently, no lessons were learnt and the situation has worsened in the first month of 2022-23. Has the Minister of Railway fixed accountability for the grave lapse?" he said.

Why has the minister not tendered an apology to the country, Chidambaram asked.

Along with Congress leaders The Aam Aadmi Party has also held the Centre responsible for the ongoing power cri-Chidambaram also sis and alleged that logistical referred to reports which has support was not being provid-

Reduce NEET SS 2021 cut-off percentile: FAIMA to Mandaviya

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Federation of All India ■ Medical Association (FAIMA) has written to Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, requesting him to reduce NEET Super Speciality 2021 cut-off percentile for the mop-up, stray vacancy round. Referring to hundreds of

vacant seats in the super speciality course, the doctors said that with the current cut-off of 50 percentile, many doctors will be unable to meet the cutoff criteria resulting in huge vacancies again.

As per the letter, there are a total of 889 super speciality seats that have gone unfilled after the second round of counselling for NEET Super Speciality 2021.

"As per the current seat matrix, a total of 889 super speciality seats (DM, MCH, DNB) have remained vacant even after the second round of coun-



The letter further read, The current counselling process could be made more accessible to a large number of specialist doctors if the cut-off percentile for the eligibility was reduced to maximum."

"Requesting@MoHFW_INDIA@NBEMS_INDIA& @NMC_IND to reduce the eligibility criteria for NEET SS for mop up round of counselling in order to fill all the vacant seats and hence avoid of super specialists," FAIMA Krishnan said.

also tweeted.

Rohan President, FAIMA Doctors Association, said that it is very important to understand the needs of super specialist doctors in India.

"The government lacks concern when it comes to super specialist doctors. That is why for better treatment of cancer or cardiac ailments, one has to think of going to Delhi or Mumbai. At least we should make such treatments available

Govt bans sale of mobile jammers by e-retailers without authorised nod

The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has issued an advisory to e-commerce entities concerning selling or facilitating sale of wireless jammers to consumers through their e-commerce platforms. Sale and use of any wireless

device without authorization/license under the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 or Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act (IWTA) 1933, unless exempted by rules, is illegal. Jammers come under the purview of IWTA, 1933 and the Act lays down that license is required for possession and use of jammers."To safeguard consumer rights while shopping online, CCPA has also issued an Advisory to all marketplace ecommerce entities to ensure that details of sellers as mandated under sub-rule (5) of rule 6 of the Consumer Protection

(E-commerce) Rules, 2020 including name and contact number of the grievance officer are provided in a clear and accessible manner, displayed prominently to users on the platform," read the statement.

As per the guidelines issued by the government, Jammers may be allowed only under exceptional circumstances, only when authorized by Secretary (Security), Cabinet

Earlier, the Department of Telecommunication issued an Advisory on January 21, this vear with reference to illegal facilitation and sale of wireless iammers on online platforms. Also, Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade has issued a Letter to all e-commerce entities to comply with the rules and regulation laid down by the Government of India against sale and purchase of any kind of mobile jammers.

'Over 60% of 12-14 age group have got 1st dose of Covid vax: Health Minister



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Amidst a single day rise of 3,688 new coronavirus infections taking the active cases to 18,684, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Saturday said that over 60 per cent of youngsters between the 12-14 age group have received the 1st dose of Covid19 vaccine

Mandaviya tweeted, "Over 60 per cent of youngsters between the 12-14 age group have received the 1st dose of #COVID19 vaccine. Congratulations to all my young friends who got vaccinated. We all are proud of you! Let's continue this momentum!"Officials from the Ministry said that steps are recorded 148 fresh coronavirus

being taken to accelerate the vaccination rate further against the backdrop of uptick in daily coronavirus caseload across the States. The country also recorded 50 deaths, taking the toll to 5,23,803. There are 18,684 active cases in India, which comprise 0.04 per cent of the total infections, according to data released by the Union Ministry of Health and

Family Welfare. Coronavirus cases in Delhi continue to rise with the national capital recording 1,607 fresh infections on Friday, up from the previous day (1,490). Meanwhile, the city also saw two COVID-related deaths and 1,246 recoveries in the last 24 hours. With this, the positivity rate in the capital now stands at 5.28 per cent.

Meanwhile, Maharashtra

cases on Friday, a bulk of them in Mumbai, while two more patients succumbed to the infection in the state. With this, Maharashtra's COVID-19 tally rose to 78,77,577, while the death toll increased to 1,47,842.

Overall, there has been an increase of 883 active cases in the last 24 hours, while 2,755 patients were discharged on Friday. A total of 188.89 cr vaccine doses have been administered so far under the nationwide vaccination drive while overall a total of 2,755 recoveries have been recorded in the last 24 hours, taking the count to 4,25,33,377. The daily positivity rate is at 0.74 per cent while the weekly positivity rate is at 0.66 per cent.

A total of 83.74 crore tests have been conducted so far, with 4,96,640 tests conducted

7 hours sleep optimal for middle-aged, cognitive decline arises because of less, oversleeping: Study

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Most of us know that sleep affects our mental state. In fact, sleep is closely connected to mental and emotional health and has demonstrated links to depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, and other conditions.

Now a study has found that seven hours is the ideal amount of sleep for people in their middle age and upwards. It said that both insufficient or excessive sleep is associated with poorer cognitive performance and mental health, including

The study, published in the journal Nature Aging, indicates that one possible reason for the association between insufficient sleep and cognitive decline may be due to the dis-

ruption of slow-wave—'deep'— sleep. Disruption to this type of sleep has been shown to have a close link with memory consolidation as well as the buildup of amyloid—a key protein which, when it misfolds, can cause 'tangles' in the brain characteristic of some forms of dementia. Additionally, lack of sleep may hamper the brain's ability to rid itself of toxins, said researchers from the University of Cambridge and Fudan University. For the study, the team examined data from nearly 500,000 adults aged 38-73 years from the UK Biobank.

Participants were asked about their sleeping patterns, mental health and well-being, and took part in a series of cognitive tests. Brain imaging and genetic data were available for almost 40,000 of the study participants. By analysing these



data, the team found that both insufficient and excessive sleep duration was associated with impaired cognitive performance, such as processing speed, visual attention, memory, and problem-solving skills. Seven hours of sleep per

night was the optimal amount

of sleep for cognitive performance, but also for good mental health, with people experiencing more symptoms of anxiety and depression and worse overall wellbeing if they reported sleeping for longer or shorter durations, the researchers

Naravane retires as Army Chief, Gen Manoj Pande succeeds him

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

neneral M M Naravane on GSaturday retired as the Army Chief and General Manoj Pande succeeded him as the next chief. Naravane served in the Army for 42

Naravane called on President Ram Nath Kovind at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. The outgoing chief also met Defence Minister Rajnath Singh who said in a tweet "Had a wonderful meeting with the Army Chief, General MM Naravane, who is going

to retire today after serving the nation for 42 years. His contributions as a military leader has strengthened India's defence capabilities and preparedness. I wish him success in his future endeavours." the minister tweeted.

Naravane was presented the Guard of Honour at the South Block lawns.

Pande, who was serving as the Vice Chief, became the first officer from the Corps of Engineers to helm the force. Before taking charge as Vice Chief on February 1, Pande was heading the Eastern Army Command, tasked with

guarding the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh sectors.

Pande takes charge of the Army at a time India is facing myriad security challenges, including along the borders with China and Pakistan.

As the Army chief, he will also have to coordinate with the Navy and the Indian Air Force on the government's plan to roll out theatre com-

The theaterisation plan was being implemented by India's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat. He died in a helicopter

crash in December last. The government is yet to appoint General Rawat's successor.

In his distinguished career, Pande also served as the Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN), which is India's only tri-services command.

An alumnus of the ational Defence National Academy(NDA), he was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers (The Bombay Sappers) in December 1982. Pande has held several



insurgency operations in all prestigious command and types of terrain. staff assignments in conven-

He commanded an engi-

neer regiment along the Line of Control(LOC) during Operation Parakram in Jammu and Kashmir, an engineer brigade in the western sector, an infantry brigade along the LoC and a mountain division in high-altitude area of western Ladakh and a corps in the Northeast.

His staff exposures include Brigade Major of a Mountain Brigade in the Northeast, Assistant Military Secretary (AMS) in the Military Secretary's Branch and Brigadier General Staff (Operations) at the Eastern Command headquarters.

IMD to launch highly localised weather info services in 50 cities

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The India Meteorological Department is all set to launch highly localised weather information services in 50 cities across the country on the lines of a similar initiative being implemented in the national Capital region.

The weather office had launched the Urban Meteorological Services for Delhi-NCR in June last year

vide current observations as well as early warnings through Nowcast. This will help the authorities concerned and the general public to take informed decisions

from 13 weather stations to pro-

and suitable measures for weather and air quality related events.It also provides district-wise warnings for severe weather events such as thunderstorm, heavy rainfall in colour-coded form which could be understood easily by the general public.

Ukraine fights to hold off Russian advances in south, east



AP KHARKIV (UKRAINE)

Ukrainian forces fought to hold off Russian attempts to advance in the south and east, where the Kremlin is seeking to capture the country's industrial Donbas region, and a senior U.S. Defense official said Moscow's offensive is going much slower than planned.

While artillery fire, sirens and explosions were heard Friday in some cities, the United Nations sought to broker an evacuation of civilians from the increasingly hellish ruins of Mariupol, where the mayor said the situation inside the steel plant that has become the southern port city's last stronghold is dire.

Citizens are "begging to get saved," Mayor Vadym Boichenko said. "There, it's not a matter of days. It's a matter of hours."In other developments: A former U.S. Marine was killed while fighting alongside Ukrainian forces, his family said in what would be the war's first known death of an American in combat. The U.S. Has not confirmed the report.

Ukrainian forces are cracking down on people accused of helping Russian troops. In the Kharkiv region alone, nearly 400 have been detained under anti-collaboration laws enacted after Moscow's Feb. 24 inva-

The international sanctions imposed on the Kremlin over the war are squeezing the country. The Russian Central Bank said Russia's economy is expected to contract by up to 10% this year, and the outlook is "extremely uncertain." Getting a full picture of the

unfolding battle in the east has been difficult because airstrikes and artillery barrages have made it extremely dangerous for reporters to move around. Both Ukraine and the Moscowbacked rebels fighting in the east also have introduced tight

tent air support."

Russian forces have "been forced to merge and redeploy depleted and disparate units from the failed advances in northeast Ukraine," the ministry said in a tweet Saturday as part of a daily report on the war. It did not say on what basis it made the evaluation.

In the bombed-out city of Mariupol, around 100,000 people were believed trapped with little food, water or medicine. An estimated 2,000 Ukrainian defenders and 1,000 civilians were holed up at the Azovstal steel plant.

The Soviet-era steel plant has a vast underground network of bunkers able to withstand airstrikes. But the situation has grown more dire after the Russians dropped "bunker busters" and other bombs.

"Locals who manage to leave Mariupol say it is hell, but when they leave this fortress, they say it is worse,' the mayor said. U.N. Spokesman Farhan Haq said the organization was negotiating with authorities in Moscow and Kyiv to create safe passage.

This time, "we hope there's a slight touch of humanity in the enemy," the mayor said. Ukraine has blamed the failure of numerous previous evacuation attempts on continued Russian shelling.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told Saudiowned Al-Arabiya TV that the real problem is that "humanitarian corridors are being ignored by Ukrainian ultranationals." Moscow has repeatedly claimed right-wing Ukrainians are thwarting evacuation efforts and using civilians as human shields. Fighting could be heard

cities about 18 kilometers (11 miles) apart in the Donbas. Columns of smoke rose from the Sloviansk area and neighboring cities. At least one person was reported wounded in

the shelling.

In his nightly video address, Zelenskyy accused Russia of trying to destroy the Donbas and all who live there. The constant attacks "show

that Russia wants to empty this territory of all people," he said. "If the Russian invaders are

able to realize their plans even partially, then they have enough artillery and aircraft to turn the entire Donbas into stones, as they did with Mariupol.' Ukrainian troops in the

Luhansk region of the Donbas repulsed an attack by Russian airborne troops and killed most of their unit, the governor said. "Only seven of the invaders survived," Gov. Serhiy Haidai said Friday on Telegram. The claim could not immediately be confirmed. He did not say where the attack took place but said Russian forces were preparing for an attack on Severodonetsk.

In a neighborhood on the outskirts of Kharkiv that is regularly shelled by Russian forces, some residents remain in their apartments, even though the buildings have charred gaping holes. There is no running water or electricity so they gather outside to cook on an

Ukrainian reservists staying in a neighborhood cellar say the Russians have hit the buildings with rockets, artillery and tank fire. "A tank can come at a short distance and fire all of its ammunition on

Ukrainian women train in Kosovo to find, clear landmines

Learning to identify and defuse explosives is something Anastasiia Minchukova never thought she would have to do as an English teacher in Ukraine.

Yet there she was wearing face shield, armed with a landmine detector and venturing into a field dotted with danger warnings.

Russia's war in Ukraine took Minchukova, 20, and five other women to Kosovo, where they are attending a hands-on course in clearing landmines and other dangers that may remain hidden across their country once combat ends.

"There is a huge demand on people who know how to do demining because the war will be over soon," Minchukova said. "We believe there is so much work to be done."

The 18-day training camp takes place at a range in the western town of Peja where a Malta-based company regularly offers courses for job-seekers, firms working in former war zones, humanitarian organizations and government agencies.

Kosovo was the site of a devastating 1998-99 armed conflict between ethnic Albanian separatists and Serbian forces that killed about 13,000 people and left thousands of unexploded mines in need of clearing.

Praedium Consulting Malta's range includes bombed and derelict buildings as well as expanses of vegetation.

Instructor Artur Tigani, who tailored the curriculum to reflect Ukraine's environment, said he was glad to share his small Balkan nation's experience with the Ukrainian

Though 23 years have passed, "it's still fresh in our memories, the difficulties we met when we started clearance in Kosovo," Tigani said.

