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AAP chief refuses to name person: 'How can I name one of my own. Offer came via them'



**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

AP convener and Delhi AChief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday claimed the BJP had offered to spare Ministers Manish Sisodia and Satyendra Jain, who are being investigated by Central agencies, if his party withdrew from the Gujarat polls. At the same time, Kejriwal asserted that the Congress will get less than five seats in Gujarat.

Speaking at a media conclave in the national Capital, Kejriwal alleged the BJP had reached out to his deputy Sisodia, persuading and luring him to join the BJP. "After Manish Sisodia rejected their offer to be Delhi Chief Minister by leaving the AAP, they have approached me now... they have said if you leave Gujarat and don't contest there, we will spare both Jain and Sisodia and drop all charges against them," he alleged.

When asked to name who made the offer, Kejriwal said, "How can I name one of my own... the offer has come through them. They (BJP) never approach directly. They go from one to another, to another, to another, to a friend, and then the message reaches you." He said the BJP was doing all this as it was scared of losing Gujarat and MCD.

Sisodia and Jain are under investigation by Central agencies. While Sisodia is an accused in the Delhi Excise Policy case, Jain is accused in

a money laundering case.

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## Vote BJP for progress, Modi asks HP voters

PTI ■ SUNDERNAGAR (HP)

Urging people of Himachal Pradesh not to repeat the "mistake" of changing the Government every five years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said taking different "medicine" every week will not help cure the disease and they need to stick to the BJP to bring stability and development in the hill State.

If you elect people here who stall development works, nothing will be possible, no matter how much I will try, he

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said addressing an election rally in Mandi district. "Changing medicines fre-

quently does not help in curing

an ailment. You have to stick to one medicine for a long period to gauge its effectiveness.. Taking different medicine every week will not help any one. Himachal Pradesh has made the same mistake," he said, adding if the voters want accountability and answers from the Government, they should give BJP another oppor-

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#### Mainpuri, Rampur bypolls on Dec 5

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Bypolls in Mainpuri and Rampur will be held on December 5 and counting of votes will take place on December 8. Mainpuri seat got vacant due to the death of Mulayam Singh Yadav while Rampur seat got vacant after Azam Khan was disqualified after a court sentenced him to

## Kejriwal took ₹50 cr from me to offer RS seat, alleges Sukesh

#### **AAP** refutes charge, alleges conman-BJP deal to defame CM

STAFF REPORTER

Jailed conman Sukesh Chandrasekhar on Saturday once again triggered a flutter in the political circles with a second letter from jail addressed to the media in which he has accused Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal of receiving ₹50 crore in lieu of a Rajya

Sabha seat to him.

The BJP demanded a probe

in the issue and asked Kejriwal to come clean on it; on the other side, the AAP accused BJP of having struck a deal with the conman to target the CM on daily basis in return of setting him free from jail.

"Mr Kejriwal, I am the country's 'biggest thug' according to you. Then why did you receive ₹50 crore from me and offer me Rajya Sabha seat? What does that make you maha thug?" Sukesh wrote in the letter which was released through his lawyer in the social media

Sukesh piled a set of questions to Kejriwal in the letter.

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#### **Putin now praises** people of India as 'talented. driven'

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A few days after praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and calling him a "true patriot", Russian President Vladimir Putin has lauded the people of India terming them "talented" and "driven". He also said India will achieve its goals of develop-ment. This high praise from Putin came a week after he paid glowing tributes to Modi and praised him for following an independent foreign policy in the interest of India.

Incidentally, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will meet his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov in Moscow on Monday during his two-day

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#### **CAPSULE**

#### **BURNT ALIVE IN BIHAR**

Gaya: A woman belonging to the Scheduled Caste (SC) community was burnt alive at her home after locals declared her a witch in Gaya district of Bihar on Saturday evening. Nine women were arrested after a case was filed.

**US STRIKES AL-SHABAB EXTREMISTS IN SOMALIA** Monadishu: The United States military says it has carried out an airstrike in support of the Somali Government's operations against the al-Shabab extremist group that has killed some of the group's fighters.

#### CHHATTISGARH LOGS 12 **COVID CASES, 1 DEATH**

Raipur: Chhattisgarh on Saturday reported 12 Covid-19 cases at a positivity rate of 0.47 per cent, taking the tally to 11,77,619, while the death toll increased by one to reach 14,144, an official

#### CHARGESHEET AGAINST DAWOOD, CHHOTA SHAKEEL New Delhi: The National

Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday filed a chargesheet against fugitive don Dawood Ibrahim, his close aide Chhota Shakeel and three arrested nersons in a special court in Mumbai, an official said.

#### VERDICT ON 10 PER CENT **EWS QUOTA TOMORROW**

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court is scheduled to pronounce its judgment on a batch of pleas challenging the validity of the 103rd Constitution amendment providing 10 per cent reservation to economically weaker sections (EWS) persons in admissions and Government jobs on Monday

### **Riot conspiracy** charges slapped on ex-AAP leader

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Saturday framed charges against former AAP leader Tahir Hussain for attempt to murder and criminal conspiracy in a case related to the 2020 riots in Northeast Delhi. The court was hearing a case on the basis of a statement by complainant Ajay Goswami, who suffered a bullet injury during the riots at Main Karawal Nagar Road on February 25, 2020.

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## **Divert vehicles away, Delhi** Min urges UP, Haryana CMs

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

s the air quality index in And an quantipues to be "severe" for the past three days, Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai on Saturday appealed to the Chief Ministers of Uttar Pradesh and Harvana to take steps to divert trucks carrying non-essential goods to peripheral expressways to avoid traffic jams at Delhi's borders.

"Stage IV of GRAP has already been invoked with immediate effect from

NCR and Delhi authorities to ensure that trucks carrying non-essential items should not be allowed to enter Delhi till further date as deemed necessary," Rai said in a letter to UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Harvana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar.

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The Noida Traffic Police, for its part, announced restrictions on the entry of certain vehicles, including private ones, into Delhi from its borders.

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# Mistry death: Dr Pandole Indian Army top brass to review op booked for rash driving

Dr Anahita Darius Pandole, a gynaecologist at Breach Candy hospital in south Mumbai, was booked by the Palghar police on charges of "negligence" in connection with a car mishap on Ahmedabad-Mumbai Highway, in which Industrialist, Tata Group's former chairman and head of Shapoorji Pallonji Group Cyrus P Mistry died on September 4.

Dr Anahita was at the wheels of Mercedes Benz car when the vehicle - in which Cyrus and three others were travelling - rammed into a divider in the neighbouring Palghar district in Maharashtra.

Dr Ahahita was booked by the Kasa police in Palghar district under sections 304 A (causing death by negligence), 279 (rash driving), 336 (act



endangering life or personal safety of others) and relevant sections of the Motor Vehicle Act. Mistry and three others were returning Ahmedabad to Mumbai when their car hit a divider on a bridge near Charoti naka in Palghar district, at around 3.15 pm on that day. While Cyrus Mistry and his co-passenger Jahangir Pandole died on the spot, Anahita and her husband Darius Pandole sustained grievous injuries in the car crash. The two injured Pandoles were admitted to a nearby hospital. Dr Anahita, a

gynaecologist at Breach Candy hospital in south Mumbai, was driving the car, when the mishap occurred.

The investigations have revealed that Anahita, who was at the wheel, was allegedly "speeding the car in a rash and mindless manner, attempted to overtake another vehicle, and banged into the road divider' causing the deadly mishap.

The investigators have prima facie revealed that the Mercedes car involved in the mishap was "over-speeding", that both Mistry and Pandole were not wearing seat belts and that the error of judgement on the part of the driver led to the accident. The footage from the CCTV cameras installed at a checkpost neighbourhood of the mishap site showed that the Mercedes GLC Sports Utility Vehicle, in mishap and that it had covered a distance of 20 km in just nine minutes after crossing the Charoti check post.

Both the deceased Mistry and Jehangir, who were sitting on the backseats, were not wearing seats at the time of mishap. "The curtain airbags did not open for Mistry and Jahangir as they both were not wearing the seat belts," a senior police official said.

The police said that Anahita, who was behind the wheels, might have lost control of her vehicle, while overtaking another vehicle at a high speed from the wrong side, and hit the road divider. "Apart from over-speeding of the vehicle and the error of judgement on the part of the driver might have resulted in the mishap. In addition, the deceased were not wearing seat belts," a police readiness to meet any threats

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s the troops from India and As the troops from from and China have disengaged from the last stand-off site in Ladakh, the Indian Army top brass next week will review operational readiness to meet any threat. The commanders will also take stock of the security situation in the neighbourhood including Pakistan.

The five-day Army Commanders' Conference (ACC) here will commence Monday and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is scheduled to address the meet on November

The conference, which is an institutional platform for conceptual level deliberations culminating in making important policy decisions for the Indian Army, is held twice

forthcoming conference assumes importance in the backdrop of

China and India withdrawing their troops from Hot-Springs-Gogra (Patrolling Point-15) in eastern Ladakh in mid-September.

However, the forward deployment by the Indian and Chinese armies continue for the second year in succession since the first stand-off took place in May 2020 at the Line of Actual Control (LAC)in Ladakh.

This issue is likely to figure prominently during the commanders' meet attended by senior officers of the Indian Army including the Chief of Staff, all Army Commanders and other senior officers. It is also a formal forum for the senior leadership of the Indian Army to interact with the senior officials of the Department of Military Affairs and Department of Defence.

During the course of the conference, the apex leadership of Indian Army will brainstorm on current and emerging security and administrative aspects to chart the future course for the Indian Army,

Discussions pertaining to transformational imperatives for a future- ready force, progress on capability development modernisation, a framework for enhanced operational effectiveness of the Indian Army, changes being incorporated to promote Atmanirbharta, implementation of the new Human Resource management policy and future challenges to

progressive military training

official said here on Saturday.

will form part of the deliberations

Other activities planned during the conference also include talks by eminent subject experts on "Contemporary India - China relations" as well as "Technological Challenges for

National Security".

The Chief of Defence Staff and the Chiefs of the Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force are also scheduled to address the senior leadership of the Indian Army on avenues for promoting tri-service synergy.

## Thakur takes dig at Cong, says party itself has 'no guarantee'

which Mistry and others were

travelling towards a check post

PTI SHIMLA

Union minister and BJP leader Anurag Thakur Saturday took a swipe at the Congress over the promises made in its Himachal Pradesh poll manifesto, claiming no one will take its guarantees seriously as the opposition party itself has "no guarantee".

Addressing a series of election meetings in the pollbound state, Thakur reminded the people of various promises made by the Congress in the past, claiming they remained



In 2003, Thakur said, Congress had made people fill forms promising employment for one person in each family. "Did you get the

job? No, you did not," he said. He claimed that in 2012 promised

unemployment allowance, but never delivered. "Neither did they provide jobs nor unemployment allowance," he said in his public meetings at Chintpurni and Nadaun assembly segments.

Himachal Pradesh goes for polls on November 12.

Thakur said the farmers ensured the Congress is wiped out in neighbouring Punjab after it failed to fulfil the promise of a loan waiver for the farming community.

Reviving the old pension scheme, 300 units of free power, a Rs 680-crore StartUp fund, one lakh jobs and Rs 1,500 per month for women between 18 to 60 years are among the promises the Congress made in its manifesto for the Himachal Pradesh polls on Saturday.

Continuing his attack on Congress, Thakur, the Hamirpur MP, said the party has no leadership, intent or policies.

He alleged that in 12 districts, as many people are claiming to be the contender for the chief minister's post. They want to win their seat so that they can become the chief

minister, the BIP MP claimed. The Congress has said that it is contesting the state election

under a collective leadership and will decide on the chief ministerial candidate after discussion with elected MLAs and the party's high command.

During his election meetings, Thakur also hit out at the Congress for the alleged acts of corruption during its 10year rule at the Centre, including the 2G scam, the coal scam, the AgustaWestland VVIP helicopter scam and the one related to the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

## Kejriwal took ₹50 cr from me to...

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He also alleged that jailed Minister and AAP leader Satyendar Jain and former Director General of Prison Sandeep Goel are threatening him after his complaint to Delhi's Lieutenant Governor went public.

"În 2016, Kejriwal ji, why did you force me to bring 20 to 30 more individuals to contribute ₹500 crores in cash to the party in return of seats and postings in AAP Karnataka and Tamil Nadu," he asked and even alleged that Kejriwal, along with AAP jailed leader Satyendra Jain, had attended his dinner party in a five star hotel in 2016.

"Why did you attend my dinner party along with Mr Jain in 2016 at Hyatt, Bhikaji Cama Place, where I was staying after delivering ₹50 crores which I paid at Gehlot farm house at Asola to Mr Satyendra Jain on your instructions," he asked

"Kejriwal ji, why did you force me and keep following up to make sure Mr Bhaskar Rao, Ex- Commissioner of Police, Banglore joins AAP only after his service as a super cop? Why did you speak to me on the phone of Mr Jain in 2017 when he came to visit me in Tihar Jail? In black Iphone the name was saved as AK-2," Sukesh

"Kejriwal Ji why did you keep telling Mr Jain to ask me to convince a few MLAs and actors in Tamil Nadu to join AAP? In 2016 and 2017 why was put a constant pressure on me? How come you were 'Ok' when 10 more crores was paid to Mr Jain in 2019 for jail protection money," he asked.

"So hence Kejriwal ji, before pointing your finger towards me and trying to make the issue political and diverting the topic in people's mind, now it is time you will be answerable to law as I will submit evidence of every

transaction and conversation between you, me and other associates of yours. I don't think I will back up," he further

BJP spokesperson Shezad Poonawala asked Kejriwal if he had met the conman "at the farmhouse of his minister Kailash Gahlot" and sought to know what discussions were held. He demanded that Kejriwal sack both Jain and Gahlot from his Cabinet. Jain is in jail in connection with a money laundering case. Leader of opposition of Delhi Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri demanded a probe in

AAP leader and Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia countered the allegations saying that the BJP had struck a deal with the "conman sitting in Tihar". He will level absurd allegations against Kejriwal every day and in return, the BJP will help him in the case, he tweeted.

## **India's youngest Mayor** brings disrepute to CPM

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Arya Rajendran, who hogged the national limelight on December 25, 2020 when she was nominated the mayor Thiruvananthapuram

Corporation Council, has brought disrepute to the CPI(M), her party. A letter allegedly sent by Arya Rajendran, the youngest mayor in the country, to the Thiruvananthapuram district its way to the media on Saturday morning and this has rocked Kerala politics.

Arya, who was just 21 years of age when she was sworn in as the mayor of the corporation council, has asked Aanavoor Nagappan Nair, the high profile party district secretary to forward her names of 295 persons from the CPI(M) to be appointed in vacancies falling under the Corporation. The letter which begins with the CPI(M)'s traditional salutation "Dear Comrade.." carries with it details of the vacancies, pay scale and the offices to which the party workers would be appointed. Though the initial appointments would be on temporary basis, it will soon be regularized, assures the mayor in her letter.

The letter leaked out to the media by insiders of the brought the functioning of the Corporation

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Council to a grinding halt as the opposition BJP and the Congress vied with each other to steal the thunder. Workers demanding jobs for the gatecrashed into the Corporation office and staged a dharna in front of the Mayor's

But Mayor Arya Rajendran, who had recently married a CPI(M) MLA was not in her office as the couple was away in New Delhi to protest against the failure of the Narendra Modi Government to provide jobs to the millions of youth in

Even as the report about the Mayor's letter mailed on 1 November 2022 was spreading like a wildfire in the State, another letter written by D R Anil Kumar, a councilor in the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation too surfaced in the social media. The councilor had asked Nagappan Nair to nominate nine persons to be appointed as caretakers and managers in a guest house built with Centre's fund as SAT Hospital in the capital city.

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This propmpted V D Satheeshan, Leader of the Opposition to convene a media meet and lambast the LDF Government. "What more evidence we need to substantiate our charge that Kerala was undergoing the worst ever corruption phase in its history? It is the CPI(M) leaders who act as employment officers in the State. While the CPI(M) leaders stage demonstrations in New Delhi in Kerala. Only relatives and associates of CPI(M) would be appointed to these posts. It is cell rule," said Satheeshan. He said the Pinarayi Vijayan Government was subverting the list of candidates selected by the Kerala Public Service Commission for the jobs and appointing party cadres to the vacancies.

Rahul Maankoottathil, Youth Congress state secretary, described Arya Rajendran as the youngest corrupt leader in the party. The BJP has written to the director of vigilance asking for a probe into the appointments made by Arya Raiendran during her two year tenure as mayor. Deputy Mayor Raju said that the letter was fake as Arva Rajendran was away in New Delhi on the day she reportedly wrote it. But Nagappan Nair remained noncommittal on the authenticity of the letter.

## 'Quit Guj, will free Sisodia, Jain'...

are investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Enforcement Directorate (ED). Earlier, the AAP had claimed that the BIP had offered Sisodia the CM post and the suppression of all cases against him if he joined

Mocking the Congress, Kejriwal said that nobody took "The people of Gujarat need change. If people did not want change, we would not have got any space. We are getting a 30 per cent vote share. We formed a government in Punjab. There is something different in Gujarat as well," he said.

"In Gujarat, the Congress will win less than 5 seats. We are number two," Kejriwal said and asked who takes Congress seriously. He, however, did not predict BJP's

Kejriwal on Saturday took out two roadshows in Gandhidham and Anjar in Gujarat where he appealed to give just one chance to the

Kejriwal again reiterated his commitment that from March 1 onwards, "you won't need to pay your electricity AAP take care of it". He also promised that be it a crocin or a cancer treatment, everyone's healthcare will be free.

The AAP contesting Gujarat elections has made it a tri-cornered contest. While retaining PM Modi's home State Gujarat is an issue of prestige for the BJP, the Congress could suffer a body blow if the AAP outshines it.

## Divert vehicles away, Delhi Min.

While the restrictions on selected category

of vehicles will be from DND, Chilla Border and Kalindi Kunj sides, they will be provided a diverted route for going to their destinations, according to an advisory.

According to the advisory, the entry of BS-BS-4 (diesel) light four-wheele etrol) and vehicles to Delhi via Noida will remain restricted from DND, Chilla Border and Kalindi Kunj "All trucks except those providing essential goods or services or those running on CNG or electric power are prohibited from

entering Delhi via Noida," the advisory stated. "Entry for diesel-operated medium goods vehicles and heavy goods vehicles except those engaged in essential goods and services is prohibited," it added. The traffic advisory stated that all these vehicles can instead use the Yamuna Expressway or the Eastern Peripheral

Expressway via Noida-Greater Noida Expressway to reach their destination as alternative routes.

