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STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

As the city's air quality remained in the "severe" category for the second consecutive day, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday announced the closure of all primary schools in the Capital from Saturday and banned outdoor activities for the remaining classes.

As the air quality index of the majority of the stations stood in the range of 600 to 750 at 6 am, Kejriwal said he is planning to bring in odd-even schemes for vehicles in Delhi.

The Delhi Government has also ordered 50 per cent of its staff to work from home.

"Primary classes will be closed from Saturday and outdoor activities for classes above fifth standard will be suspended. We are also mulling over implementing the odd-even scheme for plying of vehicles," Kejriwal said while addressing a press conference.

This comes a day after schools in the neighbouring city of Noida were told to hold online classes till November 8.

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) had recently asked the Delhi Government to shut schools until the city's air quality improves. School closures because of pollution levels are now an annual occurrence in Delhi. This disruption in school for primary classes comes after schools in Delhi finally fully opened physically for students of all grades in

April this year after more than two years of closure because of Covid. In the wake of severe pollution in Delhi, many schools have taken measures to protect children, including suspension of outdoor activities and introduction of breathing exercises in classes.

In a separate press conference, Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai ordered 50 per cent staff of the Delhi Government to work from home and said an advisory will be issued to private offices to follow suit.

Rai said schools will be asked to curtail outdoor activities of senior students. He said the Delhi Government has decided to implement the anti-pollution curbs recommended by the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), including a ban on non-BS VI diesel vehicles.

"At a meeting with departments concerned, it has been decided that 50 per cent staff of Government offices will work from home from Monday and an advisory will be issued to private offices to follow suit," Rai said. In a bid to ramp up public transport, the Government will also launch "Paryavaran Bus Service" which will include 500 privately-run CNG buses.

The Government decided that diesel trucks of essential commodities or essential services only would be allowed to enter Delhi. Delhi registered diesel operated Medium Goods Vehicles (MGV) and Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV) will not be allowed to ply in Delhi except those carrying essential commodities or providing essential services.

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Delhi Chief Minister and AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann address a press conference in New Delhi on Friday

Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

Delhi, Punjab CMs
take responsibility
for rising farm fires

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann on Friday admitted responsibility for paddy straw (Parali) burning in the border State and promised to curb the practice by next winter amid alarming levels of air pollution in the national capital.

The number of paddy stubble burning incidents in Punjab rose 12.59 per cent year-on-year to 26,583 in the last 50 days, with a spurt in such cases after Diwali, according to the latest ICAR data.

SC to hear PIL for new
rules on stubble burningPIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to list for hearing on November 10 a PIL seeking fresh guidelines on stubble burning to curb rising air pollution in Delhi and NCR.

A bench comprising Chief Justice UU Lalit and Justice Bela M Trivedi took note of the submissions of lawyer Shashank Shekhar Jha, who filed the PIL in his personal capacity that the air pollution situation has worsened due to stubble burning in areas close

to Delhi.

"Even normal people cannot walk in such a situation," said the lawyer, adding that "Air Quality Index (AQI) level has risen due to stubble burning." "List it on November 10," the CJI said. The petition also sought a direction to the schools, colleges and Government and private offices to go virtual/online.

The lawyer argued that the problem of pollution arises every year and that there is a serious threat to life and liberty due to the smog in Delhi NCR.

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China ship nears to spy out
missile launch; India wary2nd ship in 3 months
sails close to India to
watch missile's speed
trajectory, accuracyPIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
NEW DELHI

equipped with highly sophisticated surveillance systems and can monitor the activities in many military installations and defence establishments besides the launch process of missiles. India usually conducts missile tests from APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast.

It is the second time in the three months that China has

sent its spy ship in the region.

The first ship Yuan Wang V was docked at the Hambantota port of Sri Lanka leading to a diplomatic protest by India. The ship remained at the port for more than five days and then sailed off.

The latest deployment of the Yuan Wang VI ship was tracked by satellites. The ship is now sailing towards Indonesia. These ships can monitor trajectory, speed and accuracy of the missile, sources said here on Friday.

Incidentally, India recently expressed concerns to Colombo for allowing refuelling of Chinese military vessels on high seas with Sri Lankan tankers after picking up fuel from the Hambantota port.

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Sena leader shot in Amritsar

Sudhir Suri was on hit list
of pro-Khalistani gangs

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH



Shiv Sena leader Sudhir Suri was shot by a local shopkeeper at one of the busiest places in Amritsar on Friday afternoon when he, along with other Sena leaders, were staging a protest outside a temple. At the time of incident, caught on camera, over a dozen cops were present at the spot.

The police immediately arrested the attacker, identified as Sandeep Singh who runs a shop near the dharna spot where Suri was protesting by blocking the road. The police also seized the pistol.

As the tension gripped the city with the Shiv Sena faction giving a call for bandh, Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav appealed to the people to maintain peace while keeping rumour-mongers at bay.

"We are not ruling out anything as of now...we will probe all aspects," the DGP told the media in the evening at Chandigarh, adding that he will be leaving for Amritsar soon to take stock of the situation.

Suri, leader of a local outfit that uses the name Shiv Sena Taksali, was holding a protest outside a temple against its management when at least five shots were fired from a pistol. Notably, Suri had the police

protection of 12 men, and there were local cops deployed at the spot, yet attacker Sandeep Singh could pump at least two bullets into Suri. "The weapon has been seized and investigation is on," said Amritsar Police Commissioner Arun Pal Singh.

The attacker arrived at the venue with three others in an SUV.

Suri was known for his fiery and allegedly "communal" speeches, especially on social media, targeting Khalistan supporters and some Sikh outfits. He was facing five "hate speech" cases against him.

It is believed that Suri was on the "hit list" of several gangsters, including pro-Khalistani gangs, and was provided security by the Government.

The killing came just over five months after the globally-renowned Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala was killed in Mansa after the State Government curtailed his security cover.

Ace newsman Isudan
AAP's CM face in Guj

PNS ■ NEW DELHI



Former media professional Isudan Gadhvi has been chosen as AAP's chief ministerial candidate in the Gujarat Assembly polls, Delhi CM and party's national convener Arvind Kejriwal announced on Friday.

Gadhvi hails from a farmers' family in Dwarka district's Pipaliya village in Gujarat. He comes from other backward castes which account for 48 per cent of Gujarat's population.

Gadhvi is the national general secretary of the AAP and a member of its national executive. Forty-year-old Gadhvi joined the AAP only last year.

Kejriwal said the CM candidate was declared on the basis of Gujarat public opinion. Gadhvi got as many as 73 per cent votes in a poll conducted by the party through SMS, WhatsApp, voice mail and e-

Isudan Gadhvi at a public meeting ahead in Ahmedabad on Friday

PTI

mail. Over 16 lakh people voted to select the CM face.

Gadhvi began his career as an anchor at Doordarshan where he hosted several popular programmes. From 2007 to 2011, he worked at ETV Gujarati as an on-field journalist in Porbandar.

He shot to fame when exposed a ₹150 crore illegal deforestation scam in Dang and Kaporada talukas of Gujarat.

CAPSULE

132-YEAR-OLD TUNNEL FOUND UNDER JJ HOSPITAL
Mumbai: A 132-year-old tunnel-like structure has been found on the premises of the Government-run JJ Hospital in Mumbai, officials said on Friday. The 200-metre-long structure was found under a building which originally housed the Sir Dinshaw Manockjee Petit Hospital for Women and Children.

MUMBAI SEES FIRST 'ZERO DEATH' FROM COVID IN NOV
Mumbai: Mumbai on Friday reported 47 Covid-19 cases, which took the tally to 11,54,276, while the death toll remained unchanged at 19,741 after a gap of three days, a civic official said. On Thursday, the metropolis had added 62 cases to its tally, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation official pointed out. The recovery count touched 11,33,987, with an active caseload of 548, he said.

Musk's Twitter axes most
of India staff, purges its
marketing, comm depts

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Twitter has fired the majority of its over 200 employees in India as part of mass layoffs across the globe ordered by its new owner Elon Musk who is looking to make his USD 44 billion acquisition work.

Sources said the layoffs are across engineering, sales and marketing, and communications teams.

However, there is no clarity yet on the severance package to be paid to employees laid off in India.

The entire marketing and communications department in India has been sacked, the sources said.



World's richest businessman Musk began his innings at Twitter last week by firing the CEO Parag Agrawal as well as the CFO and some other top executives.

This was followed by an exodus of top management. Musk has now started a massive exercise to downsized the company's global workforce.

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Tihar DG shunted after
Sukesh extortion claim

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Days after jailed conman Sukesh Chandrashekar alleged he paid ₹10 crore to Satyendar Jain — a Minister in the Kejriwal Government — for protection in the Tihar Jail, Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Friday transferred Director General (DG) of Prison Sandeep Goel. He was replaced by Sanjay Beniwal, an IPS officer of the 1989 batch.

Tihar prison was in news recently over an allegation of AAP leader Satyendar Jain getting "special treatment" there.

According to an official order issued on Friday, 1989 batch AGMUT cadre Goel has been asked to report to Police Headquarters.

Chandrashekar had writ-

ten to the Delhi LG alleging that Jain "extorted" ₹10 crore from him from him in 2019 to ensure his safety in prison, triggering a political slugfest between the AAP and the BJP.

Earlier, with reports of the AAP Minister getting massage treatment and relishing delicious food on jail premises, the Union Home Ministry sought a detailed report from Delhi's Chief Secretary. The Enforcement Directorate has submitted to the MHA documents and footage of special treatment provided to Jain.

Chandrashekar alleged that he had been receiving threats and was under pressure from Minister Jain and Sandeep Goel, the Director General of Prison, Delhi.

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New Parl's soft launch on Nov 20
with 1-day LS, RS Winter SessionPIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
NEW DELHI

The new Parliament building is expected to host a one-day sitting of both houses on November 20. The remainder of the Winter Session could take place in the old building. The Winter Session conventionally begins in the third week of November every year and goes on till Christmas break.

With the construction of the new Parliament building underway, there has been confusion over the scheduled Winter Session. Sources said the newly-constructed Parliament House could see a "soft launch" with a single sitting of the each House. Work on the two main chambers —



the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha — are on verge of completion. The Government had said it will hold the Winter Session in the new building during the 75th anniversary of Independence.

With less than a month to go for the November deadline, Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh

Puri said construction work of the new Parliament building is going on at a very fast pace.

Puri said there are over 4,000 people working round-the-clock on the project and claimed that he visits the construction site every week. He said it was up to the government to make the announcement regarding the date.

NCR-PULSE

DU ADMITS 15,500 IN 2ND ROUND OF SEAT ALLOCATION
New Delhi: The Delhi University on Friday announced that around 15,500 students have been admitted across colleges in the second round of seat allocation. According to the Registrar, DU, Vikas Gupta, with this, the total number of students admitted to the university so far has gone beyond 61,500. The university has 70,000 seats.

TP-DL LAUNCHES GREEN WARRIORS CAMPAIGN
New Delhi: Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited launches 'Green Warriors' campaign, encouraging school kids to share their innovative ideas to help save the environment, reduce and control global warming, and build a greener tomorrow. The campaign is open for all school students from classes 3 to 10.

MAN HELD FOR STEALING SUV FROM DELHI CANTONMENT
New Delhi: A 24-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly stealing a sports utility vehicle (SUV) from the Delhi Cantonment area after he, along with two of his two associates, held the driver of the car at gunpoint, police said on Friday. Accused Saurabh is a resident of the JJ colony in Khanpur, they added.

25-YEAR-OLD PEON ARRESTED FOR RAPE
New Delhi: A 25-year-old peon at a Delhi Government hospital was apprehended for allegedly raping a teenage girl in one of its rooms, police said on Friday. According to an official, GTB Enclave police station on Thursday received information that a girl has been raped by her neighbour in a room at the Rajiv Gandhi Super Speciality Hospital in northeast Delhi.

2 held for sexual assault on teen seeking job in New Usmanpur

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 15-year-old boy was allegedly sexually assaulted by a driver and conductor in northeast Delhi's New Usmanpur area, police said on Friday.

According to the police, the boy went from his home on Wednesday afternoon and reached the parking area near 5th Pusta under New Usmanpur police station limits.

He asked for a job from the drivers who used to park their vehicles in the parking and stayed with them in the night where the two persons sexually assaulted him. When he reached his home in the morning, he narrated the ordeal to his parents, a senior police officer said.

The family members reached the parking area where the boy identified the two who had sexually assaulted him. They caught hold of the accused and made a PCR call around 10.30 AM. The police reached the spot and apprehended the accused, the officer said.

Based on the statement of father of the victim, a case under Sections 341 (punishment for wrongful restraint), 377 (unnatural offences) and 34 (common intention) and provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act was registered at New Usmanpur police station on Thursday, the officer said.

Both the accused -- Sunil (30), a resident of Baghpat, and Saleem (34), a resident of Bulandshahar in Uttar Pradesh -- have been arrested in this case. They both work as driver and conductor, police said, adding that the father of the boy runs a tea stall.

The victim is not mentally fit and is under treatment. His parents had not lodge a missing report to police as he used to disappear from the house often and thereafter return on his own. Further investigation is in progress, police added.

Last month, a 10-year-old boy, who was assaulted and allegedly raped by three of his friends in northeast Delhi's New Seelampur area, died at a hospital here where he was admitted for over a week.

The boy was allegedly raped and hit by a few other boys with a rod on his leg which developed into an infection and spread in his body.

Delhi primary schools shut...

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Rai said a six-member panel chaired by the special commissioner of Transport has been set up to monitor the implementation of curbs on anti-polluting activities. It will have two members each from the Transport department, traffic police and the Delhi Pollution Control Committee. Revenue commissioners have been asked to prepare a plan for staggered timings of markets and offices. The Delhi Government will request Haryana and Uttar Pradesh to divert trucks from the entry point of peripheral expressways around Delhi.

Residents' welfare associations will be asked to provide electric heaters to security staff to prevent burning of coal and firewood. Special task forces will be constituted to curb air pollution at hotspots Thirteen teams of the DPCC will monitor industrial areas, Rai said. He said the odd-even car rationing scheme will be implemented if need arises and discussions on it are on.

According to a study conducted by The Energy and Resources Institute in 2018, vehicular emissions account for around 40 per cent of the PM 2.5 pollution in the capital.

ED raids in J'khand, WB in money laundering case

PTI ■ KOLKATA/RANCHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday raided a dozen locations in West Bengal and Jharkhand as part of a money laundering probe into alleged use of forged papers for sale of Defence land in these States, officials said.

The federal agency searched about eight locations in Ranchi and adjoining areas, besides multiple places in Kolkata including the premises linked to arrested businessman Amit Agarwal.

The ruling UPA in the state, however, decried the raids saying they were conducted only to topple the Hemant Soren government.

Some real estate dealers, private persons and linked entities were searched by ED teams, they said.

An ED official said employees working under Agarwal were also being questioned.

"At Agarwal's office in Nonapukur in the southern part of Kolkata, two close associates of the businessperson were questioned for over an hour to find out if he has any other property in West Bengal apart from the places that we have raided," he said.

The official said that searches were conducted at the office of another businessperson, who is closely associated with Agarwal, in the posh Salt Lake area.

"We started conducting raids from 6.40 am today. Searches are still underway. Our detectives are questioning employees of Agarwal inside his office. Some of our officers are looking for clues at Agarwal's apartment and his high-end vehicle," he told PTI.

The probe stems from a Jharkhand Police FIR filed to investigate alleged use of forged papers in sale and purchase of defence land, they said.

Agarwal was arrested by the ED last month on charges of alleged conspiracy to "trap" Rajeev Kumar, a lawyer representing a petitioner in two PILs filed against Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren.

This case also has links to the alleged illegal mining case being probed by the ED in which it recently summoned Soren and has arrested one of his aides and two others.

When contacted the spokesperson of the ruling JMM, Supriyo Bhattacharya told PTI "ED raids have now become a routine affair in Jharkhand. They are conducted with the only aim of toppling the Hemant Soren government. But we will overcome them successfully."

Congress, JMM's UPA partner, echoing him alleged that central probe agencies are being misused by the BJP-led government at the Centre to destabilise the UPA government in Jharkhand.

Hitting out at the saffron party, Congress state president Rajesh Thakur told PTI, "It is evident that the NDA government at the Centre is using constitutional institutions for BJP's evil purposes".

Senior BJP leader Babulal Marandi claimed that the defence land scam was brought to the notice of the state government by him in June and August but no action was taken by it.

"I had given documentary evidences on the Bariatu defence land sale for which the ED conducted raids today but no action was taken," Marandi tweeted tagging the letters.

In another tweet he said "Instead of taking action against tainted IAS Chhavi Ranjan involved in the land scam, you (CM) gave him an important post. If this investigation continues and reaches you, please don't say that you didn't know of it (the scam)."

In a letter to the state chief secretary in June, Marandi had expressed doubts over the manner in which 7.16 acres at

Hehal here was sold allegedly after the intervention of the district administration and the then deputy commissioner. He had also alleged that another 4.5 acres were disposed in Morabadi here to benefit a particular person and sought action against those responsible under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

The then Ranchi deputy commissioner Ranjan could not be contacted for his comments.



Gurugram Traffic Police issued 92,142 challans via ICCCC in October

PNS ■ GURUGRAM

To take stringent action against traffic violators with the help of 1,145 CCTV cameras installed at different locations of the city, the Gurugram Traffic Police issued 92,142 postal challans through the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) in October.

Commissioner of Police, Kala Ramachandran informed that in October, Gurugram Police issued 92,142 postal challans through online mode, including driving without a helmet, dangerous driving, red light jump, wrong side driving, wrong parking and driving without a seat belt. etc. are included.

"Most of the challans have been made for two-wheeler drivers without helmets. In October month only without helmet- 52,220, driving dangerously - 979, red light jump - 1012, wrong side driving - 1020, wrong parking - 2472 and driving without seat belt - 548 online challans were made in Gurugram," she said.

DCP Traffic Shri Virender Singh informed that under the direction of the police chief, the Gurugram Police is keeping a watch on the traffic system through cameras installed in the city from ICCCC.

"The postal challans of the violators are being sent to the permanent address of the vehicle owner and the details of the challan are also sent to their mobile number through the message," he said.

Khattar to inaugurate Basai Chowk Flyover, Mahavir Chowk Underpass in G'gram today

PNS ■ GURUGRAM

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar will inaugurate two major road infrastructure projects of Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) on Saturday, which include the Basai Flyover and Mahavir Chowk Underpass, costing about Rs. 140 Crore.

These much-awaited projects will offer immense benefits to the residents of Gurugram and improve the mobility factor at these two important junctions in the city.

The total length of the Basai Flyover with the approach road is 820 meters. Once open for public use, this flyover will connect Umang Bhardwaj Chowk to Sector 9/9 A and will greatly help to reduce traffic congestion at Basai Chowk which sees an



average load of 10,245 vehicles daily.

Access to this flyover will highly benefit the residents of Basai, sector 9, sector 9A, and those living along the Dwarka Expressway.

Additionally, commuters travelling towards Delhi, Jhajjar, and Rohtak among other major destinations via Basai Chowk will have access to better road infrastructure and escape traffic congestion during their travel.

The overall redevelopment project of Basai Chowk also includes the construction of a Railway Over Bridge near Basai village, the building of a 6-lane highway between Umang Bhardwaj Chowk and Dwarka Expressway as well as the construction of two Foot-Over-Bridges.

