

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

At Quad, PM calls for robust ties for eco prosperity, peace in region PNS/AGENCIES NEW DELHI/TOKYO

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

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

These observations came against the backdrop of China adopting an aggressive stance in the region and repeatedly criticising the Quad combine. India, the US, Japan and Australia are part of the Quad.

Ahead of the Quad Summit, Foreign Minister of China Wang Yi on Sunday

said the Indo-Pacific strategy of the US is "bound to fail" as it is vigorously promoted by the US to "contain" Beijing. The "Indo-Pacific strate-gy" is causing more and more concern in the international community, especially in the Asia-Pacific region, Wang Yi said at his joint press confersaid at his joint press confer-ence with Pakistan Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto

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

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

"India is committed to a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific region and believes that deepening economic engagement among partners is crucial for continued growth, peace and prosperity," said Modi. PM woos Japanese inc, lists ease of doing biz

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

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

opportunities here. Underlining India's robust economy, he said despite the slowdown in global Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), India attracted record FDI of ÚSD 84 billion in the previous financial vear

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



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

Mujhe makhan par lakeer India's development jourkarne mein maza nahi aata hai, main patthar par lakeer karta hoon

— PM NARENDRA MODI

ney in the form of a 'Japan Week'. He made this strong pitch

while chairing a roundtable with Japanese business leaders in Tokyo

Nitish bowls another googly on caste census

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

reports said majority of the MLAs and senior JD(U) lead-

Asked to comment on the date of the all-party meeting, Nitish said, "Many parties have agreed to the date. But we must have the consent of all parties for holding the meeting on any particular date? The JD(U) leader, whose ally BJP has of late grown aggressive over the issue, expressed confidence that all has been issued to the MLAs, parties in the state will back the

proposed move before clear-

ance is given by the cabinet.

Incidentally, last time in 2018 when Nitish dumped the

RJD to join hands with the BJP,

he had gone to Rajgir, obviously to consider his political step

away from the hustle and bus-

his party have refused to com-

ment on corruption cases and

CBI raids against Lalu Prasad

and his family members has

become another talking point

in Bihar politics. It was the

same Nitish Kumar who

dumped the RJD in 2018 on

the issue of corruption.

The way Nitish Kumar and

tle of politics.

CAPSULE

YOGA DAY IN PHYSICAL MODE AFTER 2 YEARS New Delhi: After a two-year gap due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the main event of the eighth International Day of Yoga (IDY) celebrations on June 21 will be held in the physical mode at Mysuru in Karnataka.

SCIENTIST WITH IT MIN

Varanasi court order on maintainability of Gyanvapi suit today

PNS VARANASI

Varanasi District Judge Ajay Kumar Vishvesha on Monday reserved his judgment on maintainability of the Shringar Gauri-Gyanvapi wsuit He will the order is the first man from the coron Tuesday. porate and social sector to be Meanwhile, a former seer of Kashi Vishwanath selected for such a gubernato-Temple filed a petition seeking permission to perform puja of the "Shivling" claimed by the Hindu side to Monday issued a notification to this effect. have been found in the wuzu The President of India has accepted the resignation of Shri Anil Baijal as Lt Governor khana of the Gyanvapi mosque. of National Capital Territory of A city lawyer also submitted an application in the court Delhi. "The President of India demanding action against the has been pleased to appoint Samajwadi Party national pres-ident, the AIMIM chief and six Shri Vinai Rumar Saxena to be the Lt Governor of National Capital Territory of Delhi with others District Judge Vishvesha started hearing the Shringar effect from the date he assumes charge of his office," read a Gauri-Gyanvapi lawsuit on communiqué issued by Monday afternoon. Rashtrapati Bhawan.

Man who turned Khadi around is now Delhi LG

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

 $V^{
m inai}$ Kumar Saxena, the Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission, was on Monday appointed the Lieutenant Governor (L-G) of Delhi replacing Anil Baii:





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

BIDEN BACKS JAPAN BID TO JOIN UNSC: KISHIDA

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

rial post. He is the person who made Khadi a global brand. President Ram Nath Kovind on

Vinai Kumar Saxena

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



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DIABETIC

CARE

Temp plunges, flights delayed as rain, gale lash Delhi-NCR

an 80-minute period, the tem-

perature in Delhi fell by 11

Celsius at 5.40 am to 18 degrees

Skymet said that the mini-

mum temperature recorded in

the city was not only the low-

est of the season but also the

lowest in a decade during May.

The lowest all-time minimum

Private weather forecaster

Celsius by 7 am.

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELH

Eight people were injured as trees and houses fell in different parts of the city after gusty winds accompanied by rain lashed the national Capital on Monday morning, bringing the minimum temperature down to 17.2 degrees Celsius from 29 degrees Čelsius - nine degrees below normal. Heavy rain and thunderstorms in Delhi and its adjoining areas led to massive traffic jams and affected flight operations at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGAI).

According to information, around 130 flights were delayed — 90 at the departure terminal and 44 at arrivals — while 20 were diverted to other airports between 6 am and 10 am as wind speeds touching as high as 75 km per hour disrupted operations. Taking note of water-logging and traffic jams, Gurugram police issued an advisory to work from home for Monday.



Celsius, which was observed on The India Meteorological May 2, 1982, it added. Department (IMD) said that in

According to Skymet Weather, mercury in Delhi went down by "10 degrees in one hour" on Monday morndegrees from 29 degrees ing. The temperature dropped from 29 degrees at 5:30 am to 19 degrees at 6:30 am. "Delhi recorded 17.2 degrees minimum temperature on May 23, its lowest during the decade for May. Record for the lowest is 15.2 degrees on May 2 in in May stands at 15.2 degrees 1982.

US will defend militarily if China invades **Taiwan: Biden**

AP TOKYO

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

It was one of the most forceful presidential statements in support of self-governing in decades.

Biden, at a news conference in Tokyo, said "yes" when asked if he was willing to get involved militarily to defend Taiwan if China invaded. "That's the commitment we made," he added.

The US traditionally has avoided making such an explicit security guarantee to Taiwan, with which it no longer has a mutual defence treaty, instead maintaining a policy of "strate-gic ambiguity" about how far it would be willing to go if China invaded

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In Balangir= Hit-and-run mishap a pre-planned murder

Main accused held PIONEER NEWS SERVICE BALANGIR

 $\mathbf{P}_{ ext{olice on Monday arrested}}$ the main accused in the hitand-run incident at RTO Chowk in Balangir town in which a person died and two others were injured.

In the mishap, while a motorbike was badly damaged, it also injured a bullock and

hit a truck coming from the opposite direction and damaged a Toyota Innova car parked on the roadside.

One Sanu Nayak along with Srikant Bag was coming towards the town by a motorcycle when a mini truck driven by one Chitta Mohanty hit their vehicle from the rear, resulting in death of Bag on the spot and injuring two others.

dent Panigrahi.

Moreover, members of

the Balangir Bar Associa-

tion led by its president

Amrish Tripathy also

staged protest before the

Collectorate. condemning

the resolution of the HC Bar

Association and demanded

party district president

Shivaji Mohanty also joined

the dharna and supported

Congress leader Narasingha

Mishra in a tweet said,

"Condemn the HC Bar reso-

lution against establish-

ment of permanent Bench

of high court in western

Odisha. The CMO should

initiate a consultation pro-

cess with the Chief Justice

as per the latest letter by

the Union Minister of Law

immediately."

Balangir MLA and senior

the demand.

BJP members led by

a HC Bench at Balangir.

However on Sunday, CCTV footages went viral revealing that the incident was not a mere accident but done intentionally.

RAJESH BEHERA

KENDRAPADA

Earlier, injured Sanu's father Rabindra had complained to police that Chitta had threatened to kill them over a land dispute.

The Balangir police Chitta from nabbed Theruvali while he was being

In Kendrapada

 ${
m A}$ doctor and a staff mem-

ber are getting salary regularly,

but the hospital they are work-

ing in has been nonexistent

for last two decades. It exists

If locals are to be believed,

then former Chief Minister

Biju Patnaik had set up a

Unani hospital at Fakirabad

under Kendrapada township

during 1990s with an aim to

provide health service to the

minority community. The

Unani is a Perso-Arabic tradi-

tional medicine practiced in

the Muslim culture. A doctor

and a health worker were also

engaged in the Unani hospi-

The Unani hospital func-

tioned for eight years. But as

people preferred to get allo-

tal.

only in pen and paper!

Unani hosp shut for 20

yrs, yet staffs paid salary

set up

shifted to Visakhapatnam for treatment.

After the CCTV evidence surfaced and other factors in the incident came to light, police have registered a case under Section 302 and 120(B) of IPC. Further investigation was on to nab the other culprits in the incident, which is nothing but a preplanned murder, said Balangir SP Nitin Kulaskar.

cality for lack of patients. Sev-

eral business establishments

were later set up at the place,

where the Unani hospital was

While the State Govern-

ment has taken all steps for

the modernisation of a Unani

hospital at Bhadrak but in Biju

Karmabhumi (Kendrapada),

the State Government has

been spending revenue to

provide salary to a doctor

and a para medical staff from

the State exchequers though

the hospital has been closed.

Kendrapada District Head-

quarters Hospital ADMO

he said that an inquiry

contacted.

When

B'garh: Couple dies as car hits bike

site direction hit the motor-

The Barpali police have de-

tained a businessman Rahul

Goel, who was driving the car.

A case has been registered and

the bodies were sent for post-

PNS BARGARH .

cycle. The impact of the colli- ${f A}$ couple was killed in a sion was so severe that Ram road mishap on Monday and wife Sahu were thrown morning near Sarandapali vilaway in different directions. While Ram died on the spot, lage in Bargarh district. Following the incident, police Sahu succumbed to her injudetained the driver of the car. ries on the way to hospital. Ganesh Ram Sahu from

Kesheipali village and his wife Santoshini were on their way towards Parthalla village by a motorcycle. In the meantime, a car coming from the oppo-

In Parlakhemundi 5 parked cars reduced to ashes in blaze

mortem.



PNS PARALAKHEMUNDI

 $\mathbf{A}_{ ext{s}}$ many as five cars were reduced to ashes and one was partially damaged in a fire mishap at the Town Hall premises in Paralakhemundi town on Sunday night.

Sachidananda Mishra stated that the Unani medicine rushed to the spot, but by that comes under the Ayush Detime the damage was done as partment. The Unani health the blaze spread from one car centre does not come under to another. their jurisdiction. However,

This was first such incident in the to The car owners had parked the vehicles near the Town Hall at Market Square for security reasons. Earlier the Town Hall was fenced and had gates not to allow parking of any vehicles. But later the tourists who availed accommodation at the nearby hotels were allowed to park their vehicles in the Town Hall premises. Locals have demanded that the Paralakhemundi Municipality take preventive measures to ensure that such incident doesn't reoccur.

While former Champua

MLA Dhanurjaya Laguri,

communist leader Bidyadhar

Mahanta, Santanu Kar,

INBRIEF

EX-MP SIVAJI PATNAIK PASSES AWAY

Bhubaneswar: Veteran CPI(M) leader and former three-time MP Sivaji Patnaik passed away at a private hospital here on Monday afternoon. He was 91. He had been admitted to the hospital on Sunday after his potassium level deteriorated, informed CPI(M) State secretary Ali Kishore Patnaik. Sivaji Patnaik was

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elected to the Lok Sabha thrice from the Bhubaneswar constituency. He was the MP between 1977 and 1980. Further, he represented Bhubaneswar from 1989 to 1996.

MLA PRASHANT JAGDEV SENT TO JAIL AGAIN

Bhubaneswar: Chilika MLA Prashant Jagdev was sent to jail again after he surrendered before the Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) Court at Banpur on Monday. As the interim bail period of the legislator expired, he had surrendered before the court, following which he was sent to the Banpur Sub-Jail. Jagdev was arrested for



ploughing his vehicle into a crowd injuring many at Banpur in March this year.

B'PUR MAHANAGAR MAHOTSAV ENDS

Brahmapur: The week-long 10th Mahanagar Mahotsav here ended on Sunday. Joining as guests in the valedictory function, Brahmapur MP Chandra Sekhar Sahu, MLA Bikram Kumar Panda,



BJD district president Dr Ramesh Chandra Chaupattanayak and Ex-BDA Chairman Subash Chandra Moharana highlighted the glorious past of Ganjam and its art, culture and literature. Organising committee president Narayana Mahankuda and secretary Gopal Patanaik coordinated the event. In the afternoon session Brahmapur Mayor Sangha Mitra Dalai had inaugurated a literary meet.

CSPUR DAV STUDENTS' SUMMER CAMP CONCLUDES

Bhubaneswar: Students of the DAV Public School, Chandrasekharpur here performed various cultural programmes at the valedictory ceremony of their summer camp. Over 600 stu-



dents participated in the weeklong activities in sports, art and painting, music, dance, acting and other forms of creative pursuits to rejuvenate themselves under the active guidance of experts and teachers.

TREE BRANCHES FALL; TRAFFIC DISRUPTED IN JAJPUR RD

Jajpur Road: Vehicular movement and normal traffic were pa-



ralysed on the Jokadia-Jajpur Road for hours together as branches of a huge banyan tree fell on the road between Vyasa Sarovar Square and Khandahata Chhak on Monday. Even after14 long hours, the municipality and forest authorities were yet to clear the road. Businessmen, small traders, vendors, office goers, students and local residents expressed strong resentment over the traffic disruption. Municipality Executive Officer Ashok Rout said he was informed about the matter late and arrange-

Demo in Balangir demands HC Bench

Condemns HC Bar's move PNS BALANGIR

Members the Balangir Action Committee (BAC) led by Gopalji Panigrahi on Monday staged a dharna before the Collectorate demanding setting up a permanent Bench of the Orissa High

Court at Balangir. They condemned a resolution by the High Court Bar Association urging the Chief Justice of HC not to give his assent to same which is against setting up of a High Court Bench elsewhere.