"In case of traffic inconvenience, you can contact the traffic helpline number 9971009001," the Noida Traffic police said. "It is necessary that the transport and traffic

to divert such non-essential trucks to eastern/western peripheral expressway or any other alternate route beyond the NCR limit to avoid congestion and traffic jams at the borders shared with Delhi. Necessary cooperation is solicited from your respective state in this regard," Rai said.

Alarmed by hazardous pollution levels and health warnings, the Delhi Government on Friday announced the closure of primary schools from Saturday and that 50 per cent of its staff will work from home.

## Vote BJP for progress, Modi asks HP...

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Making false promises and giving false guarantees has been Congress' old trick. It had always remained against not only the country's security but also against the nation's development, he alleged. "I had felt it while being the CM of Gujarat," Modi said. He claimed that whenever the Congress came to power in the state, development came to a standstill and asked people to repeat the BJP government for accelerated development in the

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"Himachal Pradesh, being a small state, was always ignored by the Congress. That party did not consider threefour MPs in the Lok Sabha.

"Together, we will take Himachal forward, start a new 'riwaaz' (custom) and bring the BJP back to power," Modi said addressing his first poll rally after the announcement of the November 12 state assembly

On the state's history of not continuing with the same party for a consecutive term, Modi told the gathering,

"Remember the time when BJP governments ruled at the Centre and in HP earlier, development works were carried out at a fast pace".

He said because of some people with "wrong thinking", the practice of "paanch iske, paanch uske" (five years to one and five years to another) came and development work suffered as the leaders thought they will not retain power after five

Modi said after his overnment came to power in 2014, he wanted all-round development of HP, but at that time the Congress was ruling the state and accused it of creating hurdles in the implementation of central schemes.

"I used to send schemes and funds from Delhi, they used to create hurdles in the same," said Modi, citing PM Awas Yojana (Urban.

From 2014 to 2017, only 15 houses were built in the state, he stated. During the BJP-Gautam Budh Nagar, led regime in HP, the work on UP-201301, I have change building 10,000 houses was my name Jasvinder Singh going on and out of them, 8,000 have been built, he said.

you want the government

which built 15 houses or the government which built 8,000 houses," he added, "We are committed to working for you."

He said after the BJP came to power in 2017, unprecedented development work was carried out in HP and added people have made up their mind to bring back the incumbent BJP to power.

"..Every single vote which

will be cast on November 12 will define the development journey of HP for the next 25 years," Modi said. accused the Congress of not fulfilling even a single promise they had made in the election manifesto made in 2012, saying they never even opened the document. He also referred to the promise of abrogation of Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir and the building Ram Temple. "Did we not fulfill the promise of abrogation of 370? We had promised Ram Temple. Today Ram Mandir is being built," he said.

He attacked the Congress over the One Rank One Pension, saying despite remaining in power at the Centre for several years, the Congress never implemented

#### Will bring law to **stop seizure for** kisan assets over delay in servicing **Ioan: CM Bommai**

**PTI** ■ BENGALURU

The Karnataka government ■ will introduce a law to stop the confiscation or auction of farmers' property over any delay or non-payment of loan taken for agricultural purposes, Chief Minister Basavaraj

Bommai said on Saturday. Speaking at the concluding session of Krishi Mela anď distribution of awards to farmers at the Gandhi Krishi Vignan Kendra (GKVK) campus here, he said in case of non-payment of agricultural loan, farmers must be given more time for repayment instead of confiscating or auctioning their property.

Necessary instructions have already been given to the Department of Cooperation and other departments. As a result the departments are responding to the plight of farmers, he said.

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# G'gram Chintels Paradiso Tower to be razed after slab cave-in



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 $B^{
m ased}$  on a report by IIT Delhi, Gurugram Deputy Commissioner Nishant Kumar Yadav has given a demolition order for Tower-D having 50 flats of Chintels Paradiso condominium in Sector 109 of Gurugram in the line of Noida twin towers on Saturday.

On February 10, 2022, two persons lost their lives after a slab of 6th floor of Tower D collapsed partially during repair work. Following the incident, the State Government formed a committee to probe the matter, and a structural audit of the building was also ordered.

A committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Additional Commissioner (ADC), Vishram Kumar Meena who was probing the matter. "The team from IIT Delhi has found structural lapses in the construction of this

tower, whose repair is not possible on technical and economic grounds, Therefore, the tower should completely be demolished," Yadav told reporters. "An attempt was made to cover up the structural deficiencies found in Tower-D by painting the rusted bars due to low-quality construction material and chlorine in the water," Yadav

Apart from this, Yadav said, reports of structural safety complaints from 16 different housing societies in the district will also come by November 15, after which a decision will be taken about them".

"The investigation report of IIT Delhi has been submitted in which it had found that there were structural defects in the Tower-D of Chintels Paradiso. Low-level concrete was used in the construction of the building, which is not possible to repaire on technical and economic grounds. The committee found

forcement work in the building had been painted to hide the

Along with this, the work of retrofitting of the flat on the sixth floor of Tower-D was also not being done without monitoring and as per the prescribed norms. For this, the responsibility of Chintels Paradiso Company and Manish Switch Gear Pvt Ltd has been fixed," he

He also informed that the team of IIT Delhi has also recommended that the process of demolition should be started by closing Tower-D.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner said that the detailed report of the Administrative Committee constituted under the chairmanship of ADC Meena is also expected to be submitted by Monday. After that, the district administration will take further action in this regard. He said that based

IIT Delhi, orders will be given to the developer to settle the claim with the allottees of Tower-D.

There will be three options in front of the allottees. The builder or the developer, in coordination with the allottees of Tower-D at his level, will settle the claim at his level within the stipulated period and will give this information in writing to the district administration.

Under another option, for the convenience of the allottees, two independent evaluators would be engaged, who would assess the current prices of flats etc. and give their reports.

Thereafter, it will be mandatory for the developer to accept the price decided by the evaluator and that amount will be given to the allottee. If the allottees are not satisfied even after this, then they can go to court and seek relief. Similarly, the process of structural audit is going on in Tower-E and Tower-F of the same society and its report will come soon. Till then, by vacating these two towers, the builder has to enter into a rent agreement with their flat owners.

Apart from this, the Deputy Commissioner said that complaints were received from 70 different societies related to structural audit in the district. out of which 16 societies were selected for structural audit in

Apart from agency for structural audit in these societies, builder's representatives and members of RWAs have also been included so that fair investigation can be done.

the first phase.

The reports of 16 societies will be submitted by November 15. In societies, the responsibility was entrusted to listing two agencies for structural audit, which will tell in their report whether this society is safe to

## 2020 riots: Conspiracy charges framed against Tahir Hussain

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi court on Saturday Aframed charges against former AAP leader Tahir Hussain for attempt to murder and criminal conspiracy in a case related to the 2020 riots in northeast Delhi.

The court was hearing a case on the basis of a statement by complainant Ajay Goswami, who suffered a bullet injury during the riots at Main Karawal Nagar Road on February 25, 2020.

"I find all accused persons liable to be tried for the offences punishable under sections 307 (attempt to murder), read with 120 B (criminal conspiracy) and 149 (every member of unlawful assembly guilty of offence committed in prosecution of common object) of the Indian Penal Code," Additional Sessions Judge Pulastya Pramachala said. Eight persons, including Hussain, have been charged. The judge also said six of the accused — Tahir Hussain, Shah Alam, Nazim, Kasim, Riyasat and



Liyakat — were liable to be tried under Section 505 (statements conducing to public mischief) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) as they were "instigating others to teach a lesson

to (the) Hindus". The court discharged two accused, Gulfam and Tanvir, for the offence under Section 505, saying there was no evidence to show that they also instigated others. The court said the presence of the accused persons among the riotous mob was established by the statements of several witnesses. "It can be said that this mob acted out of a criminal conspiracy, and hence, all (eight) accused are liable to be tried for hatching a criminal conspira-

cy to indulge in the riot and kill Hindus and harm properties of Hindus and consequent to such conspiracy firing and causing gunshot injury to Ajay Goswami," the court said.

The court further said "all accused indulged into targeting Hindus and their such acts were apparently prejudicial to the harmony between the community of Muslims and Hindus and they disturbed the public tranquillity as well".

Saying that the description of the specific role of every accused was not required, the court further said "participating and being a member of the mob, being conscious of its objectives, is sufficient to make all accused liable for the deeds of the mob".

The court also noted that for the same criminal conspiracy and acts resulting in the various offences, which were common for several incidents of injuries to different persons, charges were already framed under the IPC and the Arms Act in a separate FIR in the same police station

# AAP, BJP spar over conman's claims

#### Sukesh calls Delhi CM 'maha thug'

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

The AAP and the BJP sparred over jailed conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar's another letter accusing Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and called him "Maha Thug". AAP leaders hit out at the BJP saying that the party was using conman Sukesh

Chandrasekhar as the brand ambassador for its poll campaign in Gujarat Assembly polls and Delhi MCD elections. Twitter was also trending # "SukeshChandrashekharJoin BJP" on Saturday.

While the BJP leaders lashed out at the AAP saying the conman has exposed the Kejriwal and demanded sacking of conman's friends Satyendar Jain and Kailash Gehlot because the letter written by Sukesh has made it clear that Satyendar Jain had started running his own corruption shop from the jail itself.

AAP leader and Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Saturday alleged that the BJP had struck a deal with the "conman sitting in Tihar". He will level absurd allegations against Kejriwal every day and in return, the BJP will help him in the case, he tweeted

The Delhi Deputy Chief Minister said that the BJP "was scared ahead of the Assembly elections in Gujarat and the civic polls in Delhi." "Fearing a catastrophic defeat in MCD (Municipal Corporation of Delhi) and Gujarat, (the) BJP has locked a deal with a thug lodged in Tihar - he will make absurd allegations against (Arvind) Kejriwal ji everyday and in return. The BJP will help him in

his case," Sisodia tweeted in Hindi - without naming Sukesh Chandrashekar - but did not stop there. "I have heard that JP Nadda ji will get him inducted into the BJP next," Sisodia further added.

AAP leader Saurabh Bharadwaj said that Gujarat-Delhi elections are pushing BJP into a zone of extreme fear.



"They are piggybacking on a conman like Sukesh Chandrasekhar for mileage. Sukesh Chandrasekhar has become BJP's star campaigner. BJP is fighting these elections with his support," Bharadwaj said. Bharadwaj claimed Chandrasekhar took ₹215 crore from Ranbaxy owners in the name of Home Minister Amit Shah, according to an official statement by the Delhi Government.

In a separate press confer ence, AAP leader Atishi alleged that after using central agencies against the AAP, the BJP was now using the services of a con-

The BJP also launched a fresh attack on the AAP after conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar alleged that he was forced to bring "over 20



towards his party" and also demanded the resignation of party convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

Latching onto Chandrashekhar's allegations, BJP National Spokesperson Shehzad Poonawala asked Kejriwal if he had met the conman "at the farmhouse of his minister Kailash Gehlot" and sought to know what discussions were held. Poonawala also said the

AAP would win a gold medal if there was one for corruption. He also accused it of playing the victim card in the face of corruption charges.

Addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters here, spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia said,"This letter exposes Arvind Kejriwal as a maha



(great) thug who conned (the) conman and has cheated his every friend." Echoing a similar sentiment, BJP MP Gautam Gambhir said, "After cheating the people of Delhi by polluting the clean air, now the biggest thug (Kejriwal) is cheating the conman."

Bidhuri has said that the letters of Sukesh are telling that the Kejriwal Government is working like a mafia in Tihar Jail and Satyendar Jain is taking full advantage of his position."Was there a meeting with Sukesh at Hotel Hyatt? Was it a telephonic conversation? Did Satyendar Jain take 50 crore in Kailash Gehlot's farm house? The charges made by the conman against Kejriwal and Jain, should be investigated," Leader of Opposition, Delhi Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri said.

## BJP, Cong launch fresh salvos at Kejriwal over air pollution

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW

Arvind Kejriwal is busy campaigning in Gujarat, the BJP and the Congress on Saturday launched a fresh attack on worsening air pollution in the national Capital. BJP leader Tajinder Pal

Singh Bagga put up a poster outside the BJP headquarters in Delhi, comparing Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to Adolf Hitler.

"Kejriwal is the second ruler who converted his city into a gas chamber, Hitler was first," the poster said while the Delhi Congress launched a campaign 'Pollution on, Kejriwal gone' at ITO.

Lashing out at the AAP over the pollution, Delhi BJP spokesperson Harish Khurana alleged that despite repeated reminders by BJP, the Kejriwal



concrete steps regarding pollution and today the situation is such that Chief Minister Kejriwal has made Delhi a gas

"The AQI level of air in Delhi has crossed 550 and such air is not only poisonous but also deadly especially for children," he said.

While informing about the RTI, Khurana said that it has revealed that the Kejriwal government bought Bio-decomposer solution from Pusa



in two years and then spent Rs.64.12 lakh for spraying it, whereas only tractors and tents were used on rent for spraying.

"Rs 23.27 crore was spent on advertising by chief minister Arvind Kejriwal to make his face shine. This information has come through a reply to an RTI by the state government and not said by the party," Khurana said. Khurana asked the Kejriwal government if the bio-decomposer solution has proved to be equally effective in Delhi, why it is not being implemented in Punjab as there has been an

increase in the cases of stubble

burning there by 34 percent? Delhi Congress has launched "Pollution On, Kejriwal Gone"

Speaking at the campaign, Delhi Congress president Anil Kumar said that Kejriwal had been away from Delhi for 53 days in the past year for his political aggrandizement and civic infrastructure in the Capital has collapsed due to his negligence.

Kumar said that for the past 8 years, Kejriwal only made hollow promises without taking any concrete steps to

controlling air pollution.

"Congress Government had made Delhi green and clean, and air pollution stemmed with introduction of CNG fuel in public transport, but BJP and AAP found time only for making charges and counter-charges without addressing the Capital's issues," Kumar added.

## AAP accuses L-G of misusing powers Dare Saxena

## to fight MCD elections

**STAFF REPORTER** NEW DELHI

The Aam Admi Party (AAP) ■ on Saturday accused Delhi Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) VK Saxena of "misusing his powers" and said "he should fight the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) elections" instead.

The Delhi Government and the L-G have been at loggerheads over several issues. AAP leader Durgesh Pathak said, "Since there is a change in the MCD wards and there are 250 wards now, even we have a proposal. We want the L-G to fight the forthcoming municipal elections in Delhi."

"He has been misusing his powers in the national Capital.



Let's see whether the citizens support him or not," Pathak

Critising the L-G, another AAP leader Saurabh Bhardwaj challenged Saxena to pick any ward out of the 250 and he'll get to know how much the public is against him.

Bhardwaj said that the L-G can select any one seat amongst the 250 wards that will go to polls in the MCD election on December 4 and fight a direct battle against the party, instead of indirectly trying to attack the elected Government of Delhi

every other day. "L-G keeps calling meet-

#### Government's projects to fulfil his desire of getting media coverage everyday.

then he must end the drama and submit his resignation. LG must drop his unconstitutional attitude of misusing power without any accountability or responsibility," Bhardwaj stated.

'Every other day Saxena, writes baseless letters to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal or to Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Bhagwant Mann, or he tries to interfere in the works of the Delhi Government by chairing meetings of departments that do not directly come under

his jurisdiction," he said. This is our humble request to LG and since nomination process for MCD elections begins on November 7, we urge him to file his nomination from any ward of city and then face Aam Aadmi Party in a direct battle," Bhardwaj added.

### Non-consensual sex with wife aged 15-18 years will amount to rape, LG sends proposal to MHA

New Delhi: Delhi Lieutenant- to 18 years will amount to rape sent a proposal to the Home Ministry recommending that non-consensual sex with wife aged between 15 to 18 years will amount to rape and punishable under Indian Penal Code. It will also remove the discrepancy between the POCSO Act, which is applicable to offences against anyone up till 18 years and the prevailing provisions of the IPC.

"Saxena has sent a proposal to the MHA recommending striking down of Exception 2 of Section 375 of Indian Penal Code (IPC), that provides if a girl child between 15 and 18 vears is married, her husband can have non-consensual sexual intercourse with her, without being penalised under IPC," sources said. "If recommendation is incorporated and IPC amended, non-consensual sex with a wife between 15 and will be punishable under IPC. It will also remove the discrepancy between Protection of Children against Sexual Offences (POČSO) Act, which is applicable to offences against anyone up till 18 years and the prevailing provisions of the IPC," they added. The proposal to this effect

was moved by the Delhi Police and Law Department in response to a letter from the Ministry of Home Affairs. The Home Ministry had

asked for the city Government's opinion on the subject in light of a Writ Petition in the Delhi High Court, challenging the validity of Exception 2 of Section 375 of IPC on the grounds that it violates Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution and is also not in harmony with the provisions of POCSO Act, which defines a child to be a person below age of 18 years.

## **Education Model in** Delhi is visible only in advertisements: BJP

STAFF REPORTER **NEW DELHI** 

The Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri has slammed the Kejriwal Government for the city's schools falling behind in the National Performance Grading Index of Education saying that the capital has been ranked eighth.

Bidhuri has said that the AAP Government, which has been beating the drums of the 'Kejriwal Model' all over the world, has been exposed again.

The reforms made in the field of education are visible only in publicity, on the ground, Delhi is lagging behind in education. The BJP has already been saying that the model of education in Delhi is visible only in adver-

tisements and not in reality. This is the reason that when grading at the national level has been announced, the city schools have come at number eight, whereas Kejriwal and his party have been pretending to revolutionize education in Delhi, said Bidhuri. "In fact, the number of stu-

dents in Delhi schools has come down. Some school buildings have been shined and are claimed of improved quality of education and this has been given the name of Kejriwal model.

AAP has been terming the entire country's education model as substandard, but this grading has again proved that the conduct of Kejriwal and the party is nothing more than an empty vessels which is making much noise only," he added.