The total project cost is estimated at Rs 114 Crore and development work of these infrastructure components is in progress. GMDA is also executing drainage work along the Basai Chowk.

Additionally, the opening of the 318-meter-long Mahavir Chowk underpass will improve the connectivity between Old Delhi-Gurugram road and bus stand road and facilitate smooth vehicular flow on this busy intersection that sees heavy traffic flow moving towards Civil Hospital and Sadar Bazaar.

Musk's Twitter axes most of India staff, purges its marketing...

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"Layoff has started. Some of my colleagues have received email notification regarding this," a Twitter India employee told PTI on condition of anonymity.

Another source said the layoffs have affected a "significant chunk" of the India team.

The full details of the job cuts were not immediately available.

Twitter India did not respond to email queries.

The US-based social media platform, in an internal email to employees earlier, had said, "In an effort to place Twitter on a healthy path, we will go through the difficult process of reducing our global workforce on Friday."

It said that "everyone will receive an individual email".

The company will temporarily close all offices for safety of employees as well as Twitter systems and customer data.

China ship nears to spy out missile launch; India...

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Given the strategic importance of the Indian Ocean Region, China in the last few years has increased its maritime presence there. At any given point of time, three to four Chinese warships are sailing in the region. China ramped up its naval capabilities in this region since 2008 when its ships joined the international effort to fight sea piracy.

India has huge stakes in the Indian Ocean Region as sea lanes passing through it carry more than 70 per cent of export and import cargo. Not willing to take chances in this zone, India has enhanced its efforts to forge closer ties with all the countries located on the rim of the Ocean.

It also provides assistance to some countries in the form of training their military crew in flying aircraft and helicopters. India has also gifted some helicopters and Maritime reconnaissance aircraft to some of these littoral states.

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SC to hear PIL seeking fresh rules on farm...

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"The matter is of grave concern which requires immediate intervention of the court," the petition said.

The plea sought appointment of a "high-level committee" under the chairmanship of a retired Supreme Court judge to tackle the air-pollution crisis due to stubble burning.

"Issue an order or guidelines to each and every state to take necessary measures in order to reduce the pollution including installation of smog-towers, plantation drive, affordable public transport, etc," it further said.

The petition also sought a direction to the Chief Secretaries of Delhi, Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh to personally take responsibility of no case of stubble-burning anywhere.

Delhi civic polls on...

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There will be nearly 13,665 polling stations in 2022. The number of polling stations in 2017 was 13,138.

The SEC has upgraded the status of facilities at the polling stations from the earlier concept of Basic Minimum Facility (BMF) to Assured Minimum Facility, he added.

The officials said the maximum limit of expenditure by a candidate at an election to a ward has been fixed at Rs 8 lakh.

The reunified MCD had formally come into existence on May 22 with IAS officers Ashwani Kumar and Gyanesh Bharti assuming charge as the new civic body's special officer and commissioner, respectively.

Andaman gangrape case: Anticipatory bail plea of businessman rejected

PTI ■ PORT BLAIR

The Calcutta High Court on Friday rejected the anticipatory bail application of a Port Blair-based businessman in connection with a gang rape case in which top officials of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands administration were made accused.

The police also issued a lookout notice against the absconding businessman, Sandeep Singh alias Rinku, who was named in the FIR concerned as an accomplice in the crime, a senior official said.

A lookout notice is issued to make sure that a wanted person is not able to leave the country.

Singh moved a division bench of the Port Blair circuit bench of the high court seeking pre-arrest bail.

After hearing the arguments of the counsel of Singh and that of the administration, the division bench comprising justices Debangsu Basak and Md Shabbar Rashidi rejected his prayer.

The Police on November 2 announced a reward of Rs one lakh for information leading to the arrest of Singh and Labour Commissioner R L



Rishi each in connection with the gang rape case. Both are at large.

Gujarat: Morbi Municipality's Chief Officer suspended



PTI ■ MORBI

The Gujarat Government has suspended Morbi Municipality's Chief Officer Sandipsinh Zala in the wake of the Machchhu River bridge collapse that claimed 135 lives, a senior official said on Friday.

The British-era suspension bridge, that had undergone extensive 'repairs' for six months before being reopened to the public, had collapsed on Sunday killing over 135, including women and children.

"The state Urban Development Department has suspended Chief Officer of Morbi Municipality Sandipsinh Zala," said Morbi District Collector G T Pandya.

Resident Additional Collector of Morbi has been given the additional charge of the Chief Officer until further orders, he said.

Morbi Municipality had given the contract of the bridge repair and maintenance to Orea group for 15 years, officials said.

We take blame for farm fire in Punjab: Kejriwal

We will solve issue by next Nov, but pollution is in whole of north India not just Delhi: Mann, Kejriwal in Press meet



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Amid criticism for failing to Areduce stubble burning that contributes to 34 per cent air pollution in the national Capital, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann on Friday said at a joint Press conference that only Delhi and Punjab are not responsible for the problem.

Kejriwal said air pollution in the winters was not a "Delhi-specific problem", adding that it affected entire northern India and that there should be no blame game and politics on the issue. He promised the issue would be brought under control by next November.

"We (AAP) have our Government in Punjab and we are responsible if Parali is being burnt there. We accept the responsibility for it but Punjab farmers are not responsible for the problem.

"The farmers need a solution, they will stop burning Parali the day they have a solution," Kejriwal said. Mann said the AAP Government in Punjab had just a few months to address the problem.

The Chief Minister further said it has been only six months since we formed the Government there and there were issues that were being addressed. "We are finding solutions.

Give us a year's time to address the issue," Kejriwal said. Mann concurred with him and said there was bumper paddy crop, which resulted in a huge amount of stubble and also promised that the issue would be resolved by next year.

He claimed the air quality in many cities in Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar was in the 'severe' or 'very poor' category. The pollution level is high in many cities in

Bihar for which Parali burning cannot be responsible. "We have Governments in Punjab and Delhi. This is not the time for pointing fingers, blame games or name calling. It's not the time for politics over such a sensitive issue. It does not produce any solution and people need solutions.

Please don't blame Punjab's farmers for this. If they stop farming, how will they eat and provide for their families? It has been only six months since the AAP Government has come to power in Punjab.

We will take responsibility and ensure that measures are put in place to mitigate the crisis," he added.

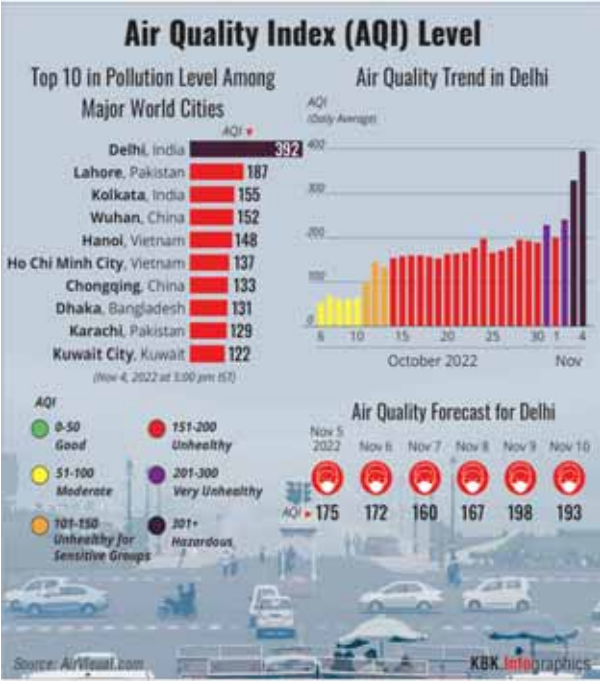
During his briefing, Kejriwal also spoke about BJP leader Adesh Kumar Gupta's concerns. "I saw in the morning that he was talking about his grandson. I want to assure him that his grandson is like my grandson too.

We will take urgent measures," he stressed. Mann also said the farmers in Punjab did not want to burn Parali as it also affected them and their children.

There are 10-12 days between harvesting the paddy crop and sowing the wheat crop and the farmers just have matchsticks, said the Punjab Chief Minister.

He added that the Punjab Government had deployed 1.20 lakh machines to bury stubble in the fields and an app was developed for farmers to fetch these. Paddy is sown on 75 lakh acres in Punjab.

Scores of such plants will be needed to convert Parali into electricity and compressed natural gas, he added. "We will solve the problem of stubble by November next year, take my word for it; Centre should also cooperate and work on it, this concerns the whole of North India," he added.



Take urgent steps to contain farm fire, L-G urges Mann

Have requested Haryana CM also, says Saxena

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

As the share of stubble burning in the national Capital's PM 2.5 levels touched 34 per cent, Delhi Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) VK Saxena urged Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to take "urgent and substantive" measures to control crop burning in the State that has converted the city "into a gas chamber". With 2,437 cases in the last 24 hours, Punjab has reported 26,583 cases this season so far followed by Haryana with 2,440.

In response, Mann said it was not right to politicise such a serious issue. "L-G sahib, you are stopping the work of the elected Government of Delhi. You stopped the 'Red light on, Gaadi off' campaign and by writing a letter to me you are doing politics? It is not right to do politics on such a serious issue," Mann said in a tweet in



Hindi. In a communication to Mann, Saxena said it was "baffling" that instead of addressing the issue at hand, "certain elements are indulging in unjustifiable blame games and excuses and trying to shirk responsibilities, even in the face of a serious crisis situation."

Saxena said, on behalf of Delhi and its residents, he was urging Mann to galvanise all available resources and machinery to make the farmers become willing partners in defeating the "repetitive menace". "...Request you to undertake urgent and substantive measures to control Parali burning in Punjab that has converted the national Capital once again into a gas chamber.

It is public knowledge that air pollution in Delhi has reached extremely dangerous



A thick layer of smog covers the lower atmosphere as the concentration of pollutants increases in New Delhi on Friday

Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

NHRC asks CSs of Punjab, Haryana, UP, Delhi to remain present on Nov 10 meeting

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEWDELHI

Dissatisfied by the steps taken to control the air pollution in Delhi-NCR, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has asked the Chief Secretaries of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi to remain present on November 10 for a detailed discussion on the issue. The officials have also been asked to inform the commission about the steps taken by their respective Governments to stop the burning of stubble in their regions.

"The NHRC, India, not satisfied with the various actions taken so far to address the issue of air pollution in Delhi-NCR, has asked the Chief Secretaries of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi to be present before it either personally or on hybrid mode on November 10 for a detailed discussion in this



regard," the NHRC said in a release.

"The Chief Secretaries of these States are expected to inform the Commission within a week positively before this discussion about the steps taken by their respective Governments to stop the burning of stubble in their regions," it said.

"Their reports must also inform about the effect of smog towers and anti-smog guns. It should also have information on how many anti-

smog guns are operational and what further steps the Delhi and other Governments are taking in the near future.

"The report of Punjab and Haryana must also specifically inform about the effect of the scheme of in-situ management of crop residue," the statement said.

"It has been observed that with the winter approaching, the NHRC cannot remain a mute spectator of the situation affecting human rights of common citizens," the release said.

AAP Govt has registered 2L bogus workers to siphon relief fund: BJP

Hand over probe to CBI: BJP to L-G

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Terming it the biggest corruption case in India as far as construction workers were concerned, the BJP on Friday alleged that the AAP Government had registered two lakh "bogus" construction workers in the national Capital and siphoned money for party-related work.

The BJP alleged that Delhi Chief Minister's integrity was "polluted". The party urged the Delhi Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) to conduct a survey of all registered workers and hand over the investigation into the matter to the CBI.

The Delhi Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board is primarily responsible for registration of construction workers and welfare initiatives of the Labour Department of the Delhi Government. Patra said between 2006 and 2021, over 13 lakh construction workers

were registered under the Delhi Government's Labour Department. "This Board is responsible for registration of construction workers in Delhi.

The registration began in 2006 and till date, 13,13,039 workers have been registered. Since 2006, over 13 lakh have been registered but ever since the AAP came (to power) between 2018 and 2021 alone, nearly 10 lakh construction workers were registered...", he claimed.

"Prima facie, investigation has revealed that out of over 9 lakh construction workers registered, two lakh were duplicate registrations and 65,000 registered workers had the same mobile number, 15,750 workers were registered (at the) same Delhi address while 4,370 workers were registered on permanent address... But none of these workers sharing the same addresses were related to each other," he added.

"This is only a primary

investigation as the probe in the matter is still going on. These are not the concluded figures... There could be more bogus registrations apart from the 2 lakh registrations that have been revealed so far," the BJP leader alleged.

"The money withdrawn through these bogus registrations is being used for payment of (AAP) workers, further party-related works, including for elections," he alleged. Sambit Patra said, "The Board formed under Manish Sisodia has Rs 3,000 crore as a corpus fund for this year. The money will be disbursed amongst the bogus entities in the scam."

Leader of Opposition Ramvir Singh Bidhuri alleged that of 13.13 lakh construction workers registered 90 per cent were fake. "Thousands of crores of rupees have been robbed on the Delhi treasury by registering AAP volunteers, relatives and supporters as construction workers," he said.

Parents welcome Govt's move to shut primary schools

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Several schools in Delhi-NCR Sand parents of students welcomed the Government's announcement on holding online classes for primary grades in view of rising pollution, and expressed hope that concerted efforts would be made by the authorities as well as people to address the recurring problem.

Experts suggested that the government should rejig vacation schedules in schools as pol-

lution turns severe in winter every year. The Delhi government on Friday announced that primary schools in the national capital will remain shut from Saturday till further orders while outdoor activities will be curtailed for senior classes amid worsening air quality in the city.

According to Pallavi Upadhyaya, Principal of Delhi Public School (DPS), Raj Nagar Extension, the school will conduct online classes during the period. "We respect the decision taken by authorities and plan on conducting online classes to ensure that there is no learning loss for children.

Teachers and students are already adept and comfortable with online classes, so we don't expect any technical hurdles or glitches. Extra classes are already being conducted in the evening in online mode. So, for us logging in for classes will never be a hassle," she said.

Anshu Mittal, Principal, MRG School, Rohini believes the air quality is dwindling egregiously, and pollution is rising at extreme levels. "The predicament called for necessary action to be taken and we understand the severity of the situation under which the announcement has been made to close down primary schools.

Air pollution threatens to reduce the life expectancy of people and causes long-term prevailing breathing and asthma issues. It was an urgent requirement to protect children and restrict their contact with a polluted atmosphere. We respect this decision and will adhere to the guidelines," she said.

Shubhi Soni, Head of Shri Ram Wonder Years (TSWY) school, believes that the life of a student is paramount. "We completely understand the worsening levels of air pollution crisis that Delhi-NCR is cur-



Students leave school after attending their classes in New Delhi on Friday

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rently facing. Until the Air Quality Index improves to a good level, it is important to safeguard the health of students, and it is a wise call made by the government to shut primary school classes for a while. We hope that the authorities and people, in general, make concerted efforts to reduce pollu-

tion levels and that the academic future of children is not compromised," she said. In the wake of severe pollution in the national capital, many schools have taken several measures to protect children, including suspension of outdoor activities and introduction of breathing exercises in classes.

Upgrade sewage treatment plant, meet deadline: Sisodia to DJB

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Friday directed the officials of Delhi Jal Board (DJB) to upgrade the sewage treatment plant with modern technology and complete the work within stipulated time frames, an official statement said.

The DJB has been instructed to take strict action against any lapse by the Sewage Treatment Plant's (STP) contractors in the work to fulfil targets, it said. According to the statement, Sisodia said, "Delhi Government is working in a phased manner to increase the capacity of various sewage treatment plants in different areas in the national capital to clean the Yamuna."

"The set target is to clean the Yamuna



river completely by 2025. As part of this initiative, the 45 MDG sewage treatment plant at Kondli will be upgraded to release clean water into the Yamuna," he said.

He said the treated water will not only help in cleaning the river but will also prove to be very useful to meet other requirements — such as for horticulture and rejuvenating Delhi's lakes to meet the growing demand for potable water.

MCD poll a fight over cleanliness

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi BJP, Congress and the AAP welcomed the announcement of the dates for the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) elections by the State Election Commission (SEC). The Model Code of Conduct comes into force in the national Capital from Friday itself.

After announcement of the MCD poll dates on Friday, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched a fresh attack on the BJP for creating mountains of garbage in the national capital during their 15-year tenure in the Corporation. He also asserts that people will choose the AAP in the upcoming civic body polls.

"In the last 15 years, BJP has spread garbage everywhere and created mountains of garbage. On December 4, Delhiites will vote for cleanliness. They will vote to make Delhi beautiful. This time, Delhiites will choose the AAP in MCD," Kejriwal said in a tweet in Hindi. Delhi Environment Minister

Gopal Rai said claimed that despite getting multiple chances at the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), the BJP has "failed" to keep the city clean.

Union Minister Piyush Goyal and BJP's Delhi unit chief Adesh Gupta inaugurated the party's MCD election office with a 'yagna' on Friday.

Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta has welcomed the announcement of the date of MCD polls. He said that the BJP is once again ready to give dust to its opponents in the corporation elections.

Delhi BJP hinted out at not repeating its outgoing councilors on at least 60-70 per cent of the wards. "With several factors playing out like reduced number of wards, rotation of reserved seats for women and SC candidates and delimitation, almost 60-70 per cent sitting councilors will effectively loose the claim over party ticket," said a senior Delhi BJP leader. The Delhi Congress on Friday claimed that they have received over 1,000 applications from

ticket seekers for the upcoming MCD elections. According to party unit chief Anil Kumar, the Delhi Congress has already received over 1,000 applications from probables seeking party tickets for the polls. The party will streamline the candidate selection process in back-to-back meetings on Saturday and Sunday.

Municipal polls were slated to be held in Delhi in April this year. They were put on hold hours before then Delhi State Election Commissioner S K Srivastava was to announce the schedule on March 8 due to the Centre's plan to reunify the three civic bodies.

The three civic bodies were reunified by the Centre in May this year and the exercise for delimitation of wards was started in July 2022.

According to officials, polls will be conducted at all polling stations using M-2 model of ECIL make EVMs. The State Election Commission (SEC) has already made elaborate arrangements to ensure availability of adequate number of EVMs for smooth conduct of polls.

POLL FACTS

➤Date of polling: December 4, 2022

➤Date of counting: December 7, 2022

➤Total number of wards: 250

➤Reserved for Scheduled Caste: 42

➤Reserved for SC woman: 21

➤Reserved for SCs: 21

➤Number of seats reserved for woman : 104

➤No of seats for general category: 104

➤No of polling stations : 13665

➤Total voters: 14673847

➤Male : 7986705

➤Female: 6686081

➤Transgender: 1061

Panel to strengthen high educational institutions

Panel will be headed by Dr K Radhakrishnan, Chairperson, Board of Governors, IIT Kanpur

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Education has set up a high-level panel to strengthen the assessment and accreditation of higher educational institutions. The panel will be headed by Dr K Radhakrishnan, Chairperson, Board of Governors, IIT Kanpur. He is also the chairperson of the Standing Committee of IIT Council. "The mandate of the committee includes strengthening the assessment and accreditation processes and preparing a road map for the National Accreditation Council envisioned in the National Education Policy, 2020. India has one of the largest and diverse education systems in the world," a senior MoE official said.