"Earlier, a HC Bench was functioning here in the pre independence days. We demand setting up a permanent Bench at Balangir, failing which the agitation will be intensified," warned BAC presi-

For not backing candidate in PRI poll Samiti Member ostracised in Ganjam village

Slapped fine of Rs 4L CHHATRAPUR PNS

In a bizarre instance, a Panchavat Samiti Member she would go to the Navin Minister.

has complained that she was

Niwas and meet the Chief

She also warned of taking the extreme step of committing suicide if the adminis-

tration failed to give justice to her. She alleged that the

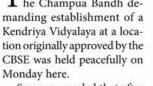
Thanks to

prompt action by

pathic treatment, the Unani would be conducted into the hospital was closed in the loissue. an investigation has begun,

All sections of highway, about 12 km from

people extend support RAJENDRA K. SAHU CHAMPUA $T_{he \ Champua \ Bandh \ de-}$



Sources revealed that after a notification of the Union HRD Ministry in the year

KV location row: Champua Bandh total

Champua. From the very beginning, the locals of Champua were opposing the change of loca-

Santan Das and other memtion of the KV to Kalikaprasad, bers of the Champua Vikash but it turned out to be stron-Parisad sat in the dharna, sevger when a message spread that eral outfits like the Champua the representatives of KVS, Bar Association, Bus Owners Bhubaneshwar and Principal, Association, Truck Owners Keonjhar KV had visited two Association, Auto Rickshaws sites recently at the request of Association, business commuthe district level committee for nity, minority community, the KV headed by the ADM Ho Samaj, Bhuyan Sanskrutik and had approved the site at Sangha extended their support Kalikaprasad. The locals alleged to the stir. Meanwhile, the agi-

A case regarding the incident was lodged at the Parala Model police station following

Fire Brigade personnel

forced to pay a fine of Rs 4 lakh and faced a social boycott in her own village, Subalaya, under Ganjam block.

Samiti Member Mami Das alleged that only because she supported a candidate for Block Chairman other than the one from the ruling BJD, she was ostracised and targeted in the village.

Meanwhile, she had met and submitted a written complaint against her own villagers to the Ganjam SP Brijesh Mishra and informed that if the local administration would not take any action

villagers had been continuously harassing her.

However, on the contrary, Karuna Das, a resident of Subalaya village denied the allegation of boycott from

village and alleged that the Samiti Member had levelled the allegation because she was removed from village president's post.

dist admn Mami Das was elected un-PNS BALESWAR opposed during the last BALESWAR: The marriage of panchayat polls. She was in a minor girl with an adult boy news for being kidnapped scheduled for Sunday was during the election of Block stalled following intervention Chairperson post, but later she by a team headed by the Dishad released a video that she trict Child Protection Officer. was well

the district administration to 2016-17, the location for the KV at Ramla under wards no. 11 and no. 12 of Champua

shift the school from Ramla to Kalikaprasad village situated by Rimuli - Champua State

NAC had been approved by

the CBSE, but owing to a dis-

pute over allotment of the re-

quired land, it was decided by

After the information was

received by the District Child

Protection Unit the officials

immediately rushed to the

house of the girl at Srijang and

after verifying the date of birth

and ascertaining the age of the

girl, the team members in-

cluding the CDPO and

Anganwadi worker asked the

parents to stop the marriage.

a conspiracy of some influential people for a change of the location of the school.

And it was conceded by them.

boy belong to the Brahmin

community and residents of

Srijang, under the Remuna

block. The invitation cards

were distributed among the

family friends. Local volun-

teers after learning about the

marriage from the card in-

formed the protection unit.

Reports said both the girl and

Child marriage stopped in Baleswar

tators agreed to the request of the administration to put off the strike for a month.

On Saturday while the

Mangalpak, a ritual of wed-

ding ceremony before the day

of tying the nuptial knot, was

going on, it was stopped. No-

tably, recently the district ad-

ministration had said that Rs

5,000 would be given as a cash

award to those who would be

providing the correct infor-

mation about a child marriage.

ments were being made to clear the road.

CAPACITY-BUILDING TRAINING FOR TEACHERS HELD IN BHAPUR

Bhapur: A five-day digital capacity-building training camp for

headmasters was organised at the Balunkeswar Deb Peeth High School here. It was coordinated by Nityananda Das. Among others, District Assistant Education Officer Ashok Nayak, Mo School Supervisor Niranjan Das joined



as guests. About 50 teachers and headmasters representing 17 newly-transformed schools of Bhapur and Khandapada blocks participated. The training covered topics of digital medium of education, smart board, e-library, technology used in science lab, role of teachers and headmasters. Piramal Foundation trainer Rinku Gour, Brajendra High School Headmaster Umakant Sethi and Solapat Headmaster Dr GIrija Shankar Mohaptra conducted the training

Let Rajiv Gandhi be your role model'

Ex-PM's death anniv, Prativa Puraskar held BHUBANESWAR PNS

L he Rajiv Gandhi Students Forum (RGSF) and the Rajiv Gandhi Study Circle jointly observed former PM Rajiv Gandhi's 31st Death Anniversary, a State level Rajiv Gandhi Prativa Puraskar event and a Special Lecturer on theme "Contribution of Rajiv Gandhi to Indian Democracy and Nation Building" here.

The programme was organised under the leadership of RGSF State president Satyabrata Nayak. AICC national spokesperson Pawan Khera joined as chief speaker. He told that Rajiv was always working for eradication of poverty from the country. He had a pioneering role in the development of information



technology (IT) in India. Besides, he reduced the age from 21 years to 18 years for voting rights of the citizens. He will be remembered in history for initiative his for decentralisation of power, told Khera

The chief guest of the function Rajastan Rajya Sabha MP Neeraj Dangi in his address told that Rajiv sacrificed his life

for unit, integrity and dignity of the country.

Earlier, PCC president Niranjan Patnaik inaugurated the programme and told that Rajiv believed in peace, nonviolence and truth and called upon the youth to follow the cardinal principles of life.

AICC secretary and Odisha in-charge G Rudra Raju, Jatani MLA Suresh Routray,

Paryabekshayak Editor Dr Pabitra Mohan Samantaray and Amitav Chakrabati among others spoke.

Satyabrata Nayak presided while general secretary Padmakar Guru delivered the welcome address. On the occasion, 85 talented students in various faculties were felicitated with Rajiv Gandhi Prativa Puraskar-2022.

Demands permanent solution to Kotia row BHUBANESWAR PNS

 T_{he} Dakhin Odisha Unnayan Parishad on Sunday pledged to highlight the art, culture, literary history and rich heritage of the region, besides making efforts to

popularise social life, indigenous food and products. In its annual general body

meeting held here the Parishad office bearers stated that the organisation would work for betterment of the region and ventilate the genuine problems of the people of Malkangitri, Nabarangpur, Koraput, Rayagada, Gajapati, Kandhamal and Ganjam districts to the concerned authorities.

Addressing a gathering,



Parishad president Bhrugu Buxipatra announced that the organisational network would be strengthened in all the 12 sub-divisions spread over seven districts and the forum would play a pivotal role in promoting talents from the area. He said the region which is rich in natural resources, known for maximum concentration of Adivasis and its contribution for strengthening State's economy, needs to get special attention

The participants raised the demand for immediate and permanent solution of border dispute between Andhra Pradesh and Odisha caused by repeated attempt of AP Government to forcibly encroach upon lands in Kotia villages, sorting out the water disputes with AP concerning construction of dam at the upper basin of Bansadhara river, besides issues like construction of Gunpur-Therubali Railway line, functioning of Rayagada

Railway Division, recognition of first independence struggle of Paralakhemundi, formation of Biodiversity Conservation Board for Mahendragiri hills and tribals and establishment of Agriculture University for the region. While forum vicepresident Prof Rama Chandra Mishra gave the welcome address, secretary Er Bipin Bihary Panda read out the annual report and treasurers Bijoya Chandra Adhikary presented the accounts at the meeting.



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chhattisgarh 03

Homegrown 'Dannex' fast gaining popularity: Baghel

STAFF REPORTER DANTEWADA

 $I_{of \ Dantewada \ NEXT}^{naugurating the new unit}$ (Dannex) in Katekalyan on Monday, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said the innovative initiative of Dantewada is slowly gaining ground and rising on popularity chart.

Visiting Dantewada, the Chief Minister obliged the women staff of the unit with autographs. He also gifted a Dannex shirt to Bastar MP Deepak Baij.

The newly-inaugurated textile unit will deploy 100 women to manufacture the garments, an official communication said.

He said that Dantewada has a huge potential to experiment with organic farming as the land is fertile and has abundance of forest



resources.

taking place in Dantewada He said the innovations are compatible with the

region,

natural environment of the which

commendable

In the presence of the Chief Minister, a MoU was inked between Dannex FPO and Export House Tirupur one of the largest wholesale units in the country -- for export of apparels made in Chhindnar, the fifth unit of Dannex.

the Dannex is homegrown clothing brand of Chhattisgarh's tribal dominated Dantewada district. Soon it will be exported to foreign countries. Four units of Dannex

have been commissioned at Haram, Barsoor, Karli and Katekalyan. A MoU has been signed for the fifth unit at Chhindnar.

The women employees of Dannex have made a 11-km-long 'chunari' which will be offered by the Chief Minister to Danteshwari Mai

 $T_{\rm ment\ has\ moved\ the}^{\rm he\ Chhattisgarh\ govern-}$ Supreme Court challenging the bail granted to the state's Additional Director General of Police Gurjinder Pal Singh in a case filed against him under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

The plea, filed through

advocate Sumeer Sodhi, said:

that the present case is not

fact the present case is such

Senior advocate Mukul

Chaturvedi is employed with the grain merchant as a cash recovery agent, Agrawal said. Efforts are on to arrest Ajay alias Ajju, the officer said. After Dhritlahre was

and named the others. He told the police that

Chaturvedi informed them that Khetrapal returns home daily with a huge amount of cash

robbery.

in the robberv.

Shrihole (19), Vikas Chaturvedi (22) and a minor boy, all from Raipur

respondent is released, he nabbed, he confessed his involvement in the incident might influence witnesses, in

where the respondent has, in the past, intimidated witnesses because of which the state had to provide police protection to such Police recovered Rs 5.56 witnesses."

lakhs in cash, a motorcycle and a scooter used in the Two minors among 10 miscreants were arrested on

Rohatgi, representing the state government, mentioned the matter for a vacation bench headed by Justice D.Y. Saturday who were involved

C'garh moves SC against bail to suspended IPS GP Singh



urgent listing. The bench allowed the state government to mention the case for urgent listing through the mentioning registrar, who would then list it.

The state government's plea said the Chhattisgarh High Court was not correct in observing that Singh is a suspended police officer having no power. It added that Singh's conduct inside

"The petitioner state submits the jail is also questionable. "He was using his seniority in the Police one where the state apprehends that if the Department in luring guards deployed inside the jail to act contrary to the jail rules and the law applicable therein and hence the regular bail application of the respondent ought to have been rejected by the High Court," it said. The state government

said the high court has not considered the fact that the necessary sanction from the Centre as mandated under Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 has Chandrachud and sought already been sought by the

May 12, granted bail to Singh On May 4, the Supreme Court declined to grant interim bail to Singh in the corruption case and asked the high court to dispose of Singh's bail matter, pending adjudication before it, expeditiously, on its own merits and in accordance with law. January, the In Chhattisgarh Anti-Corruption

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Singh, who is

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Department on March 14,

Government had raised

certain queries on March 29,

2022, which were replied to

by the state of Chhattisgarh

on April 12, 2022. Therefore,

the mandated time period of

three months, along with one

month extension, could not

have been over before July

The high court had, on

2022," it added.

"In reference to the said

the Central

Home

Chhattisgarh

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request,

Bureau arrested Singh, who is under suspension, and charged ĥim with corruption, sedition, and promoting enmity. On January 3, this year,

the top court had junked a plea by Singh, challenging the high court order, which denied him protection against arrest in the corruption case.



VAT cut on fuel will incur Rs 500 cr loss: CM

Four more held for Rs 50L robbery STAFF REPORTER

RAIPUR

the chutney at weekly markets 'Madais' in small $P_{\text{Monday}\ arrested}^{\text{olice in Chhattisgarh on}}$ packets of sal leaves. The ants' high levels of formic more persons including a acid, coupled with the added minor for robbery of Rs 50 seasonings, make this chutlakhs from a grain merchant ney extremely hot. on May 16 on Raipur's out-The chutney not only skirts. One accused is still at satisfies the taste buds but large also keeps many diseases at

A group of masked turbaned robbers in three or It is also found to be four motorcycles looted and effective in preventing the injured Raipur-based grain tribals from cold, cough, flu merchant Narendra and other seasonal diseases Khetrapal of Rs 50 lakhs when he was returning home on Sunday night.

Raipur Senior Superintendent of Police Prashant Agrawal identified them as mastermind Devendra Dhritlahre and Saigoda were also in the lunch menu served to Baghel. accomplices Sanju his

Baghel tastes Bastar's Chapda Chutney

STAFF REPORTER DANTEWADA

hhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Monday had his lunch at the residence of a farmer, Ramlal Negi, in Bastar's village. Barsoor The was Bastar's attraction Chapda Chutney.

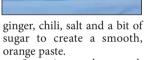
Chapda Chutney, a unique red ant sauce, is a trademark of Bastar's meal and is known for being essential part of their food habit.