## **Liquor scam case: ED** grills Sisodia's PA for money laundering

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Enforcement The Emoleciment Directorate (ED) on Saturday questioned Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia's Personal Assistant in connection with its money laundering probe into alleged irregularities in the formulation and implementation of the now scrapped excise pol-

The agency questioned Devendra Sharma and recorded his statement under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), officials said. In a tweet, Sisodia claimed

the ED foisted a "false" case

against him after which it

raided his PA's house and

The ED has conducted multiple raids in this case so far. In September, it arrested Sameer Mahandru, Managing Director of a liquor manufacturing company Indospirit. The PMLA case stems from a CBI FIR that had named Sisodia as the prime accused in the case which also accused others in the money laundering case. The CBI had raided the

premises of the Deputy Chief Minister and some Delhi government bureaucrats after filing the case. The excise scheme came

under the scanner after the Delhi LG recommended a CBI probe into the alleged irregularities in the implementation of Delhi's Excise Policy 2021 22. The LG had also suspend ed 11 excise officials.

#### **NEW DELHI** A58-year-old man sustained injuries after being beaten up by his former tenant over

STAFF REPORTER ■

incident took place on Friday afternoon.

Road at 3.38 PM. During the inquiry, the injured, identified as Ved Prakash, said he had rented his property to one Subhash Maggo for office pur-poses in 2021, who vacated the premises about one month ago, a senior police officer

During his tenancy, Maggo had installed an expensive toilet seat at the premises, which he wanted to remove now that he was no longer using the

## 58-year-old man injured after scuffle with ex-tenant property, the officer said.

the removal of an expensive toilet seat he had installed while using the property. The Police received information about a scuffle between a landlord and his ex-tenant at Chanakya Place, 30 Foota

some labourers for removing the seat which was objected by the landlord, following which the former tenant reached the spot along with a few people and started arguing with Prakash, Deputy Prakash, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Dwarka) Harsha Vardhan said. Thereafter, Maggo and his associates started beating Prakash with sticks and fists,

the DCP said.

On Friday, Maggo sent

A case under sections 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt), 341 (punishment for wrongful restraint), 452 (house-trespass after preparation for hurt, assault or wrong-ful restraint), 427 (mischief causing damage to the amount of fifty rupees) and 34 (common intension) of the IPC has been registered in Dabri police station and necessary action will be taken, police added.

# Putin lauds Indians, calls them talented and driven

SERVICE/AGENCIES

Afew days after praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and calling him a "true patriot", Russian President Vladimir Putin has lauded the people of India terming them "talented" and "driven". He also said India will achieve its goals of develop-

This high praise from Putin came a week after he paid glowing tributes to Modi and praised him for following an independent foreign policy in the interest of India



Incidentally, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will meet his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov in Moscow on Monday during his two-day visit. He will also hold talks with Minister of Trade and Industry Denis Manturov. This

is the first visit by Jaishankar to Russia since the Ukraine conflict began in February this year. He is likely to discuss the fall-out of the war on prices of fuel and food with the Russian

Putin's remarks praising Modi came in the backdrop of New Delhi, so far, refraining from condemning military action in Ukraine and Modi urging Putin last month on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation(SCO) in Uzbekistan that "today's era is not of war." The Prime Minister has all along favoured dialogue and diplomacy to resolve the current conflict.

Friday in Moscow on the occasion Russia's Unity Day, the Russian president also said "India will achieve outstanding results in terms of its development - there are no doubts and almost one-and-a-half billion people: now that's poten-

"Let's look at India: a tal-

ented, very driven people with

such a drive for internal development. It (India) will certainly achieve outstanding results," Putin said.

Underlining the growth path of India and Russia, he also referred to colonialism in Africa, the potential of India and how Russia has a 'unique civilisation and culture.

Putin said that Western empires had robbed Africa during a speech about Russian and global history. "To a great extent, the level of prosperity that has been achieved in former colonial powers is grounded in the robbery of Africa.

Everyone knows that. Yes, actually, and researchers in Europe don't hide this. That's how it is. They say it was built on the grief and suffering of the African peoples to a significant extent - I'm not saying entirely, no - but to a significant extent the prosperity of the colonial powers (was built that

Robbery, slave trade - of course," Putin said.

Putin said Russia was a 'multinational state" and a "multi-confessional state" that had a "unique civilisation and culture." He however also said the country, in a significant way, is part of European culture and linked to the continent by religion.

Putin and Modi are likely to meet again next month on the sidelines of the G-20 summit in Bali, Indonesia. Moreover, Modi is likely to travel to Russia late this month or early next month for summit with Putin.

Addressing a plenary session of the Valdai International Discussion Club, a Moscowbased think tank last week, Putin also noted that Russia has special ties with India and they

have always supported each other and will remain so in the

future. Both the countries will

continue to co-operate in the military and technical areas, he added. "We have special ties with India that are built on the foundation of really close allied relations for decades. We never had any outstanding issues with India, we have always

supported each other and I'm

positive that's how it will

Russian state media RT quot-

ed Putin as saying.
The Russian leader said the economic cooperation between Delhi and Moscow is growing as well. "Prime Minister Modi asked me to increase fertiliser supplies which is crucial for Indian agriculture and we have done that," he said, adding that the supplies have been increased 7.6 times without giving details.

Putin said he believes that countries such as India not only have a great future ahead of them, but are going to have a growing role in forming global policies.

## NIA chargesheets Dawood, Shakeel, 3 others

PNS NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday said it has filed a chargesheet against fugitive don Dawood Ibrahim and his close associate Chhota Shakeel and three arrested accused in case of fugitive 'Global Terrorist' Dawood Ibrahim, and his associates ,who are running a global terrorist network and a transnational Organised Criminal Syndicate, namely D-Company, which is involved in various terrorist/criminal activities in India.

The case was registered as

01/2022/NIA/Mum dated Code (IPC) February 3 at Police Station NIA Mumbai under various Sections of the anti-terror law Activities (Prevention) Act and various provisions of the Maharashtra

Control of Organized Crime

Act besides the Indian Penal

The charge-sheeted accused are Dawood Ibrahim Kaskar alias Shaikh Dawood Hassan and Shakeel Shaikh alias Chhota Shakeel, both wanted accused in the case and the three arrested accused---Arif Abubakar Shaikh alias Arif Bhaijaan,

Shabbir and Mohammad Salim Qureshi alias Salim Fruit. "Investigations have estab-

lished that the accused persons who are members of the D-Company, a terrorist gang and an organized crime syndicate, had conspired to further the criminal activities of the gang by carrying out various types of unlawful activities. In furtherance of the said conspiracy, they raised, collected and extorted huge amounts of money by threatening and by putting person(s) in fear of death or grievous hurt, for the D-Company / for the benefit of an individual terrorist in the

tion to threaten the security of India and create terror in the minds of the general public," the NIA said in a statement.

It has also been established that the arrested accused persons received huge amounts of money through hawala channels, from the absconding/wanted accused based abroad, meant for triggering sensational terrorist/criminal acts in Mumbai and other parts of India to create terror in the minds of people. The accused persons were holding/in possession of the said 'proceeds of terrorism', it said adding, further investigations in the case are in progress

## **Puri visits new Parliament** building to review progress

PNS NEW DELHI

Jnion Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Saturday visited the construction site of the new Parliament building to review the progress of the project and said work is progressing at a steady pace. The minister also shared on Twitter some pictures of the under-construction building.

The government has been maintaining that the project will be completed by November and the winter session of Parliament will be held in the



new building."Reviewed ongoing construction at the New Parliament Building today. Work is progressing at a steady pace. Sustainable state-of-theart building with architectural elements inspired by India's ancient cultural heritage.

Rs 1.48 crore (registry value).

time former MLA, is current-

ly lodged in jail in Uttar

Pradesh's Banda. The 59-year-

old gangster was questioned by

The agency had also searched the official residence

of his elder brother and BSP

the ED in this case last year.

Mukhtar Ansari, a five-

Modernity meets tradition," Puri tweet́ed.

During a visit to Kochi on Friday, the Union minister said that more than 4,000 people are working round the clock for the construction of the new

Parliament building.

The redevelopment of the Central Vista, the nation's power corridor, envisages a common central secretariat, revamping the 3-km Rajpath from Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate, a new office and residence of the prime minister, and a new vice-president

## NIA arrests 3 more in BJP Youth Wing leader's murder case ED arrests Mukhtar's son Abbas for money laundering

PNS NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday arrested three more alleged conspirators behind the murder of BJP youth wing leader Praveen Nettaru during searches at multiple locations in

The NIA conducted searches at five locations in Karnataka Dakshina Kannada, Hubli and Mysuru and arrested three accused in the Nettaru murder case.

The case relates to murder of Praveen Nettaru, a resident of Bellare and District Secretary of BJP Yuva Morcha, with

sharp weapons, by cadres of Popular Front of India (PFI), on July 26, to strike terror among the people of society, the NIA said in a statement.

The case was initially registered as FIR No. 63/2022 dated July 27 at Bellare police station in Dakshina Kannada district and re-registered by NIA on August 4. "During the searches con-

ducted today, digital devices and incriminating documents were seized from the houses of accused and suspects. Three accused were arrested for their active involvement in the conspiracy hatched to murder Praveen Nettaru," the NIA said.



The arrested accused are K Mahammad Iqbal Kunha Gudde and K Ismail Shafi, of Shafi Apartment, Bellare village, both of Sullia Taluk, Dakshina Kannada besides Ibrahim Sha of Gandhinagar, Navoor, Kasaba village, Sullia Taluk in the same district.



So far, 10 accused persons have been arrested in this case. The NIA has also declared a reward against four absconding accused persons in this case and efforts to arrest them continues, it said, adding, further investigations in the case are in

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested Abbas Ansari, Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party MLA from Mau and son of gangster-turned politician Mukhtar Ansari, in a money laundering

Abbas Ansari, 30, was arrested on money laundering charges after a long questioning session at the agency's office in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, officials said.

Abbas has been arrested in assets of Mukhtar Ansari worth



father and family, they said. attached seven immovable

being investigated against his Last month, the ED had

MP Afzal Ansari in Delhi and some locations in Ghazipur, Mohammadabad (in Ghazipur district), Mau and Lucknow in

stems from multiple FIRs registered by the Uttar Pradesh Police apart from two lodged against a company called Vikas Constructions (a partnership firm) that was run by his wife, two brothers-in-law and others.

Mukhtar Ansari is under the ED scanner in connection with at least 49 criminal cases against him including those on charges of land grabbing, murder and extortion.

He is facing trial in sever-August. al cases, including attempt to murder and murder, in Uttar Pradesh.

## HIV, AIDS policy 2022 notified for workplaces to protect employees

iming to ensure legal pro-Attection to persons afflicted with HIV at the workplaces, the Union Health Ministry has notified the HIV and AIDS Policy for Establishments, 2022 as provided under Section 12 of the HIV and AIDS (Prevention & Control) Act, 2017. The policy is applicable to all establishments as defined in the Act to eliminate HIV & AIDS relat-

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ed stigma and discrimination at various workplace settings.

The Model Policy needs to be adopted by all establishments that have carried out production, supply or distribution of goods or services for a period of twelve months or

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against people infected with and affected by HIV and AIDS and provide confidentiality to a person's HIV status and related data. The establishment has also been mandated to set up a redressal mechanism in the form of a complaints officer.

"The Model Policy imposes strict obligations on the establishment and the complaints officer to adopt data management policies and committees where the establishment collects HIV-related data," said an official from the Ministry about the key features of the policy.

"As per the policy, establishments with 100 or more staff must appoint a complaints officer to handle any grievances under the policy and appoint additional complaints officers for each office of such establishment having 100 or more staff. The model policy also imposes certain obligations on the complaints officer such as publishing annual reports, filing half yearly action reports to the appropriate authorities, etc," added the official.

## 2-day dance drama on Ram Mohan Roy's life organised at Kartavya Path from today

**NEW DELHI** 

two-day dance drama Abased on the life of Raja Ram Mohan Roy, who is called the father of modern Indian society, is being organized from November 6 at Kartavya Path and India Gate (Central Vista) under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava celebrations. It is part of the one-year-long celebrations launched by the Union Ministry of Culture on May 22 on the occasion of the 250th birth anniversary of the great visionary.

Titled ``Yugpurush Raja Ram Mohan Roy", the program is based on the theme 'Nari



Samman', which is being organised by Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation.

This audio-visual presentation is also a part of a campaign under which cultural programmes are to be organised at Central Vista every week. Directed by well-known choreographer Neelav Sengupta, the presentation will include 40 artists.

the life of Raja Ram Mohan Roy will familiarise the audience with his great works, high ideals and philosophy of life closely. The performance will begin at 6.00pm and admission to this program is completely free for all.

During the celebration year, a string of events have been held and are in the pipeline. An iconic statue of Raja Ram Mohan Roy was unveiled by the Union Culture Minister Kishan Reddy in virtual mode at the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata in May.

The West Bengal Government has also declared the social reformer used to stay at Raghunathpur in Khanakul

as state heritage. It has been a long-standing demand of locals to recognise and declare state heritage the birth place and residence of

Raja Ram Mohan Roy. Born on May 22, 1772 in Radhanagar, Bengal, Raja Ram Mohan Roy was a well-learned and multi-linguistic man. Known as a revolutionary who brought the much-needed reforms in the religious practices, education system, and society of his time, his diligent contributions have played a vital role in shaping and nur-

turing modern İndia.

# The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address Property Address of Secured Asset / Date of Notice Sent/ Outsta-nding as on Date of Notice Date Asset to be Enforced 03/06/ Parul Sethi, Anju Sethi, H No P3/69, DLF Phase II Jacaranda Marg Plot No.7-b, New House No.395 08/10/2022. Bearing Minicipal Permanent Property Id No.111c192u48, Kalyan Nagar 2022 27,28,151/-

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: November 05, 2022 Place: Gurgaon **ICICI Bank Limited** 

Jagadhri Yamunanagar Haryana

MAHINDRA RURAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED Possession Mahindra Corporate Office: - Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Ltd. Sadhana House, 2nd Floor, 570, P.B.Marg Worli, Mumbai 400 018 India, Tel: +91 22 66523500 Fax: +91 22 24972741 Regional Office: 2nd floor, Ashoka Raj Tower, Plot no. CP-162, Sector D-1, LDA Colony, Near Power House

Choraha, Aashiyana, Pin-226012, Lucknow, UP, Branch Office: Branch Office: 3rd Floor 139-141 Mangal Pandey Naga Opposite CCS University Meerut Uttar Pradesh 250002 (For Immovable Property) (Under Rule 8 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of M/S Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Ltd. (he referred to as "MRHFL"), Having its registered office at **LUCKNOW** and Branch office at **MEERUT** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002), and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the said Act calling upon you being the borrowers

The borrower mentioned herein above having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers mentioned herein above and to the public in general that undersigned has taken **possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under sub section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with the Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **7** day

(names and addresses mentioned below) to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being within 60 days

The borrowers mentioned herein above in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the Charge of M/S Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Ltd. for an amount and interest thereon. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time

Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) **Description of Secured Asset** (Immovable Property) (LC No: 768869/ H No. 212, Khasra No. 2626 Min., Moh Khushal Nagar, Meerut City Pin-250002 East: 15ft Wide Road , West : House O

XSEMMER00631255 MEERUT Branch) MOHD IKRAM (Borrower) AIJAZ PARVEEN (Co Borrower) Plot Of Nizam Place :- MEERUT Date:-06.11.2022

Others, South : Plot Of Other, North Sd/- Authorised Officer Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Limited

**Demand Notice** 

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3/11/2022

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Date and Amoun

13-Aug-21

15,94,161/-



Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road,

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

This E-auction Sale notice for sale of Immovable assets is being issued by ICICI Bank Ltd. (on underlying poo assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security in respect o a housing loan facility granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the following borrower(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physicalpossession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is " and "Whatever there is" as per the brief particulars given hereunder,

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding		Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction	
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	
1.		House No. 1447-C/13,1st Floor Rear Lhs, Khasra No. 600/93, Gali No. 13, Govindpuri, Kalkaji, New Delhi. Admeasuring an area 360 Sq.Ft.	Rs. 12,44,271/- (As on October 28, 2022)	000/-	November 11, 2022 from 12:00 Noon to 02:00 PM	November 28, 2022 from 12:00 Nooi onwards	

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited (URL Link-https://disposalhub.com). The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till November 25, 2022 before 5:00 PM failing which, this secured asset will be sold as pe

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Colum E) to ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh. Delhi-110005 on or before November 25, 2022 before 5:00 PM and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before November 25, 2022 before 5:00 PM along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh. Delhi-110005 on or before November 25, 2022 before 5:00 PM, Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Natio of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi. For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the E-auction or submission o tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on 8126013708/7304914763.

Please note that Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited., 2. Augeo Assets Management Private Limited, have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : November 05, 2022 Place : Delhi NCR

Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

## India, Japan to review bilateral ties during Naval chief's 5-day visit

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI** 

**T**ndia and Japan will review the entire spectrum of their bilateral Defence ties during Navy chief Admiral R Hari Kumar's five-day visit there beginning Saturday.

Giving details of his schedule, officials said here the Chief will witness the International Fleet Review (IFR) conducted by the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF) at Yokosuka on Sunday to commemorate the Anniversary of its formation.

During the visit, as one of the Observer Navies in the Western Pacific Naval Symposium (WPNS), the Navy chief will attend the 18th WPNS on 07-08 November 22 at Yokohama, being hosted by Japan, as the current Chair of WPNS.

In addition to representing India and the Indian Navy during the IFR and WPNS, he will also be in attendance for the inauguration of the 2022 edition of Exercise MALABAR, being held at Yokosuka with the participation of Australia, Japan and the USA. Initiated in 1992, this year marks the 30th anniversary year of Exercise MALABAR. Admiral Kumar would also

be interacting with his counterparts and other Heads of Delegations from close to 30 countries participating in the IFR, WPNS and MALABAR. Indian Naval Ships Shivalik and Kamorta also arrived at

Yokosuka, Japan on November two to participate in the IFR and Exercise MALABAR -2022. The presence of these

indigenously built ships of the Indian Navy at these multinational events will be an opportunity to showcase the ship-building capabilities of Indian Shipyards during a large international gathering. The visit of the Navy chief to Japan signifies a high level of bilateral defence engagements with Japan, as well as India's active support and participation in multilateral engagements.

# 5 Indian-Americans in race for Impasse persists over FIR on Imran life bid **US Cong in Nov mid-term polls**

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m ive\ Indian-Americans\ are\ in}_{
m race\ for\ the\ US\ House\ of}$ Representatives when the country goes for its mid-term polls on November 8.