"Accreditation plays a vital role in making quality assurance an integral part of the functioning of higher educational institutions. Accreditation assists the institutions to understand their strengths and weaknesses through an informed review process, thus facilitating identification of internal areas of planning and resource allocation by them," the official said. Other members of the

committee include Mridul Hazarika, Vice-Chancellor, Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya, Assam; Bharat Bhasker, Professor, IIM, Lucknow and Joint Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education. "Accreditation status of any higher educational institution serves as a source of reliable information for the students, employers and the society

regarding the quality of education being offered in the institution," the official said. Last year, university regulator, University Grants Commission, had said higher education institutes in India should re-model their assessment system to make them aptitude-based. Releasing the 'Quality Mandate' is a roadmap to improving higher education in India through various reforms, including in terms of improving quality of teachers, imparting life skills to students and changing the assessment pattern. The mandate was adopted by the commission during a vice-chancellors' meeting in 2018, following which the commission launched several schemes for universities to follow. From measuring the learning outcomes to engaging with alumni, improving research quality and adoption of information and technology in education, the commission has launched many initiatives.

Karan hits back at Jairam

'UNSAVORY REMARK AGAINST MY FATHER IS UNACCEPTABLE'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Veteran Congress leader Karan Singh on Friday hit back at party colleague Jairam Ramesh for criticising his recent article on Jammu and Kashmir's accession to India and said the "unsavory remarks" regarding his father were "unacceptable". In a statement, Singh said he had hoped his views will be taken in the spirit in which he wrote them rather than become a subject of "snide remarks". Ramesh on Thursday had criticised Singh for "sidestepping" Union minister Kiren Rijju's "hit job" on Jawaharlal Nehru's role in Jammu and Kashmir's accession to India. The Congress general secretary's remarks had come over an article by Singh on Jammu and Kashmir's accession to India in an English daily in which Ramesh said he had defended his father and erstwhile ruler Hari Singh. Reacting to Ramesh's remarks, Singh said, "I notice that the irrepressible Jairam



Ramesh has thought it fit to make a statement on my article in the Hindustan Times yesterday. He has made two points, both of which are unacceptable. He starts by alleging that in some way my article was against Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. This is absolutely preposterous. "Pandit ji was my mentor ever since I entered public life at the age of 18 and I will always hold him in the highest regard. To suggest otherwise is outrageous," said the former 'Sadr-i-Riyasat' of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. Singh pointed out that he had dedicated his latest book "An Examined Life" to Nehru and in his article he made it clear that he was not dealing

with the multiple allegations made against India's first prime minister by Rijju. He said Rijju's allegations were a separate matter and needed a much more detailed refutation on which "Ramesh should be working". Singh said his article in the English daily was specifically directed towards explaining the role of his father in the whole accession process. "Jairam goes on to make some unsavory remarks regarding my father. His reading of history is evidently selective. He could go to the book by Prem Shankar Jha and other books on Jammu & Kashmir to get a different view point," the former Union minister and ex-governor of J&K said. "I am one of the last living eye witnesses to the events preceding and following the signing of the Instrument of Accession which I have related in some detail in my autobiography," Singh said. Reacting to Singh's article earlier, Ramesh had said on Twitter, "There is not a single scholarly and serious work on

J&K that portrays Maharaja Hari Singh in good light." "Even this authoritative work by VP Menon doesn't make Hari Singh a wronged man. It is hence natural that his son Dr. Karan Singh defends him in the HT today," Ramesh had said, sharing the screenshot of the cover of a book by Menon. Jammu and Kashmir's accession came into the focus as it was at the centre of the war of words between the BJP and the Congress last week. Rijju wrote an article for a portal citing "five Nehruvian blunders", including floating the idea of a plebiscite and terming Jammu and Kashmir's accession provisional. The minister had said it was important to realise past mistakes to build a new future and added he has not tweaked history but stated facts to set the record straight. Congress had demanded an apology from Rijju over his criticism of Nehru's handling of the Kashmir issue and asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to rein in ministers from making "irresponsible statements".

ED attaches Shabir Shah's Srinagar house in terror case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday said it has attached Jammu and Kashmir separatist leader Shabir Ahmad Shah's Srinagar house as part of a money laundering probe linked to a case of fuelling terrorist activities in the Union Territory. "Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has provisionally attached an immovable property situated at Botshah Colony, Sanat Nagar, Police Station Barzulla, Srinagar of value of Rs 21.80 lakhs in the name of Shabir Ahmad Shah under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA)," the ED said in a statement. The ED initiated money laundering

investigation on the basis of an FIR dated May 30, 2017 filed by National Investigation Agency (NIA) against Hafiz Muhammad Sayeed and others under various sections of Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). "During the course of investigation, it was revealed that Shabir Ahmad Shah was actively involved in the activities of fuelling unrest in Kashmir valley by way of stone pelting, processions, protests, bandhs, hartals and other subversive activities," the agency said. Further, investigation under PMLA revealed that "Shabir Ahmad Shah was involved in receiving funds from terrorist organisation

Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM) and other terrorists outfits based in Pakistan as well as from the Pakistani establishment through hawala and various other means and channels, and these funds were then being used for fuelling and supporting militant activities in the Kashmir valley," the agency said. As part of the money laundering probe, an immovable property worth Rs 21.80 lakh owned by Shabir Ahmad Shah was identified and the same has been provisionally attached under PMLA. Further investigation in the case is under progress, it added. Shah was arrested by the ED in 2017 from Srinagar and is currently lodged in a Delhi prison.

Twitter account suspension plea axed, Delhi HC slaps ₹25K cost



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Friday dismissed a plea with a cost of Rs 25,000 for seeking to implead Twitter's new owner Elon Musk as a party to a petition challenging suspension of a user's account for an alleged violation of its rules. Justice Yashwant Varma termed the application to be "thoroughly misconceived". "This application is thoroughly misconceived. It cannot

possibly be disputed that a corporate entity is thoroughly represented and therefore, there was no need to file such an application. Accordingly, it is dismissed with a costs of Rs 25,000," the judge said. Justice Varma observed that "even we need entertainment" and asked the counsel for the petitioner if he was serious in prosecuting the application. To this, advocate Raghav Awasthi, appearing for the petitioner, said his instructions were to press the application. He said Musk was not only the director but also holds substantial shares in Twitter and was a necessary party in the matter. The application said that Musk has a very different approach to free speech and, therefore, his views were important to be heard.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah with Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel during a meeting with BJP leaders ahead of Gujarat Assembly elections, at the party office in Gandhinagar on Friday

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Judiciary not just to safeguard Fundamental Rights, but to ensure socio-economic freedom: Justice Mridul

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Justice Siddharth Mridul of the Delhi High Court on Friday said the judiciary's duties go beyond being a sentinel to safeguard the fundamental rights to ensuring socio-economic freedom and equality in India. He was speaking at the 27th Justice Sunanda Bhare Memorial Lecture. "We must bear in mind that the judiciary as an institution is not just a sentinel to safeguard the fundamental rights of the people but to ensure that there is socio-economic and political freedom in India and equality," Mridul said. The lecture, "Democracy on the Ground: What works, What doesn't and Why?", was delivered by Nobel laureate and economist Abhijit Banerjee. Talking about the topic of discussion, Mridul said that democracy should be directed at alleviating hunger and

poverty. "I have always believed that democracy, ours in particular, should be directed at the two principal crimes that we inflict on our people that is hunger and poverty. And I believe that any system that doesn't alleviate people's hunger and their poverty will not work, and cannot be countenanced," he said. Mridul added that people are "completely divorced from reality" when it comes to electing their representatives. "It's unfortunate because I'd have thought that all those who aspire to serve the people would begin on the premise of antyodaya, which is the rise of the last person, the lowest economic denominator. And it's this where I believe that the judiciary has a very important part to play, because as justice V Krishna Iyer said, 'law without politics is blind and politics without law is deaf'," he said. As part of the annual lecture, Banerjee talked about India's democratic failures.

Centre deploys 16K CAPF men for Guj Assembly polls

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre has dispatched 162 companies (16,200 personnel) of the Central Armed Police Forces or paramilitary forces for deployment in the forthcoming Gujarat Assembly poll in consultation with the Election Commission of India. Most of the companies of the paramilitary forces have already reached the election-bound State and their deployment will begin soon, officials said. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), the 'nodal force' for the election deployment, has contributed the maximum with 42 companies followed by 40 companies of the Border Security Force (BSF) companies for the election duty in Gujarat, they said. Likewise, the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has provided 30 companies and the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) has contributed 30 companies for the poll duties in the State.

While the CRPF is engaged in a variety of internal security duties, the BSF is tasked to secure the frontiers with Pakistan and Bangladesh. The ITBP defends the Line of Actual Control with China and the SSB guards the Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan borders. The poll for Gujarat Assembly election will be conducted in two phases scheduled for December 1 and 5. A paramilitary company typically consists of 100 personnel and a battalion consists of 1,000 personnel. The Union Home Ministry has also directed the paramilitary forces to keep a few companies on standby as 'reserve force' to meet any possible exigencies that may arise during the electioneering process. These forces will be put under the disposal of the Gujarat administration and they will be deployed along with Gujarat police at various polling booths across the State.

According to Election Commission guidelines, the State or district administration is expected to provide them accommodation and vehicles for their mobilization. In addition, the troops are entitled for ration money besides train travel for election-related deployments to be borne by the exchequer, officials said. In the 2017 Assembly polls in Gujarat, the Centre had deployed nearly 320 companies of the Central forces.



Drug regulatory board removes prescription for retail sale of 'Refresh Tears'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB) under the central drug regulatory authority has recommended doing away with the requirement of a prescription for buying Refresh Tears, a medicine for dry eyes. However, for a long time, the eye drop has already been sold over the counter (OTC) without any prescription. Allergan India Pvt Ltd had approached the DTAB with a representation in the matter seeking availability of the medicine OTC. It submitted that 'Refresh Tears', which contains Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium eye drops 0.5 per cent w/v sterile ophthalmic solution, is for temporary relief from burning, irritation and discomfort due to dryness of the eyes or exposure to wind or sun and may be used as a protec-

tant against further irritation. "The board after detailed deliberation agreed to remove the requirement of a prescription from a registered medical practitioner in respect of drug product 'Refresh Tears' for its retail sale. Accordingly, relevant provisions of the rules may be amended," according to minutes of a meeting held recently. The recommendations of DTAB are in line with the suggestions of the subject expert committee (ophthalmology) under the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) that the eye-drop may be sold in retail without a prescription. Allergan India Pvt Ltd had requested a change in the category of this product from prescription drug to the category of non-prescription drug. The company has stated in its application that the product has been marketed since 1998.

IN SHORTS

PANEL TO CHECK WIFE OF FORTIS EX-PROMOTER

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday directed the director of AIIMS Delhi to set up a team of doctors to analyse the medical reports of the ailing wife of jailed former promoter of Fortis Healthcare Ltd Malvinder Mohan Singh, who has sought an interim bail on this ground.



SC: REPRESENTATION OF PEOPLE ACT REVIEW SOON

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to examine the constitutional validity of a provision of the Representation of the People Act which provides power to the poll panel to "remove" or reduce the period of disqualification of a lawmaker.

ALL FIRS AGAINST BJP LEADER SENT TO DP

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday directed that all FIRs against expelled BJP leader Naveen Kumar Jindal lodged across the country in connection with his alleged derogatory remarks against Prophet Muhammad be transferred to Delhi Police.

SRI LANKA RELEASES 68 INDIAN FISHERMEN

New Delhi: The Centre told the Supreme Court on Friday that 68 Indian fishermen who were apprehended by the Sri Lankan Navy have been released and repatriated. A bench of justices Aniruddha Bose and Vikram Nath took note of the status report filed by the government and disposed of a plea seeking their release.

SC SLAMS ACTION ON ANSWER SHEETS

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday disapproved the practice of the high courts calling for answer sheets and then ordering re-evaluation in the absence of any specific provision in the relevant rules while exercising powers under Article 226 of the Constitution. Article 226 of Constitution of India deals with power of high courts to issue certain writs.

India will push developed nations for action on climate finance, tech transfer: Min

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Ahead of the 27th edition of the Conference of Parties (COP) to UNFCCC, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav on Friday said that India will push the developed countries for "action" on climate finance and technology transfer to help developing nations adapt to climate change. The demand comes in the wake of the developed nations failing to fulfill US \$100 billion per year of climate finance by 2020 and every year thereafter through 2025. The global climate conference is scheduled from November 6-18 in Egypt. Yadav said India will also emphasize that it is one of the few countries which has met the 2015 climate goals set in



Paris, and stress on climate justice and sustainable lifestyles through Prime Minister Narendra Modi's LIFE move-

ment which stands for "Lifestyle for Environment". "COP27 should be COP for action in terms of climate

finance, technology transfer and capacity building. This is our overall approach. India will seek clarity as to what is being

termed as climate finance whether it is grants, loans or subsidies. Public and private finance should be separate...Adaptation finance and mitigation finance should be equal. These issues will be taken up strongly," the minister told reporters recently. At this year's conference, developed countries are expected to push developing nations to further intensify their climate plans. Developing countries would seek commitment on finance and technology needed to address climate change and resulting disasters. India will also push for a new collective quantified goal (NCQG) for climate finance—a key accompanying decision to the 2015 Paris Agreement — from a floor of US\$ 100 billion per year.

"The developed countries should not only fulfil the climate finance promises made earlier, new collective quantified climate finance goals should be set (for post 2025 period)," Yadav said. India will focus on the need to specify the quantity and quality of long-term finance (in trillions), its scope, ease of access to finance and mechanisms for tracking such finance in a transparent manner, according to a presentation made by the minister. A senior ministry official said India will seek more clarity on adaptation finance. "Adaptation finance is something very crucial for the lives and livelihoods of people vulnerable to climate change. What are the soft loans that are available, what is the credit mechanism, insurance

requirements... These are the issues that India will flag very strongly," the official said. The country will also look for collaborations in technology development in renewable energy and hard to abate sectors. India this year updated its nationally determined contributions (NDCs) in keeping with the promises made by Prime Minister Modi at COP26 in Glasgow. According to the updated NDCs, India now stands committed to reducing emissions intensity of its GDP by 45 per cent by 2030, from 2005 level, and achieving about 50 per cent cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030. These NDCs are, however, contingent on delivery of finance and technology transfer.

New lottery scam militates against TMC’s firefighting

ARE THERE MEN BIGGER THAN PARTHA IN SSC SCAM, ASKS HC

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

At a time when the Calcutta High Court is wondering whether there are names bigger than the jailed former State Education Minister Partha Chatterjee and MLA Manik Bhattacharya involved in the multi-crore school level recruitment scam, the Central Bureau of Investigation has stumbled upon an alleged “new lottery scam” which might have benefited a number of ruling Trinamool Congress leaders.

A group of CBI officials probing the cow multi-crore smuggling case — that has seen TMC national executive member Anubrata going to jail — on Friday raided a number of shops peddling lottery tickets in Bolpur but failed to find out the person who had sold a ticket to Mondal a TMC strongman the ticket that had fetched him Rs 1 crore in 2021.

All the peddlers said that they had not sold any ticket to Mondal who is also the TMC’s Birbhum district president.

The senior Birbhum leader had earlier told the CBI that he had won a lottery worth Rs one crore. Incidentally the central Agency investigating the cow



smuggling case has unearthed properties worth several hundred crores belonging to Mondal or his daughter Sukanya and other close associates.

Sukanya was on Friday subjected to intense grilling at the Enforcement Directorate office in New Delhi for the third consecutive day on Friday.

The Friday’s raid in the lottery shops might just have opened a new can of scams where “the politicians could be legalising their ill-gotten black-money,” said BJP leader Suwendu Adhikari.

Curiously another person connected to the TMC, this time the wife of a Trinamool Congress MLA too had won a lottery worth Rs one crore raising questions on whether the particular State-owned lot-



tery was a “devised scheme” to clean the blackmone of the ruling party leaders.

Meanwhile, the Bench of Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay on Friday asked the CBI whether it has found names bigger — than Partha Chatterjee, Manik Bhattacharya and other senior officers presently in jail — that might have benefited from the school level recruitment scam.

The same judge had earlier rued that he might not be able to see in his life time the real beneficiaries of the SSC and TET scams. Chatterjee who was arrested on July 22 after the ED recovered Rs 50 crore in cash from the apartment of his close aide Arpita Mukherjee was the number two in the Mamata Banerjee Cabinet as also the Trinamool Congress.

Vande Bharat mishaps: RPF asks village heads to keep cattle in check

PTI ■ MUMBAI

In the wake of multiple incidents of Vande Bharat train colliding with cattle in Gujarat, the Railway Protection Force has started issuing notices to the heads of villages located along the route in Maharashtra’s Palghar, asking them not allow the animals roam unattended near the tracks, officials said on Friday.

The notices warned that if any cattle owner is found to be negligent, then legal action could be taken against him.

The semi-high speed express train service between the capital cities of Gujarat and Maharashtra was launched on September 30 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Since its inception, three incidents have taken place in Gujarat in which the train collided with cattle.

Talking to PTI, Western Railway chief spokesperson Sumit Thakur said notices are being issued by the Mumbai division of the RPF to the sarpanchs of the villages, in which the authorities have appealed to the local residents not to let their cattle loiter along the tracks so that such mishaps can be averted.

The notices issued to the sarpanchs are preventive in nature, Thakur said. Last Saturday, the Mumbai-Gandhinagar Vande Bharat Superfast Express



rammed into cattle near Atul station in Gujarat. It was the third such incident since the inception of the train service. Earlier, on October 6 and 7, the train had rammed into some cattle. Both the incidents had occurred in Gujarat. In all these incidents, the passengers were not hurt, although the train’s front portion suffered damages.

“Such cattle run-over incidents adversely affected the rail operations. Such incidents increase the possibility of rail accidents and can even lead to derailment. They not only cause disruption of rail traffic and loss of property of the railways, but also pose danger to passengers,” Thakur said.

In the notices issued to the sarpanchs, the RPF said that a large number of stray animals (cows and buffaloes) come on to the railway tracks and there is always a possibility that the train-cattle collision can lead to major accidents,

In the notices, the RPF has appealed to the sarpanchs to conduct an awareness campaign for villagers living near

the railway tracks.

“Please catch the stray animals and send them to gaushalas (cow shelters) built by the administration or social organisations and also make the residents of the village aware of this in the gram sabha meetings,” the notice read.

The notices further warned that if any animal owner is negligent, then it is an offense punishable under the Railways Act, legal action would be taken against him.

Thakur further said that for the prevention of such cases in future, the RPF’s Mumbai division has identified various vulnerable locations. The RPF has carried out frequent awareness and sensitisation campaigns at all these locations.

The RPF has conducted 1,023 awareness campaigns at vulnerable locations so far this year,” Thakur said.

He further said that meetings are being conducted with sarpanchs of all villages located along the railway tracks and so far more than 50 meetings have been held this year to avoid the incidents of cattle hit.

Supplies to Mizoram hit by blockade on NH306 by landowners

PTI ■ AIZAWL

Supply of essential items were partly hit in Mizoram due to an indefinite blockade on NH 306, the lifeline that links the landlocked State with the rest of the country, an official said on Friday.

Over 17,00 landowners along the stretch of NH- 306 and NH-6 between Vairengte and Kawnpui villages in northern Mizoram’s Kolasib district bordering Assam have set up the blockade which is preventing vehicles from coming to Mizoram from outside via Assam since Thursday.

They are demanding compensation for their lands, which fall in the area where the proposed widening of the national highways has been taken up by National Infrastructure and Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL).