To make the chutney, villagers first crush and dry all the ants and eggs, then grind them with a mortar and pestle. Then theyl add tomatoes, coriander, garlic,



ginger, chili, salt and a bit of sugar to create a smooth,

Sometimes, they cook the paste further with oil and chopped onions. Tribal vendors also sell



pared from Tikhur, and

and has proved to be a preventive medicine for malaria. Jondhra Pej (corn soup), Chindadi, a sweet dish pre-

bay.



A glimpse from the month-long exhibition underway at the Deendayal Auditorium in Raipur. Through photographs and video clips, it showcases the achievements of the Bhupesh Baghel government in Chhattisgarh over the past three-and-a-half Pioneer Photo vears.

Bastar woman entrepreneur to visit UK courtesy Baghel

STAFF REPORTER DANTEWADA

Parwati, a tribal woman from Katekalyan village in Bastar's Dantewada district, will soon tour the United Kingdom courtesy Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.

She is one of the leading women of a Self-Help Group of Dantewada who recently sent a consignment of mahua flower to the UK.

During the outreach programme of the Chief Minister, she apprised Baghel that now their business has expanded overseas



and that they have sent a consignment to the UK. Expressing his delight, Baghel responded: "Wah, kya baat hai!

Parwati earlier told Baghel that their SHG had collected 40,000 quintals of mahua this season. The decision to provide support price said.

to the minor forest produce has provided relief to the tribals and has become a major source of income, she

STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR

C^{hhattisgarh} Minister Chief Bhupesh Baghel on Monday said the cut in excise duty on fuel by the Centre will cause a loss of around Rs 500 crores to the state exchequer. He again urged the Union government to withdraw the cess imposed on the fuel.

Baghel was talking to reporters here before leaving for Dantewada district on his feedback campaign 'Bhent Mulagat'.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday announced a reduction in the central excise duty on petrol by Rs 8 per litre and on diesel by Rs 6 per litre.

will reduce Value Added Tax in it. If the Central excise is (VAT) on petrol and diesel, cut, then 41 per cent of its Baghel said he could not understand Sitharaman's share which goes to the state comment of Sunday that the will be automatically reduction in excise duty will reduced, he said.

through VAT (which is levied on ad valorem basis) will also dip automatically. State officials have informed me that we will suffer a loss of around Rs 500 crore (annually)," the Chief Minister said.

Baghel said he has been the asking Union government to withdraw the cess it started imposing on petrol and diesel since last year and impose the same rate of tax on these products as was charged during the UPA government.

Sitharaman on Sunday said the cut in excise duty on petrol and diesel have been done in road and infrastructure cess levied on the two fuels, collection on which was never shared with the states.

Asked if Chhattisgarh not impact the state's share

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"I have had the opportu-

always been admirable. Japan is

partnering India in key sectors

including infrastructure, tech-

nology, innovation, start-ups

and more," he said in a series

Vivekananda, India-Japan cul-

tural ties have a long and rich

history of mutual respect and

learning from one another, Prime Minister said.

cherished personal possessions

were small statues of Mizaru,

Kikazaru and Iwazaru, the

Three Wise Monkeys, he said.

and businesses, that made

Japan Gujarat's preferred indus-

trial partner and the most

prominent presence in Vibrant

Gujarat Summits since its

inception, he said.

Among Mahatma Gandhi's

From Bodhisena to Swami



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

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/AGENCIES NEW DELHI/TOKYO

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said he never prefers to take the easy

way out because of the teachings and training he received over the years. Describing his work ethics

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

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

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

On ties between the two countries, he said India and

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

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

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

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

and also sent it to more than 100 countries. Tracing the age old relations between the two coun-tries, Modi said before

Vivekananda was going to Chicago for his historic address, he had come to Japan and left a deep impression on his mind in Japan. He had openly praised the patriotism



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

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

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

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

meeting fellow Quad leaders, interacting with Japanese business leaders and the vibrant Indian diaspora," Modi tweeted in both Japanese and English. "Ohayo, Tokyo! PM

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

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

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

Modi writes Op-ed in Yomiuri Shimbun in Japan

PNS NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

region including Taiwan over which the US President on completes 70 glorious years. @Yomiuri Online". Monday sent a warning to Beijing with the latter verbalnity of regularly interacting with the Japanese people since my days as Gujarat CM. Japan's developmental strides have ly retaliating.

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

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

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

In a tweet, he said: "Penned an op-ed on the vibrant relations between India and Japan. Ours is a partnership for peace, stability and prosperity. I trace the journey

Prime Minister Modi said that his own conviction about this partnership began in his early days as Chief Minister of Gujarat. It was not just the sophis-tication of Japanese technolo-gy and skills, but also the seriousness and long-term commitment of Japan's leadership

of tweets.

of our special friendship which

Inter-State Council

with PM as chairman,

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INSHORT

NCPCR ORDERS FIR AGAINST RALLY ORGANISERS New Delhi: The apex child rights body NCPCR on Monday sought registration of an FIR against those responsible for allegedly letting a child raise provocative slogans during a political rally in Kerala. A short video of a boy sitting on the shoulder of a person during the "Save the Republic" rally held by the Popular Front of India (PFI) in Alappuzha on May 21 and raising allegedly provocative slogans has gone viral on social media

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

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

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

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

missing.

family pension rules for missing central government employees. "Now, in all cases where a government servant covered by NPS goes missing during service, the benefits of family pension will be immediately paid to the family of the missing government servant.

In case he re-appears and resumes service, the amount paid as family pension during the intervening time of his missing period can be accordingly deducted from his salary, Jitendra Singh said in a Press note. The Minister said this is going to provide huge relief particularly in those regions where instances of government ith the law oi employ gon till seven years reported more frequently. He had passed said, cases of abduction of central government employees since he went working in violence-prone areas Union have come to the fore and there-Minister Dr fore to instill confidence and to Jitendra Singh protect them and their family announced that interests, the changes in the pension rules were brought the government relaxed about.

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

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

"BA.2.10 and BA.2.12 are ther analysis," said the consor-



The Inter-State Council that works to promote and sup-port cooperative federalism ted to GSAID during the past four weeks, 773 samples were has been reconstituted with of the Omicron variant, mak-Prime Minister Narendra Modi ing it about 97.2% of the total as Chairman and all Chief submitted samples of the said Ministers and six Union variant. "Suspected recombi-Ministers as members.

This apart, 10 Union

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

nant sequences are under fur-Ministers will be the perma-Counci. According to an official notification, the union ministers who were made members of the council are: Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, Nirmala Sitharaman, Narendra Singh Tomar, Virendra Kumar, Hardeep Singh Puri, Nitin Gadkari, S Jaishankar, Arjun

India and Japan will also

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PMGSY (JKRRDA) DIVISION BARAMULLA

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

NIT No:- 02/EE/PMGSY/Bla/E-TENDERING-OF 2022-23 Dated: - 21/05/2022

For and on behalf of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir. Executive Engineer PMGSY Division Baramulia Invite e tenders on Percentage Basis for the following works with Two years DLP for Serial No. 1 to 3 & Three years DLP for Serial No. 4 from the eligible & approved contractors of J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and

has

other States. S.No. 1 Name of Work with Package No. :- Renewal coat/ Macadamisation of road Tangwari Payeen to Harshnar, Length 2.50 Kms, Package No JK03-90, PMGSY Division Baramulla. Tender Cost Incl GST (Rs In Lacs) :- 32.63, Cost of documents (Rs in Lacs) :- 0.10, Earnest Money (Bid Security) (Rs. In Lacs) :- 0.65 Time for completion (Days) :- 45 Days, Tender Call :- 2nd, Time and date of opening of tenders online (Technical Bid) :- 06-62022 At 11.00 AM, Class of contractor :- 'A' Class in PWD or equivalent in CPWD/Railways and other state Governments. S.No. 2 Name of Work with Package No. :- Renewal coat / Macadamisation of road Lalpora to Nowlari, Length 3.00 Kms, Package No. (JS-53 PMGSY Division Baramulla

ength 3.00 Kms, Package No JK03-53, PMGSY Division Baramulla.

Length 3.00 Kms, Package No JK03-53, PMGSY Division Baramulla. <u>Tender Cost Incl GST (Rs In Lacs.)</u> :- 55.76, <u>Cost of documents (Rs in Lacs</u>) :- 0.10, Earnest Money (Bid Security) (Rs. In Lacs) :- 1.12, <u>Time for completion (Days)</u> :- 45 Days, <u>Tender Call</u> :- 2nd, <u>Time and</u> <u>date of opening of tenders online (Technical Bid</u>) :- 06-06-2022 At 11.00 AM, <u>Class of contractor</u> :- 'A' Class in PWD or equivalent in CPWD/Railways and other state Governments. <u>S.No. 3</u>, <u>Name of Work with Package No</u> :- Renewal coat / Macadamisation of road Namblan to Guriwan, Length 3.00 Kms, Package No JK03-100, PMGSY Division Baramulla. <u>Tender Cost Incl GST (Rs In Lacs.)</u> :- 61.64, <u>Cost of documents (Rs. in Lacs</u>) :- 0.10, <u>Earnest Money</u> [Bid Sacurity) (Rs. In Lacs.) :- 21. <u>Time for completion (Days</u>) :- 45 Days Tender Call :- 2nd : <u>Time and</u>

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Tender Cost Incl GST (Rs In Lacs.) :- 124.36, Cost of documents (Rs, in Lacs) :- 0.10, Earnest Money (Bid Security) (Rs. In Lacs.) :- 249, Time for completion (Days) :- 60 Days, Tender Call :- 2nd, Time and date of opening of tenders online (Technical Bid) :- 06-06-2022 At 11.00 AM, Class of contractor :- A' Class in PWD or equivalent in CPWD/Railways and other state Governments<u>.</u> 1. The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <u>www.pmgsytendersjk.gov</u>

23-05-2022 (04:30PM) To 04-06-2022 upto 04:30PM.

e Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website www.pmgsytendersik.gov.in from 25-05-2022 (10:00 AM) To 04-06-2022 upto 04:30 PM. The bid uploaded on the Website upto due date and time will be opened online on **06-06-2022 at 11:00 AM** in the bid upbeaded of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bid as specified, the bid will be opened on the nex working day at the same time and venue.

The complete bidding process will be online

4. Cost of Bid Form is Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) per package (non-refundable) only in the form of Demand Draft in favour of Accounts Officer PMGSY Kashmir payable at Srinagar. 5. A Pre-bid meeting will be held on 24-05-2022 at 11:00 AM in the Office of Executive Engineer PMGSY

(JKRRDA) Division Baramulla at Ahmad Complex, Delina, Baramulla to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in Clause 9 of instruction to bidders of the Bidding documents. The intending Bldders, boforo attending the Pre-bld meeting, are advised to visit the site of work and acquaint themselvos with the site conditions. It has boon mado mandatory for all the intending

bidders to participate in the pre-bid meeting on the scheduled date and time, 6. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website <u>www.pmgsytendersik.gov.in</u>. The bidder would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). Aspiring bidders who have no obtained the user ID and password for Participating in e-tendering in PMGSY may obtain the same from the vebsite: www.pmgsytendersik.gov.in.

7. Bids must be accompanied by cost of document and bld security in the form as specified in the Bidding 7. Bids must be accompanied by cost of document and bid security in the form as specified in the bidding Document. The Demand Draft on account of cost of bidding document shall be pledged to Accounts Officer PMGSY Kashmir payable at Srinagar. The bid validity shall remain valid for a period of not less than 90 days after the deadline date of bid submission specified in ITB. The bid security should be in the form of BG/FDR from a scheduled commercial bank and be pledged to the Executive Engineer PMGSY Division Baramulla payable at Baramulla and shall be valid for minimum 45 days beyond the validity of the bid.
8. The Hard Copy of original instruments in respect of cost of bidding document, bld security, Bank Credit facility and original copy of affidavits (e-stamp) must be delivered in the office of Executive Engineer PMGSY Division Baramulla a Mand Complex Delina Baramulla Kashmir on a data pot later than

PMGSY Division Baramulla at Ahmad Complex. Delina, Baramulla Kashmir on a date not later than In the working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the bid either by Registered Post or by hand falling which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.
 The bidders are advised to upload the required documents/ Information strictly as per the formats given in

Section 3-Qualification Information. The bidder who falls to comply with the said instructions shall be

declared as Non-responsive. 10. The bidders are informed that failure to complete the work within the stipulated time sha lacklisting of the bidder for two years.

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

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

Section 7 of Bidding Document No. DIPK-2512/22 Dated: 23.05.2022 Sd/- Executive Engineer **PMGSY Division Baramulla** been detected and many old BA.2 sequences have been reclassified into these new sublineages. So far these sub-lineages are not reported to be associated with increased severity of disease," said INSACÓG in its latest bulletin on results of genome sequencing. According to data submit-

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

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

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

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday L said it has seized foreign currencies worth Rs 1.53 crore from a domestic passenger at the Kolkata airport under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA). The flyer had travelled from Gorakhpur to Kolkata with the foreign currencies. "During search (of the suspect flyer), 1,998 numbers of foreign currencies consisting of USD 1,65,000 and Euro 30,460 (equivalent to Rs 1.53 crore) were found in the possession of the passenger. However, he has failed to provide the source of the said foreign exchange and the purpose of traveling with such a huge amount of foreign exchange without any valid document.

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

PTI NEW DELHI

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

The apex court, while hearing an appeal filed by an advocate who was found guilty of contempt by the Madras

High Court and was sentenced to undergo two weeks of simple imprisonment, observed that making allegations against judges is rampant in Uttar Pradesh and now it is happening in Bombay and Madras also.

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

judge of the high court who had issued a non-bailable warrant (NBW) against him, the recusal of one of the judges hearing the proceedings thereafter was sought on thoroughly improper grounds.