If the pollsters and opinions of political pundits are any indication, Indian-Americans are likely to have a 100 per cent strike rate for the House of Representatives.

The four incumbents -Ami Bera, Raja Krishnamoorthi, Ro Khanna and Pramila Jayapal - are likely to be re-elected. All four are from the Democratic party.

Adding to the so-called Samosa Caucus of Indian-Americans in the House of Representatives would be entrepreneur and businessman Shri Thanedar, who is seeking his election from the 13th Congressional District of Michigan.

Bera, the senior most of all, is seeking his sixth term in the House of Representatives from the 7th Congressional District of California.

Khanna, who represents the 17th Congressional district California, Krishnamoorthi (8th Congressional District of



Illinois) and Jayapal from the 7th Congressional District of Washington State, are seeking their fourth consecutive terms.

According to political experts, all four are comfortably placed against their Republican opponents. So does Thanedar, who is seeking his maiden entry into the House of Representatives from the heavily African American portion of Detroit. If elected, he would be the fifth Indian-American in the next Congress along with Bera, Khanna, Krishnamoorthi and Jayapal.

Chennai-born Jayapal, 57, is the first ever and only Indian-American woman to be elected to the House of Representatives.

During this election cycle,

tions that could be decided by razor-thin margins, Democrats are hoping to capitalise on some of the optimism felt by Indian Americans, a growing and increasingly vital bloc of voters," the daily wrote.

In the critical State of Pennsylvania, popular TV host Padma Lakshmi, Phenomenal Media CEO Meena Harris and Javapal would knock doors in Philadelphia to mobilise the community's South Asian vot-

The canvass launch will feature music, food and a lineup of distinguished speakers. Peloton Instructor Aditi Shah will lead a 20-minute grounding session to kick off the day, focusing on the importance and power of our collective community. Following the launch, over 4,000 estimated doors will be knocked in Upper Darby, Centre City and Northeast Philadelphia.

"I'm inspired to be with so many incredible community activists and South Asian women leaders in Philadelphia this weekend to activate voters who can make the margin in this midterm election. Let's get out, knock doors, and vote!" Lakshmi said.

A deadlock persists over filing of an FIR in connection with the assassination attempt on Imran Khan after the former Prime Minister refused to withdraw the name of a senior Pakistan Army officer from the complaint, which also carries the names of the Prime Minister and the Interior Minister.

Khan, 70, suffered a bullet injury in the right leg when two gunmen fired a volley of bullets at him and others mounting on a container-mounted truck in the Wazirabad area of Punjab province, where he was leading a protest march against the Shehbaz Sharif govern-

Khan, the chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, alleged that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah and Major General Faisal Naseer were part of a sinister plot to assassinate him in the same way former Punjab governor Salman Taseer was killed in 2011 by a religious

He also said that an FIR was not being registered as some people were afraid of (some names)

Punjab Chief Minister Chaudhry Pervez Elahi is caught between 'the devil and the deep blue sea' as Khan, who essentially calls the shots for the

the allegations levelled by his

predecessor Imran Khan who

accused him and the interior

minister as well as a senior mil-

itary official of orchestrating

the failed assassination bid on

injury in the right leg on

Thursday when two gunmen

fired a volley of bullets at him

and others mounting on a

container-mounted truck in

the Wazirabad area of Punjab

province, where he was lead-

ing a protest march against the

Shehbaz-led government.

While one person died, sever-

al Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf

(PTI) leaders were injured in

the incident. A day after the

Khan, 70, suffered a bullet



ruling coalition in Puniab, continues to insist on naming the Army officer in the FIR, the Dawn newspaper reported.

The matter was also taken up by the Punjab Cabinet during its meeting on Friday, which was attended by police chief Faisal Shahkar as well as other senior government officials and the provincial law minister.

An official privy to the development told the newspaper that the meeting discussed the serious issues pertaining to all the legal aspects of the reg-He said the meeting

also discussed that a further delay in the registration of a case could spoil all efforts to secure evidence and punish the suspects involved in the armed attack on Khan's container truck in Wazirabad.

Sharing the political dimensions of the issue, the source said Elahi was against the 'logic' of naming the senior army officer in the case.



 $T^{\text{he Pakistan Army has}}_{\text{rejected as "baseless and irresponsible" the allegations}$ made by former premier Imran Khan that one of its senior officers was among the people involved in the conspiracy to kill him and demanded the Government conduct a probe and take legal action against those maligning the state institution.

The Army's overnight statement came in response to an address by Khan from the hospital in which he alleged that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah and Major General Faisal Naseer were part of a sinister plot to assassinate him in the same way former Punjab governor Salman Taseer was killed in 2011 by a religious extremist.

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province, where he was leadng a protest march against the Shehbaz Sharif government.

"Four people plotted to kill me. I made a video and named those people and have stashed it abroad," Khan, the chairman of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) said, adding that it would be released in case something untoward happens

In its response, the Army in a statement said: "The baseless and irresponsible allegations by chairman PTI against the institution and particularly a senior army officer are absolutely unacceptable and uncalled for." "The baseless allegations

hurled at the institution/officials today are highly regrettable and strongly condemned," the statement read.



#### Iran marks 1979 US Embassy takeover amid nationwide protests

**AP** ■ DUBAI

 $\mathbf{I}^{ ext{ran on Friday marked the}}$  takeover of the US Embassy in Tehran as its theocracy faces nationwide protests after the September death of a 22-year-old woman who was arrested by the country's morality police. Meanwhile, activists in southeast Iran claimed security forces killed at least 16 people in protests there.

Iranian state-run television aired live feeds of various commemorations around the country, with some in Tehran waving placards of the triangleshaped Iranian drones Russia now uses to strike targets in its

But while crowds in Tehran looked large with chador-wearing women waving the Islamic Republic's 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 U.S. Embassy building, criticized those protesting the theocracy.

"Anyone taking the smallest step in direction of breaching security and riots, must know that they are stepping in the direction of enemies of the Islamic Revolution," he said.

## 'No choice', says Musk as he justifies major layoffs at Twitter

ly contested races.

another Indian-American

seems to be all set to create his-

tory in the State of Maryland.

Aruna Miller, a former mem-

ber of the Maryland House of

Delegates, is running as Lt

Governor of the State on the

all set to win. In that case, she

would be the first ever Indian

American to be elected to this

position in Maryland.

Meanwhile, the Democrats and

the Republicans have intensi-

fied their efforts to reach out to

the Indian-Americans ahead of

the November 8 midterm elec-

tions. The Washington Post on

Friday said that Indian-

Americans can play an impor-

tant role in some of the tight-

Political pundits say she is

Democratic ticket.

AGENCIES: Amid massive layoffs at Twitter across the world, including in India, and the subsequent backlash, the microblogging site's new owner Elon Musk on Saturday justified the move, saying there was "no choice" when the company was losing millions of dol-The company posted a net

loss of USD 270 million in the second quarter ended June 30, 2022 compared to a profit of USD 66 million in the same period a year ago."Regarding Twitter's reduction in force, unfortunately there is no choice when the company is losing over \$4M/day," Musk tweeted."Everyone exited was offered 3 months of severance, which is 50% more than legally required," he added. Hundreds of employees were handed the



pink slips at Twitter on Friday as Musk, 51, started overhauling the social media platform which he bought for a whopping USD 44 billion late last month.

In a letter to employees obtained by multiple media outlets on Friday, the company said employees would find out by 9 am Pacific Standard Time if they had been laid off. The email did not say how many people would lose their jobs. Some employees tweeted

early Friday that they had already lost access to their work accounts. Twitter has also fired majority of its over 200 employees in India. Sources said 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. Musk has blamed activists for a significant drop in the company's revenues. "Twitter has had a massive

drop in revenue, due to activist groups pressuring advertisers, even though nothing has changed with content moderation and we did everything we could to appease activists.

#### Shehbaz asks for probe into Imran's allegations PTI ISLAMABAD Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday demanded constitution of a "full court commission" by the Supreme Court to probe

attack on him, Khan alleged that three people — Prime Minister Shehbaz, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah and Major General Faisal Naseer were behind the botched assassination attempt on his

Addressing a press conference here, Prime Minister Shehbaz demanded Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial to constitute a "full court commission" to probe the allegations levelled by Khan, the Express Tribune

newspaper reported. Reacting to Khan's allegations against the unnamed military official, Shehbaz said the PTI chief "is attacking the Pakistan Army like an enemy". A smear campaign is being

run on social media against the military, he alleged. Shehbaz said Khan is a "liar from head to toe" and is trying his best to destroy Pakistan. "You [Imran Khan] are pushing the nation towards destruction through lies...It's my responsibility to save the nation from this destruction," he said. The Pakistan Army said in

a statement has said that the baseless and irresponsible allegations by Chairman PTI against the institution and particularly a senior army officer are absolutely unacceptable and uncalled for.

The institution will jealously safeguard its officers and soldiers no matter what. The baseless allegations hurled at the institution/officials today are highly regrettable and strongly condemned, the Army said in a strong statement, hours after Khan made the allegations.

'No one will be allowed to defame the institution or its soldiers with impunity," it said, adding that the Army has requested the Pakistan government to investigate the matter and initiate legal action against those responsible for defamation and false accusations against the institution and its officials without any evidence whatsoever.

Meanwhile, Khan asked his party workers and supporters to continue protesting against his assassination attempt until three "accused" resigned. He said the resignations of the three, who "controlled all agencies", was necessary for an impartial probe.

## Russia cafe blaze kills at least 13 people, injures 5

**Moscow:** A fire in a cafe in the Russian city of Kostroma killed at least 13 people and injured five others on Saturday, local authorities said.

The governor of the Kostroma region, Sergei Sitnikov, said 13 people died in the fire and five more were slightly injured. Russian news agency Interfax cited local emergency officials as saying that the death toll stood at 15. The contradicting numbers couldn't be immediately reconciled. The blaze erupted in

according to the authorities. The Russian state news agency RIA Novosti reported that a brawl erupted in the cafe shortly before the fire, but it wasn't immediately clear if it had anything to do with the use of a flare gun.

Rescuers were able to evacuate 250 people. The roof of the cafe collapsed during the fire, which engulfed an area of 3,500 sq metres (more than 37,000 sq feet). Firefighters spent five hours battling the blaze, and a dozen residents of the early hours after someone a nearby residential buildings apparently used a flare gun, were evacuated as a precaution.



Firefighters try to extinguish a fire at a cafe in Kostroma 340 kilometres north of

## **US** to fly 2 supersonic bombers over S Korea to intimidate North

Seoul: The United States will fly two supersonic bombers over ally South Korea as part of a massive combined aerial exercise involving hundreds of warplanes, in a show of force meant to intimidate North Korea over its barrage of ballistic missile tests this week that has escalated tensions in region.

South Korea's Defense Ministry said at least one B-1B bomber will participate on last day of a joint U.S.-South Korea air force exercise that wraps up Saturday. South Korean and U.S. Military

officials didn't immediately provide more details. The "Vigilant Storm" exercise, which has involved about 240 warplanes, including advanced F-35 fighter jets from both countries, has triggered an angry reaction from North Korea.

The North this week launched dozens of missiles into the sea, including an intercontinental ballistic missile that triggered evacuation warnings in northern Japan, and flew its own warplanes inside its terri-

N Korea fires more missiles as US flies bombers over South

Seoul: North Korea added to its recent barrage of weapons demonstrations by launching four ballistic missiles into the sea on Saturday, as US sent two supersonic bombers streaking over South Korea in a duelling display of military might that underscored rising tensions in region.

## COP27: Host resort town gives Egypt tight grip over protests



**AP** ■ SHARM EL-SHEIKH

With turquoise seawaters and rich coral reefs, Egypt's resort town of Sharm el-Sheikh is a picturesque location for this year's United Nations global summit on climate change, known as COP27.

But behind postcard-perfect appearances, it's a tightly controlled fortress on the Red Sea. Climate activists say the restrictions will discourage protests that have been a way for the public to raise their voices at past summits. Many working in tourism have been sent home; those who stayed need special security cards.

Vacationers have been turned back at security checkpoints surrounding the town. Hotel rates have increased tenfold, pricing out many. Local workers are prevented from speaking freely with visitors.

In a country where protests are virtually banned, the government has set up a specific venue for climate protests except no one is quite sure where it is. Notifications are

required 36 hours in advance. Egypt's Foreign Ministry did not respond to requests for comment. In past statements, officials have pledged to allow protest and participation from

activists. As COP27 approach-

es, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi's government has touted its efforts to make Sharm el-Sheikh a more ecofriendly city, with new solar panels and electric vehicles.

"From the beginning, there was a big question mark on the choice of Egypt as a host country," said one Egyptian activist, who was detained for over two years without trial during the government's crackdown on dissent.

He spoke on condition of anonymity, fearing he could be re-arrested. "They know that the choice of Sharm means there would be no protests."

The scene is likely to be a sharp contrast to COP26 last year in Glasgow, Scotland, where some 100,000 people marched through the streets in one rally and protesters massed frequently in public squares, parks and bridges.

On Friday, a group of activists took part in a small protest calling for climate action on the African continent at a roundabout in front of the conference venue in Sharm el-

## **PICICI** Bank

Date: November 05, 2022 Place: Delhi/ NCR

Branch Office: ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]

Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Earnest	Time of	Date & Time of E-Auction
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id.	Mrs. Reena Verma (Borrower) Mr. Mukul Verma (Co Borrower) Loan Account No. LBDEL00005243194/ LBDEL00005259497	Item No 1: All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Vacant Site No 20, formed out of Sy Nos. 76/1, 77, 78/2, 79 & 80 of Kambipura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Which is duly converted from Agricultural Purposes to Non-Agricultural Residential purposes, vide conversion Order No. ALN(S)SR(K)/48/ 2012-13, dated 10/01/2013, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and the layout is approved by Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) vide No. BDA/TPM/PRL-16/2013-14/6878/2013-14, dated 20/03/2014 and measuring East to West: Northern Side: 47'.00" Feet, Southern Side: 51'.40" feet, North to South: Eastern Side: 30'.33" feet, Western Side: 30'.00" feet, Totally measuring: 1484 Sq. ft., and bounded on the:- East by: Private Property, West by: Road, North by: Site No. 19, South by: Site No. 21. Item No 2: All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Vacant Site No 21, formed out of Sy Nos. 76/1, 77, 78/2, 79 & 80 of Kambipura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Which is duly converted from Agricultural Purposes to Non-Agricultural Residential purposes, vide conversion Order No. ALN(S)SR(K)/48/2012-13, dated 10/01/2013, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and the layout is approved by Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) vide No. BDA/TPM/PRL-16/2013-14/6878/2013-14, dated 20/03/2014 and measuring East to West: Northern Side: 51'.40" Feet, Southern Side: 55'.80" feet, North to South: Eastern Side: 30'.33" feet, Western Side: 30'.00" feet, Totally measuring: 1617 Sq. ft., and bounded on the:- East by: Private Property, West by: Road, North by: Site No. 20, South by: Private Property.	Rs. 1,26,41, 035,42 (as on November 05, 2022)	Rs. 80,00, 000/- Rs. 8,00, 000/-	November 09, 2022 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	November 29, 2022 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited (URL Link-www.disposalhub.com). The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till November 28, 2022 before 04:00 PM failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068 on or before November 28, 2022 before 05:00 PM and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before November 28, 2022 before 05:00 PM along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068 on or before November 28, 2022 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Bangalore.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on 9844542086/8008999536/7304918084.

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# Six mn tons sugar export on quota basis till May 31

The Government on Saturday allowed export of 6 million tonnes of sugar on quota basis till May 31, according to a food ministry notification.

As per the notification, the ministry has allocated a uniform export quota of 18.23 per cent of the three years average production of the sweetener in operational sugar seasons. Sugar mills can export themselves or through exporters or swap with domestic sale quota of any other mills, it said. Sugar season runs from October to September.

"In order to prevent uncontrolled export of sugar or with a view to ensure sufficient availability of sugar for domestic consumption at a reasonable price, government has decided to allow export of sugar upto a reasonable limit with effect from November 1 till May 31,



According to official sources, the first tranche of quota has been allowed only till May-end. Further allocation of quota for export will be decided based on the domestic sugar

The sugar production in the new 2022-23 season commenced in Maharashtra and Karnataka from October onwards, whereas in Uttar Pradesh and rest of the cane growing states, it will kick off

In October month alone, mills had manufactured 4.05 lakh tonnes of sugar, which was lower by 14.73 per cent from the year-ago period, according to cooperative body National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories Ltd.

The government had restricted sugar exports towards the end of the 2021-22 season (October-September) to ensure sufficient stocks for domestic consumption and prevent any rise in retail prices during the festive period. Despite restrictions, about 11 million tonnes of sugar were exported during the entire 2021-22 season, according to official data.

Sugar production stood at a record 35.92 million tonnes in the 2021-22 season. Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka are the top three sugar producing states in

# SBI logs highest quarterly profit at ₹13,265 cr in Q2

State Bank of India on Saturday reported the highest-ever quarterly profit at Rs 13,265 crore, up 74 per cent year-on-year, for the September quarter of FY23, buoyed by robust loan sales, higher interest income and lower provi-

The country's largest lender said its total income increased to Rs 88,734 crore during the quarter under review from Rs 77,689.09 crore a year ago. The key net interest income rose 13 per cent to Rs 35,183 crore from Rs 31,184

Of the total income, more than one-fourth or Rs 24,400 crore came from investment gains, though the bank has not booked profit from government securities in which it holds an additional exposure of over Rs 3.85 lakh crore, chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara told reporters during the earnings



As the bank nearly passed on the entire rate by the central bank to borrowers as well as depositors, its domestic net interest margin improved to 3.55 per cent from 3.50 per cent

The asset quality of the bank improved with the gross non-performing assets (NPAs) crashing by 138 basis points (bps) to 3.52 per cent from 4.90 per cent a year ago, while net NPAs nearly halved to 0.80 per cent of the advances from 1.52 per cent in the year-ago peri-

bad loans declined to Rs 2,011 crore from Rs 2,699 crore onyear, the chairman said.

In absolute terms, the gross NPAs declined by 13.83 per cent to Rs 1,06,804 crore and the net NPAs by 36.5 per cent to Rs 23,572 crore.

While the bank earned an interest income of Rs 79,860 crore, up 15 per cent, its interest expenses rose 16.6 per cent to Rs 44,676 crore. Of the total income, the key net interest income rose 12.83 per cent to Rs 35,183 crore as its NIM (Net Interest Margin) improved by 5 bps to 3.55 per cent.