Tigani is a highly trained and experienced mine action operations officer who served as an engineer in the former Yugoslav army during the

He has been deployed in his native Kosovo, Śri Lanka, Uganda, Congo, Rwanda and Kenya, and conducted training missions in Syria, and Iraq. During a class last week, he

took his trainees through a makeshift minefield before moving to an improvised outdoor classroom featuring a huge board with various samples of explosives and mines. While it is impossible to

assess how littered with mines and unexploded ordnance Ukraine is at the moment, the aftermaths of other conflicts suggest the problem will be

"In many parts of the world, explosive remnants of war continue to kill and maim thousands of civilians each year during and long after active hostilities have ended. The majority of victims are children," the International Committee of the Red Cross testified at a December UN

Lavrov: 1 million evacuated from war-hit Ukraine



 $R^{\mathrm{ussia's}}$ foreign minister says Moscow has evacuated over 1 million people from Ukraine since the war there began. The comments Saturday

by Sergey Lavrov in an interview with Chinese state news agency Xinhua come as Ukraine has accused Moscow of forcefully sending Ukrainians out of the country. Lavrov said that figure included more than 300

Lavrov offered no evidence to support his claim in the interview.

Chinese civilians.

Lavrov also said that negotiations continue between Russia and Ukraine "almost every day." However, he cautioned that "progress has not been easy"

Lavrov in part blamed 'the bellicose rhetoric and inflammatory actions of Western supporters of Kyiv regime" for disruptingtalks. However, Russian state TV nightly has had guests suggest that Moscow use nuclear weapons in conflict.

Lanka's powerful Buddhist clergy threatens to issue anti-Govt decree

restrictions on reporting from

the combat zone. But so far,

Russia's troops and the sepa-

ratist forces appear to have made only minor gains.

strength of Ukrainian resis-

tance, the U.S. Believes the

Russians are "at least several

days behind where they want-

ed to be" as they try to encir-

cle Ukrainian troops in the east, said the senior U.S. Defense

official, who spoke on condi-

tion of anonymity to discuss

the American military's assess-

move north out of Mariupol so

they can advance on Ukrainian

forces from the south, their

progress has been "slow and

uneven and certainly not deci-

sive," the official said.

The British Defense

Ministry offered a similar

assessment, saying it believes

Russian forces in Ukraine are

likely suffering from "weakened

morale," along with a lack of

As Russian troops try to

In part because of the

Will prove majority in Parliament next week: Sri Lankan Opposition leader

A senior leader from Sri Lanka's Opposition party Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) on Saturday said his party will prove their majority in Parliament next week for noconfidence motion against government led by Rajapaksa family, according to a media report.

President Gotabava Opposition to show their majority by garnering support of 113 lawmakers in 225-member Parliament to form interim government. "Everyone will be able to see that we com-

mand a majority next week and I will not reveal how we are going to do it as of now," Daily Mirror newspaper quoted SJB MP and Chief Opposition Whip Lakshman Kiriella as

saying.
"President should resign from his post and then constitutional reforms should follow to ensure checks and balances among pillars of government," ence. Another SJB MP Mujibur Rahman, who was also present during press conference, said his party will also push for impeachment

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's powerful Buddhist clergy has threatened to issue a decree against the government led by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and decided to stage a protest against it on Saturday for its failure to make way for an interim government to resolve the ongoing political and economic crisis.

Thousands of demonstrators have hit the streets since April 9, as the government ran out of money for vital imports; prices of essential commodities have skyrocketed and there are acute shortages in

In recent weeks, the Buddhist clergy, civil society and trade chambers have demanded the formation of an interim government in the pre-

dominantly Buddhist nation. Now the Buddhist clergy has decided to come out to press for the resignation of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa to make way for an interim gov-Some 1,000 monks are to

stage a protest march on Saturday evening demanding the government to act according to their letter addressed to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa dated April 4. Sirisumana said at a parley to be held later on Saturday with all parties representing Parliament, they would issue a decree against the government for their failure to

tion of the prime minister and the government and appoint an interim government for a period of one year. The government during that period would be directed by a special panel...'

Agalakada Sirisumana, a senior monk told reporters. He said they had not received a satisfactory response from the government. The four Buddhist chapters - Malwathu, Asgiri, Amarapura and Ramanya chapters - wield a lot of power in Sri Lanka's political land-

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has also come under pressure from a dissident group of the ruling Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) coalition to set up an interim government. However, Prime Minister

Mahinda Rajapaksa, 76, has refused to resign. He stresses should only be formed under his premiership. The Opposition maintains they would never be part of any government under the two Rajapaksas.

Security Council over Pak airstrikes in Kunar, Khost PTI UNITED NATIONS of the UN Security Council, Nations wrote to the President of the Security Council for the

Afghan envoy at UN lodges official complaint with

The Charge d'Affaires at ▲ Afghanistan's UN mission here has lodged an official complaint with the Security Council over airstrikes launched by Pakistan in the eastern Afghan provinces of Kunar and Khost this month, saying cross-border shellings by the Pakistani military forces are "reprehensible" and these breaches will further destabilise peace and security in the region. Naseer Ahmad Faiq, the Charge d'Affaires at the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United month of April, the UK, that the airstrikes by the Pakistani Air Force inside Afghanistan are an "aggression against territorial integrity" Afghanistan. These airstrikes are a "fla-

grant breach of international laws", principles of the UN Charter, UN General Assembly and Security Council resolu-tions, including on 'Kabul Declaration on Good-Neighbourly Relations', he said. Faiq, in "letter of complaint", which he has requested be circulated as an official document

10009 in respect of commercial shop bearing No 182, area measuring 22.3 sq. yards ward no 13 situated at Azad market Delhi has been Revoked Cancelled and Made Void with effect from 11/04/2022. That if anyone takes action for the same then my client shall be entitled to take appropriate legal action against them.

Sd/- Advocate Amarendra Kr. Dubey

writes that the persistent violations of Afghanistan's territory by Pakistani military forces through cross-border shelling, construction of military posts and fence inside Afghanistan's soil have been going on for over a decade.

der shelling which has caused civilian casualties, displace-ment and destruction of public and private properties is particularly of high concern. "These acts are reprehensible and must be stopped.

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How China is using metal barriers to fight Covid pandemic

AP ■ TAIPEI

Several districts in Shanghai put up metal barriers last weekend as part of the city's bat against a COVID-19 outbreak, in a move that drew protests and anger from some residents.

Workers in white head-totoe protective gear erected mesh wire fences and metal sheets to block off roads, residential communities and even entrances of some apartment buildings. A majority of city's 25 mil-

lion residents were prevented from leaving their homes during a month-long lockdown, though some neighbourhoods have since opened up.

Over 20 trapped, 39

missing in China building

Kim warns North Korea could

Igng Un warned again that the North could preemptively use its nuclear weapons if threatened, as he praised his top army officials for a massive military parade in the capital, Pyongyang, this week.

Kim expressed "firm will"



Korean Central News Agency said Saturday. KCNA said Kim called his military officials to praise their work during Monday's parade, where the North showcased the biggest weapons in its nuclear arsenal, including intercontinental ballistic missiles that could potennecessary," the North's official tially reach the US homeland. | two months.

Israel searches for Palestinian attackers who killed guard

AP JERUSALEM

¬he Israeli military on ■ Saturday launched a manhunt in the northern West Bank as it searched for a pair of Palestinian attackers who shot and killed a security guard at the entrance of a Jewish settlement.

The fresh attack, combined with the death of a Palestinian man elsewhere in the occupied West Bank, could further fuel tensions that have soared over the past

PUBLIC NOTICE

Chandrasekhara, (B.S. Chandrasekhar son of Mr. B.S. Suryanarayana and Ms Mridula Ramaswamy daughter of Mr. Late B.S. Ramaswamy, both resident of Flat No 140, Mandakini Enclave, Alaknanda, New Delhi-110019 have lost/ misplaced Origina copy of Allotment Letter, 5th & Fina Installment/ Demand Letter, Possession Letter, Possession Slip, NOC for obtaining Water and Electric Meter in respect of Flat No 140 Mandakini Enclave Alaknanda Nev Delhi-110019 issued by Delhi Developmen Authority, Delhi. An FIR to this effect has beer lodged in PS-Crime Branch, Delhi bearing LF No. 357813/2022 dated 29/04/2022. Any person (s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession o original documents, may write/contact above named person at above address/phone no 9810221449, within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice

> (Advocate) Regd. No. D/5425/2021 Ph.: 9650865007

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Registrar No. VI Delhi. Sale Deed dated 12.09.1997 Docume No.7857 Book No.I Volume No.436 Page 12-19

we hereby inform public at large that if anyone finds the same, please submit the same to our above said branch office.

Authorised Officer Place: New Delhi KOTAK MAHINDRA Date: 29.04.2022 BANK LTD.

General public is hereby informed that Mr. Yogesh Sharma S/o Mr. Som Dutt is owner of Property bearing No. 96-A, Area Measuring 100.00 sq. yds., out of Area Measuring 465.00 sq. Measuring 100.00 sq. yds., out of Area Measuring 465.00 sq. yds., Out of Khasar No. 588. Situated in the area of Village-Karkardooma in the Locality of Karkardooma, Illaqa, Shahdara, Delhi-110092. Yide Sale Deed dated 02.04.2022 Doc. No. 2666 and Mortgage by Jana Small Finance Bank Limited. said property Purchased by Mr. Rajeev Sharma S/o Mr. Vishnu Dutt Sharma, He is owner of entire property wide General Power of Attorney With Consideration Dated 03.05.2006, Vide Doc. No. 8198.

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Short Term Tender Notice Tenders are invited by the undersigned, from experienced, reputed and inancially sound Manufacturers/Suppliers for the following work so as to reach his office on or before 09.05.2022 upto 5.00 PM. Tenders will be opened on

10.05.2022 at 11.00 AM. Name of work 1. Supply of FOW mounted Ice Tender Fees, EMD & other related details Cream Tricycle Pushkart & E-Kart can be seen on www.ucdfaanchal.org

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This office e-tender specification no. CCP-II/1/2022-2023 invited previously for supply of Spot Billing Machine is hereby extended due to inavoidable reasons. The e-tender can be purchased and submitted upto 17:00 hrs of 11.05.2022. Part-I of the e-tender shall be opened on 12.05.2022 at 15:30 hrs.

Other terms and conditions will remain same as per original tender notice For further details, please visit our website www.uktenders.gov.in.

No.: 144/EE(cm)/UPCL/A-2 Dt.: 30.04.2022 Corporate (Contract & Procurement-II)



Name of Work:- Hiring of one no. 24 seater non AC Bus for a period of 12

In reference to e-Tender No. 01/EE(M)/Klg/2022-23 invited by this office, it is to inform that due to unavoidable reasons dates of the tender are extended as below and time extension notice has been uploaded oneprocurement portal. Please quote your bids accordingly. For further details kindly log on to http://www.uktenders.gov.in. All other terms & conditions of tender shall remain unchanged 1. Last Date/Time for receipt of : 05.05.2022 up to 16:00 Hrs

bid in the portal 2. Last date of submission of

: 06.05.2022 up to 16:00 Hrs

3. Date of opening of bid on the website: 07.05.2022 at 11.00 Hrs

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large that my husband Sh. Shanti Lal Jain was the legal owner of freehold

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This is to inform general public that Smt. Meenakshi Anand is the owner of the Ground Floor area 83.33 Sq. yds. i.e., 69.68 Sq. Mtrs., 8. First Floor area measuring 130 Sq. Yds., i.e., 108.70 Sq. Mtrs., Left Stele (Northern Portion) (Without Roof Rights) "Said Floors" Built on Property Bearing No. D-/37/6, Out of Khasra No. 63, Situated in the Abadi of Acharya Niketan. Mayur Vihar, Phase-1, in the area of Village Kotla, Illaqa Shahdara, Delhi- 110092 vide Gift Deed dated 17.12.2009 (Doc. No. 15858), Smt. Meenakshi Anand has misplaced the below mentioned documents.

Ravender Singh and Mr. J.B. Agarwal in favour of Mr. Rajesh Kumar in respect of said Shop no 1 & 2 on Ground floor measuring 750 Sq. ft. C. Original GPA, ATS & Will dated 19.06.2001 ecuted by Ms. Asha Rani in favour of M

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Hunan province, authorities said on Saturday. Chinese President Xi

collapse; Prez Xi orders allout efforts for rescue Beijing: At least 39 people were missing and 23 trapped in a six-storey residential building collapse in China's central

out-of-state laws, as well as patients who travel to Jinping has ordered all-out efforts to rescue the trapped and injured people. Five people have been rescued and admitted to nearby hospitals.

The six-story building, which has a floor area of about 700 square meters, toppled at noon on Friday in Changsha city's Wangcheng district, staterun China Global Television Network reported.

'preemptively' use nuclear weapons

▼orth Korean leader Kim

to continue developing his nuclear-armed military so that it could "preemptively and thoroughly contain and frustrate all dangerous attempts and threatening moves, including ever-escalating nuclear threats from hostile forces, if

The Connecticut Senate gave final legislative approval to

a bill abortion rights advocates

contend is needed to protect in-

state medical providers from

legal action stemming from

Connecticut to terminate a

pregnancy and those who help

Tempore Martin Looney, D-

New Haven, shortly before mid-

night Friday said lawmakers in

Connecticut, a state with a long

history of supporting abortion

rights, needed to pass the leg-

islation "in defence of our own

Senate President Pro



values and our own legal sys-It comes after Texas

enacted a law that authorizes

lawsuits against clinics, doctors

and others who perform or facilitate a banned abortion,

Representatives earlier this

month, passed in the Senate on

a 25-9 vote. It now moves to

will sign it. Supporters voiced

concern about spate of new

abortion restrictions being

enacted in a growing number of

conservative states and possi-

bility US Supreme Court may

overturn or weaken Roe v.

The Democrat has said he

Gov. Ned Lamont's desk.

The bill, which already

House

even in another state.

cleared

Connecticut Senate OK's bill

that protects abortion providers sion that established a nationwide right to abortion.

"We have to think about what we will do when that time comes and we have to think about what we're going to do right now, given what's happening in other states," said Sen. Gary Winfield, D-New Haven, co-chair of the General Assembly's Judiciary Committee. Under bill, state and local

gencies in state of Connecticut, which codified the Roe v. Wade decision in state law in 1990, would be prevented from cooperating in investigations and prosecutions of abortion providers in state.

To be known to all that my client Mr.