"Now, this is becoming unfortunately a new fashion of making allegations against judges. The stronger the judge, the greater the allegations against the judge. This is happening now in Bombay. Of course, it is rampant in Uttar Pradesh, now Madras," a vacation bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and Bela M Trivedi said. "Let a strong message go," said the bench, adding that judges are assaulted across the country and in the district judiciary, some times not even a 'lathi' (stick) wielding policeman is there for their protection.

Centre warns restaurants against forceful service charge

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) on Monday warned restaurants against levying service charges forcefully on consumers. The department has reminded restaurants and eateries that it is the discretion of the consumers to pay or not pay the service charges as they are completely voluntary. The DoCA has convened a meeting with the National Restaurant Association (NRA) on June 2 to discuss the issue.In a letter written by Rohit Kumar Singh, Secretary, DoCA to President, National Restaurant Association of India, it has been pointed out that the restaurants and eateries are collecting service charge

from consumers by default, even though collection of any such charge isVoluntary and at the discretion of consumers and not mandatory as per law.

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

ASHA workers get Global Health Leaders Award, PM lauds feat

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 $K_{\text{healthcare system in}}^{\text{nown as the pillars of the}}_{\text{India, one million ASHA}}$ (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers have brought laurels to the country as they bagged the Global Health Leaders Award-2022 at the ongoing 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva.

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

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

of the award. The ASHA initiative, which falls under the National Health Mission, was launched in India in 2006. However, they are not well-paid. But this has not deterred them from doing yeoman services, which were particularly visible durtwo years. Soon after an announcement was made by the WHO conferring award on them, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took to Twitter to appreciate them. "Delighted that the

entire team of ASHA workers have been conferred the WHO Director-General's Global Health Leaders' Award. Congratulations to all ASHA workers. They are at the forefront of ensuring a healthy India. Their dedication and determination are admirable," he said.



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

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

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

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

Based on the broad pattern of observing IDY in previous



years, these activities could include short functions, speeches, Common Yoga Protocol based yoga demon-strations and local celebrity videos among others, said the official The Guardian Ring pro-

gramme will string together video feeds from 20 to 30 selected missions across different time zones into a continuous social media event of about 18 to 20-hour duration. The Ayush Ministry has sought concurrence from MEA

on which missions will be participating in the programme.

The event will witness the

presence of the Karnataka Governor, Union Ministers, film stars, sportspersons, celebrities, revered yoga gurus, eminent dignitaries, experts of Yoga and allied science, local Yoga institutions and Yoga enthusiasts.

Later, Dr Ishwar Basavaraddi, Director of Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, Ministry of Ayush shared Guardian King will end in North America by 11 pm in the night covering live yoga demonstration in 75 countries through-out the D-day.

"Also, as this Yoga day is being celebrated in the backdrop of the "Azadi Ka Amrit Maĥotsav" year, events will be held at 75 iconic locations like Shiv Sagar in Assam and Hampi

Shiv Sagar in Assam and Hampi in Karnataka across the coun-try. The focus will be on 'brand-ing India' on a global scale." He also informed that a series of events are being held across the country and globe in the run-up to IDY and the 25 days countdown is being days countdown is being observed in Hyderabad from May 27, wherein around 10,000 Yoga enthusiasts will participate in the Yoga demonstration. Sharing that "this time the

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

SAUGAR SENGUPTA 🔳 KOLKATA

Days after comparing the powers that be in Delhi with medieval tyrant Muhammad bin Tughaq, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday drew new parallels for the Narendra Modi

Government comparing it with the likes of Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini and Joseph Stalin. Saying that even Stalin, Hitler or Mussolini were better than the present dispensation in Delhi that ruled by CBI, ED et al, Banerjee demanded a complete autonomy for the central agencies. "This is a government

worse than those of Hitler Mussolini or even Stalin, Banerjee said adding "they are bull-dozing the federal structure of the country by using the central agencies against theopposition parties." Demanding autonomy for

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

in power ... I think the agencies should be made completely autonomous ... I am saying so because this the need of the time ... these agencies are bound to be made autonomous in days to come only their salaries will be given by the government." Flaying the BJP for sending

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

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

Attacking the Centre for bull-dozing the houses of the



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

Rebutting arguments that her own government should order a matching reduction of fuel prices following in the rupees.

footsteps of the Centre which cut petro prices a couple of days ago Banerjee said, after the reduction of petro prices her State too had suffered loss of Rs 641 crore in terms of cess and rebate.

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

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

Rain brings respite from heatwave in north, northwest

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 $R^{ain}_{brought\,some\,respite\,from}$ the scorching heatwave in north and northwestern parts the country on Monday.

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

An extra-tropical weather system approaching from north Pakistan led to formation of rain-bearing clouds that brought showers to parts of Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttarakhand and Himachal

Pradesh early on Monday. "A Western Disturbance

as a cyclonic circulation lies over north Pakistan extending upto middle tropospheric lev-els. An induced Low Pressure Area lies over northwest Rajasthan and an eastwest trough runs from this induced Low Pressure Area to north Bangladesh in lower tropos-pheric levels," the IMD

According to the weather office, thunderstorms occurred at several places in Uttarakhand, while most parts of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and iso-lated places in Rajasthan received rainfall.

On Sunday, Fatehgarh in Uttar Pradesh had recorded the maximum temperature of 45.9 degrees Celsius. In Delhi, the morning tem-

perature plunged 11 notches from 29 degrees Celsius to 18 degrees Celsius.



Students of Calcutta University raise slogans during a protest demanding online examinations, in front of the university's campus, in Kolkata

Will Govt do wrongs like Aurangzeb who razed temples: Prof Irfan Habib PRADEEP SAXENA ALIGARH mosques. Stones of Hindu sym mosques. Stones of Hindu sym-

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

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

bols were used in many mosques. Stones associated with the site of Buddhism will be found in many temples. 'Allah' is written in Arabic on a stone of the minaret built by Rana Kumbha in Chittor, but it cannot be called a mosque. Prof Habib said that in the year 1992, the Babri Masjid in

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

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Anandiben Patel was 'wel-ned' by SP members with state of "Covernor go back" the state is responsible for the galloping inflation that has affected everything from fuel C-governance, says CAG

for Cong in Karnataka Assembly polls: DK

Karnataka Congress presi-dent DK Shivakumar on Monday said the party's national General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has agreed to campaign and spend time in the State for the Assembly elections next year. The KPCĆ chief's sudden New Delhi visit came amid talks about differences between him and



mended to the high command for the upcoming MLC polls in media

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

the state

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

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

announce their candidates. "Everyone will have the

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



'We have said that she should spend time for the state during elections (assembly polls) and she has agreed to it. She has said that she will campaign in the state...No discussion has taken place regarding Rajya Sabha tickets, Shivakumar said briefing the

This comes amid speculation that a section of the Karnataka Congress leaders, including Shivakumar, wants Priyanka Gandhi to contest the June 10 Rajya Sabha polls from the state, as they feel it may benefit the party during the Assembly polls, due next year. Shivakumar had recently said the party wants Priyanka Gandhi Vadra to "concentrate

are coming up". He said he and Siddaramaiah together had submitted a list of candidates to the high command for MLC polls. Seats are falling vacant, due to the retirement of MLCs — Laxman Sangappa Savadi

and Lahar Singh Siroya of BJP; Ramappa Timmapur, Allum Veerabhadrappa, Veena Achaiah S of Congress; and H M Ramesha Gowda and Narayana Swamy K V of JD(S)

sources, in this election, each MLC candidate will require a minimum of 29 votes to win, and on the basis of minimum votes required and tallying it with the strength of each party in the Legislative Assembly, the BJP will be able to win four seats, Congress two and JD(S)

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

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

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

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

dents of rape in the state.

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on the south, where elections

governance, Uttar Pradesh Ğovernor Anandiben Patel lauded the Yogi Adityanath Government for laying the foundation of development in the State during its first term.

According to official joint sitting of the UP Legislature on Monday, Patel said, "A grand building of development will take shape on the foundation laid during the first term in the next five years. To achieve the goal, efforts are being made to increase investment and strengthen infrastructure to make Uttar

chants of "Governor go back." However, Governor Anandiben Patel continued her address amidst the pandemonium and read the speech for over an

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

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

The governor, however, continued her address and listed out the achievements of the Yogi Adityanath-led govern-

"The current Bharatiya Janata Party-led government in

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

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

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

Lone Bahujan Samaj Party MLA Uma Shankar Singh mentioned frequent power cuts as one of the pressing issues in his party's agenda.

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

Performance, and Participation. He was inaugurating a virtual seminar as the chair of International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) Working Group on IT Audit (WGITA).

Murmu said that the principal beneficiary of e-Governance is the people of the country and have to consistently follow the principle of Antyodaya which means no one is left behind.



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

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

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

DST awards STUTI Era of good governance in 5 yrs: UP Guv

Pradesh a leading state in the Patel lauds Yogi Govt country on multiple for laying foundation fronts. stone for dev in UP

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

The work on the Lucknow-Ghazipur expressway was on while the government had improved aviation facilities, completed 20 irrigation projects and made five international airports, she said.

The governor said Asia's biggest airport was coming up at Jewar and important steps were being taken in the field of

defence production. Congratulating Chief

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

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

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

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

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

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

While addressing the House, the governor men-tioned the efforts being made by the government in all areas including housing, social security, pension schemes, industrial investment, infrastructure development, education, health and women's uplift.

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

programme as PMU to Amity University

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The Department of Science **L** & Technology (DST) has awarded the STUTI program as a Project Management Unit (PMU) to Amity University Uttar Pradesh (AUUP) to conduct 7 days of residential hands-on training on the stateof-the-art equipment, fully sponsored by DST.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

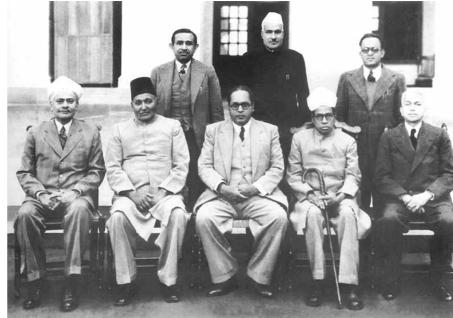


True trustees of the Constitution?-

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

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

In Maharashtra and State Rajasthan, the Governments are openly encouraging the flouting of court orders on decibel levels; these two Governments are also the custo-



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respect the judiciary?

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

Those with a hurt conscience must have read it all when they entered the corriand protect its spirit. Did they realise that it was imperative on the part of the implementers, including the elected representatives, bureaucrats and legal luminaries to remember Ambedkar's expectations: "I shall only hope that all those whose good fortune it may be to work this Constitution in future will remember that it was a unique victory which we achieved by the unique method taught to us by the Father of the Nation, and it is up to us to preserve and protect the independence that we have won and to make it really bear fruit for the man in the street. Let us launch on this new enterprise of running our Independent Republic with confidence, with truth and non-violence and, above all, with the heart within and God overhead."

LEVELS; THESE TWO On November 25, 1949, senior Congress leader GOVERNMENTS Mahavir Tyagi was given four ARE ALSO THE minutes to speak, which he considered "the most precious CUSTODIANS OF of my life, past, present and THE SPIRIT OF future". The Draft Constitution was a 'concrete picture' before CONSTITUTION them, in which each of the

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

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

Ambedkar's Constitution. But for Mahavir Tyagi and his ilk, it was different:

"Only one thing will make this Constitution attractive. If the whole of this Constitution were provided with one supreme provision or safeguard, then I think the whole thing will be all right. It is this: If we could add a proviso to as follows: Notwithstanding anything contained in this Constitution, no citizen of India shall draw for his personal use either from the public exchequer or from private enterprise a pay, profit or allowance which exceeds the earnings of an average wage earner." Could there be any

decade of the 21st century? (The author works in education, social conesion and religious amity. The views expressed are personal.)

takers among the elected rep-

resentatives in this third

Anchored boats during a dust storm at a ghat in Varanasi

Embarrassing cover-up

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

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



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

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

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

dians of the spirit of Constitution. Why can't the 'hurt and worried' the provisions of the luminaries issue an appeal to Constitution, and preserve

dors of power to implement

members had contributed; and Ambedkar was the chief artist. It would be very relevant

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IS SLASHING FUEL PRICES LOGICAL?

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

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

CK Subramaniam | Navi Mumbai

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

Appreciate the nuances first



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

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

Zeeshaan | Kazipet

Sir — With a fight for the fourth playoff spot, the fight between bat and ball was more tense than usual. The last two bookie angle as the result would have had a bearing on the final outcome. The way



ongress leader Rahul Gandhi, while speaking about our country's foreign pol-Jicy again on foreign land, had compared

SIDHU'S CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

matches evinced keen interest from the Ashwin swept and pulled his old team-

99 when Vajpayee became our PM. When

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

When PV Narasimha Rao was the PM, an Indian delegation to the UN was led by leader of the Opposition AB Vajpayee; such instances are rarely seen these days. The foreign policy of any country is a continuous process and, even with the change of Government, the policy and a nation's stand on most issues remain the same. Present

example is before us in the context of the Russia-Ukraine war, where India followed its own foreign policy and maintained neutrality as well as old relations with Russia and also purchased oil from it by paying in roubles. Side by side. India is also attending the QUAD meetings and, on this front, even Pakistan had praised the foreign policy of India many times. Yash Pal Ralhan I Jalandhar

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

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

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CKR Nathan | Ghaziabad

Prime Minister

— Narendra Modi



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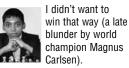
I believe it's very important that this country has certainty... so it can move forward.