#### **BUSINESS BRIEF**

**POWERGRID POSTS 8% YOY GROWTH IN Q2** Gurugram: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a 'Maharatna' Company under Ministry of Power, Gol, has announced the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and half year ended 30th September, 2022. The company has reported PAT of ₹3,650 crore and Total Income of ₹11,349 crore on consolidated basis registering a YoY growth of 8%. On standalone basis, the Company has posted PAT and Total Income of ₹3,651 crore and ₹11,190 crore respectively registering a YoY growth of 9% and 7% respectively during Q2FY23. For six-month period (H1FY23), the PAT and Total Income on consolidated basis are ₹7,451 crore and ₹22,518 crore respectively, which are about 11% and 8% higher with respect to the corresponding period of FY22 (excluding exceptional items), while on standalone basis, the PAT and Total Income are ₹7,417 crore and ₹22,207 crore respectively, registering a growth of 12% and 7% respectively with respect to the corresponding period of FY22 (excluding exceptional items).

#### **GUV LAUNCHES ISRO & DAE EXHIBITION IN SRMU**

Amravati: Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Biswabhusan Harichandan inaugurated the Science and Technology Exhibition, by ISRO and DAE, at SRM University-AP, Andhra Pradesh, on November 03, 2022. "The societal expectations from science and technology are increasing. Thus, the scientific



community has the responsibility to rise to the expectations" said Governor to the intellectual gathering. The exhibition, organised as a prelude to 88th Annual meeting of the Indian Academy of Sciences, will be open till November 06 on the campus.

#### IAB, SRM HOLD PRESS MEET ON 88TH ANNUAL MEET

Amravati: Indian Academy of Bengaluru, and SRM University-AP Andhra Pradesh held a joint press conference on November 03, 2022, at the university campus following the inauguration of the Science & Technology Exhibition by Governor of Andhra Pradesh Biswabhusan



Harichandan. The Annual Meeting of IASc, hosted at SRM AP during November 04-06 aims to exchange scientific inferences and innovations through discourses on recent scientific breakthroughs. Leading scientists, technologists and seasoned academic professionals will be attending the event and disseminating their scientific expertise on technology and development

#### KSB LTD SALES GROW BY 17% IN Q2

New Delhi: The sales value of ₹4.313 million KSB achieved for this guarter is 17% increase over the previous year. The Sales value for 3 guarters of 2022 is ₹12.974 million which is about 23% increase over the same period last year. It achieved 13% ROS for the quarter. Commenting on the quarterly performance, Farrokh Bhathena, Director Sales and Marketing, KSB Limited said, "We have registered outstanding Year on Year sales growth of 17% for the third quarter and also, 23% increase in the cumulative sales for 3 quarters with

## 'India faces global shocks with better balance sheets'

#### **Medium-term** growth outlook good, says CEA

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India is encountering global shocks with a position of strength backed by far better household, corporate and financial sector balance sheets and its medium term growth outlook is good, said Chief Economic Adviser V Anantha Nageswaran.

"Overall, all things considered, including the risk of oil price, I do believe that the external situation will be manageable, of course with some anxious moments to come," he said while speaking at an event organised by National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) here.

He further said that given all the short-term unknowns, it was better to focus on mediumterm prospects and what lies ahead of the country in the

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next six years until 2030. "The medium-term

growth outlook is actually constructive very simply because we have paid our growth dues last decade and that was because we had to undergo balance sheet repair in the financial and non-financial sector. We are encountering global shocks fortunately with a far better household, corporate and financial sector balance sheet," he added. On the high debt-to-GDP

ratio, Nageswaran said, it is sustainable as India's macroeconomic fundamentals are

Even in the ongoing global turmoil India's borrowing cost is lower than countries which have better ratings than India, he said. "India's bond yield has not

really spiked up. It is doing better than countries that have better credit ratings than India. That tells us a little bit about the overall macroeconomic stability that is there under the current circumstances," he

## Tariffs at 'unsustainable' levels. industry needs price correction for continued investments: VIL



elecom operator Vodafone **▲** Idea (VIL) has said telecom tariffs in India continue to remain at "unsustainable levels" and the industry needs "tariff correction" to support continued investments.

VIL has seen average revenue per user (ARPU) growth for five consecutive quarters now. Its average revenue or realisation per user at Rs 131 in Q2 FY23 was 19.5 per cent higher than the year-ago period, aided mostly by tariff hikes and subscriber upgrades.

ARPU for the September quarter was higher sequentially as well, when compared

"However, it is important to note that despite the price intervention made in the last one year, the tariffs in India continue to remain at unsus-

tainable levels. And we believe that industry needs further tariff correction to support the continued investments going forward," Vodafone Idea CEO Akshaya Moondra said during the company's analyst call on Q2 FY23 earnings on Friday.

Over the last one year, the company has taken several tariff interventions including for entry level plans, he said, adding VIL continues to focus on getting more customers on 4G and unlimited plans.

Citing the previews of digital and futuristic 5G use cases showcased by the company at the recently-held India Mobile Congress, Moondra said: "We are ready for the next where the connected world with limitless digital solutions will soon be new norm, and we will be playing a vital role in the

## Cloudtail fined ₹1L for selling pressure cookers on Amazon in violation of BIS standards

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The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has imposed a penalty of Rs 1 lakh on Cloudtail India for selling pressure cookers on Amazon in violation of mandatory BIS standards. The authority has asked

Cloudtail to recall 1,033 pressure cookers and also reimburse the money to customers.

According to an official statement, CCPA -- headed by Chief Commissioner Nidhi Khare -- has passed an order against Cloudtail India Pvt Ltd for "violation of consumer rights and unfair trade practice" by selling domestic pressure cookers in violation of mandatory standards.

The standards are prescribed as per Domestic Pressure Cooker (Quality Control) Order, 2020. "The company was also

directed to pay a penalty of Rs 1,00,000 for selling domestic pressure cookers to consumers in violation of mandatory standards prescribed under the QCO and violating the rights of consumers," the statement

The CCPA initiated suomoto action against e-commerce platforms for sale of domestic pressure cookers in violation to compulsory stan-



notice to major e-commerce platforms including Amazon, Flipkart, Paytm Mall, Shopclues and Snapdeal as well as to the sellers registered on these platforms. 'Cloudtail India Pvt Ltd is

The CCPA had issued

the seller of pressure cooker namely 'Amazon Basics Stainless Steel Outer Lid Pressure Cooker, 4 L (does not give pressure alert by whistle)'," the statement said. The pressure cooker was

being offered for sale to consumers on Amazon e-commerce platform. Cloudtail submitted in its

reply to CCPA that after the QCO (Quality Control Order) came into force, it had suspended the import of the pres-

CCPA observed that though import was suspended, the company had not stopped the sale of such pressure cook-

### Punjab & Sind Bank net profit rises 27% to ₹278 crore in Q2

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 $P_{\&\ Sind\ Bank\ on\ Saturday}^{ublic\ sector\ lender\ Punjab}$ said its net profit rose 27 per cent to Rs 278 crore in the second quarter of FY23 on the back of reduction in bad loans.

The bank had reported a profit of Rs 218 crore in the year-ago period.

Total income of the bank during the July-September quarter of FY23 rose to Rs 2,120.17 crore against Rs 1,974.78 crore in the corresponding period of FY22, regulatory filing.

The bank's gross non-perto 9.67 per cent of the gross advances at the end of previous year.

NIIT acquires US-based St Charles Consulting



September 2022 from 14.54 per cent during the same period a year ago.

In value terms, the gross NPAs (bad loans) of the Delhiheadquartered bank stood at Rs 7,128.45 crore by the end of crore in Q2FY22.

Net NPAs also came down forming assets (NPAs) declined to 2.24 per cent from 3.81 per cent in the second quarter of

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF PG ADVERTISING PRIVATE LIMITED

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Vinay Kumar Singhal

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RELEVANT PARTICULARS PG Advertising Private Limited (Formerly known as Prabhatam Advertising Pvt Ltd.) Date of incorporation of corporate debtor 08-04-2005 Authority under which corporate debtor is Registrar of Companies, NCT of Delhi U74999DL2005PTC134902

incorporated / registered Corporate Identity No. / Limited Liability Identification No. of corporate debtor Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate

Insolvency commencement date in respect of corporate debtor

8. Name and registration number of the insolvency professional acting as interim resolution professional
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resolution professional, as registered

with the Board

10. Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the interim

Classes of creditors, if any, under clause (b) of sub-section (6A) of section 21, ascertained by the interim identified to act as Authorised

Representative of creditors in a class hree names for each class) are available at:

 a) https://ibbi.gov.in/home/downloads
 b) Not applicable Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal, Bench-II, New Delhi has ordered the commencement of the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process of PG Advertising Private Limited on 18-10-2022.

Private Limited on 16-10-2022.

The creditors of PG Advertising Private Limited, are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before 17-11-2022 to the interim resolution professional at the address mentioned against entry No. 10. The financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only. All other receitors may submit the claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic means. An other creditors may submit the claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic means. A financial creditor belonging to a class, as listed against the entry No. 12, shall indicate its choice of authorised representative from among the three insolvency professionals listed against entry No. 13 to act as authorised representative of the class [specify class] in Form CA.

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## Go Fashion reports Q2 PAT at ₹19.3 cr

Go Fashion (India) Ltd which owns the popular women's wear brand 'Go Colors' has recorded a 3.76 per cent rise on its profit after tax for the second quarter ending September 30, 2022 at Rs 19.3 crore, the company said on Saturday.

The company had registered profit after tax at Rs 18.6 crore during corresponding quarter previous year.

Total revenue during the quarter under review stood at Rs 165.8 crore as against Rs 112.1 crore registered corresponding quarter last fiscal, the company said. The cash flow from operations for the half year period ending

September 30, 2022 stood at Rs 36 crore as compared to Rs 8 crore recorded in same period last vear. In a statement, the com-

pany clarified that the second quarter and half yearly performance in last financial year was impacted due to COVID-19 enforced lockdown. Commenting on the

financial performance, Go Fashion (India) Ltd CEO Gautam Saraogi said, "despite challenging environment, the company has performed well in Q2 and first half of FY2022-23.

Our revenues for the second quarter grew by 48 per cent year on year to Rs 166 crore highest ever quarterly revenues at Go Fashion."

### Group to expand strategic capabilities PTI ■ NEW DELHI

ralent development compa-I ny and managed training services provider NIIT on Saturday announced it has acquired St Charles Consulting Group for a 'fixed consideration' of USD 23.4 million

Headquartered in St Charles, Illinois, StC is a provider of consulting, design, and implementation solutions for strategic learning programmes to professional services firms and Fortune 500

(about Rs 192 crore).

"NIIT...Announced today that it has acquired 100 per cent membership interest in St Charles Consulting Group LLC(StC) through its wholly-



owned subsidiary, NIIT (USA), Inc," the company said in a statement. The acquisition was com-

pleted at a fixed consideration of USD 23.4 million subject to certain adjustments. In addition, the definitive agreements provide for payment of annual performance based earnouts over the next four years. The acquisition helps NIIT

add significant presence in the professional services and management consulting sectors while strengthening its fastgrowing learning consulting

"The transaction is in line with NIIT's stated goal of accelerating growth through investments that add new capabilities to bring more value to its customers and strengthen presence in attractive customer segments," the statement

St Charles' experience in strategic learning programmes aimed towards advancing overall strategy, addressing business priorities, and key initiatives at large companies, are in high demand.

NIIT believes there is a significant growth opportunity for StC's business going forward and expects the transaction to be margin and EPS (earning per share) accretive from the first year, it added.

## Bank of Baroda Q2 profit rises 59% to ₹3,313 crore

State-owned Bank of Baroda on Saturday reported a jump of 59 per cent in its net profit to Rs 3,313 crore for the second quarter ended September on the back of a decline in bad loans and rise in interest income. The lender had posted a net

profit of Rs 2,088 crore in the Rs 20,270.74 crore a year ago, it corresponding quarter of the said in a regulatory filing. previous fiscal. Its total income rose to Rs

Net interest income grew by 34.5 per cent to Rs 10,714 crore. 23,080.03 crore for the second The lender improved its



cent from 2.83 per cent.

As a result, provisions for bad loans and contingencies

declined to Rs 1,627.46 crore for the quarter from Rs 2,753.59 crore a year ago. Net interest margins rose to 3.33 per cent at the end of September 2022.

## **Mahindra Lifespace** sale bookings grow 32% to ₹399 cr in Q2

cent to Rs 399 crore during September quarter 2022-23 on better housing demand. Its sale bookings stood

at Rs 303 crore in the yearago period, according to an investors' presentation.

Mahindra Lifespace, a part of business conglomerate Mahindra Group, report1,028 crore in the housing segment in 2021-22. Mahindra Lifespace has almost reached the last year's

number in six months only and hence it is expecting a significant growth in 2022-

#### asset quality, with the gross ed an over two-fold jump in PTI ■ NEW DELHI PTI ■ NEW DELHI non-performing assets (NPAs) coming down to 5.31 per cent of sale bookings at Rs 1,001 $R^{\text{ealty firm Mahindra}}_{\text{Lifespace Developers'}}$ crore for April-September the gross advances by the end of 2022-23 from Rs 449 crore September 2022, from 8.11 per sale bookings rose 32 per in the year-ago period. The company had achieved sale bookings of Rs cent in the year-ago period. Net NPAs fell to 1.16 per

# ASIAN ELITE BOXING: MINAKSHI ASSURES INDIA A MEDAL; SAKSHI LOSES IN QUARTERS

oman boxer Minakshi assured India a medal by reaching the semifinals of the 2022 Asian Elite Boxing Championship here on Saturday while compatriot Sakshi crashed out of contention after losing her quarterfinal bout.

Minakshi defeated Philippines' Irish Magno 4-1 in a women's 52kg quarterfinals bout in Amman, Jordan on Saturday. That assured her a medal in the prestigious event as all semifinalists get a medal. Minakshi will now be hoping to win her last-four stage bout to capture a better colour medal.

Her compatriot Sakshi ran into a tougher opponent as she lost 0-5 to Chinese Taipei',s Hsiao-Wen Huang in the quarterfinals bout in the 54kg weight category tus ending her hopes of winning a medal.

Also on Saturday, five more Indian women boxers including Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain will compete in their quar-



Besides Lovlina, Preeti (57kg) Parveen (63kg), Ankushita (66kg) and Pooja (70kg) will fight their respective bouts on Saturday.

Lovlina, who has changed her weight category from 69kg, will be appearing in her first international tournament in the 75kg weight category as she takes to the ring against the 2016 World Champion, Valentina Khalzova of Kazakhstan.

Late on Friday night, India's Ananta Chopade defeated Tanaka Shogo of Japan 5-0 in a Round of 16 bout in the

54kg weight category. Compatriot Etash Khan, however, lost 2-3 to Thailand's Khunatip Pidnuch in a Round of 16 bout in the 60kg weight class at the Asian Elite Boxing Championships.

Earlier on Friday, five-time Asian Championships medallist Shiva Thapa along with Sachin and Amit Kumar progressed to the quarterfinals by winning their respective bouts in the elite com-



## FIFA urges World Cup teams to focus on soccer over politics

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 $F^{ ext{IFA}'s ext{ top officials have urged}}_{ ext{the 32 teams preparing for}}$ the most political World Cup in the modern era to focus on the game in Qatar and avoid handing out lessons in morality.

A letter urging teams to "let football take centre stage" was sent by FIFA president Gianni Infantino and secretary general Fatma Samoura ahead of intense media focus on coaches and players when World Cup squads are announced next week.

"Please, let's now focus on the football!" Infantino and Samoura wrote, asking the 32 soccer federations to "not allow football to be dragged into every ideological or political battle that

Qatar being picked in 2010 as World Cup host sparked scrutiny on its treatment of low-paid migrant workers needed to build projects costing tens of billions of dollars and its laws criminalising same-sex relationships. FIFA's comments in defence of Qatar follows more strident targeting of critics in recent weeks by public officials, including the Emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, as

the November. 20 kickoff nears. The Emir two weeks ago denounced "fabrications and double standards" in what he has called an "unprecedented campaign" against a World Cup host nation.

Eight European teams have committed to their captains wearing heart-shaped armbands — in breach of FIFA rules — to support an anti-discrimination campaign launched in the Netherlands, and Australia players took part in a video airing concerns about Qatar's human rights record.

Several coaches and federations, including the United States, have backed calls to create a compensation fund for

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Denmark's squad is taking a black team jersey as a sign of "mourning" for those who died in Qatar.

The Dutch soccer federation pushed back at FIFA late Friday, restating its commitment to leave "lasting improvements in the situation of migrant workers in Qatar.'

The Netherlands plays Qatar on November. 29 in Group A and the team's officials pledged on Friday to press FIFA on creating a long-term resource center in Doha for migrant workers when world soccer's 211 member federations meet hours before attending the World Cup

opening game.

Iran has also faced calls to be removed before it plays England in the second game of the World Cup on November. 21 in a group that also includes the

Iranian fan groups want the federation suspended for discriminating against women, and Ukraine soccer officials asked FIFA to remove Iran from the World Cup for human rights violations and supplying the Russian military with weapons. Infantino moved from

Switzerland to live in Doha for the past year during preparations for what he has consistently said would be the best World Cup ever. "We know football does not live in a vacuum and we are equally aware that there are many challenges and difficulties of a political nature all around the world," the FIFA leaders wrote on Thursday in their letter that did not address or identify any specific issue.
"At FIFA, we try to respect

all opinions and beliefs, without handing out moral lessons to the rest of the world. One of the great strengths of the world is indeed its very diversity, and if inclusion means anything, it means having respect for that diversity."

added: "No one people or culture or nation is better' than any other. This principle is the very foundation stone of mutual respect and non-discrimination. And this is also one of the core values of football."

They repeated long-standing promises made by Qatar, including by its Emir at the United Nations general assembly in New York in September, that all visitors to Qatar will be welcome "regardless of origin, background, religion, gender, sexual orientation or nationality." In a separate in-house interview published on Friday by FIFA, Samoura acknowledged the perception of Qatar "as a conservative society, like my own country in Senegal."
"But let me tell you one

thing — Qataris are the most hospitable people you can find on earth," said the former UN official, who is also of Muslim

Frustration with the scrutiny on the first Arab host of the World Cup led at least two government ministers this week to suggest race as a motive.