Bettadapur Suryanarayana

ACHIN SHARMA

Floor, Ambadeep Building, 14, KG Marg, Nev HUF had submitted original documents for property being Ground Floor, First Floor and Second Floor of the building constructed Plot No.45, block No. BM (Posh) Shalimar Bagh Residential Scheme, Delhi (said property) to the borrowers created mortgaged on other property in favour of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. for securing the loan. The below mentioned original sale deeds in respect of the said property have •Conveyance Deed Dated 09.09.1997 document No. 7715 book No.I Volume No. 432 Page No.135-136 dated 10.09.1997 Sub-

Dated 15.09.1997 Sub-Registrar No.VI Delhi for First Floor, Second Floor and Terrace Rights. Sale Deed Dated 12.09.1997 Documer No.7856 Book No.I Volume No.436 Page No.7-11 dated 15.09.1997 for Ground Floor withou terrace rights. F.I.R. has been lodged on 29.04.2022. Hence

original documents

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He said that the cross-bor-

Public at Large is hereby informed that my client Mr. OM Prakash Sethi S/o Late shri Kashi Ram Sethi R/o B-236 Derawal Nagar Delhi 110009 declared that a G.P.A. dated 10.11.2014 executed under his name in favour of Mr. Manish Kumar Sethi S/o Shri OM Prakash Sethi R/o B-236 Derawal Nagar Delhi 110009 in reaget of compercial shop hearon No. executed by Mrs. Rusam Kuman Sharma, and Now, Mr. Satya Prakash Garg is intending to sell the above said property to Mrs. Anju W/o Shir Pal Singh vide Sale Deed. Further Mrs. Anju and Shir Pal Singh are mortgaging the above said property with Fullerton India Home

ntact at 9066707172/9818228636 (M).

This is to inform the general public a property - Plot number 188, situated a Sector-6. IMT Manesar, Gurugram 122051 measuring 1012.5 sqmtr. My husband expired on 8th

Manesar, Gurugram.

15859), Smt. Meenakshi Anand has misplaced the below mentioned documents. A Original GPA, ATS & Will executed by Mr. Ashamander Singh and Mr. J.B. Agarwal in favour Ms. Asha Rani in respect of said property First Floor Left Side (Northern Portion) measuring 430 Sa. view. 3. Original GPA, ATS & Will executed by Mr.

executed by Ms. Asha Kani in tavour of Mr. Pramod Kumar Jain in respect of said property First Floor Left Side (Northern Portion) measuring 130 Sq. yds. D. Original GPA, ATS & Will executed by Mr. Rajesh Kumar in favour of Mr. Pramod Kumar Jain in respect of said Shop no 1 & 2 on Ground floor measuring 750 Sq. ft

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR, 🐋 OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DIVISION Bijbehara

NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. 10 OF 2022-23 Dated: 28 -04-2022

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Bijbehara invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders Firms/Companies/ of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for below mentioned works at various Water Supply schemes of PHE Division

Bijbehara of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd consisting of Financial Bid on overall percentage rate basis, in the

opago Mumbai at 15th	pre	scribed bod.					
space, Mumbai at 15th	Sr No.	Particulars of the work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Tender fee (in Rs.)	Earnest money Deposit	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of work(days)
New Delhi: Delhi-NCR ranks ninth in Asia Pacific in terms of occupancy cost for prime	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
office space at USD 60.1 per square feet per year, according to Knight Frank India. As per Knight Frank's Asia-Pacific Prime Office Rental Index for Q1 2022 that tracks 23 cities in the region, Hong Kong SAR is at the first position with an occupancy cost of USD 186 per square feet, followed by Singapore (USD 105), Tokyo (USD 101.2), Sydney (USD 98.6) and Beijing (USD 84.8). "Hong Kong SAR continued to be Asia's most expensive office market with a cost at USD 186 per square feet per year. Delhi-NCR was the 9th most expensive market at USD 60 per square feet per year (Rs 376/sq ft/month)," Knight Frank said. Mumbai at USD 50.9 per sq ft per year (Rs 318 per square feet per month) and Bengaluru at USD 26.7 per square feet per year (Rs 167 per square per month) were at 15th and 21st positions in terms of most expensive office locations, respectively.Knight Frank India Chairman and Managing Director Shishir Baijal said: "The Indian office market scenario has started to improve since the removal of Covid related restrictions. More companies are recalling their staff to	1.	➤ Laying & Fitting of Delivery and Distribution Mains consisting of GMS Tubes and Ductile Iron Pipes of different Nominal Bores along with pipe fittings and control valves ➤ Construction of Ground Service Reservoirs (GSRs), Slow Sand Filtration Plants ➤ Execution of ancillary civil works like Spring Covers, Boundary walls, Protection Works etc. at various Water Supply schemes of Division Bijbehara of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)	As per ANNEXURE-I to this bid document.	500/-	02% of the estimated cost	90 days	As per ANNEXURE-1 to this bid document.
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Position of funds:Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission(JJM)

No: PHB/1151-71

The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer Jal Shakti(PHE)DivisionBilbehara The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission(DJJM).

Critical Dates:

1	Publish Date	30.04.2022 9.00 AM
2	Document Download/ sale Start Date	30.04.2022 09.00 AM
3	Pre-bid meeting date	04.05.2022 12.00AM
4	Bid submission end date	23.05.2022 04.00 PM
5	Date and time of Bid opening	24.05.2022 11.00 AM Executive Engineer PHE Division Bijbehara/Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Anantnag
1	Bid documents can be accessed and download	ed from the website www.iktenders.gov.in

The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bid

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ANNEXURE I

SCHEME WISE LIST OF WORKS

Time of Class of (in Lacs) (Days) by way of L/F pipes Construction of 0.10 Lac gallons SR, Chainlink encing around SR, Sluice Chamber evamping of SSFP for WSS AAY/BEE revamping of SSFP for WSS
Hangalpawa Haptnard under JJM.
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of sluice chamber, Imporvements to
distrubution network WSS Khyar under
laying / fitting of pipes, construction of
intake works , Construction of 0.22 lac
gallons capacity SSFP, Construction of
0.10 Lac gallons SR, construction of
chain link tencing, Construction of
create protection work, and
construction of sluice chamber for
WWS Ladipati Under JJM.
Retrolitting of WSS Mandi Batkoote for AAY/BEE 68.26 60 AAY construction of sluice chamber for WWS Ladipati Under JJM.

Retrolitting of WSS Mandi Batkoote ft laying /fitting of piese, revamping of SSFP incl steel truss, construction of collection chamber, construction of chain-link fencing under JJM.

Retrolitting of WSS Reitengri by way of L/F of pipes, under JJM.

Laying /fitting of pipes, construction of 0.35 lac gallons RCC SR, Construction of sluice chamber, Revamping of 0.40 lac gallons capacity SSFP WSS Salia Panchalpora under JJM.

Retrolitting for Providing / laying / litting of pipes, construction of spring protection, Construction of 0.22 lac gallons capacity SR, Construction of Sluice Chamber, construction of Sluice Chamber, construction of Sluice Chamber, construction of chair link fencing and cost for improvement to the existing pipe network for WWS Signebrace Chamber, Ledger JJM. AAY/BEE 21.47 BEE/CEE 41.54 AAY/BEE AAY/BEE to the existing pipe network for WWS Singhpora Chanpora Under JJM.

Retrolitting for P/I of pipes, construction of 0.20 lac gallons capacity filtration gallery, Construction of 0.10 lac gallons capacity SR and Construction of two no Sluice Chamber for WWS Tangmarg Under JJM.

Laying/Fitting of Pipes including Stabilization of Existing Pipe Network at Various Spots WSS Regional Shangus Part Ist JJM

Construction of Three No. Quarters, Chain Link Fencing around Structures, D.G Shed, Retaining Wall, Crate Protection Works and Approach Path WSS RegionalShangus Part 2nd JJM

Laying and Fitting of Pipes for WSS

Uranhal Under Jal Jeevan Mission part Ist JJM 144.96 Uranhal Under Jal Jeevan Mission part Ist JJM
Construction of Intraker Chamber, Chalin Link Fencing, River Crossing, Approach Path, Operators Quarter for WSS Uranhal Under Jal Jeevan Mission Part 2nd JJM
Construction of , 02 NO Sluice valve chambers, Chain link fencing, R wALL around various structures and Laying Fitting of Supply main, Sub main and Distribution system for WSS Palpora under JJM
Construction of 0.41 lac gallons SR, Intake works 02 No Sluice valve, Chambers R Wall , Chain link fencing around variousstructures and LF of RWM Supply Main Sub Main and distribution system for WSS Adhall under JJM
Retrofitting of WSS Duptyar by way of lf pipes under JJM
Retrofitting of WSS Gogaldar by way Laying /fitting of pipes, construction of 0.20 lac gallons SSFP,const of 0.10 lac capacity SR, Const of chain link fencing around SR &SSFP,const of sluice chambers, Imprt to existing pipe network under JJM
Retrofitting of WSS Gopalpora Kalan by way of Lf of pipes under JJM
Retrofitting of WSS GURI by way of Lf of pipes under JJM
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Retrofitting of WSS K, Kalan by way LF-of pipes construction of chain link 214.17 60 Gopal Kalan GURI Retroiting of WSS K. Kalan by way L/F of pipes under JJM.

Hetrofitting of WSS K. Kalan by way L/F of pipes , construction of chain link fencing, roof truss for spring , construction of drain near spring from upper side under JJM.

Retrofitting of WSS Kandwara by way of l/f pipes under JJM. 30 BEE/ CEE 14.32 DEE/CEE If pipes under JJM.

Hetrolitting for L/F of pipes, construction of 0.20 lac gallons capacity filtration gallery, Construction of 0.10 lac gallons capacity SR, Construction of Sluice Chamber and construction of chain link tencing for WWS.

Mandlana. Under JJM.

Hetrolitting of WSS Manigam by way.

Letrolitting of pipes constt of 0.30 lac.

Laying /fitting of pipes,constt of 0.30 lac gallons SSFP,construction of 0.10 lac

prott to existing pipe network under

JAM

Betrofitting of WSS Sirhama lift by wa
of Constt. of chowkidar quarter, chain
link fencing and l/f pipes under JJM.

Retrofitting of WSS Kralpora

Brakpora by way of L/f of pipes under

Jal Jeevan mission
Retrofitting of WSS Aader by way of L/
of pipes,constt of 0.15 lac gallons RCC

SR, Const. of sluice chamber near SR

site, P/L of filter media to choked SSFP

ecessary bends regulations valves etc

L/F of pipes, const. of 0.15 lac gallons SR. Const. of 0.20 lac gallons capacity

RCC SSFP, Const. of Chain link fencing

around various structures for Providing

WSS Ladi under JJM

const. of JE's Qtr connecting and

ommissioning of SR incld. P/f of

Kralpora

apacity SR.constt of sluice chambers

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Indian economy may take 10 yrs to recoup pandemic losses: RBI report

may take more than a decade to overcome the losses emanating from the COVID-19 pandemic, said a report published by the Reserve Bank of

In an analysis of the impact of COVID-19 on the economy, the report has estimated the output losses during the pandemic period at around Rs 52 lakh crore

The perturbations from repeated waves of COVID-19 have come in the way of sustained recovery and the quarterly trends in GDP essentially followed the ebbs and flows of the pandemic, said the chapter 'Scars of the Pandemic' in the Report on Currency and Finance (RCF) for the year

Following a sharp contraction in the first quarter of 2020-21, the economic momentum progressively picked up till it was hit by the second wave in April-June period of 2021-22.

Similarly, the impact of



the month of January 2022, partially dented the recovery

With the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, the downward risks to global and domestic growth are getting accentuated through surge in commodity prices and global supply chain disruptions, it

"The pandemic is a watershed moment and the ongoing structural changes catalysed by the pandemic can potentially alter the growth trajecto-

ry in the medium-term," the

report said. The pre-COVID trend growth rate works out to 6.6 per cent (CAGR for 2012-13 to 2019-20) and excluding the slowdown years, it stands at 7.1 per cent (CAGR for 2012-13 to

"Taking the actual growth rate of (-) 6.6 per cent for 2020-

CIL output grows

despatch improves

5.8%: Coal ministry

27% in April;

assuming growth rate of 7.2 per cent for 2022-23, and 7.5 per cent beyond that, India is expected to overcome COVID-19 losses in 2034-35," the report

It pegged the output losses for individual years at Rs 19.1 lakh crore, Rs 17.1 lakh crore and Rs 16.4 lakh crore for 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23, respectively.

The report has been authored by officials in the RBI's Department of Economic and Policy Research (DEPR). The RBI, however, said the findings and conclusions expressed in the report are entirely those of the contributors and do not represent the of the central

The dividends of reforms initiated to counter the pre-COVID slowdown along with additional measures and initiatives during the pandemic will help launch the economy on a sustainable high growth path, it said.

Yes Bank posts net profit of ₹367 cr in Q4, returns to full-year profitability in FY22

New Delhi: Yes Bank on Saturday said it returned to full-year profitability in the fis-cal ended March 2022, registering a profit of Rs 1,066 crore during the year. The private sector lender had posted a net loss of Rs 3,462 crore in the previous fiscal year ended March 2021 and a loss of Rs 22,715 crore in FY20. FY22 is the first full-year profit since FY19, Yes Bank said in a reg-

In the quarter ended March of the fiscal year 2021-22, the bank registered a net profit of Rs 367 crore. There was a net loss of Rs 3,788 crore in the same quarter of the previous fiscal year 2020-21

Compared sequentially, the net profit in Q4 FY22 rose by 38 per cent from Rs 266 crore in the preceding quarter ended December 2021. Total income during January-March period of FY22 increased to Rs 5,829.22 crore from Rs 4,678.59 crore in the same quarter of FY21. The full-year total income, however, was down at Rs 22,285.98 crore in 2021-22 from Rs 23,053.53 crore in 2020-21. Yes Bank said it witnessed strong growth in deposits and granular advances during the year.

PTI carries out Compulsory Registration of specified goods.

PTI

DoT exempts smart watches, handsets from mandatory testing regime

office."Further, with the IT/ ITeS sector hiring

upwards of 20 per cent new staff in the last 18-24

months, demand for office space is expected to

Delhi-NCR ranks 9th in

Asia Pacific in occupancy

cost for prime office

rise further, he added.

space, Mumbai at 15th

New Delhi: The telecom department has exempted certain products including mobile user equipment, mobile handsets, and smart watches from the ambit of its mandatory testing 'MTCTE regime', removing a regulatory overlap that existed, an official release said on Saturday.

The exemptions on these widely-used products will reduce the compliance burden and will enable the industry to roll out their products faster, it said adding that the move will also reduce import delays.