The agitators, however, allowed all outgoing vehicles to cross the inter-state border and elsewhere in the area where the protest is on, the official said. Mizoram food, civil supplies and consumer affairs director Andrew H. Vanlalдика told PTI that supply of essential commodities from Assam has been partly hit.

The state does not face shortage as essential commodities can be transported on an alternate route in



Rengetkawh- Bairabi side contiguous to Assam’s Hailkandi district, he added.

The landowners’ association secretary H Lalrinawma said that those among them who have been affected have been assured of compensation of Rs 150 crore but the NHIDCL has instructed to put on hold the 50-75 per cent compensation amount that has been credited to the competent authority for land acquisition for release to landowners in areas under projects three and four. The NHIDCL, he said, has claimed that this was done as the state forest department has informed it that a large part of the areas between projects 3 and 6 fall in the notified forest area.

The forest department officials said that compensation is not within the department’s purview and NHIDCL can give compensation to any claimant as per its wish.

NHIDCL executive director (Project) Virender Kumar Jakhar said that the compensation was delayed for release due to a dispute between state forest department and revenue departments.

Mistry accident: Pandole says wife couldn’t merge car into 2nd lane due to truck

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Darius Pandole, who survived the car accident in which industrialist Cyrus Mistry died, told the police that his wife Dr Anahita who was driving the Mercedes-Benz car, could not merge the vehicle into the second lane from the third lane of the road that turned narrow near the Surya river bridge in Maharashtra’s Palghar, an official said.

The statement of Darius Pandole (60) was recorded on Tuesday by the officials of the Kasa police station in Palghar, under whose jurisdiction the accident took place on September 4.

Former Tata Sons chairman Mistry (54) and his friend Jahangir Pandole were killed after the car hit the railing of the bridge. Gynaecologist Dr Anahita (55), who was at the wheel, and her husband Darius suffered serious injuries.

Darius Pandole, who was admitted to a hospital in Mumbai, was discharged last week. He underwent a surgery on his forearm and a ‘maxo facial’ surgery. He was also battling infection due to the severity of his injuries.

“His statement was recorded



ed at his south Mumbai residence for one-and-a-half hours, during which he gave details of the accident,” the official said on Friday.

He could not immediately recollect the September 4 incident in which his brother Jahangir Pandole and Cyrus Mistry died, he said.

“In his statement, Darius Pandole said his wife Anahita was driving the Mercedes-Benz car when they were on their way to Mumbai. A car which was ahead of their vehicle went to the second lane from the third and Anahita also tried to follow the same,” the official said.

When she tried to take the car to the second lane from the third, she found that there was a truck on the right side (in the second lane) due to which she

was not able to merge into that lane, he said, adding the lane turned narrow near Surya river bridge.

Palghar Superintendent of Police Balasaheb Patil confirmed that they recorded the statement of Darius Pandole.

“But the statement of his wife Anahita Pandole is yet to be recorded as she is still recovering,” he said, adding that the final report from Mercedes-Benz was also awaited.

Another police official said that Dr Anahita’s statement would be recorded with the permission of doctors attending to her.

“Our team had visited the hospital where she is admitted a few times earlier. But we could not record the statement as she was undergoing treatment,” he said.

SC upholds validity of Employees Pension (Amendment) Scheme, 2014

Quashes entry limit of ₹15K salary for joining pension fund

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday upheld the validity of the Employees Pension (Amendment) Scheme of 2014 but quashed the threshold limit of Rs 15,000 monthly salary for joining the pension fund. The 2014 amendment had capped the maximum pensionable salary (basic pay plus dearness allowance) at Rs 15,000 per month. Prior to the amendment, the maximum pensionable salary was capped at Rs 6,500 a month. A bench of Chief Justice UU Lalit and Justices Aniruddha Bose and Sudhanshu Dhulia, however, read down certain provisions of the scheme.

Employees who have not exercised the option to join the pension scheme must do so within six months, the bench said. The apex court judgment added that eligible employees who could not join the scheme by the cut-off date should be given an additional chance as there was a lack of clarity on the



issue in view of judgments passed by the high courts of Kerala, Rajasthan and Delhi.

The bench further held as invalid the condition in the 2014 scheme that required employees to make a further contribution at 1.16 per cent on salary exceeding Rs 15,000. It held that the condition to make additional contribution on the salary exceeding the threshold limit to be ultra vires but added that this part of the judgment would be kept in suspension for six months to enable the authorities to generate funds.

The Employees Provident Fund Organisation and the Centre challenged the verdicts of the High Courts of Kerala, Rajasthan and Delhi, which had quashed the 2014 scheme.

Form No. 3
[See Regulation-15 (1)(a)]/16(3)
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
CHANDIGARH (DRT 2)
1st Floor SCO 33-34-35, Sector-17A, Chandigarh (Additional space allotted on 3rd & 4th Floor also)
Case No.: OA/1565/2021
Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993
Exh. No.: 9068

ICICI BANK LIMITED
VS.
AJAY AHUJA AND OTHERS
To,
(1) AJAY AHUJA AND OTHERS, D/W/S/O, MUNSHI RAM AHUJA MR. AJAY AHUJA SON OF MR. MUNSHI RAM AHUJA, R/O FLAT NO. E-104, NCR ONE, TOWER-E, 1ST FLOOR, SECTOR- 95, GURGAON - 122001 HARYANA. **Also At.**
R/O HOUSE NO. R-748, RAGHUBIR NAGAR, NEW DELHI - 110018.
(2) MR. VIJAY AHUJA S/O. MR. MUNSHI RAM AHUJA R/O. FLAT NO. E-104, NCR ONE, TOWER-E, 1ST FLOOR, SECTOR- 95, GURGAON - 122001 HARYANA. **[CO-APPLICANT]**
Also At.
R/O. HOUSE NO. R-748, RAGHUBIR NAGAR, NEW DELHI - 110018.
(3) M/S. SIDHARTHA BUILDHOME PRIVATE LIMITED R/O. SHOP NO. 1 AND 4, LOCAL SHOPPING CENTER, PUSHP VIHAR, MADANGIR, NEW DELHI - 110082 THROUGH ITS AUTHORIZED OFFICER BUILDER

SUMMONS
WHEREAS, **OA/1565/2021** was listed before Hon’ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on **11.05.2022**. WHEREAS this Hon’ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (COA) filed against you for recovery of debts of **Rs.17368544/-** (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under: (i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;

(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application; (iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;

(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal; (v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on **11/11/2022 at 10:30 A.M.**, failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence. **Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date 13/05/2022.**

Signature of the Officer
Authorised to issue Summons

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is notified to the general public that my clients **Rajesh S/O Bhim Singh and Tanuja W/o Rajesh R/O A-136, Camp No-4, Jwala Puri, Sunder Vihar, Delhi-110087**, have debarred and disinherited their son **Abhishek** from all their movable/immovable properties and severed all their relations both legal & social with his due to disrespectful behavior and illegal activities. Any person dealing with **Abhishek**, they shall be doing so at his/her own risk, and my clients shall not be responsible for the same.
Sanjeev Duvivedi (Advocate)
48, Gajanan Block, Tis Hazari Courts, ND-54

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf of our client that Mrs. Shiv Pati (50% share), Mr. Paras Luthra (17 % Share) and Mr. Kadam Singh Chauhan (33% share) are the owners of Built up First floor, without roof rights “said floor” part of Property bearing **201222rly** in an area measuring **300 Sq. Yds.**, out of **Khasra No. 824/435**, Situated at (Ranjit Nagar), New Delhi, vide a Sale Deed **01.05.2019** vide Doc. No.4908. All persons are hereby informed that above mentioned owner wants to sell the said property to a person who intends to obtain loan from our client against the said property. If anybody has any objection/s upon the ownership of above owner over the said floor, its sale/mortgage/litigation, and any other objections, kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within **07 days** of the present.
Kumar & Associates (Advocates & Consultants)
200, Hind Floor, 23, Shivaji Marg, Wazirpur, New Delhi-110015
Ph: 011-4112527-28 kumar.associates.advocates@gmail.com

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

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Builder Cancellation
This is to bring to your notice that **ABINASH KUMAR/ ANJANI KUMARI (borrower/s)** has availed Home loan facility vide facility agreement number **LBGUR00002437442 & LBGUR00002520098** located **FLAT NO-T4- 701, ARAWALI HOMES, DAMDAMA LAKE ROAD, VILLAGE KHAIKA SEC 4, SOHNA, GURGAON, HARYANA**. The borrower/s has failed to pay the contractual amount to the builder as per the terms and conditions of the agreement.
The Bank had informed the same to the borrower through letter dated **January 05,2022** informing that **GLS INFRATECH PVT. LTD** has cancelled the allotment of the above mentioned property. You are therefore requested to resolve this matter with the builder within 7 days from the date of this publication.
Please take further notice that post cancellation of the allotment of the said property ICICI Bank shall not be bound and/or responsible for any other allotment done by the builder.
Dated: November 05, 2022
Place: Delhi/ NCR
For ICICI Bank Limited
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This is to bring to your notice that **BABY JHA / SANTOSH JHA (borrower/s)** has availed Home loan facility vide facility agreement number **LBDEL00002455966 & LBDEL00002548882** located **Flat No N8- 601, 6th Floor, Arawali Homes, Tower 8, Vill Kaika, Sec-4, Sohna District, Gurgaon, Gurgaon -122103, Haryana**. The borrower/s has failed to pay the contractual amount to the builder as per the terms and conditions of the agreement.
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For ICICI Bank Limited
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SALE NOTICE
The under mentioned asset 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
ICICI BANK LTD.	Vehicle No. UP17AT7086
VS.	Make and Model TATA MOTORS LTD.
Satveer Singh & Anr.	TATA ULTRA 1518
[CS (Comm) No.: 292-22]	Manufacturing Year- 2018

Auction Date: November 14, 2022 From 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.
Mode of Auction: Online
Venue: https://cartrade.com
Contact Person- Santosh Balabantaray (9163343439)/ Ankit Soni (9324948920)
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 inspect and satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids.
Successfully bidder shall have to deposit sale amount within 5 days from the approval date by the way of pay order/demand draft/RTGS/NFT.
The intending bidders may visit at **ICICI Bank Ltd., 228A, A J C Bose Road, Landmark Building, 4th Floor, Kolkata- 700020** for details and inspection of the said hypothecated vehicles
Date: November 05, 2022
Place: Delhi

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THE HOOGHLY BANKS & CHANGING TIMES

The river has played a big role in evolution of modern urban sites

RAINA GHOSH

River Hooghly is an archive of imperial histories, enmeshed in regional stories of labour, livelihood and politics. A muddy, aqueous terrain upstream of the Bengal Delta, the Hooghly, was the main channel through which the Ganga flowed into the Bay of Bengal until the 17th century, after which the course shifted significantly eastward. It is also known as Bhagirathi-Hooghly, a name that is an apt reflection of this microcosm of myth and science. The first part acknowledges the myth of King Bhagirath's efforts to bring the Ganga from heaven. The other half is a reference to the reeds called hogla that grow widely along this tidal basin.

The river forms the easternmost and primary distributary of the mighty Ganga. It once nourished the medieval ports of Tamralipta (present-day Tamluk) and Satgaon (or Saptagram), and the later colonial settlements of Bandel, Chandannagar, Serampore, Rishra and, last but not the least, Calcutta. Although most of its 260 km (starting from Giria near Murshidabad) spans rural Rarh Bengal, the river has played a significant role in the evolution of modern 'urban' sites. It has contributed to the growth of one of the first metropolitan cities in the country --- present-day Kolkata.



My fieldwork focuses on the 'ghat spaces' along the Hooghly. To study how ghats signify unique river-city relationships, I pursue a framework of 'hydrosocial relations' based on the work of Jamie Linton and Jessica Budds in 2014. The two scholars proposed the hydrosocial cycle framework that explores the entangled nature of water-society relations.

To capture the different forms of everyday engagement on the edge of the water, I walked along the ghats between Barrackpore (north of Kolkata) and Budge Budge (south of Kolkata). I documented the daily practices of people both during busy and quieter times. There are three aspects unique to this edge -- the extractive economy around brick production using the river's silt (in the Batanagar-Budge Budge stretch); commerce around the ghats, including sales of ritualistic commodities (at Sovabazar and Nimtala Ghat), and flowers at Asia's largest wholesale flower market (at Mullick Ghat, Howrah), and different forms of leisure across the different ghats from north to south.

The communities thus include brick kiln workers, flower sellers, priests, men running the ferry service and loaders at the wholesale market -- mostly a constituency of working-class men and women from lower castes and also non-native communities.

In the course of my field exercise, two things became evident to me: one was the distinct nature of the active urban edge of the river comprising 'city-makers'. The city-makers, through their labour, help in the everyday running of the city. Secondly, there was a clear tussle between whether to project ghats as fronts to the city or as its decaying backyard.

There has been a steady decline in the importance of the ghats with the growth of the city and the proliferation of transport systems beyond the historical Hooghly waterway. Government programmes to revive the ghats involve capital-intensive measures that threaten to erase the existing interactions between the river, the city and the livelihood of people entangled in it.

Unfortunately, this accompanies the silent erasure of the everydayness that persists today. Through this field exercise, I was convinced of the need to rethink the river's edges as non-binary fringes between land and water, which acknowledge the ephemerality of flows and fluxes of people and their daily activities. We need to understand the nuanced realities of ghats as essentially workspaces lying at the intersections of caste, class and gender. So, unless we look beyond rivers, to the multiple spaces and scales that they nurture, our plans would be limited, faulty and only disrupting landscapes.

Priority sector lending to electric vehicles is needed

Banks are wary of financing purchase of EVs as they are unsure about the risks in a segment which is in a nascent stage

A year ago it was reported that the Reserve Bank of India was considering a proposal from the Niti Aayog to categorise loans to purchase electric vehicles under the priority sector lending (PSL) segment. Recently the Indian Banks Association has set up a committee to investigate various aspects of sustainable financing and lending with Environmental, Societal and Governance (ESG) issues in focus and the IBA will examine the committee's recommendations and accordingly make a formal representation to the regulator to include electrical vehicle financing under priority sector.

If this proposal is accepted, it will help the industry to get credit at lower interest



KALYANASUNDARAM

(The author is a retired banker)

How life took spiritual turn after Aurobindo

Life had been in the fast business lane, crisscrossing global trading centres for jute and salt

I was born in 1928 in Mukundgarh, a small village of hardly 2,000 people comprising about 600 families. It was usual in those days that males would go to Bombay-Calcutta-Madras to earn some money for sending to the village for elders, coming after 24 months, staying a month or two and going back.

Mukundgarh was 12 miles where Swami spent days as Khetri Maharaj's guest. I played harmonium with him, sang together, and saw the night through a telescope on the instructions of Swamiji. A rich family of Kanorias was there where they used to keep a cart driven by a cow and a camel which was given in marriages for marriage procession. Around 1934, I went to Sirsabari, where my uncle was employed by Kanorias, an associate of Birlas used to stay for purchase of raw jute to be pressed in Cossipore, a suburb of Calcutta and exported abroad to the UK.

The Second World War was in full swing in 1940. There was a radio in Gaddi. In the evening we will sit to listen to radio and enjoyed indiscriminate bombing by Germany on Britain. Matriculation examination center was in Varanasi due to bombing on Calcutta in 1941. There Kanoria had a house on the banks of Ganga. I moved to Varanasi. Shri Gangaba ji Kanoria -- the family head of Kanorias, a benign old man moved to Varanasi to look after two Kanorias, Shyamsundar and Atmaram.

I moved to Pilani. As a boy of 15, I knew nothing about politics. But I used to read Gandhiji's magazine. Possibly the name was Young India. There was a heavy earthquake in Bihar around 1924. Birlas sent my father for relief work in Bihar. He went to Samastipur and stayed at Satyanarain Sinha's house who later became Minister of Parliamentary Affairs in Nehru's first cabinet. One Indrasan Rai managed to get a dealership of salt. Knowing my father, he stayed at our Calcutta flat. Wagons were allotted to authorized dealer and each wagon meant around Rs 2000 profit.

A monthly income of Rs 25,000 per month accrued. By the influence of minister Sinha, Indrasan Rai got an import license for salt. I went with him to Cairo. I learnt how ships are chartered. I purchased a ship load of salt which brought a good income. Simultaneously export of jute goods to South Africa was banned. There used to be a jute mill in Nepal. My uncle managed with the help of Satyanarain Babu to get a license for export of Nepalese jute goods to Hongkong. We had to give an undertaking from Hongkong authorities that the jute goods would not be diverted to South Africa. I went to Hongkong and managed to get an undertaking from the authorities. It was complex but I succeeded.



SHREE KESHAV DEO PODDAR WAS A GREAT DEVOTEE OF SRI AUROBINDO AT PONDICHERRY. ON HIS CALCUTTA VISIT, HE STAYED AT CHURIWALA HOUSE WHOSE FAMILY BECAME PROSPEROUS AND MOVED TO ALIPUR

(The author is founder, LNJ Bhilwara Group)



ed. The jute goods obviously went to South Africa.

Parmanand Churiwala and his father Shree Palhadroy Churiwala used to stay in a crowded area of Amartalla. I and Parmanand were friends. I frequently used to go to his house in Amartalla and also meet his father. He was the chief executive of a jute mill in Nepal. I purchased jute bags from him and managed to export them to Singapore and Hongkong. The family earned the first million rupees.

Thereafter, my uncle with the help of Satyanarain Babu arranged my meeting with KB Lal, Joint Secretary of Commerce. I remember the first day I waited four hours after his chamber and could talk to him only when he came out to pass urine. I told my uncle who had moved to Delhi and lived in a small out-house with a Bihari Sitaram Pankaj. He also used to be a favorite of Satyanarain Babu. My uncle took me to Satyanarain Babu. He telephoned KB Lal in my presence and fixed my appointment. KB Lal called me immediately and said he has passed orders to allow my goods freely and the file has gone to LK Jha, the Secretary.

My uncle took me to Satyanarain Babu and he said he could not help. One Jyotibhusan, a very rich family's son of Varanasi, had a large mango orchard and a big Moti Jheel. LK Jha used to come to Varanasi to stay there once in a while. Jyotibhusan fixed my meeting with LK Jha. Our company was the only in India to be given permission.

Money showered. The family moved to Ballygauge, a posh area. My uncle got a serious attack of jaundice. Shree Bhagirath Kanoria brought Shri Bidhanchandra Ray, the Chief Minister of undivided Bengal as well as a famous medical doctor to see him.

Shree Keshav Deo Poddar was a great devotee of Sri Aurobindo at Pondicherry. On his Calcutta visit, he stayed at Churiwala house whose family became prosperous and moved to Alipur. The elder Churiwala, a chain smoker had no interest in life except business. But he had a liking for Shree Poddar. He introduced me to Shree Poddar. It was around 1950. I knew nothing about Shree Aurobindo and was not aware of his literature. My younger brother was a great devotee of Mother. In one of my visits to Cochin I stayed in Madras with my younger brother-Deoki. He took me to Mother for her Darshan. There was no impression on me of Mother's Darshan.

Forty years later Tarabahan of Aurobindo Ashram, Delhi, gave me Sri Aurobindo's great epic Savitri. Deoki's son Vivek's mental level was of a seven-year-boy. I had moved to Delhi for business. Vivek and Deoki's wife also moved to Delhi to stay under my

care. Swami Budhanand was the Secretary of Delhi Rama Krishna Mission. I told him about Vivek. He asked me to send Vivek to the Mission at about nine in the morning to stay with him till two o'clock. He used to have lunch there. He advised me that I should request Aurobindo Ashram to keep him all the 24 hours which might have some effect. He was sent and it had a great effect on him.