Australia ex-Prime Minister Scott Morrison

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



– Esha Gupta



Indian Grandmaster - Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu



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FIRSTCOLUMN TIME TO REJECT FOSSIL **FUELS RIGHT AWAY**

A candle produces more CO₂ than a single firecracker



PRITAM SINGH

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



'snowy regions'. These snowy regions are solid water (ice) which act to play a significant role of our "life-line on earth" - cooling down the earth's temperature compatible to our living conditions. Is the sun to blame for rising temperature on earth? No. The earth's climate is influenced by the sun and acts as giver of life. However, the scorching heat touching new records is not attributable to the sun's activities. The most abundant 'greenhouse gases' physically or chemically are responsible. "It will continue to get more-hotter and fiercer until humans stop burning of fossil fuels" climatologists from Oxford University contend An analytical data from the satellites have observed that the sun's energy output has changed less than 0.1% in the last 40 years whereas earth's warming has increased by at least 1.1° Celsius (1.9° Fahrenheit) in 142 years. The warming has increased, since 1975, at the rate of roughly by 0.15 to 0.20°C per decade. Planets like Venus have carbon dioxide content that is 1,54,000 times more than on earth (about 19000 times on Mars). It produces such Green House Gases impact that the surface temperature is over 475 degree Celsius, sufficient to melt lead. The alerts of Stephen Hawking warrant serious measures to bridle this spiral at any cost. Some studies at University of North Carolina predict that five lakh lives can be saved by the year 2030 if the GHG are controlled. For mitigating the impact of the lurking shadow of climatic dangers, all the countries should unanimously step-up their priorities and revisit the whole issue of 'using fossil fuels and its derivatives' to meet our 'bare-minimum needs' only. Accordingly, India being more vulnerable in respect of pollution-related issues, it is high time the regulatory authorities framed more stringent guidelines and launched massive public-awareness campaigns across the nation for the betterment of our future generations.

Indian power sector is pushed to the brink



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HAD THE PRODUCTION COME ANYWHERE NEAR THE TARGET, THE CURRENT **CRISIS IN THE** POWER SECTOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AGGRAVATION OF DISCOMS WOES COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED. THE HUGE

State Governments order them to supply a sizeable chunk of electricity to households and farmers at a fraction of the cost of purchase and distribution or even free (in some states, subsidy accounts for 30-40 percent of discoms' revenue). Although, States promise to reimburse discoms the excess of the cost over realization from sale, most of themeither don't reimburseat all or do it partially and that too after delay. This results in huge underrecovery on units sold to HHs/farmers. Discoms'underrecoveries are

exacerbated by high aggregate technical and commercial (AT&C) loss - a jargon for power theft. To offset, they charge high tariffs on supplies to industries and businesses. Despite this cross-subsidization, overall, discoms incur huge loss.

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

The efforts to revitalize discoms have been going on for two decades with four major schemes launched in 2002, 2012, 2015 and 2021; yet none has delivered. The last two ty vis-a-vis the average cost of supply (ACS) or the ACS-ARR gap from ₹0.59 per unit during 2015 16 to 'zero' by 2018-19. During 2019-20, discoms'

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

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

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

increased, this will end up further inflating their losses.

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

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

However, the most important thing our political class needs to do is to actually carry out reforms in the power sector at ground zero. This will call for unshackling of discoms from State control, giving them freedom to set tariff for all consumers (HHs/farmers included), allowing private firms in distribution business and vesting infrastructure for transmission,

SHORTFALL DEMONSTRATES

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

The discoms are in dire straits because

OF PROJECTS

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PLANNING

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under the Modi Government deserve special mention.

Discom Ujwal Under Assurance Yojana (UDAY) launched in November 2015, the Centre coordinated a financial restructuring package (FRP) of ₹400,000 crore for discoms in lieu of their committing to reduce AT&C losses from 20.7 percent during 2015-16 to 15 percent by 2018-19 and reducing the gap between average revenue realisastates; hence can't be further tion (ARR) from sale of electrici-

coal shortage and the manner in which the government is dealing with it impact discoms' finances?

wheeling and last-mile delivery of The direction to all ICB plants power in an independent entity which should provide access to it on maximise generation and to domestic coal based plants to do 'common carrier' principle in 10 percent/30 percent blending a transparent and non-discriminawith imported coal will result in tory manner. sharp in the cost of power pur-If, any State Government wants to give subsidy to farmers and HHs, chase by discoms. Since, our politit should be given directly to the ical brass won't let HHs/farmers pay even a paisa more and indusbeneficiaries using the direct benefit transfer (DBT) mechanism. tries are already crippled by high tariff - ₹10 per unit plus in most

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



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

Russia will not disappear soon

It is awaiting leadership change

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

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



GWYNNE DYER

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'The Shortest History

of War'. The views

expressed are personal.)

he is reportedly micro-managing single 'battalion combat groups' (about 1,000 men) in the currently stalled Russian offensive in eastern Ukraine, trying to retrieve a military situation that has sunk into stalemate. Very Hitlerian. So what will become of Russia when

was very ill. Putin knows noth-

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



does imply the permanent demise of a state that has dominated northern Eurasia for the past four centuries (the first Russians reached the Pacific in 1647). It also ignores the remarkable homogeneity of that state's population: 81% are ethever." It certainly would, but it nically Russian, while none of the many minority group even reaches 4%. There have been occasions, most recently during the civil war of 1917-22, when Russia was temporarily carved up into rival jurisdictions, but these interludes have never lasted long. The sense that there is a special Russian identity, even a unique 'Russian civilisation',

the Russian empire and was harder to recognise, because Russia's imperial possessions were around its own land borders rather than across the oceans. Nevertheless, it was the

same process, and just as irreversible (as Putin has been discovering). Russia is as unlikely to split

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

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

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

Moreover, one single man, Vladimir Putin, has dominated Russian politics for more than two-thirds of that time. It's hard to disentangle what is intrinsiwith the old Commies wearing new hats.

that the western Slavs experi-

enced the change as liberation,

whereas their former rulers saw

it as a loss of empire that strand-

ed tens of millions of Russians

in places that were suddenly for-

It would have been unrea-

eign countries.

The other difference was

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

cally Russian in the way Russia

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

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

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

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

always reasserts itself. Decolonisation came late to

Biden: US would intervene with military to defend Taiwan

AP TOKYO

 $P^{\text{resident Joe Biden said on}}_{\text{Monday that the US would}}$ intervene militarily if China were to invade Taiwan, saying the burden to protect Taiwan is "even stronger" after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

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

The US traditionally has avoided making such an explicit security guarantee to Taiwan,



with which it no longer has a gic ambiguity" about how far it mutual defence treaty, instead would be willing to go if China maintaining a policy of "strateRelations Act, which has gov-erned US relations with the island, does not require the US to step in militarily to defend Taiwan if China invades, but makes it American policy to ensure Taiwan has the resources to defend itself and to prevent any unilateral change of status in Taiwan by Beijing.

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

Speaking alongside Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, Biden said any effort by China to use force against Taiwan would "just not be

appropriate," adding that it will dislocate the entire region and be another action similar to what happened in Ukraine". China has stepped up its

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

"They're already flirting with danger right now by fly-ing so close and all the maneuvers that are undertaken," Biden said of China. Under the "one China" policy, the US

recognises Beijing as the government of China and doesn't have diplomatic relations with Taiwan. However, the US maintains unofficial contacts including a de facto embassy in Taipei, the capital, and supplies military equipment for the island's defense.

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

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

Bangkok: Residents of Thai

capital Bangkok, in their first

opportunity in nine years to

votes cast in Sunday's election,

according to virtually com-

plete but uncertified returns.

He competed in a field of 31

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

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

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

do that." Biden's comments came just before he formally launched a long-anticipated Indo-Pacific trade pact that excludes Taiwan.

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

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

UK's Boris Johnson

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

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PTI COLOMBO

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

Monday. On May 9, violence erupt ed in Sri Lanka after supporters of former prime minister Mahinda Rajapaksa attacked peaceful anti-government protesters demanding his ouster over country's worst economic crisis that led to acute short ages of staple food, fuel and power.

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

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

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

PTI COLOMBO

Tn a major blow to Sri Lanka's Lnew Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, the proposal for 21st Amendment to Constitution to curb the unfettered powers of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, scheduled to be referred to Cabinet on Monday was not presented before it.

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

injured over 200 others.

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



19th Amendment which had made Parliament powerful over the president.

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

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

Albanese sworn in as PM in Australia ahead of Tokyo summit

AP CANBERRA

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

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

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

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

Biden rang Albanese to



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

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

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

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

Bangkok governor's election

awaits judgment of handily won by Opposition figure 'partygate' report both supporters and oppo-AP LONDON nents as a proxy for Pheu Thai party, the main Opposition British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has been shad-

owed by career-threatening scandal for months - but so far he has escaped unscathed. This week he faces one more threat to his political future: a comprehensive report into lockdown-breaching parties in gov-ernment offices that is expected to be published within days. Senior civil servant Sue

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

candidates, with voter turnout just under 61%. The 55-yearold Chadchart, though running as an independent, was seen by Beijing extends work-

AP MANILA

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

At least four people remained missing after fire engulfed the M/V Mercraft 2 while it was approaching a seaport in Real town in Quezon province from Polillio island. Many of the 134 passengers

and crew were forced to jump into water, coast guard officials said. The survivors were rescued by vessels in the area, they said. The fire apparently started from engine room, the officials said. The wreckage has been towed to shore in Real.

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

Deputy Prime Minister

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

> pounds in Chinese capital have restricted movement in and out, although conditions remain far less than in Shanghai, where millions of citizens have been under varying degrees of lockdown for two months. Beijing on Monday reported an uptick in cases to 99, rising from a previous daily average of around 50.

from-home order as Covid-19 cases rise

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was seen as a stand-in for the ruling Palang Pracharath party ran a weak fifth in race. (AP) 7 dead, 120 others rescued in Philippine ferry fire

tary-backed government, results released early Monday tion. Chadchart Sittipunt had been widely predicted by opin-ion polls to top field, but sig-

vote for their city's governor, have elected an independent grouping in Parliament. He served as transport minister in politician seen as representing a Pheu Thai government in 2012-2014, and stood as one of opponents of country's miliparty's prime ministerial candidates in 2019 general elec-"Now that we've received an order from people, I would start working right away, visitnificantly outpaced expecta-tions by taking 1,386,215 votes,

ing communities and areas to see where I could begin my work as soon as I can as a governor," Chadchart told reporters Monday morning. "I have a young, energetic team who are keen to move." The independent candidate who



more than a million members

of its Uyghur, Kazakh and

other Muslim minorities in

what critics describe as a cam-

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the relative to the relative security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the relative security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the relative security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued to a security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the relative security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued to the security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand rules and the security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand rules and the security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand rules and the security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand rules and the security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand rules and the security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand rules and the security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand rules and the security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand rules and the security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand rules 2002, issued demand rules and the security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand rules 2002, issued receipt of the said notice

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.		Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)		
	Rohan Sahani/ Meenakshi/ Ved Prakash/ Lata/ LBDEL00004965262/ LBDEL00004961412	Plot No-149, 4th Floor, With Roof Rights, Block- A, Sector-8, Dwarka, Delhi 110075/ May 20, 2022	November 10, 2021 Rs. 73,55,445/-	Delhi/ NCR	

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : May 24, 2022 Place: Delhi/ NCR

ICICI Bank Limited

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) R/w Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, (on underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security in respect of a housing loan facility granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the borrower, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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Arun Kumar Jha/ Babita Jha (9600001622 & QZDEL00005004690) Property No- A-581, First Floor, Without Roof, Block- A Shastri Nagar Delhi, Delhi/ May 20, 2022 September 27, 2021/ Rs 13,71,019/-	Delhi/ NCR

Date : May 23, 2022 Place : Gurugram [Haryana]

regional capital of Urumqi. Details have been tightly held and China's entirely Communist Party-controlled media have not reported on her visit.A key question is whether

and separating children from their incarcerated parents, and monitoring group The Dui Hua Foundation says fasting for Ramadan or selling Islamic books has also been targeted.

of Guard member in Tehran

including Israel, for his slaying. There has been no claim of responsibility for killing, carried out on Sunday afternoon by two unidentified gunmen

on a motorbike. They shot Khodaei five times in a car, an unarmored budget SAIPA Pride - among the cheapest, most-common Iranian vehi-

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

UNITED LEASING & INDUSTRIES LIMITED

Regd.Office : Plot No.66, Sector-34, EHTP, Gurugram, Haryana-122001. CIN: L17100HR1983PLC033460 Website:www.ulilltd.com, Email id: investorrelations@ulilltd.com, Phone:011-49075251 Extract of Audited Financial Results for the Quarter & Year Ended 31st March, 2022

	(Rs. in lac, except per Share data						
SI. No. Particulars			Quarter Ended			Year Ended	
		31.03.2022	31.12.2021	31.03.2021	31.03.2022	31.03.2021	
	(Refer Notes Below)	[Audited]	[Unaudited]	[Audited]	[Audited]	[Audited]	
1	Total Income from Operations	223.21	176.16	120.16	525.32	314.13	
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax and exceptional items	24.30	45.56	55.11	67.05	52.96	
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax after exceptional items	24.30	45.56	14.02	67.05	11.87	
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax	13.84	45.56	14.02	56.59	11.87	
5	Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	
6	Paid-up equity share capital	300.00	300	300.00	300.00	300.00	
7	Earning Per Share of Rs.10/- each (not annualised)						
	a) Basic	0.46	1.52	0.47	1.89	0.40	
	b) Diluted	0.46	1.52	0.47	1.89	0.40	

Notes :

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended March 31, 2022 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Audited Financial Results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2022 are available on the Bombay Stock Exchange website www.bseindia.com and on Company's website www.ulilltd.com

The figures for the quarter and year ended March 31,2021 and March 31,2022 are the balancing figures between audted figures in respect of the full financial year and the year to date figure up to nine months of the respective financial year.