"DoT (Telecom Department) in consultation with MEITY examined the issue and has now decided to exempt following products from the ambit of MTCTE regime: Mobile User Equipment / Mobile handset (Mobile phone), server, smart watch, smart camera, PoS Machine (Point of Sale Devices)," the release

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY)

Sebi tweaks Manufacturing operational lockdowns guidelines for FPIs, depository

participants New Delhi: Capital markets regulator Sebi has tweaked the operational guidelines for depository participants and vey released Saturday. foreign portfolio investors The monthly purchasing

(FPIs) pertaining to registration certificates of such foreign investors and change in their The new guidelines will be applicable from May 9, the Securities and Exchange Board tracting. The domestic COVID-19 of India (Sebi) said in a circu-

lar on Friday. outbreaks have impacted According to the regulator, the framework has been mod-China's factory activities and ified pertaining to certificate of registration for FPIs and

change in their name. With regard to registration with disruptions in logistics as certificate for FPIs, the regulator said the designated depository participant (DDP) will grant the certificate of registration, bearing the registration

number generated by Sebi. In case an FPI has undergone a change in name, Sebi said the designated depository change in the certificate after request.

"The DDP shall issue a letter and fresh registration certificate to such applicant acknowledging the change in name. Respective depositories shall make necessary arrangements for DDPs to provide fresh registration certificate as an acknowledgement from its database including a statement that the name change has been granted without prejudice to any tax liability/ implication in India," Sebi said.

This comes after Sebi notified rules in January this year for generation of FPI registration number by the capital markets regulator.

Subsequently, the Ministry of Finance in March amended the Common Application Form (CAF), wherein both the depositories -- NSDL and CDSL --have been allowed to host the CAF for FPI registra-

further weakens as continue in China

Beijing: China's manufacturing activity fell to a six-month low in April as lockdowns continued in Shanghai and other manufacturing hubs in an attempt to stem COVID-19 outbreaks, according to a sur-

managers' index, released by China's National Bureau of Statistics, fell to 47.4 in April, down from 49.5 in March on a 100-point scale. Numbers below 50 show activity con-

market demand, said the bureau's statistician Zhao Qinghe. Some enterprises have reduced or stopped production,

Kolkata/New Delhi: Public sector miner Coal India has reported an increase of 27.2 per cent in its output in April 2022 as compared to the year-ago period, coal ministry said on Friday.The

despatch of coal also improved by 5.8 per cent year-on-year in Ápril 2022. "Coal production by Coal India Ltd (CIL) has increased by 27.2 per cent in April 2022 as compared to same period of last year and coal despatch has increased by 5.8 per cent," the

The ministry also informed that CIL has a coal stock of 56.7 MT at present. While the stock at Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) is at 4.3 MT, captive coal blocks have about 2.3 MT of stock. "Thus, sufficient coal stock with coal companies is available," it added. The coal stock at good shed sidings, washwell as the supply or raw materials and components. PTI MT. PTI

ministry said in a statement.

KVIC clocks ₹1.15 lakh crore | Need framework to turnover in financial year-22 New Delhi: The Khadi and

Village Industries Commission (KVIC) achieved a whopping Rs 1.15 lakh crore turnover in 2021-22, growing at a rate of 20.54 per cent from the previous year, the government said on Saturday. The MSME ministry stat-

ed that KVIC has achieved a height which remains a distant goal for all FMCG companies in India.

"Thanks to the constant support of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, KVIC has, for the first time, clocked a massive turnover of Rs 1.15 lakh crore, which is unprecedented by any FMCG company in the country. This makes KVIC the only company in the country to have recorded a turnover of Rs 1 lakh crore," the statement said.

Last fiscal year, the overall turnover of KVIC stood at Rs



1,15,415.22 crore as compared to Rs 95,741.74 crore in 2020-21. KVIC has thus registered a growth of 20.54 per cent from

"Compared to the year 2014-15, the overall production in Khadi and Village Industry sectors in 2021-22 has regis tered a whopping growth of

reform should keep evolving,

could become the most potent instrument in driving good credit behaviour and ethical

business practices amongst

borders and proactive respon-

sible behaviour among lenders,

proving to be a boon for the

economy and to the

nation...We must learn from

the outcomes and strengthen

"As IBC evolves further, it

the minister said.

172 per cent while the gross sales during this period increased by over 248 per cent," the ministry said.

This massive turnover of KVIC has come despite partial lockdown in the country in April-June 2021 due to the second wave of the pandemic, it added.

Astral to acquire

New Delhi: PVC pipes and plastic products maker Astral said it will acquire a majority 51 per cent stake in Gem Paints for Rs 194 crore, a move which will allow the Ahmedabad-based firm to expand its product portfolio into the paints segment. Astral has entered into a definitive agreement with Gem Paints and its shareholders after the deal was approved by its board on Friday, it said in a regulatory fil-

The minister said streamlining the CIRP (Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process) and liquidation process will further help in consolidating the progress made to secure gains to the economy.

51% stake in Gem Paints for ₹194 crore

Optionally Debentures equivalent to the value of 51 per cent equity stake of Operating Paint business of Gem Paints," it said.

study impact of insolvency law: Corp Affairs Secy

New Delhi: Amid concerns in certain quarters that the insolvency law has led to more liquidations than resolutions of stressed assets, Corporate Affairs Secretary Rajesh Verma on Saturday pitched for having a framework to study the impact of the legislation.

Emphasising that the government and reg-ulator IBBI have been constantly making course corrections to address any gaps in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), he also said the law has brought in a cultural shift in the dynamics between lenders and borrowers as well as promoters and creditors.

The IBC, which came into force in 2016 and has undergone six amendments so far, provides for a time-bound and market-linked resolution of stressed assets.

'Some critics have observed that IBC has led to more liquidations than resolutions... There is presently no framework to track the outcome of insolvency and bankruptcy regime...It is crucial to continue to study the impact of the insolvency framework created by IBC and conduct a SWOT analysis to investigate (its) strengths and weaknesses," Verma said.

Speaking at the inaugural function of a twoday conference on IBC, he also noted that the World Bank Doing Business indicators that track the outcome of the IBC have been discontinued."The government and regulator IBBI have been constantly course correcting in responding to any gap in the Code... While we are working with agility as regards implementing the provisions of the Code... It is important that we have a rigorous and evidence-based research to public policy," Verma said.

IBBÍ Chairperson Ravi Mital said a large number of stressed projects are going into liquidation since they come into the IBC process very late. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) is a key institution in implementing the IBC. While noting that regulations are also tilted towards liquidation, he said the regulator will examine the matter. "In a month or two, we will examine it on how to encourage resolution more than liquidation. The basic essence of IBC is to resolve a project as a going concern," he added.

Inderjit Singh said streamlining the CIRPand liquidation process will further help in consolidating the progress made to secure gains to the

"Astral shall initially invest Rs. 194 Crores in Gem Paints Private Limited by subscribing to Convertible

Minister of State for Corporate Affairs Rao

22nd National Rail **Transportation** seminar organised at **Ambedkar Centre**

New Delhi: 22nd National Rail Seminar on leveraging Railways for Stranger and Vibrant Economy was organized by CTRAM (Centre for transportation Research and Management) at Dr Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi on Friday. The Seminar was inaugu-

rated by SK Mohanty, member operation and business Development Railway Board. Java Verma Sinha, Additional Member/Traffic Railway board Rakesh Tandon, ED/CTRAM and Sri Prakash former Member/Traffic Railway Board were also present occasion.

The Senior officer and IRTS probationer were also present at this seminar.

Evolving with changing scenarios will be crucial for IBC: Minister cial ... Like everything else, this

Ahmedabad: Evolving with changing scenarios will be crucial for Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) as it could become the most potent instrument in driving proactive responsible behaviour among lenders and prove to be a boon for the economy, Minister of State for Corporate Affairs Rao Inderjit Singh said on Saturday.

He was speaking at an international research conference on insolvency and bankthe Code so that the law is robust over time," Singh ruptcy organised by the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIM-A) in collaboration with Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India

"While the Code has had a remarkable journey so far, going forward, evolving with changing scenarios will be cru-

MI beat RR by 5 wickets to open account in IPL 2022

Rohit gets birthday present, MI win their first match of IPL-15

umbai Indians finally opened their account in the ongoing season of the Indian Premier League with a five-wicket win over Rajasthan Royals here on Saturday.

Opting to field, MI restricted RR to 158 for six, despite a fine 52-ball 67 by Jos Buttler at the top.
The second highest scorer for RR

was Ravichandran Ashwin (21 off 9 balls) who played a cameo to take RR past 150-run mark.

In reply, MI chased down the target in 19.2 overs with Suryakumar Yadav (51 off 39 balls) emerging as the

Suryakumar Yadav and young Tilak Varma gave the best 35th birthday present to their skipper Rohit Sharma as Mumbai Indians finally opened their account, beating Rajasthan Royals by five wickets in an IPL match here on Saturday. Chasing a victory target of 159, MI reached home in 19.2 overs, courtesy Surya (51 off 39 balls) and Tilak (35 off 30 balls) adding 81 for the

It was MI's first win after eight suc-



cessive defeats and even though the result bears little consequence but it is certainly going to keep the five-time champions in a good mind space.

Losing is also a kind of habit like winning, albeit a bad one, as with it self belief also goes out of the window. Rohit didn't look one bit of his cheery self when he was cutting his birthday cake and by the end of the day, a win must have felt like a healing balm.

Teams then manage to snatch defeat from jaws of victory and something of that order was happening on Saturday night before Surya and Tilak sang the redemption song with Tim David (20 not out off 9 balls) providing the finishing touch.
It was Daniel Sams who hit the win-

ning six to send the spectators into a frenzy. Rohit's run of poor scores continued as he tried a slog sweep off Rayichandran Ashwin (4-0-21-1) and offered an easy catch to Daryl Mitchell at square leg.

The price tag of Rs 15.25 crore is increasingly seeming like a noose around Ishan Kishan's (26 of 18 balls) neck as he started well but in desperation to over-compensate mis-timed a

GT beat RCB by 6 wickets to inch closer to play-offs

Gujarat Titans extended their dominance at the top of the table with a six-wicket win over Royal Challengers Bangalore in the Indian Premier League here on Saturday and inched closer towards clinching a play-off spot in their inception year.

After failing multiple times, Virat Kohli finally came out out of a prolonged slump in form by registering his first IPL fifty in 14 matches, including nine this season, as Royal Challengers Bangalore posted a challenging 170 for six.

In reply, Rahul Tewatia (43 not out) and David Miller (39 not out) did the job for GT after the table toppers were struggling at 95 for four in the 13th over. With 16 points which has been the magic mark, Titans are well on course towards a top-two finish at the end of league

On the day, Kohli made 58 off 53 balls before walking back to the dugout amid a standing ovation at the Wankhede Stadium.

Rajat Patidar blasted a 32-ball 52 -- his maiden IPL fifty -- while Glenn Maxwell

GUJARAT TITANS REMIND ME OF RAJASTHAN ROYALS OF 2008 UNDER WARNE: PIETERSEN

Mumbai: Former England skipper Kevin Pietersen sees shades of the title-winning Rajasthan Royals side of 2008 in Gujarat Titans, who have consistently found ways to win matches in the ongoing IPL season. The former swashbuckling batter feels the new entrants, like the 2008 RR side under the late Shane Warne, aren't the best team on paper but have a "great mentality".

The Titans, led by India allrounder Hardik Pandya, have emerged as the "team to beat" in only their maiden season. They are perched on top of the points table, having lost just one game in eight outings. "At the moment, it looks like

Gujarat Titans are going to be

blazed away to 33 in 18 deliveries to prop up RCB

The returning Pradeep Sangwan was excellent with the ball, finishing with figures of 2/19, while Rashid Khan gave away just 29 runs in his four over to check the flow of runs in the middle overs.

GT were off to a sound

difficult to stop in the IPL. I didn't see them being at the top of the table when I first saw their squad, but they are on a roll," Pietersen wrote for Betway "It reminds me of Rajasthan Royals when they won the title under Warne in 2008 - they weren't the best side on paper but everybody knew what they were doing and they had a great mentality," he added. The Titans, who looked thin on resources in the run-up to the season, have had different

players winning games for "They are consistently finding ways to win, whether from a good, middling or bad position in games. When you have that

winning mentality, it becomes very difficult to break.

(31) and Shubman Gill (29) putting on 51 runs before Wanindu Hasaranga effected the first breakthrough by removing the former.

Left-arm spinner Shahbaz Ahmed had Shubman Gill trapped in front of the wicket. GT skipper Hardik Pandya (3) once again got out cheap-

ly, falling to Shahbaz. start with Wriddhiman Saha BCCI reschedules Ranji

matches delayed by 2 days

Trophy knockouts, all

Bengal set up summit clash against hosts Kerala

Pootball powerhouse Bengal outplayed a lacklustre Manipur 3-0 to storm into the Santosh Trophy final for the 46th time, here on Friday.

Before the Manipuri outfit champions slammed in two goals via Sujit Singh (2'), Mohammed Fardin Ali Molla (7') to give them a 2-0 lead at the break.Dilip Orawn (74') completed the tally for Bengal with a peach of a strike to set up a summit clash against hosts Kerala here on May 2.

The last time Bengal

er Chingkhei Meitei.

Molla then took a step to the seventh minute.

advanced into the final was in the 2017-19 season when they lost to Kerala on penalties at their home venue of Salt Lake Stadium. The Monotosh Chakladar-led outfit could not have asked for a better start as the young turk Sujit took a the area.In the space of five minutes, Molla made the most of a loose ball spilled by keep-

the left and then back to the right before unleashing a powerful shot from just inside the box to make it 2-0 as early in

compliance in holding fresh elections in February 2022. The de-recognition created uncertain-

5 crore towards Indian judokas' prepara-

tion for this year's Asian Games and other

international events following the de-

recognition of the national federation

Federation of India on April 22 for non-

The ministry de-recognised the Judo

in women book Asian Games golf berths

of 69, shot 70 on the final day.

Avani's total of four best world ranked w world ranked women were Madappa, who shot each of his rounds was 14-under 274, while five rounds under par with Jahanvi's four best rounds added

Ministry's grant for judokas' preparation for Asiad

But the ministry and Sports Authority

of India formed a committee of eminent

judo athletes, who conducted the selection

trials of judokas for a month-long nation-

al preparatory camp for the Asian Games

and other international competitions,

letes will be part of the camp.

According to a SAI statement, 112 ath-

The committee members include

Madappa, Rashid among men and Avani

Viraj Madappa and Rashid Khan kept their nerves and held their rivals at bay to earn the coveted Asian Games berths in golf after a gruelling fiveround affair, here on Saturday.