"Is such racism acceptable in Europe in the 21st century? Football belongs to everyone, Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani said in an interview with French daily Le Monde published on Friday.

Labour Minister Ali bin Samikh Al Marri said this week that calls to create a compensation fund for migrant workers were a "publicity stunt," and cited a Qatari-backed scheme that had

paid tens of millions of dollars. FIFA and Qatari officials have long insisted hosting the World Cup accelerated the modernizing of labour laws which Samoura said on Friday was accepted as a model for regional neighbors to follow.

About 1.2 million international visitors are expected in

# I-League winner to be promoted to ISL next season, says AIFF

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) on Saturday said that the winner of the I-League, which begins on November 12, will play in the Indian Super League (ISL) next season, without paying any fee as per the roadmap finalised three years ago. But the participation of I-

League winners of 2022-23 season — as well as 2023-24 — in the ISL will be subject to fulfilling the club licensing criteria. "We can confirm that the I-

League winner of this season will be promoted to the ISL (2023-24 season) subject to fulfilling the Premier one licensing criteria and sporting merit," AIFF secretary general Shaji Prabhakaran told PTI. "They (I-League winners)

will not give any (participation) fee. Since all the clubs playing in the ISL will have to fulfil Premier one licensing criteria, they (I-League winners) also will have to fulfil the criteria."

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



tion system was to kick in the ISL from 2024-25 season

Asked if the ISL organisers and AIFF marketing partners FSDL have agreed to the I-League winners from this year onwards qualifying for the ISL, Prabhakaran said, "The decision is as per the roadmap which was agreed earlier. We have just continued with the roadmap.

'This will end all the speculation and will take Indian football forward. The I-League clubs will welcome this decision."

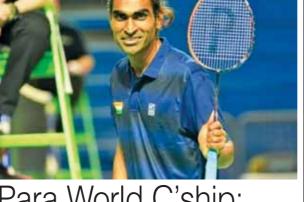
There were speculations in certain quarters whether the roadmap will be adhered to by the new executive council led by president Kalyan Chaubey though the AIFF had denied media reports which had suggested any move to deviate from the plan approved by the AFC.

the decision at the press conference held here on Friday, but could not do that as it did not get the go-ahead from its legal team

"Our legal team could not complete work yesterday. But they have completed it today and we have got the legal go ahead now," Prabhakaran said.

"Since it was in the roadmap agreed earlier, there is no need for the executive council of the AIFF to approve it again. This decision (to promote I-League winner to ISL) is final."

The I-League, which begins on November 12 at Manjeri with defending champions Gokulam Kerala hosting last year's runners-up Mohammedan Sporting, will be telecast live on two channels — Eurosport and DD Sports — and will be livestreamed on the Discovery Plus



## Para World C'ship: Shuttler Bhagat in singles, doubles finals

IANS NEW DELHI

Ace shuttler Pramod Bhagat is one step away from defending his double gold medal at the ongoing Para-Badminton World Championships in Tokyo, Japan.

Pramod Bhagat, who is playing his seventh career World Championships, has won a total of five gold, one silver and three bronze medals in singles and doubles in the six championships he has played. Moreover, except for the 2007 and 2017 World Championships, Pramod has reached the finals in all the

Saturday's exciting semifi-

Pramod Bhagat and Japan's Daisuki Fujihara in which Pramod entered the final with a score of 22-20, 21-14. He will meet his countryman Nitesh Kumar in the final.

In the same way, Pramod Bhagat and his doubles partner Manoj Sarkar went past the pair of Guillaume Gaily and Mathieu Thomas of France easily with a scoreline of 21-08, 21-16 and reached the final. They will meet Indonesia's Ramdani and Ukun Runkandi

in the final on Sunday. On the other hand, World No.3 Sukant Kadam went down fighting in his semifinal match against Indonesia's Fredy Setiawan with a score of

## PKL 9: Pardeep Narwal replaces Nitesh as AHF CEO Ikram elected as new FIH president

Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) CEO Mohammad Tayyab Ikram of Macau was on Saturday elected as the new president of the International Hockey Federation (FIH), succeeding India's Narinder Batra as its full-time chief.

Ikram defeated Marc Coudron of Belgium 79-47 in the 48th FIH Congress held virtually. Out of 129 national associations, 126 casted valid votes.

The duration of Ikram's term will be for two years, in order to complete the mandate of the previous chief, Batra, who resigned on July 18. Now a citizen of Macau, İkram was born in Pakistan.

Seif Ahmed was the acting president of the FIH following Batra's resignation from the top post after the Delhi High Court asked him to stop functioning as



(IOA) chief. Batra, who became the FIH president in 2016, resigned from the post in July. He also gave up his International Olympic Committee (IOC) membership which was directly linked with his IOA position.

The FIH Executive Board consists of a president; eight ordinary members, one half being renewed every two years; an athletes' representative; Presidents of the Continental Federations; CEO; any (non-voting) member co-opted onto the Executive Board pursuant to Article 7.1 (c) of FÎH Statutes.

## Nishna slips on back 9, as four players share the lead in Thailand

▼ndia's Nishna Patel was fine **▲** for the first seven holes before she ran into a disastrous stretch of bogeys and ended the third day at 5-over and Tied-44th in the Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific Championship here.

Nishna, who is the only Indian to make the cut from the six who came here, had shot 72-71 on first two days. With 77 on the third, she is 4-over and tied 44th. The defending champion and 36-hole leader, Mizuki Hashimoto (77), suffered a collapse in the last six holes with four bogeys and a double on a day when the greens were tricky and tough. As Hashimoto dropped from overnight 9under to 4-under and tied ninth, there was a traffic jam at the top with four players sharing the lead at 8-under.

The four included two locals, the highly acclaimed 38th world ranked Natthakritta Vongtaveelop, who won the Thailand Amateurs two weeks ago, and a 16-year-old, Suvichaya Vinijchaitham.

Of the other two, there was Ting-Hsuan Huang from Chinese Taipei and a first timer

at WAAP, while the fourth was Korea's Lim Jiyoo.

Filipino Rianne Mikhaela Malixi, coached by Rick Gibson a former Philippine Open winner and an Indian Open runnerup, was lying sole fifth after a 70 and was at 7-under.

Nishna started steadily with five pars before finding her first birdie. She parred the next, but then her woes began. Nishna bogeyed eighth, ninth and 10th; parred the 11th, but the last seven holes saw four more bogeys and just one birdie on the Par-4 15th.

Nishna said, "The greens were tricky and slopey. The conditions were tough. But it has been a great experience." It has been a year of learn-

ing for Nishna, who also played the Women's Amateur in UK and the World Amateur Team Championship.

Natthakritta, was the joint runner-up last year, and already has five wins in 2022. She closed strongly with birdies on 17 and 18 for a 68 that put her at 8under for 54 holes.

Her teammate, Suvichaya Vinijchaitham, birdied the 10th and parred the last eight for a 69 and 8-under total.

Gurleen bags double title at Sat Sports AITA CS7 title: Navin claims boys' singles crown

IANS BENGALURU

Gurleen Kaur bagged a golden double in the Sat Sports Open AITA Championship Series 7 (CS7) U-14 championship while Navin Sundram won the boys' singles title at the Sat Sports Academy on Saturday. Gurleen came back from a set down to beat Deepshikha V. 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 to win the singles title and later joined hands with Geethika Gaddham to bag the doubles crown.

Navin Sundaram won the boys' singles title after brushing aside the challenge of Shreyanth M 6-1, 6-0 in the final.

In the boys' doubles, Shreyanth M. and Tarun H. won the title beating Siva Sampreeth and N. Mohit Reddy in the final.



previous seasons and till their last game against Puneri Paltans this season. Pardeep, who is known as Dubki King, is the only raider to have earned over 1400 raid points in the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL). In the past, he has captained Patna Pirates and helped them win three

League titles. UP Yoddhas are currently placed number 10th in the PKL standings with 24 points to their kitty. They would be

back-to-back Pro Kabaddi



facing Haryana Steelers on Saturday night which would also kick off Pardeep's journey with the team as a captain. "Nitesh is one of our finest

defenders and nothing changes that. This season has been testing and hence to concen-

ly there's nothing that he is left to achieve as a raider. He is currently placed on top of each raiding stat table viz; Total Points, Raid Points, Successful Raids, Average Raid Points, Super Raids and Super 10s of overall seasons of Pro Kabaddi League.

# It took us too long to get to India, says Formula E co-founder Longo

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

It took us too long to get to India. We will be here until they want us," said Formula E co-founder Alberto Longo, making his intentions clear 100 days before the inaugural race in Hyderabad on February 11.

A Formula E round and a scheduled Moto GP race in Greater Noida next year are expected to provide a much needed boost to Indian motorsport with the last major racing event in the country -- Formula -- taking place way back in

Formula 1 left India because of tax and financial issues but Longo and local promoter Anil

Kumar C said preparations are very much on track for Formula E's debut in India. Hyderbad ePrix will be the

third round of the FIA sanctioned World Championship with fully electric single seaters cars vrooming along the Hussain Sagar Lake at a top speed of 320 kmph.

The season opener will be held in Mexico with the championship travelling to major cities of the world, including New York and London. The 2.37 km long street cir-

cuit in the heart of Hyderabad will be tested in two weeks' time in the build up to the Formula E race. A round of Indian Racing League is scheduled



there from November 19-20. Renewable energy major

Greenko and Telangana government are local promoters of We race in the biggest

cities of the world and India was a tier 1 market for us from the very beginning. We have been trying to race since season one (2014) and then we met KTR (Telangana IT Minister KT Rama Rao) who has the vision of electric mobility that we .. "Mahindra Racing intro-

duced us to him and it was love at first sight. We took too long to get here but if things go well, we will be here until they want us," said Longo.

Mahindra Racing, who have been with the championship since day one, are among the seven manufacturers present in the series including Porsche, Nissan, Tata owned Jaguar, Maserati and McLaren. "All of our seven manufacturers wanted to come to India,

come to China and US but India

was a pending country and we

are here. We have an Indian DNA in Formula E," he said in

a reference to Mahindra and Tata owned Jaguar. The race is expected to make an economic impact of USD 150 million and Longo said there will be challenges that all stakeholders will have to

# ENGLAND BEAT SRI LANKA, MAKE SEMIFINALS AT THE EXPENSE OF HOSTS AUSTRALIA



Ingland rode on the experience of Ben Stokes as they scampered their way to the T20 World Cup semifinals with a four-wicket win over Sri Lanka, the result ending reigning champions and hosts Australia's campaign in the tournament.

Sri Lankan opener Pathum Nissanka gave them an explosive start with a 45-ball 67 but the English bowlers roared back to restrict them to a modest 141

Chasing a tricky target on a dry SCG wicket, Alex Hales (47; 30b) and skipper Jos Buttler (28; 23b) produced a ruthless opening partnership of 75 runs from

From there, they just needed 67 from 75 balls but in no

time, half of the English side were down with crafty spinner Wanindu Hasaranga (2/23) once again triggering a collapse.

He dismissed the English openers in addition of just seven runs, before the likes of Dhananjaya de Silva (2/24) and Lahiru Kumara (2/24) got into

With their designated No. 3 Dawid Malan injured (groin), England had a rejigged batting order and looked shaky, needing 31 runs in 33 balls when Moeen Ali became Dhananjaya de Silva's second victim.

But English Test skipper Stokes, looking to find form in this tournament, held his nerves and closed out the chase with a composed 42 not out from 36

He was associated in a nervy 15-run partnership with Chris Woakes. After rain proved to be a

dampener in the Australia-England clash at the Melbourne Cricket Ground earlier in the Super 12, the Aussies ended their group stage campaign with seven points, and their semifinal hopes rested on a Lankan win over the Englishmen.

England finished second behind New Zealand in Group 1 and will take on the Group 2 toppers in the last-four. The top three teams in the group finished on seven points each and Australia missed out by the thinnest of margins.

It was a rollicking start for England as Hales played the role of the aggressor while Buttler took time to settle down.

Gradually, the English skipper also got into the act as he

Australian great Ricky Ponting believes T20 crick-et is an "older person's game" and experienced players such as Virat Kohli tend to find a way

to overcome difficult times

Ponting said Kohli is a

champion player of the game

in all three formats" and India

bounced back in style to ignite

hopes for their second World

Cup title in the format after 15

day century drought with a

stunning 122 not out from 61

balls against Afghanistan at

the Asia Cup in September,

Kohli has been in the forefrunt

of India's success at the ongo-

ing T20 World Cup as they

inch closer to the semi-finals.

rewards of keeping him there

and if they go on to the next

stage then I'm sure he'll pro-

duce something big in one of

the finals as well," the two-time

World Cup winning captain

was quoted saying by the ICC

Saturday, has been the leading

run-scorer (220 runs) in the

**AP** ■ LONDON

Kohli, who turned 34 on

England's Ben Chilwell to miss

World Cup with hamstring injury

"India now are reaping the

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

and succeed.

smashed the wily Hasaranga for consecutive fours and a six.

Earlier, Nissanka provided the perfect start as he blazed his way to a 33-ball fifty after his team elected to bat.

The stylish opener took the English attack to the cleaners and slammed five sixes and two fours, but leg-spinner Adil Rashid (4-0-16-1) brilliantly turned it around by taking his maiden wicket of the tournament in the form of Nissanka.

Seamer Sam Curran (4-0-27-1) also bowled a tidy spell in the middle overs as Sri Lanka, who were going at over eight runs an over at the halfway mark, faltered in the back-end.

The lack of power-hitters cost the Lankans dear as boundaries dried up, and they could manage just 25 runs in the last five overs, a phase where they

also lost five wickets.

England pacer Mark Wood also overcame a woeful start and hit his straps at the back end to return with 3 for 26 as England denied their opposition about 15-20 extra runs.

Buttler brought in his pace ace Wood in the third over and Mendis took him on in the very first ball with a six over deep square leg. Taking a cue from his opening partner, Nissanka finished the over with another maximum as the over yielded 17

Rashid's entry slowed down their run-rate and wickets kept falling at the other end, but Nissanka continued his counterattacking approach en route to his ninth fifty, and second of this World Cup. Rashid and Curran then pegged the Lankans back

T20 more about older man's game: Ponting



# 'Ben can play many roles, affects game in all facets'

PTI ■ SYDNEY

ngland skipper Jos Buttler is delighted that Ben Stokes ✓has found his form as the T20 World Cup approaches the business end, saying that the allrounder can play a lot of roles in the side thanks to his talent.

After an underwhelming tournament so far, Stokes held his nerve through a middleorder collapse to lead England into the semifinals with a fourwicket win over Sri Lanka here on Saturday.

After a solid start by Buttler and Alex Hales, England batters lost the plot with half the side back in the dugout, largely due to mystery spinner Wanindu Hasaranga before Stokes took the former champions over the "These kind of situations is

what he's made for and I'm delighted for him. While he's at the crease, that gives you a sense of calm," Butller said a the post-match presentation. "He can play a lot of roles.

He effects the game in all three facets. He's a proper competitor. Getting to this stage of competition is where you just see him grow and grow.'

Sri Lanka were off to a flyer on the back of Pathum Nissanka's sizzling fifty, before England bowlers roared back to restrict the Asia Cup champions below 150.

"They got off to a really good start, and we felt the wicket would play that way since it was a used wicket. But the way Adil Rashid got us back was wonderful.

"Lot of people look at the end product with him, he doesn't have the wickets but he has

been bowling well."
Young Sam Curran has been sensational at the death for England throughout the tournament, and the skipper was fulsome in his praise for the pacer and opener Hales.

"Sam keeps growing and growing, he's a key member of this team and he likes to be in these tough moments. I think Alex (Hales) in that one over really took the game out of Sri Lanka.'

England, who finished second in the Group 1, will play their semifinal in Adelaide against winners of the second

group.
"Excited to go there, we just needed to find a way to win today. Now it is time to go there and think about the semi-finals,' Buttler added. Sri Lanka skipper Dasun

Shanaka felt his sides chances of

winning the title were derailed

by multiple injuries to key play-

ers. "I think we played good

today they bowled well but that is an area we have to improve." "Catching has been a problem in this tournament, we need to go back and improve," he added.

cricket in patches, but we had a

few injuries which cost us the

tournament. If not, we could

there are a couple of areas that

have to polish up the areas where we didn't do well.

(Wanindu) Hasaranga and

(Maheesh) Theekshana have

bowled well throughout, but the

other bowlers have struggled,

However, the skipper said

"When we go home, we'll

have done better.

needed improvement.

Leg spinner Adil Rashid was adjudged the player of the match for his brilliant 1/16, which included the all-important wicket of Pathun Nissanka, who was going hammer and tonks at the English bowlers.

"I think all the bowlers bowled well, Stokes, Wood, everyone. We got some assistance (spin and seam) from this wicket, you don't get such assistance on Australian wickets. "I felt quite good, even

before the tournament I was feeling good. I did my job, was focused on it, rest is history. The pitch might spin, seam, you need to assess the conditions accordingly," he added.



## Preferably I would have liked to cut one cake, says birthday boy Kohli

**PTI** ■ MELBOURNE

relaxed Virat Kohli cele-Abrated his 34th birthday at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground with the Indian media and expressed a not-so-secret birthday wish — to cut an even bigger cake on November 13 night, after winning the T20 World Cup for India.

As he walked up the stairs of the MCG gallery, Kohli sported a smile, shook hands with everyone who wished him.

"Aapne kabhi sarvajanik tarikhe se apna janamdin manaya hai Virat? (Did you ever celebrate your birthday with the media Virat?" a senior journalist enquired "Âap logon ne pahle toh

kabhi mujhe janamdin pe cake bheja bhi naahin (You people never sent me a cake on my birthdays)," he said with a beaming smile.

He was asked to give a speech and the wry smile was "I am not answering any

questions," he said and on the media's demand. "It's nice to cut a cake at the MCG. Preferably, I would have liked to cut one cake," he smiled

and you knew what he was talking about. Next Sunday is the T20

World Cup final, and what Kohli would like to cut is a celebratory cake after winning the final for India.

India had just finished their net session and Kohli had a good half an hour batting session, facing the net bowlers along with Harshal Patel, Mohammed Siraj.

Ravichandran Ashwin had informed during his media interaction that the former captain did cut a cake in the dressing room.