Tarabahan, who was used to lying in mother's lap as a child, took great care of Vivek. Now staying with her for 25 years, he is fully occupied and happy. Deoki had a miserable life. His wife in Madras became a patient of epilepsy. We moved both of them to Delhi. She passed away miserably in spite of good medical care. Deoki too became sick. He used to stay in Aurobindo Ashram and passed away there immersed in it and spent hours and hours in reading Savitri.

Tarabahan gave me Sri Aurobindo's epic Savitri, the longest epic in English. It is very difficult but with the commentary of Shree Nadakarani and another Hindi commentary of Shree Verma, I could understand. It is amazing and I do not see any reason that the more I read of Aswapathis Yoga over a long period, the more my devotion for the japa of Thakur Shree Ramakrishna increases. Even though I understood about 50 per cent only, I still enjoyed it. Till today I am immersed in it.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

AS OF TODAY, PUNJAB, A STATE RUN BY THE AAP GOVERNMENT, HAS SEEN OVER 19% RISE IN FARM FIRES OVER 2021. THERE IS NO DOUBT OVER WHO HAS TURNED DELHI INTO A GAS CHAMBER. —UNION MINISTER BHUPENDER YADAV



THE CENTRE IS NOT HELPING FARMERS, ONLY FILING FIRS AGAINST THEM. THEY REJECTED OUR PROPOSAL ON TACKLING STUBBLE BURNING. THERE IS ONLY POLITICS GOING ON ABOUT THIS. —AAP CHIEF ARVIND KEJRIWAL

scheme of social control was aimed at bringing some changes in the management and distribution of credit by the commercial banks. As a consequence to this, priority sector credit was introduced and over the years, it has undergone many changes.

Presently finance under Agriculture, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Export Credit, Education, Housing, Social infrastructure, Renewable energy and others are all coming under Priority Sector credit and the RBI has prescribed targets under Priority Sector credit.

Domestic commercial banks and foreign banks with 20 branches and more must achieve a target of 40 per cent of Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) or Credit Equivalent

of Off-Balance Sheet Exposure (CEOBSE) whichever is higher. They also have a sub target of 18 per cent for Agriculture, 7.5 per cent for Micro enterprises, 12 per cent for weaker sections, etc. Foreign banks with less than 20 branches, Regional Rural Banks, Small Finance Banks are also having similar but different targets. Banks which are not able to reach the targets on their own are allowed to buy Inter Bank Participation Certificates (IBPCs) on a risk sharing basis.

Banks having any shortfall in lending to the priority sector are also mandated to contribute for specific bonds issued by NABARD, etc., to meet the shortfall. As on 29th July 2022, against a gross credit of ₹12369224 crores Priority sector credit was ₹4080530 crores. Finance to agriculture was for ₹1535442 crores. Finance to vehicle under non-priority sector was for ₹438973 crores.

As it is there are some imbalances in the PS targets achieved by banks. The education loan segment has seen a reduction of 11 per cent in 2022 (YoY) and export credit has seen a reduction of 31.5 per cent in 2022. Though the overall target could have been achieved by banks, these are imbalances, which may not be good for the particular segment.

When electric vehicle finance is brought under priority sector credit, the overall PS target can also be increased to the extent required. It will not be out of place to mention here that an empirical study on the priority sector loans by 21 public sector banks revealed that there is no significant relationship between the advances to priority sector lending and profitability of the public sector banks in India.

Hence, bringing electric vehicle finance under PSL with overall increase in PSL target may be good for the industry and also for the environment without affecting the profitability of banks. But bringing electric vehicle finance under the existing target of 40 per cent will result in reduced allocation to other segments which may not be a good idea.

Ukraine’s Prez accuses Russia of ‘energy terrorism’

AP ■ KYIV

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has accused Russia of engaging in “energy terrorism” after Russian strikes on Ukraine’s energy network left millions of residents without power.

About 4.5 million people were without electricity across the country, Zelenskyy said in his nightly address on Thursday.

Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said 450,000 apartments in the capital alone did not have electricity on Friday.

“I appeal to all residents of the capital: save electricity as much as possible, because the situation remains difficult!” the mayor wrote on Telegram. State-owned grid operator Ukrenergo reported on Friday that emergency blackouts would take place across Kyiv.

Russia has repeatedly carried out missile and drone attacks on Ukrainian power facilities, particularly in recent

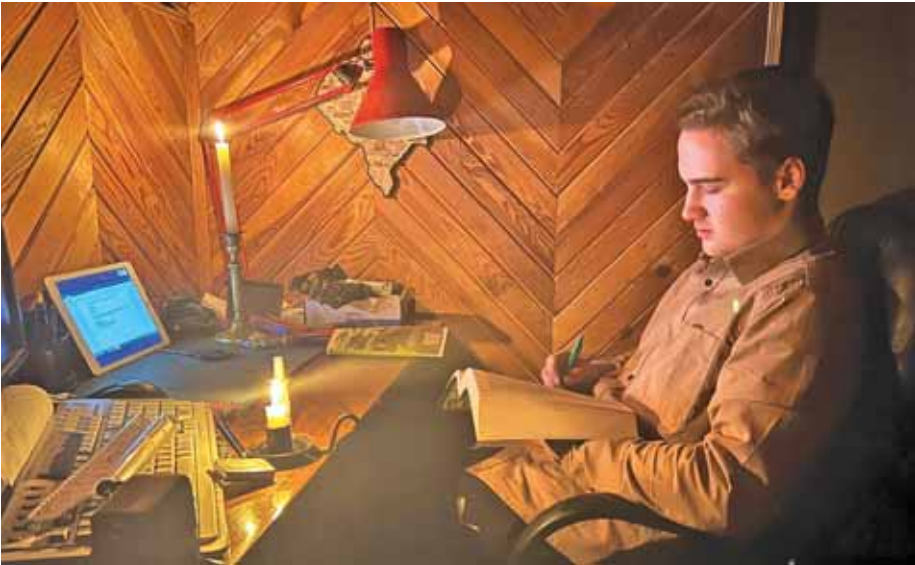
weeks. In his address, Zelenskyy described the targeting of energy infrastructure as a sign of weakness.

“The very fact that Russia is resorting to energy terrorism shows the weakness of our enemy,” he said. “They cannot beat Ukraine on the battlefield, so they try to break our people this way.”

Zelenskyy’s spoke soon after Moscow-appointed authorities in southern Ukraine’s occupied Kherson region said Russian troops were likely to leave the city of Kherson — a claim that Ukrainian officials greeted with some scepticism.

The Kremlin-installed regional administration already has moved tens of thousands of civilians out of the city, citing the threat of increased shelling as Ukraine’s army pursues a counter-offensive to reclaim the region.

Authorities removed the Russian flag from the Kherson administration building on Thursday, a week after the



regional government moved out.

Ukraine’s southern military spokeswoman, Natalia Humeniuk, said the flag’s removal could be a ruse “and we should not hurry to rejoice”. She

told Ukrainian television that some Russian military personnel are disguising themselves as civilians.

Neither side’s claims could be independently verified.

Elsewhere, Ukrainian offi-

cials reported shooting down drones launched by Russian forces. Dnipropetrovsk Gov. Valentyn Reznichenko said eight drones were shot down in the Nikopol area, which was also subjected to artillery shelling.

Another drone was shot down over the western Lviv region, Gov. Maksym Kozzytskyy said.

The commander of Ukraine’s armed forces, Valerii Zaluzhnyi, said on Thursday night that Russian forces had “tripled the intensity of hostilities on certain areas of the front” and were carrying out “up to 80 attacks every day”.

Zelenskyy’s office said on Friday that at least nine civilians were killed and 16 wounded in Ukraine over the past 24 hours.

The Russian army attacked four cities close to the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant with drones and heavy artillery. Governor of the Dnipropetrovsk province Valentyn Reznichenko said Friday that houses, cars and a gas pipeline had been damaged overnight in Chervonohryhorivka, and that the town was without electricity.

In the eastern Donetsk province, the town of Pokrovsk was the hardest hit, with rocket

attacks damaging a school and at least 22 residential buildings, killing one civilian and wounding another six. Donetsk province governor Pavlo Kyrylenko said 12 towns and villages were shelled, including Bakhmut and Avdiivka, which have been particularly hard hit in recent weeks.

In occupied Kherson province, the Ukrainian army shelled Russian bases and logistics facilities, destroying two ammunition warehouses, Ukrainian army officials said.

Russia illegally annexed the Kherson, Donetsk, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhia regions of Ukraine in late September and subsequently martial law in the four provinces.

The Russian military said it struck the rocket engine manufacturing facilities of a factory in the Dnipropetrovsk province city of Pavlohrad, as well as a factory producing rockets for multiple launch rocket systems in the northeastern city of Kharkiv. Ukraine did not confirm the

attacks.

The Ukrainian Armed Forces also said that in the Black Sea, “the functioning of grain corridors continues” according to plan.

Russia agreed on Wednesday to rejoin a wartime agreement brokered by the United Nations and Turkey allowing Ukrainian grain and other commodities to be shipped to world markets.

Moscow had suspended its participation in the grain deal over the weekend, citing an alleged drone attack against its Black Sea fleet in Crimea.

As one condition for returning to the deal, Russia demanded the grain be sent to poorer countries, arguing that most of it was currently ending up in richer nations.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Friday he had discussed the issue of prioritising less developed countries for the grain shipments during a call with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

Ukrainians face nuke threat with grit and dark humour

AP ■ KYIV

Dmytro Bondarenko is ready for the worst.

He’s filled the storage area under his fold-up bed and just about every other nook of his apartment in eastern Kyiv with water and nonperishable food. There are rolls of packing tape to seal the windows from radioactive fallout. He has a gas-fired camping stove and walkie-talkies.

There’s even an AR-15 rifle and a shotgun for protection, along with boxes of ammo. Fuel canisters and spare tires are stashed by his washing machine in case he needs to leave the city in a hurry.

“Any preparation can increase my chance to survive,” he said, wearing a knife and a first-aid kit.

With the Russian invasion in its ninth month, many Ukrainians no longer ask if their country will be hit by nuclear weapons. They are actively preparing for that unthinkable possibility.



Over dinner tables and in bars, people often discuss which city would be the most likely target or what type of weapon could be used. Many, like Bondarenko, are stocking up on supplies and making survival plans.

Nobody wants to believe it can happen, but it seems to be on the mind of many in Ukraine, which saw the world’s worst nuclear accident at Chernobyl in 1986.

“Of course Ukraine takes this threat seriously, because we understand what kind of

country we are dealing with,” presidential adviser Mykhailo Podolyak said in an interview with The Associated Press, referring to Russia.

The Kremlin has made unsubstantiated claims that Ukraine is preparing a “dirty bomb” in Russian-occupied areas — an explosive to scatter radioactive material and sow fear. Kyiv strenuously denied it and said such statements are more probably a sign that Moscow is itself preparing such a bomb and blame it on Ukraine.

Ukraine war: Putin rewriting rules of siege warfare this winter

THE CONVERSATION HULL (UK)

The Russian military – under instruction from Vladimir Putin – is rewriting the rules of siege warfare for the 21st century. The classic definition of a siege is: “The process of surrounding and attacking a fortified place in such a way as to isolate it from help and supplies, for the purpose of lessening the resistance of the defenders and thereby making capture possible.”

But in the Ukraine war, Putin has unleashed a series of localised sieges over towns and districts in cities, as seen with the 80-day siege of the Azovstal steel works. Russia cannot create a physical siege of the whole of Ukraine (akin to a blockade) because relief routes open through Poland, Slovakia, Hungary and Romania mean that Ukraine can receive and move goods through multiple entry points.

Putin’s use of these town-by-town siege tactics is putting



another source of pressure on the Ukrainian government, Ukrainian citizens and their international allies this winter.

Having had his original plan of a rapid conquest defeated at first contact with the enemy, Putin’s strategy now depends upon being able to divide or break Ukrainians and Ukraine’s allies. This change of strategy is driven by the inescapable truth on the battlefield that the Russian military is struggling to hold the ground it occupies and create stable lines

of defence for the winter.

Siege tactics – to deny supplies of food, and the energy to cook, to heat and deliver essentials – aim to undermine the ability or will of the local population to resist. The central equation Putin wants Ukrainians to get to is: is this worth the fight? Currently, sufficient numbers of Ukrainians view these tactics as a sign that the Russian military are faltering and that desperate measures are being employed.

Russia’s secondary ambi-

tion through laying siege is to create an ever larger reconstruction bill for Ukraine and its allies: now estimated to be £349 billion (£304 billion). When the EU pledged to rebuild Ukraine, it effectively pledged itself to a second Marshall Plan, like the one the US funded to reconstruct Europe after the second world war.

Whether the EU is politically able to sustain the economic effects of the conflict beyond this winter, or find the collective will to pay for the eventual reconstruction of Ukraine, without undermining its own unity and existence, are open questions.

How Russia cuts supplies

Currently the Russian military are creating pressure on the Ukrainian public through mass drone attacks on electricity supplies to major cities. This is creating shortages of gas and electricity as well as putting pressure on electrically powered public transport networks.

On October 31, the mayor

of Kyiv said that 80% of the population were without running water because a pumping station had been bombed. Kyiv and Kharkiv has reduced the number of electricity-dependent metro services to petrol and diesel equivalents to reduce the pressure on the grid.

The Russian government has also reneged on grain export agreements (and then suggested it would honour its original position). This is creating a spike in the wholesale price of bushels pushing up prices in the shops and creating food shortages. Because land routes to the west remain open, there is a fall-back plan to move grain overland instead, but this will only provide partial relief.

Direct siege warfare, as seen in Mariupol and Kharkiv, has consisted of Russia blocking the routes out of these cities. It also involves depriving the population of food, water, medicine, and utilities while conducting indiscriminate artillery and cluster bomb assaults.

G7 ministers rally support for Ukraine, suspicion of China

AP ■ MUENSTER

Top diplomats from the world’s major industrialised democracies on Friday rallied support for Ukraine in its resistance to Russia’s invasion and coalesced around suspicion of China’s increasing assertiveness amid a panoply of global crises.

Foreign ministers from the Group of Seven nations, wrapping up two days of talks in the historic western German city of Muenster, were set to release a statement asserting common



positions on Ukraine, Russia, China and recent developments in Iran and North Korea, officials said.

A year after warning Russia about the consequences of invading Ukraine, the G-7 ministers were expected to endorse further punishments for the Kremlin and additional backing for Kyiv and countries affected by food and energy shortages that the war has exacerbated, the officials said.

“It is incredibly important that we retain our strategic

endurance, the willingness to stick with this until this is done, both to support the people of Ukraine as they defend themselves against aggression but also to lift the pressure off those countries around the world, those people around the world who are already experiencing food insecurity and are pushed

even closer to famine,” British Foreign Secretary James Cleverly said. Along with the UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States comprise the G-7.

The ministers will also call out Iran for allegedly supplying weapons to Russia and a brutal crackdown on anti-government protesters. Their statement will further condemn the recent escalation of tensions in Asia caused by North Korean military activity.

“As a collective G-7, our

work is to ensure that we maintain peace, bring back peace also to the region, and we are there to protect these international norms,” Canadian Foreign Minister Melanie Joly said.

One senior US official said the group of advanced economies had demonstrated “remarkable” unity on virtually all major issues despite often competing domestic interests and priorities, particularly in regards to China’s growing economic clout and global ambitions even as the leader of G-7



IRS crime-fighting arm takes on new tasks during Ukraine war

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The crime-fighting arm of the IRS, which tracks financial crimes and hunts down pricey properties of sanctioned Russian elites, identified more than \$32 billion in funds during the past fiscal year for eventual seizure, the agency reported Thursday.

Jim Lee, chief of IRS Criminal Investigation, said that’s a “huge” amount — three times what was identified in the previous year. And the amount of money seized in stolen cryptocurrency — more than \$7 billion — doubled from the previous year, he said.

The division’s annual report sheds light on how it has added new responsibilities — like investigating sanctioned Russian oligarchs — to its priorities as Russia wages war on Ukraine.

It has opened 20 investigations of sanctioned people since it joined the Justice Department-led task force Kleptocapture in March. The task force targets Russian oligarchs and others who evade sanctions.

Lee said the increase in money identified, and the changing nature of how crimes are perpetrated, have posed a challenge to the little-understood agency within Treasury.

“As a division,” Lee said, “we are nimble and able to shift quickly.”

The division has come under increased scrutiny in recent months, particularly when Congress was debating the Inflation Reduction Act, which gives the IRS \$80 billion in additional funding. Republicans have conflated the criminal investigation division’s armed agents with the unarmed IRS auditors who go over financial filings for the federal tax collector.

Those comparisons are misleading and false. “Not only is it wildly inappropriate but it’s dangerous,” Lee said.

Much of the international success of CI special agents stems from a robust and aggressive international program that includes 11 foreign posts and memberships in multiple international taskforces,” the annual report states. Agents work alongside the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Joint Criminal Opioid Darknet Enforcement taskforce and other entities.

Among seizures this past year, the agency assisted in the investigation that led to the February arrest of Ilya Lichtenstein and Heather Morgan for an alleged conspiracy to launder cryptocurrency that was stolen during the 2016 hack of virtual currency exchange Bitfinex, valued at approximately \$4.5 billion, the largest single financial seizure in government history.



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NOTICE

Pursuant to regulation 29 of SEBI (LODR) 2015, Notice is hereby given that a 29th Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Monday, 14th November, 2022 at 2.30 PM at Corporate Office : 4-7/C, DDA Shopping Centre, 4th Floor, New Friends Colony, New Delhi- 110 025 to inter-alia approve the following:

(1) Un-audited Financial Results (Standalone & Consolidated) of the Company for the quarter and half year ended September, 2022 and review limited review report of the Statutory Auditors for the publication as per SEBI LODR requirements.

For Modi Rubber Limited

Sd/-

(S K Bajpai)

Head - Legal & Co. Secretary

Place : New Delhi

Date : November 03, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is known to all that the Allottee of Residential Plot No.A-59, Sector-31, Noida, area measuring 450.0 Sq.Mtrs., Sh. N.K. Malhotra S/o Late Sh. C.L. Malhotra, R/o 404, Sarvapriya Vihar, New Delhi, Presently residing at BIN HAMOODA BUILDING, NAJDA STREET, ABU DHABI (U.A.E.), has sold the above plot on GPA basis as under :-

1. A G.P.A. was executed on 16.03.1992, in favour of Sh. P.K. Agrawal S/o Sh. P.C. Gupta, R/o 1321, Sector-29, NOIDA, which is executed before J.K.Kaul, Consular Agent, Embassy of India, Abu Dhabi and the Agreement to Sell was also executed in his favour which is not registered.

Because the Agreement to Sell written in para 1 above is not regd., so with the help of this notice, it is informed that the transfer of the above Plot on the basis of GPA goes in favour of Smt. Padam Gupta W/o Sh. P.C. Gupta, R/o C/1249, Indira Nagar, Lucknow-U.P. If anyone has any objection, he/she will submit his/her objection in the Residential (Plot) Section of Noida Authority within 15 days of the publication of this notice.