From the women's section, amateur Avani Prashanth booked her ticket to the Games. Avani continued her impressive march as she shot a steady final round of 1-under 71 and finished ahead of Jahanvi Bakshi, who, after four identical cards cards of 66-68-71-69-67, pipped Rashid to the post as four best rounds were counted and for that he was two ahead. Of his five rounds,

Madappa's third round of 71 was discarded, while in the case of Rashid (68-73-67-66-71), the second round was discarded. That left Madappa with a total of 18-under 270, while Rashid's total was 16-under

up to 12-under 276. Hitaashee Bakshi, whose 66 was the best final round card, had the third best total of 6-under 282 for four rounds.

Sixteen men competed for two berths in the men's section and 11 women competed for one berth. Anirban Lahiri and Shubhankar Sharma, the top two world ranked Indians among men, and Aditi Ashok and Tvesa Malik, the top two

given direct berths into the Asian Games teams.As Madappa had seven birdies against one double bogey, Rashid had three birdies and one bogey. Karandeep Kochhar had a

final round of 71, which was his worst of the week, and his earlier four rounds gave him a total of 14-under 274, while amateur Krishnav Nikhil Chopra shot a 67 on the final day and finished fourth with a score of 10-under 278 for four best rounds.

IG Stadium in New Delhi, respectively.

on May 23 and 24 for the women's team

and on May 25 and 26 for the men's team

during the national camp to shortlist top

4 athletes from each weight category for

the upcoming international competi-

tions," a SAI release said.

"A second selection trial will be held

PTI ■ NEW DELHI The BCCI has delayed the knockout matches of the

Quarterfinals:

First Quarterfinal:

Second Quarterfinal:

Third Quarterfinal:

Fourth Quarterfinal:

Semifinals

Ranji Trophy by two days and now the quarterfinals will ty over the future India's judo players, who are preparing for the 2022 Birmingham Billimoria, Olympian Sandeep Byala, begin from June 6 and the title clash of the premier domestic The Sports Ministry has sanctioned Commonwealth Games and the Asian Olympian Sunith Thakur and judo masevent will start from June 22. The national camp for men and women will be held at NIS Patiala and the

communication circulated by the BCCI to its state units, the two semifinals will now begin from June 14, instead of June

The final is slated to be held at the Chinnaswamy stadium in Bengaluru.

Jharkhand, Bengal, Uttarakhand, Mumbai,



Bengal vs Jharkhand

June 14-18

Mumbai vs Uttarakhand

Karnataka vs Uttar Pradesh

Punjab vs Madhya Pradesh

Punjab and Madhya Pradesh have qualified for the knockout stage of the first-class compe-

The league stage of the Ranji Trophy was played before the start of the ongoing IPL.

The BCCI is yet to announce the reason behind change in schedule.

Pace sensation Malik in focus as SRH play struggling CSK

 ${\bf P}$ ace sensation Umran Malik's performance will be followed again keenly when Sunrisers Hyderabad take on struggling Chennai Super Kings in an Indian Premier League match here on Sunday.

Malik has been the find of the season as he outsmarted the top batters of the world with his brutal pace. His 5/25 show against Gujarat Titans, albeit in a losing cause, is considered one of the best bowling displays in the IPL history.

The right-arm tearaway pacer from Jammu has become talk of the ongoing IPL after clocking over 150 kmph consistently. He has so far picked up 15 wickets from eight matches at a strike rate of 12.00.

But despite his heroics with the ball, SRH eventually fell short by five runs against Gujarat Titans in their last game. And come Sunday, Malik would look for more support from his pacer colleagues Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Marco Jansen and T Natarajan.

Jansen, in particular, was the culprit as he failed to defend 22 runs off the last over against Gujarat with Rashid Khan going hammer and tongs

The SRH team management relied heavily on experienced Bhuvneshwar to lead the bowling pack but he could not live up to the side's expectations and would be desperate to prove his critics wrong. The form of skipper Kane Williamson has been a cause of concern for SRH but the likes of Abhishek Sharma and Aiden Markram have raised their hands and would look to continue their good show. SRH would also be looking at Rahul Tripathi and Nicholas Pooran to take up more responsibility with the bat. SRH occupy the fourth spot in the 10-team table with 10 points from eight games.

In contrast, CSK, enduring one of their worst IPL campaigns, need to dish out cohesive efforts to keep themselves afloat in the tournament.

Placed second last in the table with just four points, CSK are hanging by a thread in the competition and in Malik a bigger threat awaits their alreadyfloundering batting unit.

CSK will look up to 'Captain Cool' to turn things around

 $T^{\text{he great Mahendra Singh Dhoni will}}_{\text{be back at the helm of affairs as a}}$ struggling Chennai Super Kings take on an Umran Malik-inspired Sunrisers Hyderabad in an Indian Premier League match here on Sunday.

The reins of CSK was handed back to

the four-time IPL winning captain after Ravindra Jadeja on Saturday relinquished the role following the team's six losses in eight matches in the ongoing edition.

While all eyes will be on Dhoni to change the fate of CSK it will be easier said then done as they face SRH, who have been inspired by the performance of pace sensation Malik, who has outsmarted the top batters of the world with his brutal

starting May 1.

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CSK's problems compounded further when they lost against Punjab Kings by 11 runs in their last game. And any furdoom for the defending champions.

CSK have been undone by their failure to click in all departments of the game. Iadeia, who was handed the captaincy ahead of the season, too failed to inspire the team as his own form also suffered under the weight of captaincy.

Jadeja would be itching to get his mojo

back with both bat and ball to at least give his side an outside chance of making the play-offs, which at present looks bleak.

CSK's batting department has been hit hard by the flop show of opener Ruturaj Gaikwad and the youngster, regarded as an India prospect, would look to correct that in the remaining games.

Sindhu settles for bronze at Badminton Asia C'ship

PTI ■ MANILA (PHILIPPINES)

 $D_{Sindhu\ ended\ her}^{ouble\,Olympic\,medallist\,P\,V}$ Badminton Asia Championships campaign with a bronze medal after going down fighting to Japan's Akane Yamaguchi in three games here on Saturday.

The 26-year-old started the match on a positive note but couldn't keep the winning momentum going, losing 21-13 19-21 16-21 to the top seed and world No. 2 Yamaguchi in the clash, which lasted one hour and six minutes.

This is Sindhu's second medal in the tournament -- she had claimed a bronze in the 2014 Gimcheon edition.

The Hyderabad shuttler, who won two Super 300 titles at Syed Modi International and Swiss



in 16 minutes.

In the second game, the fourth-seeded Sindhu was handed a point penalty for taking too much time between points, leading to an argument with the ref-

two led to a momentum shift as Yamaguchi levelled the proceedings to force a decider. The Japnese shuttler found her rhythm and never let Sindhu regroup.

In the final game, Sindhu trailed from the beginning. In the end, Yamaguchi had five match points, which she duly converted The head-to-head between Sindhu and Yamaguchi is now 13-9 in the Indian's favour.

With Sindhu's defeat, India's challenge at the individual continental championship has ended. EB rope in Rahman, sign

three-year deal with mid-fielder Kolkata, Apr 30 (PTI) East Bengal on Saturday announced the signing of promising 24-year-old midfielder Mobashir Rahman, who was a part of League Shield winning side Jamshedpur FC.

A product of Tata Football Academy, Rahman played as leftwinger for the Jamshedpur franchise in the Indian Super League, making 53 appearances including 13 in their 2021-22 Shield-winning campaign.

Weightlifting: Eight-strong Indian team selected for junior World C'ships

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

An eight-member Indian team will compete at the IWF junior men's and women's World Weightlifting Championships, starting in Heraklion, Greece from Sunday.

The Indian team comprise of six women and two

The lifters are also accompanied by four coaches in addition to a manager, Abraham Kaya Techi who serves as the Vice President of the Indian Weightlifting Federation, and one referee -Dronacharya awardee

Hansa Sharma. Anjali Patel

Women- Anjali Patel (45kg), Harshada Sharad Garud (45kg), Gyaneshwari Yadav (49kg), V. Rithika (49kg), Shrabani Das (55kg), Maibam Martina Devi (+87kg) Men- T. Madhavan (61kg), Muna Nayak (61kg).

45kg category campaign, will open India's campaign on Monday. In the last edition of the

Harshada Sharad Garud, who

will compete in the women's

competition, Achinta Sheuli had shattered seven national records to win a silver medal in the 73kg category.

MEGHNA MISHRA

Winning several accolades for her soothing voice in Secret Superstar to now performing playbacks for movies. From Pagglait to Manmarziyan to the most recent Hum Dekhenge from The Kashmir Files, she speaks with SUPRIYA RAMESH about her journey, dream bollywood debut and what it is like to be in the industry being so young

'I FEEL BLESSED TO BE A SMALL PART OF THIS



Sanjeev Kohli ji connected me with Swapnil Bandodkar ji and we had a word about the recording. In the studio, I met Swapnil ji and Pallavi Joshi ji. They have been the prominent singers of the track. When the film released and so did the song, I got the information about the past and existence of Hum Dekhenge by Faiz Ahmad

You had a dream debut in bolly-wood with secret superstar. How did that happen, could you throw some light on your jour-

Secret superstar has indeed been an unexpected approach. Santosh Mulekar ji had given me the contact of Amit Trivedi sir's manager. Although, even he did not know the purpose because the selections were confidential. I sent him a voice note on whatsapp and was further asked to visit the



I FEEL LUCKY BLESSED TO HAVE STARTED WITH THIS JOURNEY UNDER AMIT TRIVEDI SIR AND AAMIR SIR'S GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT, AS I GOT TO LEARN AMPLE OF ASPECTS ABOUT THIS FIELD. ALSO, I CREDIT ALL THE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS I HAVE GOT TO THE CREATORS OF THE FILM AND MY PARENTS, OF COURSE. NOT JUST I HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE AWARDS, I HAVE TAKEN THOSE AS AN INSPIRATION, TO WORK MORE AND HARDER



studio. Over there, I was informed about the upcoming film and the audition of 28-30 girls (including me) for the voice

■ You have recieved several accolades. How did you deal with the stardom at such a young age?

I feel blessed to have started with this journey under Amit Trivedi sir and Aamir sir's guidance and support, as I got to learn ample of aspects about this field. Also, I credit all the acknowledgments I have got to the creators of the film and my parents, of course. Not just I have been given the awards, I have taken those as an inspiration, to work more and harder.

Being a young singer, what would you like to say about our music industry and how welcoming are our composers in terms of giving chances to new talent?

As far as I have come across the artists and composers in this industry, they all have been extremely supportive and conscious about the project. People might have different opinions and thoughts about the work ethics and procedure related topic, but what I have seen is, for the composers the only thing that matters is your talent and skills

■ What are you currently working on? There are quite many singles lined up and hopefully playbacks as well!

Plan Your Day

I HAVE A DREAM ART SHOW

Masha Art is showcasing the I Have A Dream art show that features 18 women artists displaying their art through the medium of sculptures, ceramic, and paintings. The show is dedicated to the beauty of creation and the freedom of spirit of

women artists in India as well as doyenne ceramic artist Jyotsna Bhatt and printmaker and artist Rini Dhumal.

What: Art Show Where: Masha Art, DLF Camellias When: Until May 31, 2022 Time: 11 am to 8 pm

Sound of.



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

Bollywood vibes Dafa Kar (A R Rahman) Saamna (Akasa) Mast Nazron Se (Rochak Kohli)

Kya Kar Diya (Vishal Mishra) Macha Macha Re (Mika Singh)

English Vinglish

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

he beard comb made completely of wood is perfect to groom your mooch and beard everyday. The bristles are not sharp and serves a neat brush

throughout. A nice dab and massage with the beard oil and a quick groom with the comb and you're all set for

An extremely potent concoction of 100 per cent natural essential oils and vitamins, Denver Beard Oil- Growth, promotes growth, strength and shine. It keeps your beard soft and manageable while ensuring the best nourishment and moisturisation for the scalp. Whereas, Beard Oil- Smooth is an extremely potent concoction of 100 per cent natural essential oils and



smoothness, manageability and shine.

Body Wash- Detox works like a magnet by absorbing dirt and other pollutants from skin. It also deep cleanses pores and leaves

your body refreshed with its masculine fragrance. 'The body collection of denver is one of the best products I've used. The body wash is very light on skin. I could feel the lack of chemicals in a very few uses. The beard oil works beautifully in rejuvenating the skin underneath the beard and keep it soft and nourished almost thoughout the day. Paired with a fantastic scent in the beard oil as well as the perfume, it gives a subtle sense of suave to our persona," says a frequenter.

MAKE YOUR MORNING HEALTHY

Unchecked lifestyle habits can cause everything from minor symptoms like fatigue and headaches to more serious issues like reflux, hypertension, and even cancer. Here are a few detox morning drinks to rid your body of the accumulated toxins naturally

he lifestyle of haste and hustle has an intoxicating effect on your body. Unattended, it may also start to affect your mind sooner or later. The initial indicators of the modern diet and environment reflect as fat build up in unwanted places. If the attack continues long enough, the increasing BMI can lead to several

Unchecked lifestyle habits can cause everything from minor symptoms like fatigue and headaches to more serious issues like reflux, hypertension, and even cancer. Detox is the name given to a set of activities designed to rid your body of the accumulated toxins naturally.

The process can include a host of foods, food habits, fasting, exercise, and other activities scientifically designed to kill the addiction to junk food. The process helps your system wash out the harmful compounds naturally and rejuvenate itself with organic elements.

Your morning routine is one of the most important pieces of this exercise and can include a set of physical training and foods to help you detox and feel alive. Here's a list of powerful your weekly routine:



make sure to extract every last bit of it (or, better yet, replant it).

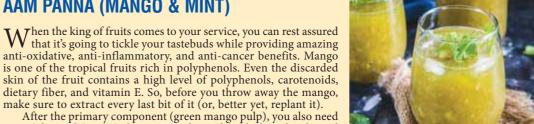
mint (obviously), roasted cumin seed powder, black rock salt, and

AAM PANNA (MANGO & MINT)

CINNAMON TEA

Tf mango has been the king of fruits due to namon should, perhaps, be the queen of herbs. While its anti-inflammatory, anti-oxidizing, anti-diabetic, antimicrobial, cancer-preventing, lipid-lowering, and heart disease-fighting capabilities are well known and documented, it has also shown a promising capability to fight neurological problems.

You can prepare your cinnamon tea with your regular green tea or make a separate mix with milk and honey. However, do consult your physician if you are already on diabetic medication.





COCONUT WATER FLAVOURED WITH MINT

 M^{int} has been the staple summer flavour in the northern part of India and other cultures around the world. However, it's not just a wonder plant from the past. The antioxidant properties of mint, or Mentha, have been scientifically examined and described as 'magical' in the studies about their benefits.