Yeah, we got a cake. Rishabh had it. Just before we came for practice, yes," Ashwin had said in jest when asked about how the team is celebrat-

Credit to the Indian team's media wing and the ICC that when a request was made if Kohli would come for a small celebration with the Indian media contingent, they readily agreed. One of the travelling journalists got a cake and another senior scribe presented him with a special painting bought from Jaipur of a Rajasthani 'King'. A King's potrait for 'King Kohli'.

"Bhai badi acchi cake hain, kisne laya hain (Brother, it's a nice cake, who got it?" he enquired and thanked the reporter who had arranged it in quick time.

"Thank you, it's very tasty.' Someone requested for a group photo and he immediately agreed. The jostling to stand right next to the man of the hour and be relevant was there to be seen, as he patiently waited for the photo journalists to take pictures.

He gave autographs, thank you birthday messages on Youtube channels. Kohli looked happy and content.

He is scoring runs, the team is winning and he is in a



to get back playing for Chelsea

ASAP. Thanks for the messages

action in May after missing

most of last season.

Chilwell had returned to

The 25-year-old Chilwell expressed his disappointment in a Twitter post after the diag-

in the Champions League.

"Following my ACL injury I worked so hard to make sure I was ready for the World Cup. It has always been a dream of mine," he wrote. "Unfortunately, this won't be possible following my scan results. I'll do all I can

ongoing T20 World Cup and has only been dismissed once in four innings. India take on Zimbabwe in

their Super 12 finale here on Sunday. "I've also learned about

the T20 game over the years that I've been involved, is it's more of an older man's game, or older person's game, than a young man's game.

sticking with him as he and the know-how and the expertise in situations like Virat has been confronted with a couple of times. They've done it before, Having ended his 1,021and they tend to find a way to

get it done more often than Ponting had firmly believed that the out-of-form Kohli would turn it around and

persist with him. "He's been a champion player of the game in all three formats for a long period of

urged the Indian selectors to

time," Ponting said.
"One thing I've learnt about champion players, in this game in particular, is you just never write them off. They always tend to find a way, particularly when it matters most, to dig deep enough and find a way to get a job done.'

Remembering his 82 not



out against Pakistan, Ponting rated India's Super 12 opener against Pakistan as one of the greatest sporting spectacles.

"If you wind the clock back about a week, start of this tournament; India, Pakistan, right here at the MCG — that was what I thought might hap-

"Virat rolling the clock back a little bit, playing a match-winning knock, being man of the match in what I think is one of the best sporting spectacles that I've ever

epic four-wicket win by India.

Ponting said about the

Battling poor form and mental issues, Kohli had taken a month's break away from cricket before the Asia up in

Ponting said the support of family and teammates would also have been pivotal in his return to form.

"(It's) a great learning experience for Virat as a cricket person, to actually get to a point change, had to do something different," Ponting said.

"We know he's always been a really hard worker, he's always been fit, always looked after his diet and been a great trainer. That worked for him up until a certain period of time where he had to look elsewhere and find other ways to get back to being a great player again.

'At the end of the day, we all play the game to try and do the right thing by our family, by our teammates and our fans. And that's probably the order that it goes in, to be honest.

"You want to make your family proud, you want to win games for your teammates and vou want to have the people that turn up to watch, whether it's at the venue or through the TV screens, you want them to be proud of what you've done

> The players for the T20 matches were selected after trial

"As part of the preparation for the tour the squad was involved in some practice matches during a seven-day training camp in Trinidad. The final team selected contained some of the players who participated in the series in the USA and there are some new players who the panel would like to have a look at before a final team is selected for the World Cup," said lead selector, Ann Browne-John.

"The composition of the team is quite balanced with some strong batters and a good mix of spin and medium pacers. It will be their first experience against top international teams and these tour matches will give a better indication of where the team is at the moment," she

the team's preparations for the inaugural ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023. The global event will feature 41 matches be played from January

## Zimbabwe cricket chief mulls contesting ICC chairman polls

PTI DUBAI

Zimbabwe Cricket chairman Tavengwa Mukuhlani is likely to be in the race to challenge Greg Barclay for the ICC chairman's post at the upcoming elections slated next week in Melbourne. Famously known as 'Doc'

from his university days as a pharmacist, Mukuhlani has been on the ICC Board for a long time. He's reportedly weighing

his options on whether he would get enough support from small Full Member countries and the Associates. Having suffered a defeat to Barclay in 2020, ICC deputy

have pulled out. The ICC Board has a 16member electorate with 12 Full Members, one independent director (Indra Nooyi) and



As per the new rules, a

simple majority, and not a two-third one unlike last time, is needed to decide the new ICC chairman. "Mukuhlani believes he

chair Imran Khwaja is learnt to has the experience to take over the leadership and become a voice for smaller members and Associates," reported ESPNCricinfo.

"He is hedging his chances mainly on getting support from a majority of Asian countries except for the BCCI. At the moment, it is believed that the BCCI vote is leaning towards Barclay, but options remain open till election date," it Striving for equity among members and advocating for

governance changes is part of Mukuhlani's manifesto which is aligned with the vision Khwaja has had for several years. A member of the ICC's

Audit Committee and chair of the Membership Committee, the ZC chairman is also part of the global body's Olympics working group that is pushing for the sports entry at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

The ICC elections are scheduled during the ICC meetings in Melbourne on November 12-13.

#### West Indies U19 women's team to tour India ahead of T20 World cup 2023

IANS ■ ST JOHN'S (ANTIGUA)

Ashmini Munisar has been named skipper, while Trishan Holder will be her Indies women's U-19 squad for the T20 tour of India beginning in Visakhapatnam on November

The tour will feature matches against India-A Women U19, India-B Women U19 and Sri Lanka Women U19 at the Dr YS Rajasekhara Reddy International Stadium in Visakhapatnam. West Indies will then travel to Mumbai where they will play against New Zealand Women U19 at the DY Patil Stadium.

The team will be under the guidance of head coach Steve Liburd. Munisar is an allrounder who led the team when West Indies U19 played against USA Women's U19 in Fort Lauderdale in August. Vice-captain Holder is a top-order batter who was a member of the Barbados team at the Commonwealth Games playing matches against Pakistan, Australia and India.

matches in Trinidad.

This series in the sub-con-

tinent will form a crucial part of 14-29 in South Africa.

New Delhi, November 6, 2022

# the pioneer

I'm a fabulous date, I make sure I look good, has to say and I make sure the evening is a real laugh. I like to laugh



Brexit has ushered in a period of political instability in the UK. During the last six years, as prime ministers came and went (David Cameron, Theresa May, Boris Johnson, Liz Truss, and now Rishi Sunak), economic programs have been on the back burner and overseas investors on tenterhooks, writes GAURIE DWIVEDI.

# NO QUICK FIX FOR SUNAK

ishi Sunak, the fifth prime minister in the UK since 2016, has many firsts to his credit: he is the first Asian and first Indian-origin prime minister of the UK. But what remains to be seen is will the youngest PM of the UK become the first leader to arrest the biggest decline of the country since the 1930s. A sea of economic challenges besets the UK, and the task of tackling them is bigger than what many envisage since the problems have been growing for over a decade.

Earlier this week, the Bank of England raised alarm bells when it warned that the UK is likely to slip into a protracted recession. The UK's Central Bank has also cautioned that the economy is performing worse than the US and the Eurozone. Significantly, post-Covid shock all advanced economies have recovered and are now faring better than the UK. The British economy, meanwhile, is showing signs of collapsing under the weight of its systemic problems. The Bank of England also warned that the UK's recession may be its longest and unemployment figures could double in the next two years.

On its part, the Bank of England, like other central banks around the world, is resorting to the only tool in its arsenal: tightening the monetary policy. But it has its own peril. When banks hike rates to tame inflation, the growth is adversely impacted. The Bank of England, in a bid to contain record high inflation, hiked interest rates by the biggest percentage since 1989. The aggressive increase has taken the base rate to 3 per cent. This is the highest level since the global financial crisis in 2008.

The rate hike will only compound Sunak's problems as he tries to shore up confidence for his government, both among the British people and global investors. The sharp rise in rates will hit the poorest 10 percent of households very hard, since this segment spends twice as much of their budget on utilities and food, compared to the richest 10 percent. As per reports, for 8 million people who have fixed-rate mortgages, the rise in annual mortgage payments will kick in once their existing loan contracts expire. On average, this will be to the tune of 3000 pounds in additional pay. For more than 2 million households who are on variable-rate mortgages, the hit will be immediate.

Every politician worth his salt knows that rising mortgages are unpalatable, more so in an economy that is battling record-high inflation and unemployment. And Chancellor Jeremy Hunt acknowledged the pain that lies ahead when he said the rate rise was "going to be very tough for families with mortgages up and down the country."

As Prime Minister Sunak and Chancellor Hunt work away in their next-door offices, they have just about a fortnight to deliver a statement that will repair trust in the UK economy. Or at least, avoid a political implosion that will make global investors even less wary of investing in the British economy. Sunak's predecessor lost her job after investors began selling the pound against the dollar. Chancellor Hunt has stressed this aspect of his job when he reiterated, "The most important thing the British government can do right now is to restore stability, sort out our public finances, and get debt falling so that interest rate rises are kept as low as possible."

But rising interest rates will be just one of the many grievances that the MPs will have to address as they head back to their constituencies over the next few days. The economic

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to become tougher.

Both the Prime minister and his finance minister (officially referred to as the Chancellor of Exchequer) are preparing for tax rises and large public spending cuts. These are the textbook replies to international investors who are worried about the UK's rising debt and its falling currency (which makes debt repayment more costly). But to voters, these are measures that will reinforce the recession and contract an economy that has been in a state of inertia and low growth for over a decade now.

Welfare cuts have become a part of British politics and economics since 2010 when the age of austerity was rushed in. During the tenure of former chancellor George Osborne, except for the National Health Service, schools, and aid spending; all government budgets were slashed. Public sector pay was also frozen and taxes rose. These measures were in line with the publicly declared commitment to lowering the UK's high budget deficit, which was next only to America.

Three years later, though the government came close to achieving its fiscal consolidation target, these measures planted the British economy on a path of consistent underperformance of productivity and real GDP. Long periods of low productivity suck demand out of the system, which in turn stifle investment. In 2015, UK productivity, as measured by GDP per hour worked, was lower than the remaining G7 countries by a whopping 18 percentage points. The same year, David Cameron won a general election that was contested on a promise to further cut public spending. And of course, the following year came Brexit, which was touted as the panacea for all the ills and worries of the British economy and its future. Except that it has not.

Since 2016, the UK's political leadership has been in a state of Brexit-induced flux. And since many of its economic problems predate Brexit, they are now systemic and run deep. The UK's productivity growth, since the financial crisis in 2008, has fallen behind other advanced economies like France, Germany, and the US. This has resulted in median incomes in the UK being lower than its neighbours. This scenario is likely to remain, at least in 2023 when the UK is set to fare worse than all G20 nations, barring Russia. As per the Office of Budget Responsibility, which is the nodal body of Government finances, Brexit would further reduce productivity and UK GDP by a massive 4 percent. These

official figures indicate that there is

no easy quick fix for Sunak, a

passionate Brexitter. Brexiteers like Johnson and Sunak had claimed that exiting the EU would deliver favourable trade deals for the UK. The UK has indeed signed 71 trade deals since exiting the common trading platform of the EU. But these deals are similar to earlier agreements under the EU. Consider this, it is estimated that the UK's GDP will increase by 0.08 percent by 2035 on the back of its trade pact with Australia. The UK has also signed trade pacts with Japan and New Zealand, but these are likely to yield similar results.

Brexit has ushered in a period of political instability. During the last six years, as prime ministers came and went (David Cameron, Theresa May, Boris Johnson, Liz Truss, and now Rishi Sunak), economic programs have been on the back burner, and overseas investors on tenterhooks.

For the Tories, though, stability tantamounts to more cuts. It seems UK's long-awaited infrastructure schemes like the HS2 high-speed rail line, which has been delayed by nearly 15 years, could be one such casualty to the upcoming tough economic calls by Sunak's government. As cuts deepen, so will any hope of reviving investments. And as investments dry up, so will

the prospect of a long-term change in the UK's economic trajectory.

Osborne's austerity measures in 2010 came at a time when interest rates were at a record low. And with energy bills under check, the Tories could push through the relentless slashing of public budgets. In 2022, Jeremy Hunt has no such luxury; his austerity drive will have both economic and political ramifications. It may be a quick fix to soothe the frayed nerves of global investors, but it will not be able to bring back growth.

With a general election in two years, Sunak needs to turn around the economy and fortunes of Tories, who are facing record-low popularity

Almost fifty years ago, the UK faced stagflation, a global energy crisis, a current account deficit, and huge labor unrest. It had to be bailed out by the International Monetary Fund. It remains to be seen if the UK can avoid a similar outcome now. As the long British winter sets in and the Ukraine crisis shows no signs of ending, the scenario does not seem very far-fetched.

All eyes will be on Hunt's

November 17 statement. (Gaurie Dwivedi is an author and a senior journalist. She is also faculty at the Department of International

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# AIR POLLUTION MATTERS

Only when anti-pollution band-aid is applied, we wake-up to the hazards of breathing in toxic air. It is important to know that exposure to poor air quality is injurious to health—from head to toe. It's not only children, elderly individuals, those with co-morbidities, and those living in low socio-economic regions but even animals and plants too pay a price. Against the backdrop of the National Capital, Delhi, becoming a gas chamber-laden with toxic air, The HEALTH PIONEER brings a myriad of pollution-associated health studies and some recommendations on actions that individuals and organisations can take to improve air quality on a day-to-day basis.

■ Research by the USEPA can also be impacted by expofinds that certain health conditions, such as the respiratory effects of air pollution exposure, can be directly linked to their economic consequences, air pollution can cause permasuch as the costs associated with doctor visits, lost school utero, high air pollution expoand work days, hospital visits, and, ultimately, deaths. Such research helps to provide a rubric by which we can evaluate the vast amounts of human health damage that stroke. The same study found come from air pollution, in terms of the exact costs suffered by society and the economy at large

Research from the OECD's Economic Consequences of Air Pollution project finds that by 2060, global economic output will be reduced by approximately US\$330 USD per person, coupled with US\$155 billion increases in annual healthcare costs and 2.5 billion more lost workdays at the global

■ A large UK-based study found that even small increases in air pollution are associated with age-related macular degeneration, which causes irreversible sight loss. Even increases in particulate matter on the order of 1 µg/m3 were linked to an 8% increase in the risk for age-related macular degeneration (AMD).

Research suggests that cognitive decline, dementia, anxiety, depression, ADHD, and schizophrenia all occur at greater frequency with exposure to various air pollutants. Specific pollutants, such as lead, have also been studied for their connection to learning disabilities, memory impairment, hyperactivity, and antisocial behaviors in children. Children's brain development

sure to high levels of ambient air pollution while they are in the womb because the brain is still developing at this time and nent brain damage. Even in sure can also lead to cognitive impairment in old age.

■ A study examining nitrogen dioxide finds that this pollutant is one of the main causes of short-term exposure to sulfur dioxide and PM10 was also associated with an increased risk of stroke.

women over 10 years suggests that not only does air pollution exposure contribute to a higher risk of dementia, but improved air quality can also slow this accelerated aging of the brain. Other recent research pre-

sented at the 2021 Alzheimer's Association International Conference found similar outcomes. Reducing PM2.5 and NO2 pollution by 10% of the USEPA's current standard over 10 years was linked to 14% and 26% reductions in dementia risk in older women in the United States — including when the results were controlled for age, education, region, and presence of cardiovascular disease.

Research demonstrates a clear link between air pollution exposure and worsened cardiovascular health. A 2016 study also noted that exposure to both particulate matter and nitrogen dioxide at levels close to those stated by the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) were linked to pre-

### **Effects of pollution On Senior Citizens**

Air pollution affects the cognition skills of senior citizens

Air pollution aggravates existing heart problems

Air pollution is directly related to heart diseases, strokes and may also lead to furring of the arteries also known as atherosclerosis

Ultrafine Particles have Been Found in Reproductive Organs

maturely aged blood vessels, causing calcium buildup in the coronary artery, suggesting that this may be the mecha-

nism through which air pollution so severely damages cardiovascular health. ■ Studies have found an asso-

ciation between air pollution

exposure and a slew of gastrointestinal diseases, such as irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), appendicitis, and intestinal infections in infants.

A research estimates that in 2016, air pollution contributed to 3.2 million new cases of dia-

betes across the world and that 8.2 million years of healthy life were lost due to pollutionlinked diabetes. The same study attributes 150,000 new cases of diabetes — and an associated loss of 350,000 years of healthy life — to air pollution each year

in the United States alone.

Air pollution may lead to strokes among senior citizens. The ultrafine air pollutants that cause stroke are found in the samples of brain and central nervous system

Exposure to air pollution makes asthma worse

Exposure to air pollution increases the risk of getting lung cancer

The ultrafine particles easily get into the blood and is passed into the other body organs.



■ Studies show that the risk of pollution-related diabetes increases dramatically even at very low pollution exposure levels, so this risk remains even in places where air quality is deemed acceptable showing that there is truly no

safe level of air pollution. ■ Many studies demonstrate that air pollution exposure has a clear effect on reproductive health and fertility. One Chinese study of over 18,000 couples found a connection between moderate levels of fine particulate matter pollution and a 20% greater risk of infertility, defined as not becoming pregnant within a year

of trying.

A Harvard study looked specifically at women undergoing in vitro fertilization and found that those that lived closer to major roads were less likely to have successful embryo implantation and live birth as compared to those liv-

ing further away.

Studies find that poor air quality can affect semen quality and could cause sperm DNA damage, thus harming fertility. This relationship is likely related to the concentration and duration of exposure to air pollutants.

Though not extensively studied, research finds that ambient air pollution exposure is associated with lower levels of bone mass, perhaps due to particle inhalation causing oxidative stress and inflammation in the body that ultimately affects bone health. This relationship holds true across a wide range of air pollution levels associated with low-, middle-, and high-income areas.

Studies that specifically examined osteoporosis and bone fractures resulting from air pollution found that populations exposed to higher levels of fine particulate matter had lower bone mineral density as well as higher hospitalization rates for bone fractures. Because certain regions of the world, such as Asia, already tend to have a higher risk for osteoporosis, the effects of poor air quality only compound this danger.