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

For United Leasing & Industries Limited Anil Kumar Khanna [Managing Director] DIN: 00207839

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Authorized Officer

the couple, who have two chil-

dren, joked in front of the jour-

nalists. "We are joking, but we

are really waiting, like everyone

else, to be reunited, like all fam-



Russian forces step up shelling in Ukraine's east

AP 🔳 KYIV

 $R^{ussian\ forces\ have\ stepped}_{up\ shelling\ in\ Ukraine's}$ eastern industrial heartland as they press their offensive in the region that is now the focus of fighting in the 3-month-old war.

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

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

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

"We haven't been able to see the sun for three months. We are almost blind because we were in darkness for three

months," said Rayisa Rybalko, who hid with her family first in their basement and then in a bomb shelter at the local school before fleeing their village of Novomykhailivka.

"The world should have seen that."

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

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

Polish President Andrzej Duda traveled to Kyiv on Sunday to support Ukraine's European Union aspirations and addressed Ukraine's parliament, receiving a standing

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

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

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

In the face of those setbacks, Moscow has outlined more limited goals in Ukraine, with its sights now on trying to expand the territory that Russia-backed separatists have held since 2014.



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

a scorched-earth approach." Haidai said Sunday that the

Oleksandrivka, a village outside of Sievierodonetsk.

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

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

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

It was the third straight day of apparent attacks in the Zhytomyr District, Ukrainian

In other developments, Ukraine's first lady, Olena to national broadcaster ICTV alongside her husband and said she has hardly seen him since the war began.

"Our family, like all Ukrainian families, is now separated," she said. Zelenskyy called the inter-

view itself "a date on air," and

ilies in Ukraine who are separated now, waiting for their relatives and friends who want to be together again," he said. Zelenskyy calls for 'maximum'

sanctions against Russia AP DAVOS

krainian President U Volodymyr Zelenskyy is calling for "maximum" sanctions against Russia during a virtual speech at the World Economic Forum gathering.

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

banks blocked and cutting off trade with Russia completely.

Želenskyy says his country has slowed Russian

world

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Mathura Road, New Delhi-110044				
Web: www	Ph.: 011-42760373, 42730360 Arathisteels.com, E-mail :rathibars@hotmail.com			
NOTICE				
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is schedule to be held on Monday, the 30th Day of May, 2022, at 04.00 P.M., inter alia, to consider and approve the Audited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and year ended 31stMarch, 2022. This notice is available on the Company's website at www.rathisteels.com and also on the website of the stock exchange where the shares of the Company are listed i.e. www.bseindia.com. For Rathi Bars Limited Sd/- Place: New Delhi Date: 24.05.2022 Company Secretary and Compliance officer				
J IVI	CIN: L25199UP1971PLC003392			
Registered Office: Modinagar - 201204; Dist. Ghaziabad, (U.P.) Corporate Office: 4-7C, DDA Shopping Centre, New Friends Colony, New Delhi-110025; Website: www.modirubberlimited.com Email: investors@modigroup.net; Phone: +91-11-47107398				
	NOTICE			
Pursuant to regulation 29 of SEBI (LODR) 2015, Notice is hereby given				
that a 297th Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is				
scheduled to be held on Saturday on 28th day of May, 2022 at 02.30 PM at Corporate Office: 4-7/C, DDA Shopping Centre, 4th Floor, New Friends				
	5 to inter-alia approve the following:			
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 Audited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Statements alongwith the Auditor Reports thereon of the Company for the year ended on March 31, 2022. 				
	For Modi Rubber Limited			
	Sd/-			
Place : New Delhi	(S K Bajpai)			
Date : May 18, 2022	Head - Legal & Co. Secretary			
CDEC	Address Unit No. 103, First Floor C&B Square,			
	SangamComplex, 127, Andheri-Kurla Road, Village			
SBFC Finance Pvt. l	LTCL. Fax: +91 22 67875334 www.sbfc.com			
	Corporate Identity Number: U67190MH2008PTC178270			
	PUBLIC NOTICE			
This is to inform the Public that Auction of pledged Gold Ornaments will be conducted by SBFC Finance Pvt. Ltd. on 28th May/22 at Delhi District branch O – 7, 1st Floor, 'above Look Saloon, Laipat Nagar 2, New Delhi – 110024, Faridabad District: branch D-2, First Floor,NI.T., Near 1-2 Chowk, Faridabad, Haryana-121001 and Grurgram District : branch First Floor, Property No. 342/9, Subhash Nagar, New Railway Road, Gurugram – 122001, District : Gautam Budh Nagar : Branch add- Plot No. 5, Ground Floor, Opposite White Castle Hotel, Main Dadri Road, Salarpur, Bhangel, Sector-101, District Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida 201304 (UP), Ghaziabad District : branch add- B2, Basement, RDC Raj Nagar, Ghaziabad –201002, Hapur District : add- First Floor,				
bove PC levellers, Garah Pargana, Garah Road, Tehsi & District Hapur - 245101, (U.P.) The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to Loan Accounts of our various Customers who have failed to pay their dues. Our notices of auction have been duly issued to these borrowers. The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to all linked accounts of Customer ID for				

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



AP 🔳 KYIV

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

He testified that he shot the man after being ordered to do

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

of fighting.

The sentencing came as the 3-month-old war helped push the number of people displaced worldwide to the highest level on record level, according to the United Nations, with more 100 million people driven from their homes across the globe.Meanwhile, Ukrainian many civilians to flee their homes.

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against Russia. He said by video that sanctions needed to go further to stop Russia's aggression

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

On the battlefield, Russian forces have stepped up shelling in Ukraine's eastern industrial heartland as

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

Grinding battles in the Donbas, where Ukrainian and Russian forces are fighting town by town, have forced

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy addressed the World Economic Forum as it opened in Davos, Switzerland, calling for "maxi-

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Ukrainian forces.

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

(www.monnetgroup.com) and on the website of the Stock Exchange (www.bseindia.com) By order of the Board of Directors

In Tokyo Dated : 23.05.2022 Priv

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) PROJECT CIRCLE DIVISION IST SRINAGAR

CORRIGENDUM

Subject: - Design and Construction of Kulgam Bypass on NH-444 taking off from existing chainage Km 61+650 and rejoining at Km 73+100 of

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

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NOTICE

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Place : New Delhi **Company Secretary**

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Russians had occupied several towns and cities in Luhansk after indiscriminate, 24-hour shelling and concentrating forces and weaponry there, bringing in troops from Kharkiv to the northwest,

from inside Russia. But the Ukrainian military

unsuccessful in their attack on

Mariupol to the south, and news agencies reported. said that Russian forces were Zelenska, gave a rare interview **NORTHERN RAILWAY** INVITATION OF TENDERS THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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

Price Vehicle No. DL6CM5155 Make and Model- BMW CICI BANK LTD VS Rs Rs. TARUN CHAUHAN, OA- 87/2019 ,80,000/-48,000/ 520D Manu Year- 2013

Note: DD/PO of EMD amount has to be made in favour of ICICI bank Limited, payable at Delhi. Auction Date: June 08, 2022 From 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Place of Auction: Godara Yard, Khewat No. 166/1, Near Atul Kataria Chowk, Behind Gyan Devi, School, Sec – 17, Sukhrali, Gurugram-122022

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

Terms of Sale

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

Successfully bidder shall have to deposit sale amount (Excluding EMD amount) within 5 days from the Approval date by the way of pay order/demand draft/RTGS/NEFT. In case if you fail to make the remaining

sale amount within 5 days, your EMD amount will be forfeited. The intending bidders may visit at ICICI Bank Ltd, 1st Floor, SD Tower, Community Center, Plot No-7, Rohini Sector-8 New Delhi- 110085 for details and inspection of the said hypothecated vehicles

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



Russian diplomat to UN in Geneva quits in protest against attack on Ukraine

AP DAVOS

veteran Russian diplomat to the U.N. Offic A at Geneva says he handed in his resignatio before sending out a scathing letter to foreign col leagues inveighing against the "aggressive wa unleashed" by President Vladimir Putin i Ukraine

Boris Bondarev, 41, confirmed his resignation in a letter delivered Monday morning at the Russia diplomatic mission after a diplomatic official passe on his English-language statement to Th Associated Press.

"For twenty years of my diplomatic career have seen different turns of our foreign policy, bu never have I been so ashamed of my country a on Feb. 24 of this year," he wrote, alluding to th date of Russia's invasion.

Reached by phone, Bondarev - a diplomati counselor who has focused on Russia's role in th Conference on Disarmament in Geneva after pos ings in places like Cambodia and Mongolia - cor firmed he handed in his resignation in a lette addressed to Ambassador Gennady Gatilov.

A spokesman for the mission didn't immed ately respond to calls and a text message from th AP seeking comment.

The resignation amounts to a rare — if no unprecedented - public admission of dis gruntlement about Russia's war in Ukraine amon the Russian diplomatic corps, at a time when Putin's government has sought to crack down o dissent over the invasion and sought to quell con flicting narratives from the government lin about how the "special military operation" — a it's officially known in Russia — is proceeding.

"It is intolerable what my government is doin now," Bondarev told the AP. "As a civil servant, have to carry a share of responsibility for that, an I don't want to do that."

Bondarev said he had not received any reac tion yet from Russian officials, but added: "Am concerned about the possible reaction fror Moscow? I have to be concerned about it." Aske if some colleagues felt the same, he added: "No all Russian diplomats are warmongering.

They are reasonable, but they have to keep the mouths shut."

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		ARTICULARS				
1	Name of the Corporate Debtor	Ansal Urban Condominiums Private Limited				
2	Date of incorporation of corporate debtor	19th September, 2008				
3	Authority under which corporate debtor is	Registrar of Companies, Delhi, India, under The				
	incorporated / registered	Companies Act, 1956				
4	Corporate identity number / limited	U51909DL2008PTC183513				
	liability identification number of corporate					
	debtor					
5	Address of the registered office and	115, Ansal Bhawan 16, K. G. Marg				
	principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	New Delhi - 110001				
6	Insolvency commencement date of the	10th March, 2022				
	corporate debtor					
7	Date of invitation of expression of interest	24th May, 2022				
8	Eligibility for resolution applicants under	Details are available and can be obtained by sending				
	section 25(2)(h) of the Code is available at:	an email to cirp.ansalurban @gmail.com				
9	Norms of ineligibility applicable under	Details are available and can be obtained by sending				
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10	Last date for receipt of expression of	08th June, 2022 (before/by 5:00 P.M.)				
	interest					
11	Date of issue of provisional list of	18th June, 2022				
	prospective resolution applicants					
12	Last date for submission of objections	23rd June, 2022				
	to provisional list					
13	Date of issue of final list of prospective	2nd July, 2022				
	resolution applicants					
14	Date of issue of information memorandum,	23rd June, 2022				
	evaluation matrix and request for resolution					
	plans to prospective resolution applicants					
15	Manner of obtaining request for	Eligible prospective resolution applicants set out as				
	resolution plan, evaluation matrix,	per S. No. 8 and after executing the Non-Disclosure				
	information memorandum and further	Agreement/undertaking can get on request by email in				
	information	electronic form.				
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	plans					
17	Manner of submitting resolution plans to	By Post or by hand delivery in sealed envelope				
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18	Estimated date for submission of	22nd August, 2022				
	resolution plan to the Adjudicating					
10	Authority for approval					
19	Name and registration number of the	Rajesh Ramnani				
00	resolution professional	Reg No- IBBI/IPA-002/IP-N00993/2020-21/13187				
20	Name, Address and e-mail of the	Rajesh Ramnani				
	resolution professional, as registered with	D-44, 2nd Floor, Naraina Vihar, New Delhi-110028				
01	the Board	Email-rajeshramnani2407@gmail.com				
21	Address and email to be used for	Rajesh Ramnani				
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Expectation of rate hike in next policy 'no-brainer': RBI

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gold jumps

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New Delhi:

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RBI has taken a number of steps to moderate inflation in the last 2-3 months, he said, adding that the government on other hand has taken measures, including wheat export ban

and cut in excise duty on petrol and diesel. All these put together will have sobering impact on price rise, he added Retail inflation has been

above RBI's upper tolerance level for the past four months. The government has man-

dated MPC headed by the RBI Governor to keep the retail inflation between 2 to 6 per cent. As per the latest print, the Consumer Price Index (CPI)

inflation increased to 7.79 per cent against 6.95 per cent in the previous month and 4.21 per cent in April 2021. 'Interest rates in almost every country today are nega-

tive, except Russia and Brazil. The target for inflation for advanced economies is about 2 per cent. Except for Japan and one more country, all advanced economies have inflation of over 7 per cent," he said. "We will move towards positive real

rates, but it is impossible to forecast how soon because of the evolving situation," said the governor.

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

New Delhi: India and Brazil have agreed to strengthen their cooperation in agriculture and allied farm sectors.

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

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

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

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

oil and natural gas, bio-energy, ethanol, trade and investment, and many more.

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

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

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



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



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

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

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

futures gain on

CRUDEOIL

New Delhi: Crude oil prices on

Monday rose by ₹43 to ₹8,661

per barrel as participants widened positions on a firm

Exchange, crude oil for June delivery traded higher by ₹43

On the Multi Commodity

spot demand

Crude oil

12.53 per cent, followed by UltraTech Cement, ITC, Power Grid, HDFC, HDFC Bank, HCL Technologies and Reliance Industries

In contrast, M&M, Maruti, Hindustan Unilever, Larsen & Toubro, Asian Paints and Kotak Mahindra Bank were among the gainers.