Combined with the ultimate energizer, coconut water, mint creates a detoxing compound that is not only tasty but also offers a soothing effect from the scorching summer heat. So, it is likely that you will end up having this concoction later in the day as well.

— Vijay Thakkar, Fitness Entrepreneur & Functional Medicine Coach, Founder of 48 Fitness

HALDI (TURMERIC)

& HONEY

 $T^{
m his}$ is perhaps the simplest of all the detoxing drinks you can ever come across. When you are hard-pressed for time, put these two amazing antioxidants together in lukewarm water and gulp them down patiently.

All you need for this simple and unique morning tea is half a teaspoon of honey and just a pinch of turmeric to go with it. Stir well before sipping it all up.



HONEY LEMON GINGER TEA

Honey is a compact package of nutrients, vitamins, and beneficial sugars. Lemon is a rich source of vitamin C and flavonoids. Flavonoids are phytonutrients that have an anti-inflammatory effect. In short, flavonoids protect you from a host of diseases, including heart-related, diabetes, cancer, and cognitive diseases like Alzheimer's and dementia.

Ginger is another powerful ingredient to add to your morning detox drink. Simply crush and boil two-three teaspoons of ginger in two cups of water, add half a teaspoon of natural honey, and one teaspoon of lemon juice, and viola! Your honey lemon ginger tea is ready.

The only drawback to this powerful antioxidant drink is that you may end up demanding it every day.



Felicitating daily helpers on the occasion of Labour Day

Sony SAB's Wagle Ki Duniya continues to entertain audiences with its slice of life and aweinspiring storyline catering to three different generations. This time, the kids of Sai Darshan Heights Society take centre stage with a



peculiar demand of wanting to utilise the function area. While Joshipura (Deepak Pareek) rejects upfront, the kids manage to have their way after much protest and convincing. But, what do the kids want to use the function area for? Stay glued to find out.

Making a sweet promise

Since DID L'il Masters' S5 launch, viewers have been having a gala time watching the young dancing sensations put up some wonderful acts week

after week. In fact, last Sunday, Kumar Sanu, Ajay Devgn and Rakul Preet Singh appeared as guests. While the talented youngsters impressed the special guests, it was Rishita's mashup act that impressed everyone. But when she spoke about the sad situation that she finds herself in with her grandparents not keen on accepting her or her parents, Sanu got really emotional. The legendary singer promised her that he will travel to Kolkata personally and convince her grandparents to accept her.

It is time to create more flexibility at the workplace for blue-collar female workers Before the pandemic, Richa and her family lived on what her husband

earned. However, things became difficult financially after 2020. Richa, a watchwoman, begins her work at 8 in the morning. It's been over a year in the job and she's both happy and proud contributing to her family's monthly income.

For Richa, and other women like her, flexidus is a term they don't identify with. Flexidus refers to women quitting in the absence of flexibility at the workplace. While flexidus could be a white collar jobs phenomenon, flexibility for the blue-collar female worker would simply mean the opportunity to work and to be financially

As per a report by Indian Staffing Federation on the flexi staffing industry, there has been a 6 per cent jump in the female workforce since the pandemic began. The sectors where women have been finding employment are IT, hospitality, entertainment, education, banking, insurance and manpower.

Suchita Dutta, Executive Director, Indian Staffing Federation says, "The Govt is continuously introducing pragmatic laws to support and bring women into formal employment. It is also companies who have to create more opportunities for women. The increase in formal employment will happen not just by following laws but also by creating more balance to enhance their

"Almost 65 per cent workforce in the staffing industry are women, making it one of the top sectors employing women and attracting women back into workforce," Dutta adds.

Speak to inspire is an initiative by *Dr Shamoly Khera* for priming people to be confident speakers

Many people follow their passion, and few are successfully able to turn their passion into a thriving profession, especially one that is still growing in a country like India. Dr Shamoly Khera is a Public Speaking Coach — a profession that is still finding its footing in the desi world. While she is also an Author, a TV Presenter, a producer, she considers coaching as one of the most satisfying experiences. "One of the biggest challenges that I faced when I

first started promoting my speaking workshops was when people would call and ask 'So you teach English right?' I think a big part of starting this coaching practice was to first

create awareness of what a speaking coach does and help interested individuals align their goals accordingly," she says. Speak To Inspire is Dr Khera's coaching academy that has trained thousands of participants to be confident speakers — both adults and teens. An initiative that she started in Dubai has now become international with active participants from Asia as well as the

"The pandemic accelerated the reach of the courses, as well as widened my perspective of delivering sessions online. I am very oldschool when it comes to workshops and doing physical sessions always gives me a deeper sense of connection with my participants and understanding their issues better. With the pandemic, I was successfully able to adapt and design the courses in a manner that emulated the physical experience into a virtual one and still connect at the same level of depth," says Dr Khera.



We don't trust anyone who does anything nice. world we live in Sandra Bullock



Moving to the Delhi Durbar is an easy option for NITISH KUMAR, but protecting the future of his party and his own legacy remain tough tasks for the JD(U) supremo as he stands at the crossroad of an eventful political journey, writes NAVIN UPADHYAY

ven in moments when he is uninhibited in sharing his political strategy or aspirations, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar would not give even a glimpse of what exactly went on in his mind. An inscrutable personality, the Janata Dal (U) leader is known for keeping his cards close to his chest. When last week he sprang a surprise by walking up to the former CM Rabri Devi's residence to attend an Iftar party hosted by the RJD, the political circle was agog with the possibility of him joining hands with Lalu Prasad's family once again, but next day Nitish drove to the airport to received home minister Amit Shah and his party set rest to any chance of the birth of new equation in the state. The RJD has also rejected any such possibility and asked Nitish to merge his party with the Lalu Prasad outfit to strengthen the hands of secular forces against the BJP. RJD leaders have made it clear that this time if Nitish wanted to come out of NDA, this time he will have to accept Tejashwai Yadav as the chief min-

Even if Nitish laughs off any such possibility or the ever-growing speculation about him relinquishing the chair of the Chief Minister for an assignment in Delhi (be it Vice-President or a Central minister), the denial has few takers.

Janata Dal (U) national president Lallan Singh and parliamentary party leader Upendra Kushwaha have more than once tried to put a lid on such speculations by claiming that Nitish would continue as CM as long as NDA existed in Bihar. "Nitish Kumar's leadership is the first condition for the existence of NDA in Bihar," said

Nitish Kumar himself has denied news that he is planning to move to Delhi via the Rajya Sabha route. But there are unmistakable signs that the Nitish is preparing fo9r some major change.

To begin with, Kumar has shifted from the official residence of the Chief Minister at 1, Anne Marg to 7 Circular Road ostensibly to make way for the renovation of the former.

Secondly, Nitish travelled the length and breadth of Nalanda for weeks, thanking people for allowing him to serve them. The "thanksgiving" resonated more like "goodbye" in the present political climate of Bihar, where the entire political and administrative discourse revolves around Nitish's next game plan.

The BJP obviously could not dare to dislodge Nitish Kumar even if his party has fewer seats in the assembly and he survives as Chief Minister due to the benevolence of the saffron outfit. If Nitish needs BJP, the BJP too is equally dependent on the JD(U) to take on RJD in Bihar.

Bihar BJP has become rudderless after leaders like Sushil Kumar Modi were taken out of the decision-making process in state politics.. The result of the much-touted Bochahan assembly bypoll, in which the BJP suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of the RJD thanks to a revolt by Bhumihar voters, shows the ineptness of the state leadership. After all, Bhumihar once formed the biggest support base of the BJP in the state. At the same time, the ouster of Mukesh Sahni from the Nitish cabinet at the insistence of the BJP has alienated the mallah community which constitutes nearly 4-5 percent of votes in Bihar. This was another major miscalculation on the part of

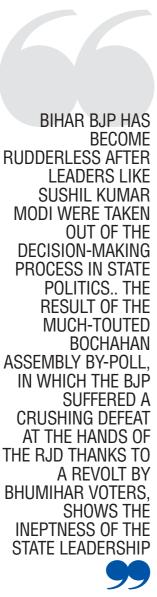
The state unit's decision to deny a ticket to a powerful Bhumihar leader like Sachitananand Rai brought to open the simmering discontent among the Bhumihars against the BJP. Rai won the MLC polls as an independent candidate and has vowed to teach a lesson to those who humiliated him. Bhumihars may be a numerically inconsequential caste, but they are politically and economically very powerful and can impact the outcome of the Lok Sabha on their own on at least 7-8 seats

To add to BJP discomfiture, Chirag Paswan is also inching closer to the RJD. Chirag is upset over the way the Central machinery threw away the belongings of his late father Ramvias Paswan on the road in the process of vacating the 12 Janpath residence in Delhi, occupied by Paswans for close to three decades.

Suddenly, the chink in the armor of the saffron army stands fully exposed. Under the given situation, the BJP cannot ill afford to take on

Nitish Kumar or the RJD. Then why would Nitish Kumar himself

RUDDERLESS AFTER LEADERS LIKE SUSHIL KUMAR MODI WERE TAKEN OUT OF THE **DECISION-MAKING** PROCESS IN STATE POLITICS.. THE RESULT OF THE **MUCH-TOUTED BOCHAHAN** ASSEMBLY BY-POLL, IN WHICH THE BJP SUFFERED A **CRUSHING DEFEAT** AT THE HANDS OF THE RJD THANKS TO A REVOLT BY BHUMIHAR VOTERS, SHOWS THE







efforts to bring Kumar to the opposition camp are likely to subside. Even otherwise, Nitish is

not known to take such risks in his politics. If there is a change of guard in Bihar, -then the BJP will have a tough task in picking up Nitish Kumar's successor. With Sushil Modi literally out of the race—though undoubtedly best suited for the job—the party may go for someone like Union minister of state for home Nityanand Rai. The fact that Rai is a Yadav is being put forward as his strong point since that could help him in making a dent in the RJD's core vote bank. But how would the extremely backward caste and vaishyas react to a Yadav leadership is a million-dollar question. All these years, both the BJP and JD (U) ruled Bihar by projecting Lalu Yadav and his clans as "corrupt' and "criminals". The narrative was exploited in successive polls to polarise the Non-Yadav OBCs and Upper castes voters. Will the BJP voters readily agree to such a sudden shift in the discourse?

Īn the caste-based politics of Bihar where the RJD is a resurgent force, snatching the Chief Minister's chair from Nitish Kumar is the least of the challenge for the BJP. Similarly, for Nitish Kumar, moving to the Delhi Durbar is an easy option, but protecting the future of his party and his own legacy remain the most formidable task for the JD (U) supremo as he stands at the crossroad of an eventful political journey.

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BRAVE THE HEAT WITH EASF

Anyone can suffer from a heat-related illness if they over-exert themselves or do not take precautionary measures to avoid the risk of heat-related ailments. The PIONEER HEALTH compiles suggestions from doctors to how to stay healthy in the blistering heat wave.

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With various parts of India reporting abnormally high temperatures-- more than the normal maximum temperature that occurs during the summer season in the North-Western parts of India--heat waves seem to have become a way of life these days. But much like other natural disasters, heat waves can be life threatening. It can trigger many health troubles from heart attacks to high-grade fever.

Young kids, those who are sick, the elderly, people who are overweight or those who do not have access to air conditioning, and those who work outside, are most vulnerable to heat-related illness-

If you must be outside during a heatwave, it is important to fol-low certain Dos and Don'ts as suggested by the NDMA website.

- Drink plenty of water, even if you aren't thirsty. Avoid sugary or alcoholic beverages, as they will cause you to lose more fluids. You should also avoid liquids that are really cold. However, ice-cold water might cause stomach pains.
- Eat fresh foods that do not require you to use the oven or stove to prepare.
- Remember to maintain an adequate level of hydration, which means you'll need to consume more water than you usually do when it's hot. If you're sweating profusely, you will also need to replace electrolytes by eating a small amount of food with your water or by drinking specially-formulated electrolyte replacement drinks. Thirst is the first sign of dehydration; you should drink sufficient amounts of fluids before you feel thirsty in order to prevent dehydration.

However, a word of caution: It is not safe to drink water mindlessare certain health condi tions that can worsen if one consumes an excessive quantity of liquids. So do not ignore the doctor's instructions. Sometimes doctors prescribe water pills for certain

- Avoid alcoholic beverages and caffeine, as both of these substances can act as diuretics and promote dehydration.
- Try to visit public buildings with air conditioning during the hottest hours of the day if the heat becomes unbearable. Libraries, shopping malls, and movie theaters can all be good places to cool down.
- Don't eat large, protein-rich meals that can increase metabolic heat and warm the body. Eat lighter meals: Avoid hot meals and also a calorie over-





EMERGENCY KIT

- Water bottle
- Hat or Cap / Head Cover
- Hand Towel
- Electrolyte / Glucose / Oral Rehydration

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A Heat Wave is a period of abnormally high temperatures, more than the normal maximum temperature that occurs during the summer season in the North-Western parts

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has given the following criteria for Heat Waves: *Heat Wave need not be considered till maximum temperature of a station reaches atleast 40°C for Plains and atleast 30°C for Hilly regions

- When normal maximum temperature of a station is less than or equal to 40°C Heat Wave Departure from normal is 5°C to 6°C Severe Heat Wave Departure from normal is 7°C or more
- When normal maximum temperature of a station is more than 40°C Heat Wave Departure from normal is 4°C to 5°C Severe Heat mal is 6°C or more
- When actual maximum

temperature remains 45°C or more irrespective of normal maximum temperature, heat waves should be declared. Higher daily peak temperatures and longer, more intense heat waves are becomingly increasingly frequent globally due to climate change.

If you think someone is suffering from the heat:

- Move the person to a cool place under the shade
- Give water or a rehydrating drink (if the person is still conscious)
- Fan the person
- Consult a doctor if symptoms get worse or are long lasting or the person is unconscious
 - Do not give alcohol, caffeine
- or aerated drink Cool the person by putting a cool wet cloth on his/her
- Loosen clothes for better ventilation

Be able to recognize the symptoms of heat-related illnesses and true heat emergencies. The signs and symptoms are:

- Heat Cramps: Ederna (swelling) and Syncope (Fainting) generally accompanied by fever below 39°C i.e.102°F.
- Heat Exhaustion: Fatigue, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea, vomiting, muscle cramps and sweating.
- Heat Stoke: Body temperatures of 40°C i.e. 104°F or more along with delirium, seizures or coma. This is a potential fatal condition

Gigantomastia: When Breasts Become A Burden



igantomastia? Ever heard that? Well, ask Dubaibased 60-year-old Rehana (name changed) who had been living a nightmare for the past three decades with the rare disorder where breasts grow excessively humongous due to excessive harmone level.