(P.K. AGRAWAL)

Germany’s Scholz urges Xi to exert influence on Russia

AP ■ BEIJING

In a much-scrutinised meeting on Friday with President Xi Jinping in Beijing, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz urged China to exert its influence on Russia, while the Chinese leader repeated a call for talks between Moscow and Ukraine and warned against the conflict going nuclear.

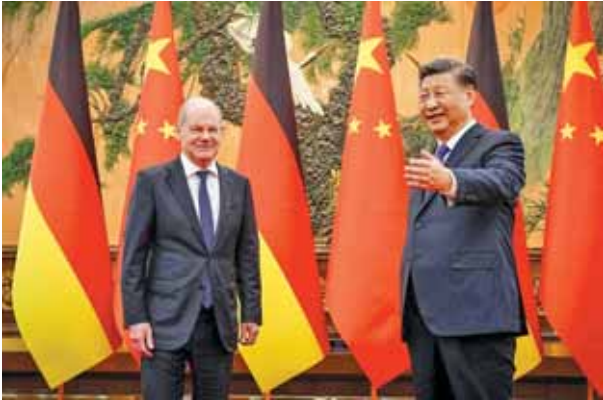
Scholz is in Beijing for a one-day visit that has drawn criticism over China’s tacit support for Russia, lingering controversies over economic ties and human rights issues, as well as the timing of the trip.

It comes after Xi further cemented his authoritarian rule at a major Communist Party congress last month and as China continues to refuse to criticise Russia.

Scholz’s visit reflects the importance of Germany’s trade ties with China, the world’s second-largest economy, particularly in the auto and manufacturing sectors.

Mercedes Benz alone sold 758,863 cars in China last year, more than in any other country, according to company figures.

Scholz, who is traveling with several top German business leaders, received a formal welcome from Xi, who was recently reappointed head of the ruling Communist Party for a



third term, at the Great Hall of the People in the heart of Beijing.

“At present, the international situation is complex and changeable,” Xi was quoted as telling Scholz by state broadcaster CCTV.

“As influential powers, China and Germany should work together in times of change and chaos to make more contributions to world peace and development.”

On Ukraine, Xi “pointed out that China supports Germany and the EU in playing an important role in promoting peace talks and promoting the building of a balanced, effective and sustainable European security framework,” CCTV reported.

That was apparently a nod to Russia’s anger over NATO’s eastern expansion, largely a

result of Moscow’s increasingly belligerent policies toward its neighbours.

The international community should “create conditions for the resumption of negotiations (and) jointly oppose the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,” Xi said.

Without offering evidence, Russian leader Vladimir Putin has repeated Moscow’s unproven allegation that Ukraine is plotting a false-flag attack involving a radioactive dirty bomb that it would try to pin on Russia.

Ukraine has strongly rejected the accusation, and its Western allies have dismissed it as “transparently false.” Ukraine argued that Russia might be making the allegation to serve as a cover for its own possible plot to detonate a dirty bomb.

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TENDER NOTICE (Through e-tendering)	
Tender No. 558-Sig-16-Tele-OT-957 Dated: 04.11.2022	
DRM Office New Delhi	
Name of work with its location	Provision of Telecom Facility at Corridors of 2nd Floor,3rd Floor Room No.302 to 313 (Including New Committee Room) and Corridor of D wing in Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
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Date & Time for uploading the tender/closing of tender	Tender uploading/closing date & time - 30.11.2022 upto 15.00 hrs
Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website www.ireps.gov.in & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.
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Climate negotiations: 30 yrs of melting hope, US power

AP ■ CAMBRIDGE

Thirty years ago there was hope that a warming world could clean up its act. It didn't.

The United States helped forge two historic agreements to curb climate change then torpedoed both when new political administrations took over.

Rich and poor nations squabbled about who should do what. During that time Earth warmed even faster.

Hope melted, along with 36 trillion tons of ice, scientists calculate.

Since 1992, when world leaders first came together to address global warming, humanity has spewed more than a trillion tons of heat-trapping carbon dioxide from fossil fuels into the air. The world got 1.1 degrees (0.6 degrees Celsius) hotter.

As climate negotiators gather in Egypt to try to limit future warming to just a few more tenths of a degree long-time officials and historians see recurring themes in past efforts that still echo today.

Those themes involve the outsized footprint of the United States and the tug-of-war



between nations that got rich thanks to fossil fuels and yet-to-develop countries that feel disproportionate pain from climate change and are being told not to develop much coal, oil and natural gas.

"The US has been the absolute dominant force throughout all of this," said climate negotiations historian Joanna Depledge of the University of Cambridge in England.

"I'm afraid the US has been both the best and the worst

thing, really, about negotiations."

It started on a high note. In 1992, five years after a historic environmental agreement to ban ozone-munching chemicals, world leaders signed a treaty in Rio de Janeiro at the "Earth Summit."

It started the formal United Nations process to negotiate dial back carbon emissions. The world recognised that climate change "is going to affect us all and we all have to deal with it," recalled the first UN climate sec-

retary, Michael Zammit Cutajar. Oren Lyons, faithkeeper of the Turtle Clan of the Onondaga Nation in New York, decades later called it the greatest meeting he attended: "There was a huge feeling of well-being, of being able to do something ... There was a lot of hope there."

Inger Andersen, a young United Nations development official at the time, said the summit got three different programs going and nothing was going to stop them.

"I mean this was it. We fixed it," recalled Andersen, now the executive director of the United Nations Environment Programme. "I mean that was it. It was amazing, right?"

The Cold War had just ended and "the global environment was seen as a way of bringing previously warring countries together," said Depledge. "It was seen as a kind of benign, you know motherhood-and-apple-pie way of cooperating."

"Yes it was naive, but it could have been done," Depledge said. "Such innovative, exciting proposals were put forward in the early years, which if they had been implemented, we would be in a so much better situation."



We're gonna free Iran, says Biden as protests rage on

AP ■ OCEANSIDE (US)

President Joe Biden told supporters "we're gonna free Iran" after audience members appeared to call on him to address the ongoing protests that have spread through that country in the aftermath of the death of a young woman in the custody of its security forces.

"Don't worry, we're gonna free Iran," Biden said in an aside during a campaign rally for Democratic Rep. Mike Levin. He added, "They're gonna free themselves pretty soon."

Biden made the comments as supporters in the crowd held up cellphones displaying the message "FREE IRAN."

The Biden administration

has faced growing criticism from Iranian American activists who are calling on the White House to abandon its efforts to resurrect the Iran nuclear deal because of the protests.

The administration announced sanctions last month against Iranian officials for the brutal treatment of demonstrators following the September death of Mahsa Amini after her arrest by Iran's morality police. The administration has also recently hit Iran with sanctions for supplying drones and technical assistance to Russia for its war against Ukraine. It ordered US Military strikes in August against Iranian-backed militias in Syria.

Iran marks 1979 US Embassy takeover amid nationwide protests



AP ■ DUBAI

Iran on Friday marked the 1979 takeover of the US Embassy in Tehran as its theocracy faces nationwide protests after the death of a 22-year-old woman earlier arrested by the country's morality police.

Iranian state-run television aired live feeds of various commemorations around the country, with some in Tehran waving placards of the triangle-shaped Iranian flag, other commemorations in the country appeared smaller, with only a few dozen people taking part.

Iran's hard-line President Ebrahim Raisi, speaking to people gathered in front of the former US Embassy, criticised those protesting the theocracy. "Anyone taking the smallest step in the direction of breaching security and riots, must know that they are stepping in the direction of enemies of the Islamic Revolution," he said.

"Americans think they can execute the plan they carried out in some countries like Syria and Libya here. What a false dream!"

Those at the commemoration also waved effigies of French President Emmanuel Macron and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. Signs and chants from the crowd called out: "Death to America! Death to Israel!"

The demonstrations that have convulsed Iran for more than six weeks after the death of Mahsa Amini mark one of the biggest challenges to the country's clerical rulers since they seized power in the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

At least 300 protesters have been killed and 14,000 arrested since the unrest began, according to a Human Rights Activists in Iran, a group that's been monitoring the crackdown on demonstrators.

Iran's government has not offered an overall death toll, with one state newspaper even making the counterfactual claim that no one had been killed by security forces over the 49 days of protests.

Later on Friday, protests began in Iran's southeastern Sistan and Baluchestan province, which has seen weeks of unrest. Online videos purported to show people marching in the streets, with the crackle of gunfire in the background.

Some protesters appeared bloodied. It wasn't immediately clear how many people had been injured.

A Shiite cleric reportedly was shot dead on Thursday in Sistan and Baluchestan, a long restive province that's predominantly Sunni.

Hard-liners within Iran long have bussed government workers and others into such November 4 demonstrations, which have a carnival-like feel for the students and others taking part on Taleqani Street in downtown Tehran.

Rival Koreas scramble warplanes in extension of tensions

AP ■ SEOUL

South Korea scrambled about 80 military aircraft, including advanced F-35 fighter jets, on Friday after tracking about 180 flights by North Korean warplanes inside North Korean territory in what appeared to be a defiant show of strength.

North Korea's mobilisation of warplanes came after it test-fired around 30 ballistic missiles over the previous two days, including an intercontinental ballistic missile on Thursday that triggered evacuation warnings in Japan, in an angry response to ongoing joint exercises by hundreds of US and South Korea military planes.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the North Korean warplanes were detected in various areas inland and along the country's eastern and western coasts, but did not come particularly close to the Koreas' border.

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The South Korean military spotted about 180 flight trails from 1 to 5 pm, but it wasn't immediately clear how many North Korean planes were involved and whether some may have flown more than once.

None of the planes breached the South Korean military's virtual "tactical action" line, which is 20 to 50 kilometres (12 to 30 miles) north of the Koreas' land and sea boundaries and is used for monitoring purposes to give the South enough time to respond to provocations or attacks.

South Korea still scrambled about 80 of its own warplanes, including an unspecified number of F-35 fighters. There weren't any immediate reports of clashes.

US and South Korean forces have been conducting joint "Vigilant Storm" aerial exercises



es involving about 240 warplanes, including F-35s.

The exercises had been scheduled to end on Friday, but the allies extended them to Saturday in response to North Korea's intensified testing activity this week.

The extension of the drills was announced on Thursday after North Korea test-fired an ICBM, which triggered evacuation alerts and temporarily

halted trains in northern Japan.

It followed the launch by firing two short-range ballistic missiles into the sea.

Pak Jong Chon, a senior North Korean military official, then issued a statement threatening retaliation over the drills' extension.

North Korea subsequently fired three additional missiles into the sea and shot around 80 artillery rounds into the eastern

parts of maritime buffer zones created by the rivals off their eastern and western coasts in 2018 as part of agreements to reduce tensions.

On Wednesday, North Korea fired more than 20 missiles, the most it has launched in a single day.

Those launches came after Pak issued a veiled threat of a nuclear conflict with the United States and South Korea over their joint drills, which the North says are rehearsals for a potential invasion.

After already setting an annual record with dozens of ballistic missile launches in 2022, North Korea has further dialled up its testing activity since late September, including what it described as simulated nuclear attacks on South Korea and US targets.

It has said its tests are meant as a warning against the United States' military drills with allies

South Korea and Japan.

In response to North Korea's increased weapons tests and growing nuclear threat, the US and South Korea this year have resumed their large-scale military exercises that were downsized or suspended in previous years to support the Trump administration's diplomatic efforts with the North and because of the pandemic.

North Korea particularly despises Vigilant Storm, which includes USF-35B stealth fighter jets that can be heavily armed for land strike missions, said Hong Min, a senior analyst at Seoul's Korea Institute for National Unification.



Racist incident in French Parl triggers condemnations

AP ■ PARIS

A Black lawmaker said Friday he was "deeply hurt" after a far-right member of the French parliament made a racist remark during a legislative session, something that has triggered condemnations from across the political spectrum. The comments shocked many, up to France's president himself, and raised new questions about xenophobia on the far right and other parts of French society.

Gregoire de Fournas of the far-right National Rally party was heard shouting the words "return to Africa" at the lawmaker, Carlos Martens Bilongo, who was challenging the government Thursday about migrants stranded at sea.

The words prompted immediate uproar in the legislature, leading the president of

the National Assembly to suspend the session and launch an investigation. A meeting of the Assembly's managing body was set on Friday afternoon to decide about potential sanctions.

Due to the uproar and the muffling of the words, it was unclear whether de Fournas said that Bilongo should return to Africa or that the migrants should.

French anti-racist groups stressed that regardless of who was targeted, the comments echo a racist insult toward Black people being told to go back to Africa.

French group SOS Racisme called it "the true face of the far-right: that of racism." Its president, Dominique Sopo, said "obviously they are extremely violent comments," no matter what de Fournas was saying precisely.

Netanyahu-led coalition to form new Govt



PTI ■ JERUSALEM

Former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party and its far-right and religious allies have secured an emphatic victory in Israel's general elections, bringing the country's longest-serving premier back at the helm and ending the prolonged political impasse plaguing the Jewish nation.

Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid called Netanyahu on Thursday evening to congratulate him on winning the elections, just under 48 hours after polls closed. Lapid said that he has instructed all departments of the Prime Minister's Office to prepare for an orderly transfer of power.

"The State of Israel is above any political consideration," Lapid said in a tweet.

Israel's Central Election

Committee on Thursday announced the final allocation of seats for the 25th Knesset, giving 73-year-old Netanyahu and his likely political allies 64 seats in the 120-member parliament, enough

for a governing majority.

President Isaac Herzog will now begin consultations with politicians on forming a new government after results are officially certified on November 9.

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Hue and Cry Notice
Rule No. 712/191

SDPO R.S. Pura vide communication No. 16633-34/SDR dated 29.10.2022 intimated that accused namely **Priksit Kumar S/O Late Ashok Kumar R/O Rajpura, Tehsil Marh, District Jammu** is evading his arrest in case FIR No. 96/2022 U/S 363/109 IPC of P/S Arnia, Jammu. Since the commission of crime.
It is therefore requested that Hue and Cry Notice of above mentioned accused is being published for the information of Police establishments / Public in general having any clue related to the whereabouts / present location of above named accused, kindly communicate the same on the below mentioned contact / Telephone numbers.

Description Roll :-	
Name	Priksit Kumar
S/O	Late Ashok Kumar
Address	Rajpura, Tehsil Marh, District Jammu
Age	20-22 Years
Colour	Fair
Height	5'6"
Hair Colour	Black Brown
Eye Colour	Brown
Complexion	Normal
Contacts/Telephone Numbers:-	
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2. SSP Jammu Mail I.D	sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in
3. PCR Jammu	0191-2542000
4. SP Hqrs., Jammu	0191-2439919
5. SDPO R.S. Pura	01923-250240
6. Landline of P/S Arnia	01923-272236

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For Sr. Superintendent of Police Jammu

Public Notice
This is to inform general public that Mr. Puneet Gupta has acquired the Entire First Floor, without roof rights, "Said Floor" Property bearing No. B-1/15, area measuring 179.18 Sq. Mtrs., Situated at Model Town, Delhi vide Sale Deed dated 03.08.2014, Doc no. 9871 and Now, Mr. Puneet Gupta is mortgaging the above said property with [IndusInd Bank Ltd. & in case anyone has any objection, the same may be raised within 07 days of this publication to Mr. Muneesh Dhawan/ Mr. Sudhir Jain (Advocates), Law Ventas North, Unit no 907, 9th Floor, GD-TL Tower, (B-08), Netaji Subhash Place, Delhi-110034 or contact at 9066707172/9818228636 (M).

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[Notice is hereby given to the General public that MRS. SAROJ GUPTA is owner of through REGISTERED RELINQUISHMENT DEED of S. 13/B-2, area measuring 20.90 Sq. mtrs., out of Kharsa no. 5, Village in the area of Mandawali, Fazalpur known as Sunder Block, Shakarpur, Shahdara, Delhi 110092, vide REGISTERED RELINQUISHMENT DEED dated 23.08.2022. All persons are hereby informed that MR. MANISH AND MRS. KARISHMA is purchasing the above-mentioned property from MRS. SAROJ GUPTA by way of REGISTERED SALE DEED the said above mentioned property with FULLERTON INDIA HOME FINANCE COMPANY. General public hereby informed that if anybody has any charge/interest/title in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.
Mrs. Prasoon Latia, Advocate, SG Associates (Law Firm)
Unit No 7, Basement, Plot No C-78, Sector 2, Noida, UP 201301.
E-MAIL: sgassociatespl@gmail.com, Ph: 7011172764, 8130200837

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Bid on Imran's life: Spectre of political assassinations continues to haunt Pak

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

The shootings and terrorist attacks for more than seven decades have taken the lives of several politicians in Pakistan, with former premier Imran Khan becoming the latest to join the long list of leaders who faced assassination bids.

October 16, 1951, stands out in the history of Pakistan as a date when the first prime minister of the country, Liaquat Ali Khan, was shot dead during a public rally in Rawalpindi's

Company Gardens, damaging the foundations of a fragile democratic structure of the newly-born nation. The bullets fired in 1951 at the Company Gardens, later renamed Liaquat Bagh, led to the first major assassination but, unfortunately, it was not the last attempt as the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman has become the latest to join the long list of politicians, who have faced such attacks.

Such attacks which have continued with frequent inter-

vals for more than seven decades took the lives of several politicians, including former premier Benazir Bhutto, her brother Mir Murtaza Bhutto, Gujrat's Chaudhry Zahoor Elahi, Punjab's former home minister Shuja Khanzada and ex-minister for minorities Shahbaz Bhatti.

Several others, including Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) Assembly member and Awami National Party's Bashir Ahmad Bilour and others were also killed in such attacks.

Govt's SRI Fund commits ₹5,000 cr to help MSMEs

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Government-backed Self Reliant India Fund (SRIF) on Friday announced that it has committed over Rs 5,000 crore to help small businesses with growth capital in its first year of operations.

The fund, which started as part of the government's flagship 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' programme, has provided approvals to 38 'daughter funds' with a commitment amount of more than Rs 5,000 crore, as per an official statement.

It has a 'Mother Fund-Daughter Fund' structure wherein SRIF, the mother fund, invests up to 20 per cent of the corpus of the Daughter Fund, which raises the balance 80 per cent of the capital from outside sources, it explained.

The arrangement is designed to maximise the fund flow to the target micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) sector as the contribution from SRIF gets leveraged five times, taking the total value of investible funds into MSMEs to Rs 50,000 crore.

Amitava Chatterjee, the managing director and chief executive of SBI Capital Markets, said the fund has already helped provide equity funding of more than Rs 2,300 crore to more than 125 MSMEs across sectors, such as climate, agriculture, defence, education, pharma and industrials.

The statement said the Rs



2,300 crore of investments have already helped in supporting employment to 20,000 people.

Daughter Funds empanelled with SRIF include TATA Capital Healthcare Fund, Aavishkaar India Fund, SVL-SME Fund, Gaja Capital India Fund, Avaana Sustainability Fund, ICICI Ventures' India Advantage Fund S5 1, Omnivore Agritech and Climate Sustainability Fund 3, Fireside Ventures Investment Fund III, Nab Ventures Fund 1, Maharashtra Defence and Aerospace Venture Fund, it said.

SRIF is launching a technology platform to establish a transparent and standardised procedure for Daughter Funds

to seek investments, which will also assist in compliance and reporting for statutory and administrative purposes.

The fund has been set up by the central government under the aegis of the Ministry of MSME and is anchored by NSIC Venture Capital Fund (NVCF), a 100 per cent owned subsidiary of The National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC). SBICAP Ventures Limited is the Investment Manager of the Fund.