"Nifty once again gave up the intra day gains and ended in the negative. Metals stocks sold off post the levy of export duties over the weekend on iron ore and some steel intermediates," said Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities.

Meanwhile, Asian markets in Shanghai, Seoul and Tokyo ended higher, while Hong Kong settled lower.

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

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

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

Sintex Industries Q4 net loss at ₹119 cr

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

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

RAIN GAMES LAUNCHES GAME MAGIC T23

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

ing the quarter under review as against ₹721.62 crore in the corresponding period of previous fiscal year. Total expenses were at ₹1,189.41 crore as against

was up at ₹1,028.49 crore dur-

₹894.06 crore.For the fiscal year ended March 2022, it reported a net profit of ₹573.82 crore as compared to ₹1,306.41

crore profit in 2020-21. PTI

BUSINESS BRIEFS

"Gold prices traded higher with spot prices at COMEX trading 0.56 per cent up at USD

The move would help engi-

host of steel intermediaries would increase the domestic availability of the key industry inputs".

The government levied an



PTI

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

"Downstream exporters feel primary steel products prices will fall by 10 per cent for primary producers and 15 per

"All the steps together would not only help the industry beat the surging input costs but also improve liquidity. We welcome the government decision and greatly appreciate the timely response," said.

he

Steel products' prices should fall by Maruti Suzuki to acquire AI firm Sociograph Solutions

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

SSPL is an artificial intelligence (AI) software company that specialises in visual AI platform predominantly used to help enterprises improve sales experiences and improve efficiency in their business.

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



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

spot demand.

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

10% for primary producers: EEPC



on Monday. neering goods manufacturers and exporters become more

He also said, "imposition of

from ₹61,334 per kg in the pre In the international market, gold was trading higher at USD 1,857 per ounce and silver was flat at USD 21.99 per

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

rallies ₹458 Kolkata: In the wake of rising input costs, especially primary steel, the government's decision to remove import duty on raw materials for the metal production would lower costs for domestic steelmakers and

reduce prices by around 10 per cent, an Engineering Export Promotion Council official said

Monday in line with firm global precious metal prices, according to HDFC Securities. In the previous trade, the

competitive in the global mar-kets, EEPC India chairman Mahesh Desai said.

precious metal finished at ₹50,756 per 10 gram. Silver also rallied ₹458 to ₹61,792 per kg export duty on iron ores and a

Gold prices traded higher extending weekly gains supported by weaker dollar," said Tapan Patel, Senior Analyst (Commodities), HDĖC PTI Securities

from 2.5 per cent to zero. Meanwhile, import duties

reduce the overall cost of domestic producers," Desai said in his reacduction of steel products, the Centre slashed import duty He said that a reduction in

on coking coal and anthracite fuel prices would ease logistics costs which have been hurting the sector.

inflatior emerged as a major headache for policymakers across the world, he said, adding that the persistently elevated price poses a serious "risk to demand and growth". PTI



Intermediate crude oil was down by 0.92 per cent at USD 111.30 per barrel, while Brent crude traded 1.09 per cent lower at USD 113.78 per barrel in New York. PTI

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

Mumbai: Rupee recovered from record lows and settled 15 paise higher at 77.55 (provi-sional) against the US dollar on Monday, supported by a weak greenback overseas.

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

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

On Friday, the rupee had settled at a record low of 77.70 against the American currency. According Gaurang Somaiya, Forex & Bullion

Analyst, Motilal Oswal Financial Services, rupee continued to consolidate and volatility remained confined to a narrow range despite chop-

piness in domestic equities. "Today volatility for the dollar could remain low as no major economic data is expect-



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

fund outflows and firm crude oil prices weighed on the rupee and kept the appreciation bias capped.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 1 per cent lower at 102.12.

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

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

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

under Income Tax Act, 1961, and income tax authorities have ample powers to take appropriate action," said the NCLAT bench headed by Chairperson Justice Ashok Bhushan.

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

"We are of the view that it is not for us to consider whether TDS amount has been paid or not ... We, thus, are of the view that the Adjudicating Authority (NCLT) has committed a serious error in admitting the Section 9 Application on the ground of non-payment of two TDS amounts," the NCLAT said. PTI | 2.7 per cent from 4.7 per cent

'Economic growth may have slowed to 3.5% in Q4 FY22'

Mumbai: The economic in Q3 FY2022, it said. growth may have slowed to 3.5 per cent in fourth quarter of 2021-22 from 5.4 per cent in the previous three-month period due to the impact of higher commodity prices on margins, decline in wheat yields and on higher base, Icra Ratings said on Monday.

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

around 5.4 per cent," Nayar said. The agency further said

that the recent cut in excise

duties on petrol and diesel will

The National Statistical Office (NSO) will release the fourth quarter numbers of fiscal 2022 on May 31.

Icra's Chief Economist Aditi Nayar said Q4 was a challenging quarter, with the Omicron-fuelled third wave of Covid-19 arresting the momentum in contact-intensive services, and a pervasive pressure on margins from higher commodity prices.

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

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

help boost sentiments and improve consumers' disposable incomes, while simultaneously cooling the CPI inflation. Last week, the government had cut excise duty on petrol by a record Rs 8 per litre and that on diesel by Rs 6 per litre to give relief to consumers battering under high fuel prices that has also pushed inflation to a multi-year high.

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

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

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

Over the longer term, India's highly negative credit exposure to physical climate risks means its economic growth will likely become more volatile as it faces increasing, and more extreme incidences of climate-related shocks, it noted. The rating agency said although heat waves are fairly common in India, they usually occur in May and June. However, this year New Delhi witnessed the fifth heatwave in May with the maximum temperature touching 49 degrees

"The prolonged high temperatures, which are affecting much of the northwest of the country, will curb wheat production and could lead to extended power outages, exacerbating already high inflation and hurting growth, a

credit negative," Moody's said. The Indian government has revised down its estimates for wheat production by 5.4 per cent to 105 million tonnes for

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

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

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

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

Global wheat prices have jumped 47 per cent since the conflict began in late February.

The agency said India's export partners will likely face a further surge in wheat prices because of the ban. They include Bangladesh, which absorbed 56.8 per cent of India's wheat exports in fiscal 2021, Sri Lanka (8.3 per cent), UAE (6.5 per cent) and Indonesia (5.4 per cent). **PTI**

New Delhi: Investments in the Indian capital markets through participatory notes (P-notes) increased slightly to Rs 90,580 crore at the end of April, as foreign investors are shifting allocation from China to India amid a significant economic slowdown in the most populated country.

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

According to Securities

and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) data, the value of P-note investments in Indian markets -- equity, debt, and hybrid securities -- stood at Rs 90,580 crore at April-end, compared to Rs 87,979 crore in March.

In February, the investment reached Rs 89,143 crore against Rs 87,989 crore in January

Sonam Srivastava, the founder of Sebi-registered investment advisor Wright Research, said the investment via P-notes rose last month from March, as FPI were net sellers in Indian markets in April with a negative flow in both equity and debt segments.

"The rationale for this slight increase could be that foreign institutional investors are shifting allocation from China to India given the significant economic slowdown in China, or that the IPOs which came out in April pulled in foreign investors. So, there is a tiny up move from March numbers but seeing strategic foreign

hedge funds take positions in India is exciting," she added. Manoj Trivedi, co-founder, Jama Wealth, Sebi-registered investment advisor, said these are legitimate instruments. They can be potentially used for money laundering purposes. When Indian markets are buoyant, there has been an effort to bring P-Notes within regulatory jurisdiction, but controls have been lifted when capital inflows have been plummeting.

"Given that FPIs have been net sellers in the market for some time, there seems to be an uptick in investments through P-notes.

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

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



GT take on Royals for place in final

PTI KOLKATA

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

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

Apart from firing at number 4, Pandya has used his resources well, be it the death bowling of wily Rashid Khan or making his batting exploits count to go alongside the fiery duo of David Miller and Rahul Tewatia. Every little thing has fallen in place.

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

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

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

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

The fact that the playoffs will be



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

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

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

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

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

They also have the experience of Ravichandran Ashwin whose versatility has come to the fore especially in the second-half of the season. Ashwin's batting has also made a huge difference.

Batting at number 5 ahead of their regular batters Shimron Hetmyer and Riyan Parag against Chennai Super Kings the other day, Ashwin smashed an unbeaten 23-ball 40 to script a five-wicket win that also sealed their top-two finish.

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

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

PTI 🔳 NEW DELHI

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

If not even an over a side is possible, the league standing will take precedence and will decide the winner, according to an IPL briefing note.

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

a reserve day for the summit clash, which will begin at 8pm. With the IPL moving to

Kolkata for the playoffs and inclement weather forecast for the city, the IPL has issued certain guidelines in case of rain-interrupted games. While Gujarat Titans take on

Rajasthan Royals in Qualifier 1 on Tuesday, Lucknow Super Giants will play Royal Challengers Bangalore at the same venue the next day in the Eliminator. The second Qualifier and the

final are slated to be played in Ahmedabad on Friday and Sunday respectively.

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

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

done without the match actually restarting on the previous night will be ignored." to be back among runs. Their batting too has slumped

reduced so that each side has the opportunity to bat for five overs,"

Qualifier playoff matches, in the

event that it is not possible to

schedule a five-over match to

complete by the end of the extra

time on the original day, the

teams will, if conditions permit,

play a Super Over to determine

the winner of the relevant

If the Super Over is not pos-

Eliminator or Qualifier match."

sible "the team that finished high-

est in the league table after the 70

matches of the regular season shall

be declared the winner of the rel-

evant playoff match or final," it

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the DLS method will come into

If the final starts on May 29 that is at least one ball is bowled

then the "match will resume at the

point where it stopped on the pre-

vious day. For the avoidance of

doubt, any match recalculations

is complete but no

In case of the two Qualifiers

Play is possible in the second,

added

play.

"For the Eliminator and each

the IPL guidelines read.

with Samson and Hetmyer's loss of form and they would look to get into the act ahead of the big match.

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

Disappointed with last few games: Jos Buttler

PTI KOLKATA

 $S_{\text{Jos Buttler is "disappointed"}}^{\text{tar Rajasthan Royals batter}} \\ \text{with his form in the last few} \\$ games but said he is taking a lot of confidence from the big knocks that he had played early in the tournament going into



VASTRAKAR SHINES IN SUPERNOVAS

PTI PUNE

ooja Vastrakar picked up four wickets for just 12 runs in a brilliant pace-bowling display as Supernovas notched up an easy 49-run win over Trailblazers in a recordbreaking opening match of the Women's T20 Challenge here on Monday.

The 22-year-old Vastrakar claimed the wickets of Trailblazers' captain Smriti Mandhana (34), her opening partner Hayley Matthews (18), No 4 Sophia Dunkley (1) and Salma Khatun (0) in two separate spells to tear apart the batting



the 11th over bowled by Ecclestone virtually ended the contest.

Écclestone had Richa Gosh (2) off the second ball of the over and Arundhati Reddy (0) was run out in the next delivery as Trailblazers batters looked in a hurry to return to the hut.

Harmanpreet Kaur brought Vastrakar for her second spell and the pacewoman got immediate success by having Khatun to reduce Trailblazers to 73 for 7 at the end of 12 overs.

Asking rate had climbed more than 11 runs an over by then and one-down Jemimah Rodrigues (24) tried to make 14th over to Meghna Singh to extinguish any hopes of Trailblazers' fight back. Earlier, Supernovas captain Kaur top-scored with 37 off 29 balls while Harleen Deol and Deandra Dottin chipped in with 35 and 32 respectively. They, however, lost five wickets in the last two overs for just eight runs, including that of Kaur, in a dramatic collapse. Matthews was the pick of the Trailblazers bowlers with figures of 3 for 29 while Salma Khatun took two for 30 runs.

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

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

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

RR finished second in the points table behind new entrants Gujarat Titans.

Retiring out is risky but can give competitive advantage: Ashwin

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

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

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

WARNE HAS BEEN WATCHING ME FROM **ABOVE: CHAHAL**

Yuzvendra Chahal credited his success to the closely knit group and said playing for RR from above.

situations eading the franchise for a them to express their ideas,

Lsecond full season, skipsaid Samson. per Sanju Samson said he has "I do receive a lot of never stopped learning and information, a lot of suggescommunication has been

tions... So, I'm really enjoyone of the key components ing the unity and the willingof his captaincy. "I think ness of everyone to contribute to the team, and I I've actually developed and kept on learning as a batter think it's very important to and also as a captain. I'm listen to everyone. But I also really enjoying the responsiknow that the final call has bility of leading this team, especially with so many to be from my side, and I have to take the ownership of experienced players in our each and every decision made by the team."

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

side.

has also been special because of the late Shane Warne, who had led the team in the inaugural season.

"I know it's just the first season here (at Royals) for me, but it feels like I've been playing here for many years. I'm really relaxed here mentally, and I believe the credit goes to the people here, who take really good care of me ... It has really made me connect with the franchise at a different level," said the Purple Cap holder. "On the other hand, it's also special for me because Warne s i r played for RR a n d was the

first-ever Royal, and I think his blessings are with me. I feel like he's been watching me

efending cnam England left-arm spinner Sophie

Ecclestone and Australia all-rounder Alana King chipped in with two wickets apiece as Trailblazers could only score 114 for 9 in 20 overs while chasing 164.

The Supernovas had earlier scored the tournament's highest-ever score of 163 all out after opting to bat.

Trailblazers made a strong start to their chase with Mandhana and Matthews putting on 39 runs for the opening wicket in five overs.

But Vastrakar struck triple blows on

Trailblazers to leave the defending champions in deep trouble.