However, today she's a happy lot. She recently successfully got rid of the condition after a team of doctors led by Dr Rajeev B. Ahuja, Senior Consultant, Department of Plastic and Cosmetic Surgery at Sir Gangaram Hospital conducted breast-reduction surgery on her. "But in Rehana's case, the

Normally, breasts stop growing around your teenage years, however some women grow up until their mid twenties. But then there are conditions that cause growth all their life, like macromastia or gigantomastia, says Dr Ahuja.

breasts were reaching two inches below the navel. Most of the time, the disorder occurs spontaneously or due to overly sensitive breast tissues to the hormones. At times, after pregnancy breasts don't revert back to the normal size. Patients feel as if they are carrying a huge weight over their chest. Surgery was challenging and lasted for five and half hours." "We removed 1.3kg of breast

tissue on the left side and 1.4kg of tissue on the right side on each side," the doctor said. Rehana was discharged three days after the surgery. It was successful and the post-surgery period was smooth.

She shares her agony-filled journey due to gigantomastia. "Doing basic tasks such as buyamong other activities became a huge task. Fed up with the everyday struggles, I decided to visit India for the treatment."

Large breasts can be painful—physically and mentally. Doctors say, large breasts can cause many health problems such as spinal cord damage, back pains, shoulder pains, bra scars or marks, skin irritation or rashes, breathing problems, numbness, fatigue, headaches or migraines. For many women battling with large breasts, breast reduction surgery will be needed to avoid any permanent physical disability, improved livelihoods and greater psychosocial comfort.

Women having the condition usually suffer breast pain, back pain, issues with posture if not treated in time it can make daily

TYPES OF GIGANTOMASTIA

- Gestational or pregnancyinduced gigantomastia occurs during pregnancy. This subtype is thought to be triggered by pregnancy hormones, usually during the first trimester. It occurs in just 1 out of every 100,000 pregnancies.
- Puberty-induced or juvenile gigantomastia occurs during adolescence (between the ages of 11 and 19), likely because of sex hormones.
- Medication- or druginduced gigantomastia occurs after taking certain medications. Most commonly, it's caused by a drug known as D-penicillamine, which is used to treat rheumatoid arthritis, Wilson's disease, and cystinuria.
- Idiopathic gigantomastia occurs spontaneously, with no obvious cause. This is the most common type of gigantomastia.

Source: Healthline

chores difficult. Ruth Makena Mugaa, who too had the breast reduction surgery has set up Gigantomastia Foundation to help such patients. It has overseen more than 200 surgeries since launching five years ago. Lack of awareness about the condition remains a major challenge,

In 2019, Dr. Ajaya Kashyap, Medical Director, KAS Medical Centre and MedSpa too had handled similar case wherein a total of 11 kg from both the breasts was removed.

"Disproportionately large logical problems like severe back and shoulder pain, improper posture and restricted physical activity. In the long run, this may also lead to the hunchback, which causes further health issues. In such cases, breast reduction is usually the best treatment option," he had

While kyphosis itself is a painful and physically limiting condition, its progression could further lead to shortness of breath due to lung compression. Moreover, if the nerves running through the spine become compressed or pinched due to bending of the spine, the nerve signals could get disrupted and cause numbness or weakness in the limbs, problems with the sense of balance, say doctors.

Stress During Pregnancy May Impact Toddler's Cognitive Growth: Study

Women's elevated anxiety, depression and stress during pregnancy altered key features of the fetal brain, which subsequently decreased their offspring's cognitive development at 18 months. These changes also increased internalizing and dysregulation behaviors, according to a new study by Children's National Hospital published in JAMA Network Open. Researchers followed a cohort of 97 pregnant women and their babies. The findings further suggest that persistent psychological distress after the baby is born may influence the parent-child interaction and infant self-regulation.

This is the first study to shed light on an important link between altered in-utero fetal brain development and the long-term cognitive development consequences for fetuses exposed to high levels of toxic stress during pregnancy. While in the womb, the researchers observed changes in the sulcal depth and left hippocampal volume, which could explain the neurodevelopment issues seen after birth. Once they grow into toddlers, these children may experience persistent social-emotional problems and have difficulty establishing positive relationships with others, including their mothers. To further confirm this, future studies with a larger sample size that reflect more regions and populations are needed.

ealth experts and activists point out that one of the techniques of surrogate advertising is the display of hoardings and billboards with the pictures of mouth fresheners, 'elaichi' and paan masala at prominent places in the cities or by roping in celebrities to endorse the harmful product. Such type of indirect advertising is a ploy to deceive the law enforcement authorities, they

Prof. Dr Uma Kumar, Head of Rheumatology Department at AIIMS, New Delhi says, "Such manipulative and misleading surrogate advertisements of tobacco products and liquor are rampant and pose a serious threat to public health. Such advertisements have increased as the government has banned direct advertising of such products. This industry is very resourceful and they have a lot of marketing budget which they want to use to take new customers along.

"But we also have celebrities like legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar who never accepted such endorsements despite lucrative offers, even when these were not banned. But on the other hand, many celebrities are doing such advertisements openly despite knowing its harmful effects on society.

In India, the government has taken several steps to restrict the marketing and advertising of tobacco. There is a

Nothing Surrogate About It

Heat Impacts: Vulnerable Populations

tobacco control law like COTPA. But even after two decades of enforcement of this law, the loopholes that have come up also need to be rectified at the earliest. If civil society and health experts continue to raise such issues, then the government will take such

stringent steps, Dr Kumar adds. The answer lies in making the surrogate advertising illegal, suggest some activists while calling for amendment of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003.

The ad will continue. The damage that the ad will do in terms of influencing common people, the celebrity's fans and followers, is done. The business of selling tobacco, gutkha and pan masala and cancercausing substances will flourish. So how does this apology help? Will people see the apology or the ad?" comments Bhavna Mukhopadhyay, Chief Executive Officer of Voluntary Health Association of India (VAHI) reacting to Akshay Kumar's apology after



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-PROF DR UMA KUMAR, AIIMS, DELHI

Even as Bollywood star Akshay Kumar tendered apology for his appearance in a surrogate advertisement that endorsed tobacco appearing in such an advertisement.

products, doctors and activists are not quite happy with this as they feel that it's high time the loopholes in the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003 is plugged at the earliest to check the misuse of the Act. THE PIONEER HEALTH reports chronic diseases, including cancer,

'Celebrities need to be sensitive towards their fans and should remember that they have a moral responsibility towards them. They should not be endorsing these products in the first place. Surely, this money can be used for tobacco control work, but the damage has already been done," says Monika Arora, Director, Health Promotion Division, Public Health Foundation of India.

Arora further says that the law is very clear about not allowing any brand extensions, stretching, sponsor-

ships or surrogate advertising.
"But gutkha companies have the same brand for cardamom and gutkha, as in this case. A young child will not be able to differentiate between these two products when s/he goes to buy such a product. This misleading and deliberate strategy is meant for playing with the young minds," Arora explains.

They know better. Use of tobacco is a major risk factor for many lung disease, cardiovascular disease and stroke. It is one of the major causes of death and disease in India; and accounts for nearly 1.35 million deaths every year, as per the WHO.

Arjuna award-winning wrestler Sangram Singh minces no words as he says that celebrities should be extra cautious of what they do publicly as a large number of youth and kids keenly follow them. "Everybody knows that tobacco and alcohol are silent killers like a slow poison and it does not behove well on the part of the celebrities whether from the film or sports world to endorse such health hazardous products. "Will they allow their kids to consume such products?" questions Sangram Singh. He is also of the view that the Government should keep a tab on their activities to ensure that the prestigious awards given to such socalled celebrities are justified. A point to be noted as such awards comes with huge responsibility.

Strategic adaptability shapes outcome of modern wars

Even as a bizarre sense of global ineptitude has run into Russian President Vladimir Putin's obstinacy in the ongoing attack on Ukraine, there is a settling fear that the war will continue longer than initially expected. If the Ukrainian crisis has taught the world anything, it is that any definitive pre-assessment of modern wars could be misleading, even when the two sides are asymmetrically distinctive in their supposed capabilities. Clearly, this has been on display in the Russia-Ukraine war on both sides. Whether it was the exaggerated nature of Ukrainian expectations from the West coming to its assistance against Russia, or the Russian expectation that Ukrainian defence might crumble in the face of the sheer weight of the Russian defence paraphernalia, both have depicted that modern wars require a great degree of adaptability in strategic planning, force deployment, modes of warfare, use of intelligence and above all the information war.

In modern wars, the unpredictability factor looms large. Small nations could inflict tremendous costs on relatively larger powers, which could in turn change the course of the war very quickly - often through the use of capabilities enhancing asymmetric power like drones, artificial intelligence, cyber attacks, space capabilities, use of social media and ability to put out information. All this requires a great degree of adaptability even as the war is going on, often reflecting poorly on the larger player in the conflict.

However, if nations can show strategic adaptations quickly — losing the battles to win the war — the outcome may be very different than popularly expected. This is true from both ends of the Russia-Ukraine war. As the current trends in the Russia-Ukraine war shows, Russia may well be adapting to the changing demands of the war. Both, the resolute nature of Ukrainian defence and Russian recalibrations during the war may have been underappreciated. There is a need to close-



Firefighters try to put out a fire following an explosion in Kyiv, Ukraine on Thursday

form the intense miasma of the "fog of war".

The fog of war is not just an expression but a reality when any war breaks out. It is almost impossible to get a clear picture of what the tactics from either side are, the scale of losses in both human and material terms, and perhaps most importantly the question of which side having an upper hand in a conflict at any given point remains contested. As such, multiple and contrary narratives remains central to the fog of war. In conflicts where perceptions of power equations of states involved are asymmetrically in the favour of one, the fog of war can add as an advantage for the weaker

Generally, the fog of the war is more intense when rel-

ly examine both, weaning them ative asymmetry in power equations between warring parties is high. Just as deterrence could be central to shaping the conflict-behaviour of states, creating favourable or winnable perceptions under the overarching umbrella of the fog of war is essential to modern warfare. Increasingly, states' acquisition of asymmetric capabilities and technologies, including by China, North Korea, Taiwan and others, depicts its importance in modern warfare. These assessments will likely put in perspective many of the developments visà-vis the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.

> One of the important trends coming out of Russian recalibrations changing in the first two weeks of the war is that Russia started feeling the heat of the war in terms of the

fact that the scale of losses, both material and human, was much above the earlier estimate. This also fuelled suspicion that Russian advances would crumble in the face of Ukrainian defences. However, Russia seems to have stabilised its currency after an initial slide, its Central Bank chief sounds very positive, Russian oil and other energy forms continue to be imported by the world, including the US and Europe.

Russia's recent announcement that its military campaign in Ukraine will focus in the east of Ukraine, primarily the Donbas region, may have signalled a strategic reassessment and adaptation to the changing realities on ground. While this has been widely perceived as an outcome of a failed Russian strategy to capture Kyiv, there might be some credibility in

Russia's claim of never intending to take Kyiv. Russia's announcement of the completion of the "first phase" of its war in Ukraine shows that it could well have been a combination of "pounding the west and controlling the east" strategy. More importantly, it shows Russia's intention to adapt to the vagaries of the war - a difficult thing for very large armies and ones that continue to rely majorly on infantry tactics. Topping this strategy is Russia's intention to cut off Ukraine's large maritime access to the Sea of Azov and the Black Sea. With the recent control of Mariupol in south Ukraine and its continued attacks on Odessa, Russia might well be on the path to controlling a strategic-contin-

uum in the east and south. The ongoing war and its

final outcome have often been played in the minds of strategic analysts and pundits who have assessed it differently. While most assessments have predicted Russia's economic and military ability to carry on its operations inside a country of the size of Ukraine as unsustainable, others have gone as far as predicting the end of Putin's regime, including a Kremlin coup. All such assessments remain engulfed by the fog of war and its repercussions.

Despite some resentment, Putin's ratings have soared back home, defying western predictions and expectation of a coup. The support of Putin's oligarchical circle continues in many ways, despite the western sanctions impacting the fortunes of many of the oligarchs severely. To address the strategic deficit brought on Russia

with heavy losses in Ukraine, many domestic steps have been taken by the Russian central bank, its military and the political establishment.

Has Russia stabilised strategically and economically to the extent that it is able to carry out its operations inside Ukraine for some more time? In the face of increasing losses by the Russian side they were increasing a lot of reports and assessments regarding how Russian aggression in Ukraine was about to collapse given the scale of its losses and the sustainability of the operations in Ukraine. However, direct answers to a lot of questions apropos the Russia-Ukraine war remain shrouded in the fog of war. For instance, questions regarding the death of a Ukrainian negotiator, sinking of Russian warship Moskva in the Baltic Sea, capture of Britons from Azovstal, the seeming resilience of the Russian economy especially with stabilising rouble after initial tanking, fate of the PoWs captured from both sides etc, leave more questions than

There is a great degree of focus on Ukrainian defence but little on Russian recalibrations during the war. Both need to be studied carefully to assess the outcome of the ongoing conflict. Russia's strategic adaptability has ensured that the war will continue for longer than expected. Such adaptations form an important part of great power necessities to prevent a loss of face. Although, loss of face can be a better long term and sustainable choice sometimes for great powers as has been shown by the US withdrawal from Afghanistan.

With Russia having announced a definite date to wrap up its operations and the beginning of a new phase of its war in Ukraine, the war is likely to continue for some time before ending. The fog of war may descend only when a diplomatic ceasefire brings war-kinetics to halt in eastern

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Khashoggi forgotten: Turkey, Saudi bury the hatchet

The killing of columnist hold elections next year. ■ Jamal Khashoggi by Saudi agents in Istanbul sent an already tense and shaky relationship between Turkey and Saudi Arabia into complete free fall. Fast-forward three and half years later and it appears Turkey and Saudi Arabia are attempting to build a bridge and move on.

In his first trip to Saudi Arabia in five years, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan embraced Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS) and sipped traditional Arabic coffee with King Salman before a state dinner and direct talks that ran into the early hours of Friday.

Here's a look at what's underpinning rapprochement between the two Sunni Muslim powerhouses:

Turkey's diplomatic pivot

Turkey's diplomatic drive coincides with the country's worst economic crisis in two decades. Having wealthy Gulf Arab states as allies can help draw investments. Turkey has also taken steps to improve relations with Egypt and Israel.