"The successful first year anniversary of SRIF augments the Government of India's efforts in expanding and diversifying mobilisation of capital for MSME businesses," NSIC's chairman and managing director Gaurang Dixit said.

Sensex snaps 2-day losing run amid firm Asian cues

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Sensex and Nifty eked out modest gains on Friday after a two-session sliding streak, propped up by firm Asian markets and buying from foreign institutional investors. A sharp recovery in the rupee further bolstered investors' sentiment, traders said. Overcoming a wobbly start, the 30-share BSE Sensex gained momentum as the session progressed to close 113.95 points or 0.19 per cent higher at 60,950.36.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty rose 64.45 points or 0.36 per cent to 18,117.15.

Bajaj Finserv topped the Sensex gainers' chart, jumping 4.55 per cent, followed by UltraTech Cement, Tata Steel, SBI, Reliance Industries, Asian Paints, Bajaj Finance and Wipro. In contrast, Dr Reddy's, Infosys, Hindustan Unilever, HDFC Bank, NTPC, PowerGrid and Bharti Airtel were among the laggards, shedding up to 1.49 per cent.

The market breadth was in favour of the bulls, with 18 of the 30 Sensex counters closing in the green.

"The Bank of England in its policy announcement, mirrored the Fed's view, dashing hopes for a near-term policy softening... Pharma and IT sell-off continued due to concerns about the impending



recession.

"The dollar surged along with the US Treasury yield following the hawkish remarks from global central banks, while FIIs continued their domestic support," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

On a weekly basis, the Sensex jumped 990.51 points or 1.65 per cent, while the Nifty climbed 330.35 points or 1.85 per cent.

"The equity market closed marginally higher after a week of relatively lower level of volatility. The hike in rates from Fed and the ECB and the Fed's assertion that the hard money policy will continue into the next year as well triggered discussions on the likely decline in the rate of growth which could spell trouble for the current calculations on business growth and earnings.

Need to fastrack clearance of patents filed by Govt-related bodies: Goyal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Union Minister Piyush Goyal has directed officials to fastrack the clearance of patents filed by government-related bodies in a time-bound manner.

Goyal also asked them to explore the possibilities of merging Textile Research Associations (TRAs) or fostering partnerships among TRAs engaged in similar kinds of research to bring synergy among these bodies.

The minister for Textiles instructed that the quarterly engagement of TRAs with the ministry be institutionalised. We must encourage star-



tups and young scientists in the niche areas like technical textiles, Goyal said during a review meeting of TRAs on Thursday. He asked textile research associations to submit proposals to the ministry for any support they require to reach world-class levels of state-of-the-art labs, and modern

machinery, amongst others.

The Bureau of Indian Standards could provide necessary support in modernising the labs of TRAs, he added.

"In consonance with the vision to foster innovation and drive science-centric sustainable growth, Goyal suggested to create a special fund to increase the number of scientists in 'TRAs,' the textile ministry said.

The minister also said that for medical textiles the research is incomplete without clinical trials. Therefore, costs associated with clinical trials may also be taken into account while recommending future projects in technical textiles.

Adani group opens data centre in Chennai

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Richest Indian Gautam Adani-led group on Friday announced the opening of its Chennai hyperscale data centre as it looks to capture a share of one of the world's fastest-growing data centre markets.

AdaniConneX, a joint venture between Adani Enterprises and EdgeConneX, opened 'Chennai 1' hyperscale data centre campus that is powered by renewable energy, the company said in a statement.

"In Phase 1, the campus offers 17 MW (IT Load) that will scale up to 33 MW (IT Load) at full capacity," it said.

Data centres are one of the areas that the ports-to-energy Adani group has identified for expansion. Other areas being airports, cement, petrochemicals and copper.

Gaurs group aims ₹650 crore sales revenue from new mixed-use project in Ghaziabad

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Realty firm Gaurs Group on Friday said it will develop a new mixed-use project at Ghaziabad with an estimated sales revenue of Rs 650 crore.

In a statement, the company said it will develop a 'mixed land use joint venture project in Ghaziabad with a saleable value of approximately Rs 650 crore.'

The project, located near Hindon airport civil terminal, will comprise high-street retail with multiplex and banquets, studio apartments and social housing. Under the project, over 450 shops, 400 studio apartments and around 600 social housing units will be developed.

Veshesh Gaur, Director, Gaurs Group, said: "We have been increasing our foothold in the retail sector, and have been successfully operating 2 malls,



one each in Ghaziabad and Noida Extension, having tie-ups with more than 100 national and international brands."

"With gradual increase in the number of flights from the civil terminal at Hindon airport, it has provided a major boost to the entire sector which is densely populated and is very well connected via roads, rail and metro," he added.

Gaurs Group has delivered Gaur City I & II which is an integrated township project of over 200 acres in Noida extension along with a similar scale township project on Yamuna Expressway.

Rupee soars 53 paise to close at 82.35 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee appreciated by 53 paise to close at 82.35 against the US dollar on Friday, boosted by persistent foreign fund inflows and a weakening greenback overseas.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 82.85 and shuttled between 82.35 and 82.85 during the session.

It finally settled at 82.35 against the American currency, registering a rise of 53 paise over its previous close of 82.88.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, slipped 0.34 per cent to 112.54. Global oil benchmark Brent crude prices rose 2.05 per cent to USD 96.61 per barrel.

"Euro and Pound too recovered on Friday from intra-



day lows as broader dollar retraced against its major crosses," said Gaurang Somaia, Forex & Bullion Analyst, Motilal Oswal Financial Services. On Thursday, pound fell sharply against the US dollar after the Bank of England raised rates by 75 bps.

"We expect the USD-INR (Spot) to trade sideways and quote in the range of 82.50 and 83.30," Somaia added.

On the domestic equity market front, the 30-share BSE Sensex advanced 113.95 points or 0.19 per cent to end at 60,950.36, while the broader NSE Nifty gained 64.45 points or 0.36 per cent to 18,117.15.

Gold rises ₹604; silver jumps ₹2,061

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold price in the national capital rose Rs 604 to Rs 50,869 per 10 grams on Friday, amid strong global trends, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal had touched Rs 50,265 per 10 grams. Silver also jumped Rs 2,061 to Rs 59,477 per kilogram.

"Gold and silver prices posted some gains after yesterday's fall, amidst a steady Dollar and as market participants await US jobs market data," said Navneet Damani, Senior VP - Commodity Research at Motilal Oswal Financial Services. In the international market, gold was trading in green at USD 1,648 per ounce, while silver was up at USD 19.81 per ounce.

Ola Electric will miss its target to fully utilise production capacity in 6-8 months

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Ola Electric will miss its target to fully utilise installed production capacity in next six to eight months and will achieve only 50 per cent of it by November 2023, founder and CEO Bhavish Aggarwal said on Friday.

At the time of launch of the new S1 Air electric scooter ahead of Diwali last month, he had said the company was already producing more than 1,000 a day at its 'future factory' and would be scaling it up significantly beyond that.

"We feel that in the next six to eight months we will exhaust the (current) installed capacity and we are also in parallel expanding our capacity in the future factory," he had said.

Company officials had insisted that Ola Electric has a current capacity of 20 lakh



units per annum at its factory and it would be exhausted in the next six to eight months.

However, in a post on Twitter on Friday sharing the company's production targets, Aggarwal wrote, "Our cumulative production numbers: Dec 2021: 0; Nov 2022: 1,00,000; Nov 2023: 10,00,000; Nov 2024: 1,00,00,000... This is the journey to #EndICEAge by 2025."

Ola Electric had said that its factory at Krishnagiri district in Tamil Nadu would have a capacity to produce 1 crore electric two-wheelers annually when fully completed.

ABFRL Q2 net profit jumps five-fold to ₹29.44 crore; revenue 50% higher at ₹3,074.61 crore

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail on Friday reported over five-fold jump in consolidated net profit at Rs 29.44 crore in the second quarter of FY23, led by robust festive sales and consistent performance from e-commerce channels.

The company had posted a net profit of Rs 5.09 crore during the July-September quarter of the previous fiscal, Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Ltd (ABFRL) said in a regulatory filing.

Its revenue from operations went up 49.66 per cent to Rs 3,074.61 crore during the quarter under review as against Rs 2,054.34 crore in the corresponding period of the previ-



ous fiscal.

The Aditya Birla group firm achieved its "highest quarterly revenues" in Q2 FY23, the company said in its earnings statement.

"Robust Like-to-Like and consistent e-commerce performance have been key drivers of growth in the quarter. The period also saw an increase in marketing investments post a hiatus of more than 2 years since COVID, as the company

reinvigorated its focus towards brand building and strengthening consumer connect," it said.

In July-September quarter ABFRL pursued an "aggressive network expansion" across brands by adding 21 stores under the Pantaloon's format and 85 stores for its branded business, it added.

ABFRL's revenue from Madura Fashion & Lifestyle segment was up 45.51 per cent to Rs 2,108.56 crore as against Rs 1,449.05 crore in the corresponding quarter.

Pantaloon's revenue was also up 64.41 per cent to Rs 1,093.74 crore as against Rs 665.22 crore in the corresponding quarter of the last year, achieving its "highest-ever quarterly revenues".

Russian gas supply snag leads to GAIL profit tumbling 46%

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

GAIL (India) Ltd, the nation's largest gas distributor, on Friday reported a 46 per cent drop in its September quarter net profit as supply disruptions from a former unit of Russian energy giant Gazprom hurt business.

Net profit stood at Rs 1,537.07 crore in the July-September quarter compared to Rs 2,862.95 crore in the same period a year back, according to a stock exchange filing of the company.

The profit for the firm that transports and sells natural gas to users like fertiliser plants and CNG retailers was sequentially down at 47.2 per cent



from Rs 2,915.19 crore profit in the April-June quarter.

At an investor call, GAIL Director (Finance) RK Jain said Gazprom Marketing and Trading (Singapore) (GMTS), now a subsidiary of Gazprom Germania, stopped delivery of LNG cargoes to the company under a long-term contract in late May.

So far, GMTS has default-

ed on the supply of 17 cargoes or shiploads, including 13 in the second quarter (July-September), he said.

To mitigate disruption in the supply of 8.5-9 million standard cubic meters per day or roughly 20 per cent of all gas supply, GAIL had to cut supplies to fertiliser plants as well as some industrial consumers. It also reduced the gas supply of its Pata petrochemical plant in Uttar Pradesh by as much as 3 mmscmd, leading to the plant operating currently at just 40 per cent of the capacity, he noted.

This reduced capacity and lower petrochemical prices hurt earnings from the business.

quarter, total expenses jumped to Rs 14,435.57 crore.

IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers said that September quarter was the second consecutive quarter wherein it operated at higher than pre-Covid capac-

ity.

"In spite of a seasonally weak quarter, we witnessed relatively good yields with strong demand across the network. However, fuel prices and exchange rates have adversely impacted our financial performance.

"We are on a steady path to recovery, benefiting from enormous opportunity both in domestic and international markets. With an industry challenged by global supply chain disruptions, we are working on various counter measures to accommodate this strong demand," he said.



the company rose to Rs 12,852.29 crore in the second quarter of the current fiscal from Rs 5,798.73 crore in the same period a year ago, according to a release.

In the latest September

Maruti Suzuki lines up over ₹7K cr capex for current fiscal: CFO

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Maruti Suzuki India plans to invest over Rs 7,000 crore this year on various initiatives, including the construction work of its new plant in Haryana and new model launches, according to company CFO Ajay Seth.

The country's largest car-maker has already commenced work at the new facility in Sonapat district.

The Kharkhoda-based plant, the company's third set-up in the country, is expected to be operational by 2025 with an installed production capac-



ity of 2.5 lakh units in the first phase.

Currently, Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) has a cumulative production capacity of over 22

Forex kitty swells by \$6.561 billion to \$531.081 billion

PTI ■ MUMBAI

India's forex reserves increased by USD 6.561 billion to reach USD 531.081 billion for the week ended October 28, the RBI said on Friday.

The overall reserves, which have been on a declining spree, had dropped by USD 3.847 billion to USD 524.52 billion in the previous reporting week.

In October 2021, the country's forex kitty had reached an all-time high of USD 645 billion. The reserves have been declining as the central bank deploys the kitty to defend the rupee amid pres-



sures caused by global developments.

Foreign currency assets (FCA), a major component of the overall reserves, increased by USD 5.772 billion to USD 470.847 billion during the week to October 28, according to the Weekly Statistical Supplement released by the RBI on Friday.

-- Gurugram and Manesar -- together roll out around 15.5 lakh units per annum. In May, the auto major had announced to invest Rs 11,000 crore in the first phase of the Sonipat facility.

"We will be spending upwards of Rs 7,000 crore this year," Seth said in an analyst call. Elaborating on the investment plans, he said the earmarked amount would cover various activities.

"We'll have to place orders to various vendors (for the Sonipat plant). So, that will be one major portion of the capex," Seth noted.

Man Utd fail to take top spot

AP ■ MANCHESTER

Manchester United failed to usurp Real Sociedad at the top of Europa League Group E despite a 1-0 win in San Sebastian, as Arsenal did secure their place in the last 16 on Thursday.

United now face a tricky playoff against one of the sides dropping down to the Europa League from the Champions League in February with Barcelona and Juventus potential opponents.

Alejandro Garnacho scored the only goal of the night at the Reale Arena after just 17 minutes to surpass George Best as United's youngest ever non-English scorer in Europe at 18.

But the Red Devils were left to rue their defeat to the Spaniards at Old Trafford on matchday one as they missed out on topping the group on goal difference.

"You don't always get what you deserve - that's football," said United manager Erik Ten Hag.

"We win today but of course we are disappointed we didn't score two goals because that is what we needed."

Arsenal did not make the same mistake as a 1-0 win over FC Zurich was enough to hold off PSV Eindhoven to win Group A.

But Mikel Arteta's men were made to work for the three points after Kieran Tierney's early strike put them in front.

Arteta was forced to turn to his bench in the second half with Bukayo Saka and Thomas Partey risked despite a trip to Chelsea on Sunday for



the Premier League leaders.

And the Gunners had a close escape when Adrian Guerrero fired home for the Swiss champions only to be flagged offside.

Roma won their showdown with Ludogorets Razgrad to progress to the playoff round thanks to a second half fightback in the Italian capital.

The inaugural Europa Conference League winners were heading back to that competition when the Bulgarians led 1-0 at half-time.

But two Lorenzo Pellegrini penalties and a late goal from Nicolò Zaniolo took Jose Mourinho's men through.

Feyenoord and Midtjylland progressed from an incredibly tight Group F that saw all four sides end on eight points.

The Dutch giants beat Lazio 1-0 in Rotterdam thanks to Santiago Gimenez's goal.

Midtjylland beat Sturm Graz 2-0 courtesy of Anders Dreyer's double.

Union Berlin, Nantes and Monaco also won to secure progress to the playoffs.

Arsenal and Sociedad will be joined by Fenerbahce, Real Betis, Union Saint-Gilloise, Feyenoord, Freiburg and Ferencvaros in progressing directly to the last 16.

In the Europa Conference League Anderlecht, Lech Poznan, Nice, Partizan Belgrade, Gent and Cluj secured their places in the knockout phase.

West Ham rounded off a perfect group stage of six wins from six despite fielding a young side in a 3-0 win away to FCSB in Bucharest.

Shiva Thapa enters quarterfinals at Asian Elite Boxing Championships

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Five-time Asian Championships medallist Shiva Thapa, Sachin and Amit Kumar progressed to the quarter finals of the ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships in Amman, Jordan on Friday.

Thapa (63.5kg) showed his mettle in a hard fought 3-2 win over Mongolia's Byambatsogt Tuguldur. Both the boxers went toe-to-toe right from the start with their aggressive approach and landed some heavy blows on each other, making it a very close contest.

In the end, it was the distinguished Indian boxer's experience and quick movement that helped him prevail over his opponent and secure a 3-2 victory by split decision. Thapa will now take on the winner of the bout between Haidara Alasaly and Minsu Choi in the quarterfinals.

Kumar (67kg) faced Chinese Taipei's Zheng-Rong Huang and the Indian was dominant throughout the bout, showcasing high technical ability and tremendous confidence as he cruised through to the next round with a unanimous verdict.

Sachin (71kg) was lagging behind in the first round against Thailand's Peerapat Yeasungnoen but produced a stunning comeback in the next two rounds to secure a 5-0 win in a nail-biting finish.

Kumar will square off against Muaydinkhujaev Asadkhujav of Uzbekistan, while Sachin will face Kazakhstan's Aslanbek Shybergenov in the next round. Later on Friday, Ananta Chopade (54kg) and Etash Khan (60kg) will be in action against Japan's Tanaka Shogo and Thailand's Khunatip Pudnich respectively in their pre-quarterfinal bouts.

Seven Indian women pugilists, including Tokyo Olympic bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain, will kick off their campaign from the quarter-final stage on Saturday.

Liverpool set for 'massive' Spurs challenge: Klopp

AP ■ LIVERPOOL

Jurgen Klopp has urged Liverpool to be ready for a 'massive' showdown with Tottenham on Sunday as his struggling side battle to save their season.

The Reds are languishing in ninth place in the Premier League after a wretched run that includes successive defeats against struggling Leeds and Nottingham Forest in their past two top-flight matches.

Liverpool are eight points adrift of the top four and 10 behind third-placed Tottenham ahead of this weekend's vital clash in north London.

Klopp knows another loss would be a huge blow to the team's hopes of qualifying for next season's Champions League.

"Massive game and difficult as well, Spurs away," Klopp said on Friday. "I didn't count the points distance between us and



them but we have to go for it.

"We know it is difficult, we all know Tottenham is a side that is well-organised, defending an

extremely high level and counter-attacking is a massive thing.

"Spurs is in a good moment,

turned their last two games around in the last minute and the last one was an extremely big one in the Champions League so they are confident and strong."

Despite their domestic woes, Liverpool are through to the last 16 of the Champions League, rounding off their group stage campaign with a win over in-form Napoli in midweek.

That result served as proof for Klopp that his team are still capable of competing against top-quality opposition, although the German remains concerned about Liverpool's defensive vulnerabilities. "Our problem, why we changed system, one is the availability of players and the other is we were not as solid defensively," he said.

"You can always point a finger at the things you don't do well or you give a completely new text book and that is what we tried. Our problem in these moments was defending as a unit."

AP ■ MANCHESTER

Pep Guardiola has revealed Erling Haaland is feeling "much better" as the Manchester City striker targets a return to action in Saturday's Premier League clash with Fulham.

Haaland has missed City's past two games against Sevilla and Leicester due to a combination of a foot injury and illness.

The prolific Norwegian resumed full training on Thursday and City boss Guardiola is hopeful his star forward will be fit for this weekend's match at the Etihad Stadium.

Haaland's presence would be a big boost for the champions after he scored 22 goals in his first 15 competitive appearances following his close-season signing from Borussia Dortmund.

"He's much better. We will decide today (Friday)," Guardiola told reporters. "It is a good step, a start to training, but now we have another training (session) this afternoon and will see."

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League games.

But the City boss said it was no criticism of Foden's form -- he was simply rotating his squad to keep everyone fresh during a hectic period.

"Riyad (Mahrez) has been on bench, Jack Grealish on the bench, Bernardo Silva, (Ilkay) Gundogan, Kevin De Bruyne on the bench. It is not an issue," Guardiola said.