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

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

Runs were hard to come by for Trailblazers as they reached 71 for 4 at the halfway mark. But two quick wickets in

County stint will keep me in good stead: Pujara

PTI 🔳 NEW DELHI

 $B_{\rm Test}$ ack in national team for the Edgbaston Test after scoring a bagful of runs in County cricket, Cheteshwar Pujara said his stint for Surrey will hold him in good stead when India takes on England in the one-off red ball fixture in July.

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

"I am glad to have been selected for the England Test, and happy that my recent county performances were recognized," Pujara told *PTI*.

"Having spent some time in the mid-dle during the county games, I do believe



it will keep me in good stead as we get ready for the game against England.

"As always, looking forward to prepar-ing and training well ahead of the tour, and do hope to continue contributing to the Indian team," he added.

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

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

Pujara amassed an unbeaten 201 against Derbyshire, before scoring 109 against Worcestershire. He also smashed 203 and 170 not out against Durham and Middlesex. Playing for Saurashtra in the Ranji Trophy, Pujara had also hit 91 against Mumbai and 64 not out against Goa. Pujara has scored 6713 runs at 43.87 in 95 Tests for India



AP ISLAMABAD

Dakistan has dropped legspinner Usman Qadir and hard-hitting batters Asif Ali and Haider Ali for next month's limited-overs international series against the West Indies.

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

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

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

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

The 23-year-old, who has impressed one and all with his death over bowling this season, ended his IPL campaign with 10 wickets and an economy rate of 7.70.

His ability to bowl the change-ups along with wide york-ers and deliveries in the blockhole earned him a place in the squad for the home series against South Africa next month.



Arshdeep delighted to represent India

Arshdeep got to know the good news on his way to Punjab's last league stage match against Sunrisers Hyderabad on Sunday. "I got to know just before the match, in the bus that I have got selected in the Indian team. Because the match was going on

Because the match was going on I didn't feel much," Arshdeep told teammate Harpreet Brar after Punjab Kings' five-wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad.



Naomi may skip

Wimbledon over

AP PARIS

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Former world number one Naomi Osaka on Monday said she may skip Wimbledon over the decision to strip the

Grand Slam tournament of ranking

affecting my mentality going into grass, like I'm not 100% sure if I'm going to go

there," said Osaka after her 7-5, 6-4 loss to Amanda Anisimova in the French

experience on the grass court, but at the

same time, I don't want to say pointless,

but I'm the type of player that gets moti-

motivated by the idea of rising in the rankings," said the four-time major

good, but the execution is all over the

banned Russian and Belarusian players

in response to the invasion of Ukraine.

Wimbledon chiefs branded the move

"So the intention of this measure was

The ATP and WTA tours last week removed ranking points from Wimbledon after the All England Club

vated by seeing my ranking go up. "I'm the type of player who gets

"I would say the decision is kind of

"I would love to go just to get some

USAK FRENCH

AP PARIS

ormer world number one Naomi Osaka lost in the first round of the French Open on Monday, 12 months after con-troversially quitting the tour-nament, while women's title favourite Iga Swiatek stretched her winning streak to 29 matches.

Osaka, a four-time Grand Slam champion, was knocked out 7-5, 6-4 by American 27th seed Amanda Anisimova -- the same player who ended the Japanese star's title defence at the Australian Open this year.

Án error-plagued Osaka served up eight double faults and committed 29 unforced errors on her return to Roland Garros, after withdrawing in 2021 when she refused to honour mandatory media commitments before revealing she had been suffering from depression.

"It's tough to see Naomi Osaka in the first round so I knew it wouldn't be easy," said Anisimova, who reached the semifinals in Paris three years ago.

"I knew I had to play my best tennis and the conditions were not easy."

As rain fell on the outside courts, Swiatek required just 54 minutes to dispatch Ukrainian qualifier Lesia Tsurenko 6-2, 6-0 under the roof on Court Philippe Chatrier

The 20-year-old Swiatek, who took over as world number one following Ashleigh Barty's shock retirement, has won her last five tournaments and is bidding for a second French Open in three attempts.

"Today was a pretty good match," said Swiatek. "I love playing here even though the last couple of days it's been raining and pretty dark.

The 2020 champion will play Ukraine's Dayana Yastremska or American Alison Riske for a spot in the last 32.



later on a star-studded Monday. has the longest winning streak on the WTA tour since Serena Williams won 34 match-

Djokovic plays Yoshihito Nishioka of Japan in the first of 10 night sessions -introduced at Roland Garros last year when a pandemic curfew saw most late matches played in front of empty stands.

It is the world number one's first Grand Slam match since his high-profile deportation from Australia. He won his first title of the year at the Italian Open earlier this month

"I feel I am always in that contention to fight for any Grand Slam trophy," said Djokovic, who is seeded to meet Nadal in the quarter-finals and Spanish teenage sen-

sation Carlos Alcaraz in the last four. Diokovic's last match at a major was his loss to Daniil Medvedev in last year's US Open final, a defeat which denied the Serb a calendar Grand Slam.

Nadal has yet to win a title on his beloved clay this season, but played down concerns over the chronic foot issue that resurfaced in Rome.

"There is nothing to recover," said Nadal, who faces Australia's Jordan Thompson. "What happened in Rome is something that happened very often in my practices." "I was suffering after that for a couple of days, but I feel better. That's why

I'm here." Nadal began the year with a 20match winning run, capturing a second Australian Open title to claim a record 21st Grand Slam and move ahead of Djokovic and Roger Federer.

The 35-year-old's record at the French Open stands at a staggering 105 wins and just three losses since his 2005 title-winning debut. Djokovic has been responsible for two of those defeats. One came in the bruising semi-final 12 months ago, the most recent clash of the pair's epic 58match rivalry.

Reigning women's champion Barbora Krejcikova will play France's Diane Parry

by the two tours, which threatens to reduce the sport's most prestigious ten-nis tournament to the status of an exhibition event, as "disproportionate".

On Monday, former US Open champion Sloane Stephens said she support-ed the move to strip points from Wimbledon.

"I think the decision that was taken was the correct one," said the American. "I think that there is a lot of things

that happened behind the scenes that the press are not aware of, and I think there has been a lot of mishandling of how everything was handled."

in round one. The Czech world number two has been sidelined by an arm injury since late February and is yet to play on clay this year.

of Fabio Carvalho

AP LIVERPOOL

iverpool have finally com-Liverpool have finally com-forward Fabio Carvalho after failing in a bid to bring the 19year-old to Anfield in January, the Premier League runners-up announced on Monday.

The Portuguese teenager, who is understood to have signed a five-year contract, will officially join the Anfield club on July 1.

Carvalho, out of contract at the end of June, was set for a move four months ago on

the Premier League, scoring 10 goals and providing eight assists

es in a row in 2013.

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"I'm just focusing on tennis and play-

Defending champion Novak Djokovic

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DJOKOVIC, NADAL READY TO ROLL

and 13-time French Open winner Rafael

Nadal start their Roland Garros campaigns

in 36 games as Marco Silva's side won the Championship title. He made his debut for Portugal's U21s in March, having previously represented England at youth level.

Carvalho's arrival will add another fresh face to Liverpool's dynamic forward line, already

boosted by the arrival of Luis Diaz in January.

Liverpool confirm signing India concede late goal Ten Hag aims to smash Liverpool-City duopoly to draw-1-1 with Pak PTI 📕 JAKARTA

Defending champions India conceded a late goal to allow arch-rivals Pakistan walk allow arch-rivals Pakistan walk away with a 1-1 draw in their opening Pool A match of the Asia Cup men's hockey tourna-ment, here on Monday. India took the lead in the

ninth minute through Karthi Selvam before Abdul Rana broke their neighbours' heart by equalter, the second of which was conising in the 59th from a penalty corner. India will next play verted by Karthi, who scored his Japan on Tuesday. Pakistan had first international goal after his ce in the

early on. Second into ther third quarter, Pakistan secured their third penalty corner but Rizwan

Ali shot his flick wide. A lapse in concentration cost India dearly as a long ball caught, an otherwise alert Indian defence, off guard in the final two minutes, resulting in a penalty corner for Pakistan.

Rana pushed in from a rebound after Mubashar Ali's flick was saved at the goal line by Yashdeep Siwach.

tally. City boss Pep Guardiola has now claimed four titles in

taking over a struggling side

that finished a lowly sixth in

United ended up 35 points behind champions

ever Premier League points

the Premier League.

five years, while Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp can complete a treble of cup trophies this season should the Reds see off Real Madrid in Saturday's Champions League final.

Guardiola and Klopp -the managers of United's two biggest rivals -- have consistently battled it out for the major trophies, leaving the Red Devils, without silver-ware since 2017, as City, who pipped Liverpool to the title by a point, as the Red Devils registered their lowestbystanders.

However, the Dutchman challenged the suggestion it would take the departure of one or both of Guardiola

and Klopp for United to be able to compete again. "In this moment I admire

them both," Ten Hag said as he was unveiled at Old Trafford on Monday. "They play in this moment really fantastic football, both Liverpool and Manchester City. "But you always see that an era can come to an end. I am looking forward to battle with them.

The former Ajax boss, 52, is United's fifth permanent manager since the club last won a league title in Alex Ferguson's farewell season in 2013.



deadline day when a million deal was agreed with the Championship winners but the transfer window closed without a medical and formal paperwork being concluded.

Liverpool have reportedly agreed to pay extra in add-ons and attach a 20% sell-on clause. Carvalho played a key role

in Fulham's promotion back to

third minute in the form of a penalty corner, but they failed to stop the ball

properly as India survived Seconds later, it was

India's turn to secure a penalty corner but Neelam Sanjip Xess effort was saved by the Pakistan goalie Akmal Hussain. The Indians continued to

put pressure on the Pakistan defence and secured two more penalty corners in the first quar-

important objective of qualifying

in the Europa League semifinals and Athletic Bilbao in the

Copa del Rey was disappointing

while the drop-off during the

run-in suggests there is still a lot

either side of half-time as Alfonso

Pedraza scored in the 41st

minute after latching onto a Dani

Villarreal's two goals came

of work to do.

But going out to Frankfurt

for the Champions League.

Emery's Villarreal beat listless Barca

citadel after getting a deflection off the stick of defender Muhammad Abdullah. In between Pakistan also got

another penalty corner but the effort went wide.

Soon after the start of the second quarter, Pakistan goalkeeper Hussain made a fine reflex save to deny Pawan Rajbhar from point blank range.

Pakistan made a bright start after the change of ends and threatened the Indian defence

Parejo through-ball before Moi

Gomez made it two in the 55th

Paul and Angel Correa scored goals in the second half before

Jon Guridi grabbed a consolation

inside the post in the 68th

minute proved enough for Sevilla

to overcome Athletic Bilbao at

the Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan.

Rafa Mir's smart finish

for the hosts late on.

Atletico's victory over Real Sociedad came after Rodrigo de AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) Regd. Office: 19-A, Dhuleshwar Garden, Ajmer Road, Jaipur - 302001 (CIN:L36911RJ1996PLC011381)

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Verma (Co-Borrower), Uttara Kumar	Thousand Sixteen only	,Jatadhara , Dhamda , Govt School , Dist. Durg , Chattisgarh		
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Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited

AP BARCELONA

Barcelona finished 13 points behind La Liga champions Real Madrid after ending their turbulent season with a whimper on Sunday by losing 2-0 at home to Villarreal.

Atletico Madrid secured third place by winning 2-1 away at Real Sociedad, retaining their one-point lead over Sevilla, who won 1-0 at home to Athletic Bilbao.

Athletic's defeat, combined with Villarreal's excellent victory at Camp Nou, means Villarreal beat Athletic into seventh and qualify for the Europa Conference League

Villarreal's season was lit up by their sensational run to the semi-finals of the Champions League but Unai Emery's team

have suffered from inconsistency against the lower sides in La Liga and will be demoted to Europe's third-tier competition next term.

Athletic finish eighth while Real Sociedad held onto sixth and Europa League qualification, despite their loss at home to Atletico Madrid.

Barca already had second place and a spot in the top four wrapped up but Xavi Hernandez will be concerned heading into the summer about how his team has faded

Defeat by Villarreal means Barcelona lost four of their last nine games in all competitions while Real Madrid won La Liga at a canter. After being appointed in November, with the team lying ninth, Xavi revived the team and achieved the most

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorized Officer issued demand notice on the date mentioned against the account stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice. The borrower(s), having failed to repay the amount notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules 2002 on the date mentioned against the loan account. The borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank for the amounts, interest, costs and charges thereon. The borrowers' /borrowers' attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

Name of borrower(s) & Loan Account No.	Description of property mortgaged (Secured Asset)			Outstanding Amt. as on Date of Demand Notice
Mr. Ashraf Khan Mrs. Tanjum Khan Mr. Md. Imran Khan 851/3581	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property situated at Khasra No. 254/3, 255/2 (Part), P.H. No. 105-47, Mouja Mathpurena, Ward No. 52, Chandrashekhar Azad Ward, Raipur, Chattisgarh-492001, Rakba 600 Sq. Ft. and bounded by: North: House of Fatima Aayeja, East: House of Ashraf Bhai, West: Road, South: Road	21.12.2021	19.05.2022	Rs.16,21,543.92
Mr. Ghanshyam Sahu Mrs. Saraswathi Sahu 851/2923	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property situated at Khasra No.171/3, 175/3, 176/3 (Part), New Khasra No. 171/14, PH No. 105/41, RNM-1, Ward No. 52, Chandrashekhar Azad Ward, Mathpuraina, Tahsil & Dist. Raipur, Chattisgarh-492001, Rakba 546 Sq.Ft. and bounded by: North: Land of Mohit Sahu, East: Land of Balecha, West: Road, South: Land of Sumit Das		19.05.2022	Rs.14,33,382.09
Place: Raipur Date: 24/05/2022				Authorised Officer Bandhan Bank Limited