After mending ties with the United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi announced a \$10 billion fund to support investments in Turkey and made other moves to support the economy. Official inflation stands at a staggering 61 per cent while the lira tumbled 44 per cent in value against the dollar last year. These figures do not bode well for Erdogan, whose grip on power could be threatened by the country's economic woes. Turkey is scheduled to

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia is enjoying a bumper economic year with its foreign reserves expected to climb. Higher energy prices are forecast to rake in more than \$400 billion of revenue this year for the kingdom. In other words, Saudi Arabia has capital to invest in Turkey.

Saudi interests

Saudi Arabia's change of heart comes as the kingdom seeks to broaden its alliances at a time when relations between Riyadh and Washington are strained. The crown prince has yet to hold a direct call with US President Joe Biden since he took office over a year ago. A number of lawmakers from Biden's Democratic party have openly called on him to get even tougher with Saudi Arabia, calling the kingdom a bad strategic partner as it sticks to an OPEC-led pact with Russia that critics say has worsened an oil supply crunch amid the war in Ukraine.

The timing for reconciliation also makes more sense now. Saudi Arabia ended a years-long embargo on Qatar over its support for the Muslim Brotherhood and Islamist opposition groups. Although relations have been restored between Saudi Arabia and Qatar, they had yet to be fixed with Qatar's steadfast ally Turkey- until now. Possibly, the strongest impetus for reconciliation is that the crown prince wants to put a definitive end to the scandal of Khashoggi's killing that has loomed over him and cast a

pall on his reputation.



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman speak before a meeting in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, on Thursday AP

name Western investors and politicians stayed away from Riyadh in the aftermath of the killing, though some have since returned to do business again in the kingdom. Khashoggi

had been writing columns in The Washington Post hailing the crown prince's social reforms while expressing concern over far-reaching arrests perceived The billionaire owner of the

commissioned an investigation that concluded his phone was hacked after receiving a message from the crown prince, though many questions remain unanswered.

Post, Jeff Bezos, subsequently

Clean chit to MBS?

Turkish authorities fanned the global outrage and suspicion directed at Prince Mohammed. Turkey shared audio of the gruesome slaying with Western intelligence agencies, a signal the Saudi consulate where he was killed had been bugged.

US intelligence subsequently concluded the operation could not have happened without the prince's go-ahead. Prince Mohammed has denied any involvement.

While never naming Prince Mohammed, Erdogan said the operation that killed Khashoggi was ordered by the "highest levels" of the Saudi government. Khashoggi had entered the consulate in October 2018 by appointment to obtain papers to allow him to wed his Turkish fiancée, who waited for him outside. He never emerged and his body was never found.

Turkey had a case open against 26 Saudi suspects in absentia, but three weeks to the day before Erdogan was set to land in Saudi Arabia, the Turkish prosecutor pulled the plug on the case by transferring it to the kingdom, which had already held its own widelycriticised trial. No officials overseeing the operation were ever convicted.

Cost of enmity

Saudi Arabia launched an unofficial embargo on Turkish exports, dramatically curbing around \$5 billion in bilateral trade. The kingdom also temporarily barred wildly popular Turkish soap operas that were dubbed into Arabic from airing on affiliated satellite television stations. Those soap operas had helped boost Turkey's cultural clout across the Mideast and drew tourism and investment to Turkey from

Before Khashoggi's slaying, Saudi investments had reached around \$2 billion and Turkey's investments in Saudi Arabia were valued at around \$660 million. More than 200 Turkish companies were operating in the country, according to Turkey's foreign ministry. A year before the killing, Saudi citizens had bought up more than 3,500 properties in

Broader implications

Following years of upheaval across the region, the Muslim Brotherhood group has largely been crushed by authoritarian Saudi Arabia and the UAE are once again most concerned with Iran, which has been inching toward a nuclear deal with the US that could lift key sanctions.

Turkey and Iran, while not rivals, have competed for power in Syria and Iraq, though they maintain economic relations and share a border. Having Turkey closely aligned with Gulf Arab states could add pressure on Iran.

A detente could also diffuse tensions in Libya, where proxy battles have played out between the UAE and Turkey. It could further usher in a more pragmatic foreign policy approach by Gulf Arab states and help ease the diplomatic isolation Turkey has faced from some Western nations.

Still, mistrust is almost certain to feature below the surface between Prince Mohammed and Erdogan.

Courtesy AP























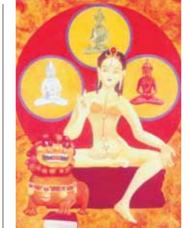




ARIES March 21-April 19

You are working hard day and night to meet the challenges of life. Slow down the speed and look after your health too which is prime of importance currently. Your enormous efforts give you what you want in life. Overall, your vitality is strong now and you should have quite a lot of get up and go. This is an excellent time to begin or increase a fitness plan. At work, you are bold and courageous in your undertakings and actions. Your creative energies are high, and you have a good sense of your life direction. You may head a meeting, conference, or just lead a project which requires group activities and oversee it with command. Things are not so good on the love front. You may face disappointments and depression.

Lucky number 13 Lucky colour Yellow Lucky day Thursday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

You are mentally strong this week. Your openmindedness and straightforwardness are going to help you to grow if you add generosity and a pinch of kindness to your attitude. Showing your authority is important now but gentleness is important as well. On the professional front, you are giving more in terms of your time and energy to the organization you are working in than your usual routine. A powerful person is likely to support you. Overall, your career front is looking up. On the personal front, you may be a little detached. This week romance and close personal relationships are not likely to shine bright for you. Listen to what your inner voice tells you. This is a temporary phase you will be on the right track soon.

Lucky number 12 Lucky colour Maroon Lucky day Wednesday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week you will feel renewed energy and charm in your life. The care and attention you have been providing to your body will leave you in high spirits. You will experience a cheerful and happy state of mind. It is also time to rely on divine faith. New direction and protection make you trust now that the divine spirit is working in your best interest. Professionally, you feel a new spark, a new sense of creativity within yourself. You are more confident and aggressive in your approach and decision making now. Recognition, praise from friends and authorities, and promotion are likely to take place. On the personal front, limited conditions from the past might have made you detached from the world. You feel cheated and deceived in a relationship.

Lucky number 11 Lucky colour Silver Lucky day Monday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week you grow even stronger and ready to face any obstacle in your life. Even when facing serious health challenges, a positive attitude can work wonders. Your firm stand and taking all care about health will be in your favour. On the professional front, the good news is on the card. Your connections with people will increase. You are an expert at fitting things together in new or unusual ways and that makes the work a lot smoother. If you are looking for a job, you are about to find the right fit. You are very balanced and organized workwise. On the relationship front, cooperation and harmony will be your major concern this week. Be a good listener, trust your instincts, and connect with your innermost desires.

Lucky number 20 Lucky colour White Lucky day Friday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week you are disciplined and know the needs of your body, mind, and spirit. You have a clear vision of your inner sense of values. Your concentration during this time is commendable. You should use your positive energy in creative works, as an inner sense of satisfaction will give you more confidence. On the career front, other people may not understand or support your new ideas or proposals, but if you know that you are right, go ahead, and try to make them understand what your point of view is. On the personal front, love relation is under question. It is important to give your partner time & space. You need to share your feelings with the one you trust and find out a possible solution.

Lucky number 21 Lucky colour Pink Lucky day Wednesday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week you feel fresh, rejuvenated, and inspired to move ahead. The health remains good, and you are in the process of making it even better. A good diet, nutrition, exercise, and living life natural are into your resolution. Spiritually and emotionally, you feel fulfilled. Your enthusiasm and charm are even more increasing making envy of others. On the career front, you find the situations are not favourable at the workplace and make up your mind for a change. You may be holding yourself back because you fear moving into the future. Seek new opportunities, for a better future. On the personal front, you should be flexible and go with the flow right now. Stick to your principles at the same time honour others' intelligence as well.

Lucky number 19 Lucky colour Purple **Lucky day** Tuesday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

Your health will require your attention as you are prone to illness. A family member's health needs your attention too, do not neglect it. You need to let go of past wounds to move forward. Help your loved ones to see the truth. Learn to express yourself; do not suppress your feelings and requirements. This is a good week career-wise. The businessperson will see financial stability and gains in financial ventures. People will respect you more and your popularity will increase. Your social status shall enhance. For those who are in a job, favour from the boss is likely, your works and endeavours are taken into consideration and appreciated. This period may see you restless in your relationship area. You must make sincere efforts to make your partner happy.

Lucky number 15 Lucky colour Grev Lucky day Tuesday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Some negative forces are at play, and you must fight them this week. Seasonal ailments might make you inactive and dull. Proper diet, exercise and rest are the mantras of a healthy life. If you compromise with these basics for a longer time you tend to face the repercussion of it. The working environment is not favourable and makes you frustrated at times. Do not waste your time and precious energy plotting revenge. Just get on with the next phase of your life. If you are looking for work, a potential position that you had pinned your hopes on may not come through. On the relationship front, this week you can be the master and a mentor in your relations. You are attracted to highly creative people.

Lucky number 25 Lucky colour Brown **Lucky day** Sunday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

You need to be cautious concerning your health. You are likely to be under stress from a combination of factors, so it is particularly important to be gentle with yourself. If you are angry, allow yourself to express it, and release your anxiety rather than turning your anger and sorrow on yourself. Professionally things are not in your favour. Some false allegations, interference from higher authorities, and interrogations might be faced this week. You may need some assistance to find a better approach to work. If you are looking for work, this too may show a need to look in a different way or a different field than the one you have been pursuing. Love and marital affairs occupy your mind, but you are unable to find a smooth

Lucky number 18 Lucky colour Black Lucky day Saturday



CANCER June 21-July 22

Health is likely to suffer this week. Consider a second diagnosis if you are not sure about the first diagnosis of health. Before making any decisions, get another health professional's opinion. Be open to spiritual healing. Those who are struggling with a serious illness may require some therapy or surgery. On the career front, the businessperson will make a considerable stand. Hold your head up high and know that you have a lot that you are bringing to the table. Financially too you may do better than you had ever dreamed. You need to be trustworthy and dependable otherwise a rise in mental distress and misunderstanding with the family is indicated during this time. You must be extra careful to

Lucky number 28 Lucky colour Sky Blue Lucky day Saturday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week confusion will prevail. There will be many issues in concern to health that might appear this week. There may be some hidden matters to deal with. Issues related to ear or throat may surface too which will make you run to the doctor and consume you most of the time. You need to learn to prioritize things. On the career front, you share a good bonding with your colleagues and the people at work. This is the right time for conferences and negotiations. Your compromising attitude will give you a good opportunity. This is a good week for relationships You will learn a whole lot about how you can take your relationship further. You will be able to make room for new people and new experiences.

Lucky number 10 Lucky colour Mustard Lucky day Tuesday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

Your physical well-being depends on your mental wellbeing. This is a time when you need to be very conscious of your intuitive urges and reactions and bring them into balance with the greater good and hatred but instead to look at the situation from a place of love and compassion. Career-wise, pay more attention to what people around you are doing. Some negative forces are at play at your workplace to put you down. Avoid making important decisions now. You will have delays and over pending problems in all your works. And this will affect your relationships too. Being practical and bringing balance in life that is mandatory currently.

Lucky number 30 Lucky colour Peach Lucky day Saturday

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self, those around and the environment. The world happens to be a unified organism where no existence has a reality independent of the whole. It is framed into an interdependent set up where all and sundry have to complement and supplement the efforts of each other to carry on the cycle of life. So, any aberration at one end of the world has to have a far reaching consequences as it happened during the ongoing pandemic. It erupted at some place in China but within no time it overtook the whole world. People are now paying heavy price on account of disruption of world supply chain because of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war. We share common pool of resources provided by nature - Air, Water, Solar light and heat, as well as Space. We have to adjust ourselves to the callings of varying weather cycles, which is also vital to food grains production. It, thus, becomes our compulsive need to preserve all the resources vital to weather cycle such as rain forests. Also, we need to be conscious about not to pollute water or air, which we have been rampantly doing for decades. Otherwise, our survival will

ll about life is how we relate to the become questionable, not to say anything on the quality of life. Fact remains that we are not capable of servicing even existential needs in one's own right. Our provisions are made available by different sectors and regions. We, therefore, essentially need to relate well to the societal framework.

We, thus, have a shared destiny where human factor counts the most. For, they alone enjoy the exclusive privilege to guide their actions by choice and discrimination. But whenever there is choice in hand, it carries equal probability of use and misuse. No other specie enjoys this prerogative. They are bound by their predetermined nature, with no scope to make any exception, and therefore, incapable of making any dent to the nature's flow. It is only humans, who are accountable for all unseemly activities, be it at unitary level or society at large.

Human factor, thus, deserves special attention. All the more because every human being is born unique, each carrying varying desire and mind trends, often in conflict with others, coming as it may as Karmic carryover from the past. The world, thus, becomes a natural breeding ground for conflict of interests

Work upon human factor for smooth sail of life



and perceptions. Amidst all this, we have to work out ways and means to live in togetherness, which calls for a lesson in the art of living. In this scheme of things, first, we need to watch how we relate to the self. What does this mean? Look within our minds. For, all that happens out in open is guided by our mind - our virtues and attributes; habit tendencies; desire trends. When you turn your attention inward, first, you will be confronted with random thoughts playing within, most of them inconsequential and even negative, which makes your mind restive. That doesn't leave scope to process your thoughts objectively. Following a process suggested by learned masters, when the clutters of mind are cleared off, you strike the next layer. You may then be able to see thought patterns that have preconditioned your mind one way or the other - both positive and negative - that influence your day to day conduct. Through fresh educative inputs, when you address the negatives, the positives will begin playing out unhindered to your advantage. Further down the line, you will have access to the whole landscape of mind, when

immense power within, dormant thus far, will emerge, which will know no limits. Life may then not only turn into a beautiful experience individually, but you may also lay down the ground for peaceful coexistence. So, how well you relate to the self will define the quality of life we become due for.

The other day someone came complaining about the unseemly conduct of his married partner. I found that his mind signifying Moon was posited in Gemini sign, tenanted in the nakshatra owned by Mars, which in turn crossed path with its planet of nemesis Saturn. It implies that he would wish to live on his own exclusive terms, not able to digest any contrarian view, when he may go wild. On top of that he was eccentric, as the Sun was placed adverse to Uranus. I suggested that if he keeps pushing his partner to the wall, he has to meet resistance. So, he should first address own inherent infirmities before expecting from others to behave

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