"We have many players and we have to use them. I demand the best and want the best of them. This is going to happen in the future. It has always been like that.

"In Dortmund we played to qualify first, and Kevin De Bruyne didn't play one minute. It happens."

100 days countdown to India's first Formula E Race

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A 100-day countdown to India's first Formula E Race, the 2023 Ace Hyderabad E-Prix to be held on February 11 next year, began with the unveiling of a Formula E car here on Friday.

According to the four-year association deal among Formula E, Government of Telangana and Ace Next Gen, the championship will take place in India until 2026.

Hyderabad will host Round 4 of the total 17 races for Season 9 of the championship taking place between January and July 2023.

The last time a major international racing event was held in the country was the Formula 1 Indian Grand Prix in October 2013 at the Buddh International Circuit.

AIFF yet to decide on this season's I-League winners making direct entry in ISL

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The AIFF will take some more time to decide on whether this year's I-League champions will directly qualify for next season of Indian Super League as there are some "lacunae" in the "regulations" of the league on the matter.

According to the roadmap approved in 2019 with the involvement of Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and agreed to by the stakeholders, the I-League champion team of this season (2022-23) as well as that of next year (2023-24) was to get direct slot in the corresponding next season of top-tier ISL.



The promotion and relegation system was to kick in the ISL from 2024-25 season onwards. All India Football Federation

Secretary General Shaji Prabhakaran said in a press conference here that its legal team is looking into the I-League regula-

tions and will take a decision on the issue in a few days.

"We will come back once the regulations (of I-League on the issue) are finalised. Our legal team is working on it and in a few days time, we will be taking a call on the matter," he said.

Asked what are the regulations he was referring to, Prabhakaran said, "Every competition has regulations. It is an exhaustive document which provides all the obligations, responsibilities, governance, structure, financial obligations etc.

"That work, we started after we get the broadcasters. There were also some technical aspects which were taking some time (to resolve)."

Retiring Pique not as 'important or useful' as before: Xavi

AP ■ BARCELONA

Barcelona coach Xavi Hernandez says he understands Gerard Pique's decision to retire halfway through the season, because the 35-year-old defender doesn't feel as "important or useful" to the team as before.

Pique announced he would play his final match at Camp Nou on Saturday against Almeria, while he will also be available for the club's last game before the World Cup at Osasuna on Tuesday.

This season Xavi has only called on him because of injuries, with Pique behind Jules Kounde, Ronald Araujo, Eric Garcia and Andreas Christensen in the pecking order at centre-back.

"They are tough circumstances for him, that have led to him quitting," Xavi told a press conference on Friday.

"Playing less, being less use-



ful, I went through this situation too and it's normal to step aside. He deserves every commendation and for Barcelona fans to honour him, as he is a club legend."

Xavi, who played alongside Pique as a team-mate during the club's most successful era, in which they won trebles in 2009 and 2015, admitted he played a

significant role in the circumstances that led to his former team-mate's retirement.

Spanish media reported that Xavi told Pique he would hardly feature this season during a summer chat with the defender. Although the coach did not want to reveal details, he said it was one of his most difficult moments as a coach.

"Playing less, being less useful, I went through this situation too and it's normal to step aside. He deserves every commendation and for Barcelona fans to honour him, as he is a club legend"

"We had a conversation at the start of the season where I told him my intentions. It was private, and it was one of the most difficult days of my coaching career.

"And it is (difficult) now too, he was my team-mate, I hold him in great esteem. When you are no longer as important or useful to the team, you feel bad. (My role) was surely impor-

tant but these are decisions that you have to take for the good of the club. I looked for the best for Barca. That's how tough it is.

"I have to take decisions, I am Barca coach, and it's not nice to have to make these kind of decisions."

Xavi said Pique was one of the best centre-backs of all-time, holding him up alongside the likes of Carles Puyol, John Terry, Franz Beckenbauer and Franco Baresi. "He's valiant, competitive, a winner, he has no fears or complexes, he's very competitive, very intelligent, was a great team-mate and a very good captain," added Xavi.

Pique has previously stated he would like to be Barcelona's president in the future and said he would be "back" in his goodbye video.

"Gerard can be whatever he wants," said Barcelona's coach. "With the capacity he has and his personality, there is no doubt."

Belgium and Netherlands to co-host 2026 women's and men's hockey WC

PTI ■ LAUSANNE

Belgium and the Netherlands will jointly host the 2026 women's and men's hockey World Cups simultaneously, the game's governing body FIH said on Friday.

The decision was taken during the virtual meeting of the Executive Board under the chairmanship of FIH Acting President Seif Ahmed.

"The combined event will take place in July or August 2026 in Amsterdam/Amstelveen, Netherlands and Wavre, Belgium, with female and male teams playing in both venues," the International Hockey Federation said in a statement.

Commenting on the decision, FIH CEO Thierry Weil said: "On behalf of FIH, I would like to thank wholeheartedly all National Associations that submitted a bid.

"We received excellent proposals and it was therefore a particularly challenging task to decide.

"We're very much looking forward



to working with the National Associations of the current Women's and Men's World and Olympic Champions, the Netherlands and Belgium respectively, that will undoubtedly put together outstanding World Cups."

The Executive Board also confirmed that the winners of the FIH Hockey Pro League in season 5 (2023/2024) and season 6 (2024/2025) will directly qualify for the 2026 FIH Men's and Women's World Cups.

If the winner of season 6 is already qualified in season 5, the runner-up in season 6 will be offered the direct qualification place.

India thrash NZ 7-4 in FIH Men's Pro League

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

India dished out an impressive brand of attacking hockey after trailing 1-3 at one stage to thrash New Zealand 7-4 in a high-scoring thriller in the FIH Men's Pro League here on Friday.

The home side, who had beaten the same opponents 4-3 in the first leg on October 28, struggled in the first 15 minutes by conceding three goals but turned the match on its head as they struck two goals each in the next three quarters.

New Zealand dominated the first quarter but later withered under India's incessant onslaught as they could score just one goal in the next three 15-minute periods.

Captain Harmanpreet Singh (7th and 19th minute; both PCs), Karthi Selvam (17th and 38th), Raj Kumar Pal (31st), Sukhjeet Singh (50th) and Jugraj Singh (53rd) scored for India.

For New Zealand, Simon Child



(2nd), Sam Lane (9th), Smith Jake (14th) and Nic Woods (54th) were the scorers.

India got 11 penalty corners in the match from which three were converted.

In the final analysis, it was a dominating performance by the Indians who produced a fine attacking hockey with 29 circle penetrations as against 13 by New Zealand. India also had 56 per cent ball possession and 12 shots at opposition goal as against six of the visiting team.

Oz keep slim semifinal hopes alive



PTI ■ ADELAIDE

Defending champions Australia survived a late Rashid Khan onslaught to eke out a narrow four-run win over Afghanistan and keep their slim semifinal hopes alive in the T20 World Cup here on Friday.

By virtue of the win, Australia moved to the second spot in Group 1 with seven points from five games, same as New Zealand, who became the first team to qualify for the semifinals on account of a better net run rate.

Australia, however, failed to get past England's net run rate as the hosts needed to restrict Afghanistan below 106 after posting 168 for eight.

That means if England beat Sri Lanka in Sydney in their final game on Saturday, they too will finish with seven points and will join New Zealand in the semifinal from Group 1 with a better net run rate.

Glenn Maxwell was the top-scorer for Australia as he hit a quickfire fifty but Afghanistan pulled things back nicely in the final five overs to limit the defending champions to a decent total.

Maxwell made an unbeaten 32-ball 54 that included six boundaries and two hits over the fence after Afghanistan invited Australia to bat.

In response, Afghanistan nearly pulled off a sensational win, riding on Rashid's (48 not out off 23 balls) pyrotechnics but eventually fell short.

Rahmanullah Gurbaz got Afghanistan's chase off to a decent start with a 17-ball 30 during which he struck two boundaries and as many sixes but Australia forged their way back, removing both the openers.

Gulbadin Naib (39) and Ibrahim Zadran (26), however, were in no mood to give up without a fight and stitched 59 runs off 46 balls for the second wicket.

Both Naib and Zadran used the inside out shots over the infield to good effect and kept the Afghans in the hunt.

It took a brilliant piece of work from Maxwell from the outfield to break the stand. Maxwell came up with a direct hit from deep mid-wicket to cut short Naib's innings and then in the very next ball Zadran top-edged Adam Zampa to Marsh.

Zampa inflicted another missed timed shot to dismiss Najibullah Zadran as Afghanistan lost the plot in the 14th over.

Towards the end, Rashid played some lusty blows and together with Darwish Rasooli shared quick 45 runs off 28 balls

to reduce the equation to 22 of the last over. Rashid managed to hit Marcus Stonis for two fours and one six in the final over but it was not enough.

Earlier, Australia lost Cameroon Green early but David Warner (25 off 18) and

Mitchell Marsh (45 off 30) kept up the run rate up with their fiery strokeplay.

But two quick wickets in the sixth over in the form of Warner and Steve Smith saw the hosts slump to 52 for 3 in the powerplay.

We have put ourselves in this position, hope it doesn't cost us: Wade

PTI ■ ADELAIDE

Australia's stand-in captain Matthew Wade hoped the slow start to their title defence at the T20 World Cup doesn't come back to haunt them as their semifinal hopes hinge on the outcome of the clash between England and Sri Lanka on Saturday.

Australia on Friday kept their slim hopes of reaching the knockout stage alive with a narrow four-run win over Afghanistan in their last Super 12 match, which saw them move to the second spot in the points table, behind New Zealand.

England, who are currently placed at third spot, will face Sri Lanka on Saturday, with a win sealing a semifinal spot. Australia will qualify for the semi-finals if Sri Lanka emerge victorious against England.

"We will stay here tonight and watch the game tomorrow, we will be hoping for an upset. We put ourselves in this position from the get-go, we have been slow in this tournament and hopefully it doesn't cost us," Wade said during the post-match presentation on Friday.

Australia survived a mighty scare after Rashid Khan conjured up hopes of an upset with a sensational 23-ball 48.

Needing 22 off the last over bowled by Marcus Stonis, Rashid managed to hit the bowler for two fours and one six but it was not enough in the end.

"We gave Stonis the last over, to have an all-rounder to bowl the last over is

pretty nerve-wracking. I played him in IPL and I have seen him do it for 3-4 times. But never felt entirely sure at any point," Wade said.

Chasing 169 to win, Afghanistan slipped from 99 for 2 to 99 for 5 in 13.4 overs.

Afghanistan captain Mohammad Nabi blamed the loss of key wickets in the middle overs for the defeat.

"Really good game of cricket, they started really well, at the end Farooqi bowled well. The way we started in the powerplay and in the middle, but we throw away that four wickets in the middle under pressure," he said.

"It's really tough to play a game and then don't play for 10 days. We did not get any momentum at all through this tournament. Day by day we improve and today was a fantastic game for us."

Glenn Maxwell, who was adjudged the Player of the Match for his 32-ball 54, admitted that Rashid's clean hitting gave his side a scare.

"Afghanistan played really well, they struck the ball really cleanly. At the start, they put us under pressure in the powerplay. We were able to hold them back but then there was some pretty clean hitting towards the back end and gave us a bit of a scare."

"It was nice to have an impact in the field. I knew I wasn't going to have much of an impact with the ball with the conditions they were. To have an impact is nice."

Marsh then top-edged Mujeeb Ur Rahman (1/42) while going for a slog sweep and Gurbaz took a fine high catch to sent the batter packing as Australia were reduced to 86 for 4 in the 11th over.

Maxwell and Stonis (25 off 21) then joined hands and shared 53 runs off just 29 balls for the fifth wicket.

Stoinis had just two sixes during his 21-ball knock before he handed a simple catch to Usman Ghani at backward point off Rashid.

New Zealand qualify for T20 WC semifinals



PTI ■ ADELAIDE

New Zealand became the first team to enter the T20 World Cup semifinals after skipper Kane Williamson led his side to a 35-run win over Ireland, here on Friday.

Skipper Williamson got into the groove with a 35-ball 61 before the spinners foxed Ireland batters with their guile.

New Zealand were on course for a 200 plus total before pacer Joshua Little picked up a memorable hat-trick to limit them to 185 for six.

The Black Caps spinners Ish Sodhi (2/26) and Mitchell Santner (2/29) stifled Ireland, who ended at 150 for nine. Pacer Lockie Ferguson picked up three wickets.

New Zealand's qualification to knockout stage was assured after Australia could manage just 168 for eight against Afghanistan while it needed to win the match by a comprehensive 185-run margin to beat the Black Caps on Net-Run-Rate.

Ireland failed to advance to the semifinals but can hold their head high after a memorable campaign that included wins against the West Indies and England.

Paul Stirling (37 off 27) and captain Andrew Balbirnie (30 off 25) kept Ireland in the game with a 68-run stand off 49 balls for the opening wicket but their dismissal in a space of six balls sealed Ireland's fate.

Both Santner and Sodhi made strong comebacks after going for runs in their respective first overs with Stirling and Balbirnie looking in ominous touch.

They purposely slowed down their pace to make it tougher for the batters to put the deliveries away and that worked instantly. Balbirnie played on to his stumps while attempting a cut shot off Santner.

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Nabi quits as Afghanistan captain



PTI ■ ADELAIDE

Afghanistan captain Mohammad Nabi on Friday stepped down from his position with immediate effect, following the side's debacle in the T20 World Cup where they failed to win a single match.

Nabi though cited his disappointment with the team's preparation for the showpiece and disagreements with the management and selection committee for quitting captaincy.

Shortly after the team ended their campaign at the T20 World Cup with a narrow four-run loss against Australia here, the 37-year-old took to social media to announce his decision.

"Our T20 World Cup journey came to an end, with a result that not us nor our supporters were expecting. We are as frustrated as you are with the outcome of matches," the spin allrounder wrote in a statement shared on his Twitter account.

Following their loss to Australia, Afghanistan became the only team to stay winless in the tournament with three defeats and two no-results. They finished at the bottom of Super 12 Group I with two points.

"From the last one year, our team preparation was not to a level that a captain would want



it or needed for a big tournament," he wrote.

"Moreover, in some of the last tours the team management, selection committee and I were not on the same page

which had implications on the team balance.

"Therefore, with due respect, effectively immediately I announce to STEP DOWN as a CAPTAIN & will continue to play for my country when the management & team need me."

Nabi, who had taken over the captaincy just before the T20 World Cup in the UAE last year after Rashid Khan's resignation, thanked his supporters.

"I thank every single one of you from the bottom of my heart who came to the grounds despite matches being affected by the rain and those who supporters us worldwide, your love truly means a lot to us. Long live Afghanistan."

Coco eliminated at WTA Finals; Iga into semis



AP ■ FORT WORTH

Tears gathered in Coco Gauff's eyes as she sat on the WTA Finals sideline during a changeover after giving away a lead in what would become a 7-6 (6), 6-3 round-robin loss to Daria Kasatkina that ended the 18-year-old American's hopes of reaching the semifinals.

Gauff, who is ranked No. 4, fell to 0-4 in her debut at the season-ending tournament for the best in women's tennis — 0-2 in singles and 0-2 in doubles with Jessica Pegula. The Floridian was the youngest participant in both events at the WTA Finals since Anna Kournikova in 1999.

Earlier Thursday, top-ranked Iga Swiatek beat Caroline Garcia 6-3, 6-2 by taking control with an eight-point run that launched a match-ending stretch in which she grabbed nine of 11 games.

Swiatek has won all four sets she's played so far while dropping a total of just 10 games. The results mean that Swiatek clinched a semifinal berth and that No. 6 Garcia will face No. 8 Kasatkina for the other spot available in their group.

Alcaraz, Novak cruise into Paris quarters



AP ■ PARIS

World number one Carlos Alcaraz swatted aside Grigor Dimitrov in straight sets on Thursday, as Novak Djokovic continued his Paris Masters title defence by also reaching the quarter-finals.

Spanish teenager Alcaraz, hoping to win a third Masters title of the year after previous successes in Miami and Madrid, saw off former world number three Dimitrov 6-1, 6-3 in 72 minutes.

Alcaraz will be confirmed as the year-end world number one before the ATP Finals in Turin later this month if he lifts the trophy this weekend in the French capital.

"It was not his day, he didn't play at his best, but I played my game," said the 19-year-old US Open champion.

Alcaraz will take on Holger Rune for a last-four place after the Dane knocked out seventh seed Andrey Rublev with a 6-4, 7-5 win.

Djokovic, seeking a record-extending seventh Bercy title this week, thrashed Russian Karen Khachanov 6-4, 6-1.

The 21-time Grand Slam champion, already the winner of a record 38 Masters crowns, will play Lorenzo Musetti for a semi-final berth.

Djokovic stretched his winning run in individual tournaments to 18 matches, dating back to his French Open quarter-final loss to Rafael Nadal in May.

The Wimbledon champion has now won 10 of his 11 meetings with Khachanov -- the only defeat coming in the 2018 Paris Masters final.

He edged a tight opening set but powered to victory in the second, reeling off five

straight games.

Italian youngster Musetti downed third seed Casper Ruud in three sets to reach his maiden Masters quarter-final.

The 20-year-old, at a career-high ranking of 23rd, came from behind to beat the Norwegian Ruud 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. Musetti will next face either reigning champion Novak Djokovic or Russian Karen Khachanov.

Felix Auger-Aliassime extended his winning streak to 15 matches as the Canadian ended Gilles Simon's career with a 6-1, 6-3 success.

The eighth seed is still on track for a fourth successive title and will next play Frances Tiafoe after the American's 6-3, 7-6 (7/5) win over Alex de Minaur.

Auger-Aliassime and Rublev both qualified for the ATP Finals on Wednesday to complete the eight-man field.

Former world number six Simon had said he would retire after the tournament and the 37-year-old Frenchman bowed out of the sport after surprise wins over Andy Murray and Taylor Fritz earlier this week.

PCB allows players to compete in SA T20 league



PTI ■ KARACHI

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has decided to allow its players to make themselves available for the inaugural South African T20 league in which majority of teams are owned by Indians.

Initially, the PCB had decided not to issue NOCs to its players for the inaugural Emirates Cricket League and SA League due to international and domestic commitments but with the Pakistan and West Indies boards agreeing to postpone a T20 series the board has changed its stance.

The T20 series against the West Indies was scheduled in January 2023 but will now be held in early 2024.

"Centrally contracted and non contracted players

can now make themselves available for the SA league and also other leagues being held during this time frame excepting the Emirates league," an official source said.

He said PCB changed its mind after the South African board had announced that each of the six franchises can now sign

an extra wildcard player after the players auction was completed few weeks back.

No Pakistani player was allowed to take part in the auction.

Most of the teams in the SA league are owned by Indians and the same is the case in the Emirates league.

The source said players

can also sign up for the Bangladesh Premier League if they are takers for them.

Two Pakistani youngsters, Azam Khan and Muhammad Hasnain were approached by a franchise not owned by Indians in the ECL but the board refused to give them NOCs as it has made it a policy that none of its players will play in the ECL



Patna Pirates beat U Mumba

PTI ■ PUNE

Sachin led a spirited fightback as Patna Pirates registered a 34-31 victory over U Mumba in a Pro Kabaddi League match here on Friday.

U Mumba gained the momentum in the first half, but the Pirates fought back in the second half through raider Sachin's efforts at the Shree Shivchhatrapati Sports Complex, Balewadi here.

Sachin contributed a total of 12 points in the match.