Lowered life expectancy is a well-studied result of air pollu-

tion exposure. Research from the University of Chicago suggests that if particulate matter air pollution is not lowered to the World Health Organization's recommended level, the average person could lose 2.2 years of life. The number is even higher for those living in more polluted regions, who could lose 5 years or

■ Significant decreases in quality of life also result from exposure to air pollution. For example, reduced lung function in children and adults that leads to asthmatic bronchitis and chronic obstructive pul-monary disease (COPD) can greatly lower one's quality of life, as can dementia, cardiovascular disease, and many of the other health outcomes discussed above.

A study analyzed 5 years of USEPA data to identify over 1,000 toxic hotspots of air pollution across the United States, where 250,000 people living in these areas were exposed to levels of cancer risk above what the USEPA deems acceptable. Even in those areas under the 1 in 10,000 risk rate that the EPA allows, researchers still say that the risk is high enough to be of concern.

■ Many studies found that negative health impacts resulted even at air pollution levels well below the WHO guidelines — reminding us that there is truly no safe level of air pollution. Fortunately, in light of the abundance of research demonstrating the multifaceted health impacts of even relatively low levels of air pollution, the WHO recently updated their guidelines to recommend even stricter regulations on air pollution.



## Lasting change for air quality requires day-to-day commitment

You as an individual and organisation too can take measures to improve air quality. Experts in the sector offer tips. The HEALTH PIONEER reports

Simple measures you can take to keep the toxic air at bay

■ Clean and change your home air filter as necessary: While ambient air quality may be outside of your immediate control. you have a great deal of control over the indoor air quality inside your own home. In addition to keeping a clean indoor environment with adequate air ventilation, using an air filter in the home can significantly improve indoor air quality. This may consist of a portable filter and/or an updated filter in a home's HVAC system which removes some, though not all, of pollutants found in the home. ■ Take alternative methods of

transportation when possible: By walking, biking, or carpooling to their destination, individuals can reduce the release of vehicle emissions that pollute the air. Choosing to group all errands into a single trip and grouping all online orders into one batch during the week also helps to cut down on these transportation-related emis-

**■** Using environmentally safe, natural home cleaning products: While having a clean home helps ensure good indoor

air quality, many household cleaning products can release pollutants such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), greenhouse gases, and toxic air pollutants, either by directly releasing them or by creating these compounds as a byproduct after reacting with the surrounding air. Consumers can choose safer cleaning products too.

Keeping rugs and carpets clean also supports better indoor air quality, as they can act as air filters by collecting dust and other particles in the home, removing them from the air.

Create an air quality garden:

cally, those which research has found remove certain air pollutants—to one's yard can be helpful in fighting outdoor air pollution. Different plants can help lower pollutant levels in their surroundings.

■ Choose green fuel: Wood burning also accounts for detrimental effects on regional air quality

Adding more plants-specifi-

Organizations too need to chip-in

Allow employees to work from home: While many businesses have begun work-from-



home operations since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, allowing employees to work from home on a regular basis reduces the number of cars on the road, especially the number driven by solo individuals while commuting to and from work each day. Telework also requires less energy to heat, cool, and light office buildings and power office equipment.

Reducing the number of cars on the road, whether by telecommuting, taking other forms of transportation, or carpooling with others, decreases the amount of harmful emissions released into the air. ■ Encourage the use of alternative means of transportation: When remote work is not possible, businesses can encourage employees to choose alternative means of transportation that are more environmentally friendly: walking, biking, public transportation, and carpooling. A British clean air campaign found that eliminating even 1 out of 5 cars on the road for business purposes equates to 11 billion

miles saved per year in the

U.K.—the equivalent amount of

emissions as two airports. This

would correspond to a 3.3 mil-

lion ton reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in the UK alone. Clean and replace building air filters as needed: Installing, cleaning, and replacing air filters in office buildings promotes cleaner indoor air, especially in a place where people spend many hours each day. The EPA has also released a guide on further practices that can be taken to improve air quality in the workplace, such as disposing of garbage correctly, storing food properly, and managing possible pollutant sources like pest control and construction within the complex.



# Feminist Foreign Policy: From template to practice

What should a feminist foreign policy look like? This question has been in the public domain since 2014 when the Swedish Government embraced its own version of feminist foreign policy which was followed suit by Canada, France, Mexico, Spain, Norway, Australia, Germany among

This discourse remerged in the public domain quite recently when Sweden's foreign minister backtracked and dropped the "label" from its foreign policy lexicon. Sweden stands for gender quality both in practice and spirit, he said, and it would not "conduct a feminist foreign policy".

Analysts state that this turnaround has stemmed from specific diplomatic faux pas and clashes which the Swedish Government had with Saudi Arabia with regards to honouring women rights. One of the justification was that domestically Sweden has an excellent record of gender equality and gender sensitive policy, and therefore as a label Feminist Foreign Policy seemed redundant. Significantly, given the volatile political climate in Europe, Sweden is also all set to become a member of NATO, which would require it to make certain policy decisions.

In recent years, multiple ways of approaching, representing and translating feminist foreign policy have been comprehensively debated, discussed, and talked about. These range from ways to innovate accountability framework, drafting National Action gender sensitive plans, international assistance, having special envoys for amplifying women's needs and vulnerabilities, etc. Clearly, the articulation of a feminist foreign policy by these western states stems from clear priorities they have vis-a-vis their identities and influence in world politics. Supporting women in development projects have played an important role in empowering civil society organisations as part of their Official Development Assistance (ODA) goals.

While such practices that enhance representation and participation of women have

indeed visualised women-related issues, some have criticised the idea as being an instrument of neo-liberal agenda which has emerged from Global North and is blind to contextual and cultural realities of Global South. Feminist Foreign Policy has also been criticised as it is preempted that politically correct language will be employed paying little attention to the translation of feminist ideas to liberate the national political culture from patriarchal tropes.

Sweden's justification that it embraces gender equality in its institutional framework is suggestive of this defence, and how countries can take a guarded approach in qualifying their foreign policy as feminist.

If one casts a look at some of emergent discourses on feminist foreign policy from South Asia, limitations, contradictions and potential tensions become visible. Significantly, if one looks at the statistics on women and decision-making, women leaders have emerged from all walks of life from the national to local. In fact South Asia can be considered as one region where women have held prestigious leadership posts, including the Heads of State and Government. Significantly, it has also been a region of strong collective feminist mobilisation, where women collectives have played a critical role in challenging formal structures of power.

What is also visible in South Asia is the existing political culture which privileges patriarchal values and makes gender transformative strategies cosmetic in nature for differently situated women. The local governance reforms which focused on reservation of women for political representation and the micro-credprogrammes hint at how norms are co-opted when they interact with cultural and contextual ecosystems. Local governance debates

aimed at women empowerment also told us that as a corrective measure, collective action and civic mobilisation which aimed at engagement, learning and socialisation often become important markers for creating empowered spaces,

which then acts as a precondi-

tion of political and social change. Understanding how women groups and women leaders in South Asia adopted and employed alternative ways and methods to make certain voices visible thus becomes an important entry point for putting feminist foreign policy in perspective. First, women leaders

embraced both resistance and engagement while highlighting specific issues relevant to the rights of women. Thus, they contested practices which perpetuated gender inequality, and also reconstructed spaces, which could empower women voices. For instance, the women's movement of the 20th century was phenomenal in their embrace of nationalist struggles towards independence, but did not give up this activist role, as their focus shifted from the country to socio-economic upliftment of women. Through solidarity politics, they aggressively reached out to engage with discourses which were taking place at the international level, ferociously participating in discussions for institutionalising these norms at national level and compassionately committing themselves to the translation of these norms at the local level. However, building alliances did not give it a homogenous character, and they retained their identity by celebrating and emphasising the plurality of feminism.

Second, the focus on both formal (representation of women in local governance structures) and informal (women collectives) institutions became an important part of feminist discourse. The term intersectionality, coined by African activist Kimberle Crenshaw, captures this process well. Crenshaw defined intersectionality as a lens to understand the sources of power and how it creates certain constraints in enabling and disabling certain actors, their voices, action and their journey towards empowerment. The diversity in South Asia in terms of class, caste, religion, and ethnicity helped address the complexity of power structures which works in an undifferentiated manner on the lives of



Swedish Foreign Minister Tobias Billstrom speaks during an interview with the AP at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Stockholm, Sweden, on October 24, 2022. Sweden's center-right government will fulfil all requirements under a deal with Turkey to join NATO and will concentrate external relations to its immediate neighborhood while dropping the previous administration's "feminist foreign policy," the country's top diplomat said

women which belong to the marginalised as well as the privileged section of society. Since countering these invisible structural forms of power necessitated interventions at multiple scales which included the personal and public space, South Asia witnessed the rise of multiple informal women groups, the mahila mangal/mandal dals/parishad/samiti, as a response to give voice to unmarked, unrepresented, unheard voices. Feminism in South Asia thus stitched both the individual and collective, giving it an intrinsic relational, non-binary character.

Third, by focusing on informal ways of mobilising women groups around specific issue areas, which could challenge the formal structures of power they made substantive progress in their small worlds by achieving social and economic justice for the everyday lived realities of women and the marginalised. Thus, by focusing on issues which often got pushed to the margins the women's movements in South Asia highlighted the need of a reflexive practice by highlighting that personal is political, which demanded self-reflection and activating the force from within as a means of empowering the awareness of

What would be useful then is to develop a framework which can be transformative, reflective and emancipatory,

which could focus on the situated perspectives of women and the marginalised. A feminist framework of foreign policy could help in shifting our gaze to those sites and locations which give a nuanced meaning to the practice of feminist foreign policy.

For one, feminist foreign policy should seek to develop strategies which can help to bridge the gap that exists between the rhetoric at international and national level and the translation of norms and policies at the local level. It should seek to formulate alliances with multiple actors, formal and informal, located at different scales, where translation of feminist principles of change is realised. These processes of transformation should aim at challenging those norms, practices which continue to exist despite the exis-

tence of progressive laws. In order to craft such strategies, one needs to take inspiration from feminists, who adopted networked ways of doing politics, and perceived the world not as being constituted of separated but connected, interacting actors. This alternative worldview which highlights the interdependencies between multiple actors not only emphasises the need for solidarity politics but also gives a very distinct meaning and explanation to how power works, which is defined in terms of its generative power stemming from connections

and interactions rather than capability. Thus, rather than coopting the feminist agenda into national frames, a networked way for diffusing feminist principles and ideas built around political, social and economic justice can be more useful in the long term.

Against this backdrop, it is important to see the international, national and local as a seamless connected space of ideas. This also means that adopting a feminist foreign policy at an external level, while having gender blind practices at domestic level would be inconsistent with the fundamental idea of transformational politics. Any call for a feminist foreign policy by governments in both Global North and Global South should take this complex challenge on board. As a way out, feminist movements in South Asia have significant lessons to offer, when it comes to the practice of resistance and engagement in international diplomacy. India becomes an effective case in point here.

From an active participant in the 1950s against decolonisation, racism, and imperialism, India has come a long way in world affairs. Its role as a swing state between China and the United States, and as an emerging power which respects international norms and commitment towards sustainable development and climate change, along with the green policies it has introduced at the domestic level, is shaping India's identity as a lead player in development and humanitarian diplomacy. The SAGAR vision in the Indo-pacific, water partnership with European Union, Israel and Australia, among others and its inroads as a space faring nation indeed needs to be reckoned. However, paying attention to feminist methods and feminist ways of doing diplomacy and thinking can be a useful pointer to embracing the spirit of feminist foreign policy. Thus, trying to understand what a feminist vision stands for would also help it to bridge the gap between desirable and feasible, and make it more reflective in its ambitions. Resistance to understanding what feminist

foreign policy entails would only perpetuate empty slogans and wishful thinking. In fact conversations with feminism which has a vision to offer is not very separate from the kind of ideals India has articulated in its foreign policy vision. Embracing activism and engagement has also been an integral part of Indian identity in world affairs.

So, a feminist foreign policy is not a set of template that one can adopt to fulfill a specific checklist, but is rather imbued with feminist practices of solidarity, connections, change and collective power. Women and marginalised groups do form important nodal points for facilitating dialogue and exchange, and development diplomacy imbued with a feminist vision helps in terms of opening channels of communication around issues which impact the smaller underdeveloped and developing nations in a different manner. Further, as one shifts the gaze to domestic realities of India, the marginalised and the poor are most vulnerable to non-traditional security challenges like pan-

demics and disasters. Can India craft its own version of feminist foreign policy by being more reflective both at home and abroad? CT Mohanty aptly puts it, "(f)eminist practice operates at a number of levels: at the level of daily life through the everyday acts that constitute our identities and relational communities; at the level of collective action in groups, networks, and movements constituted around feminist visions of social transformation; and at the levels of theory, pedagogy, and textual creativity in the scholarly and writing practices of feminists engaged in the production of knowledge".

These indeed are some words of wisdom for Indian diplomatic practice, thinking, and scholarship, and understanding what feminist foreign policy entails is central to this practice.

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#### **PERSPECTIVE**

# Plot to demonise Iran as misogynist society

Islamic revolution in Iran showed that women can thrive and be active in different fields despite observing the hijab, contrary to the Western doctrine that wants women free of any kind of covering



MAHDI ALIZADEH

Accept you (ladies) as leaders. Ladies are the leaders of our revolution; we are their continuation. True men and women originate from a woman's lap." Imam Khomeini's Sahifeh, vol. 7, pp. 132 and 338

"If you, the women, are good, both men and children would be good as well." Imam Khamenei,

February 19, 1982

The tragic death of Mahsa Amini was bitter and unhappy for the nation and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and from the very outbreak of the news, the country's authorities, especially the President, in addition to contacting her family, issued an order for the immediate investigation of the case. The disciplinary force and forensics presented their findings to the media. According to the evidence, the disciplinary force transferred Amini to the briefing centres for familiarisation with the law of Islamic dress code for not observing the proper hijab.

However, in the briefing session, in which 20 others were present, she had a stroke and passed away despite being rushed to hospital. After the autopsy, the medical examiner announced that there was no sign of torture on her body. In addition, it was specified that she had undergone brain surgery as a child, and the medical documents were pre-

sented to the media. Despite the careful handling of the case, the vested interests tried their best from the very beginning to distort



A woman takes part in the 'March for Freedom' in Colognee, Germany, on November 5

and make an instrumental use of Amini's death. They pursued several goals by their false information, which was carried out under the guidance of the Western media imperialism.

First, they tried to introduce hijab as a cause of women's backwardness and restriction, and consequently, introduce Islam as an anti-feminist religion.

Second, they accused the Islamic Republic of Iran of violating women's rights, and induced the false impression that the hijab law in Iran has caused backwardness and severe restrictions for women, and sometimes they compared the situation of women in Iran with the situation of the women in the Salafi version of

Third, they publicised that

Iran, in response to the people's protests, has severely suppressed them.

Of course, such widespread media propaganda against Iran is not unprecedented. It only suffices to take a look at the numerous news and analyses that have been provided against Iran in this limited period, so that the intensity of the enemy's animosity and plotting in this field can be fully clarified.

Enemies of Iran, who have been abortively exerting pressure on the nation, have now taken resort in media and cognitive war.

Ministry Information of Iran published the causes of the recent unrest and behind-the-scenes plots of the media war that clearly showed that how the US, the UK, the Zionist regime, Saudi

Arabia and the terrorist outfit Mujahideen-e Khalq (MKO) have united and played a role in this incident in the two areas of Media Soft War and Media Hard War by provoking and equipping the local enemies of

This is part of the project to inflict injury to the cultural values of the East by the Western media

Tragically, sometimes the media houses of the friendly countries, unwittingly take the torrents of fake news and improper analyses as truth and present the same for their domestic consumption.

This incident and the inappropriate function of some media require the examination of the status and dignity of women in Islam, particularly in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

#### Status of women in Iran In this media trial, the

Islamic society of Iran has been projected as a misogynist society. They insinuate that hijab restricts women's freedom and stems her growth. However the concept of women's growth and excellence as seen in the West is biased. Is presenting sexual features and occupying the minds of the youth of society criteria for women's growth and accomplishments?

The status of women in the Islamic Republic of Iran should be studied and examined from two perspectives; first, what is the concept of women in Iran and what position has it drawn for them in its laws; and second, what are the realities of women's lives in Iran?

#### Women rights in Iran's

Constitution The first step to understand a society's view of a woman's personality is to examine the position of women in the Constitution of that country. The importance and status of women in Iran is such that in the introduction of the Constitution, a special and separate topic titled "Women in the Constitution" is dedicated to them. The most important pivots in this topic are:

ment plan (1999-1995), the Upholding women's rights "Office of Women's Affairs" was in creating Islamic social founspecially established in the dations, due to the oppression presidential institution. they suffered in the previous In the fourth development regime;

plan (2005-2009), the govern-Providing the means to achieve the formation of a ment is obliged to pay housingloan interest subsidy to house family that is the main basis for builders who build houses for the evolutionary and growing human movement; Restoring the important

women without guardian; and it emphasises the empowerment of women to establish

of women.

and noble task of motherhood social interaction necessary in raising doctrinal human for the formation of women's for the formation of women's beings in the active fields of life. cooperative units.

duction, women's problems are plan (2011-2015), the word 'woman" is mentioned 21 times in different articles; issues such as "self-confidence", "strengthening the institution rights of people, both women of the family" and "empowering the needy disabled and female heads of the household".

In the fifth development

In addition to the above, special laws are also devised for ment is obliged to guarantee the working status of women in women's rights in all respects in the labour law. No woman is employed as a construction worker or street sweeper in Article 62: Both men and cities. They are prohibited to work at night.

#### Women in 20-year Vision Statement

The 20-year vision state-Islamic revolution, Iran has ment (2005-2025) or "Horizon of Iran in the year 2025" is implemented in the form of four development plans in fiveyear periods. Statement 2025 includes all members of the society, both men and women, and along with men, women should also strive to reach the vision horizon of Statement 2025. In this regard, a national conference titled "The Place of Women in Iran's 20-Year Vision Statement 2025" was

> The Charter of Women's Rights has 148 Articles, several sections and chapters, and deals with all aspects of women's lives in the personal, social, cultural, political, economic, legal, and other fields.

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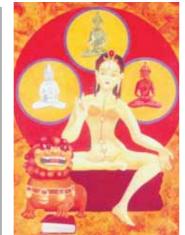




ARIES March 21-April 19

The week holds many promises, and it is a fairly good week in terms of money, wealth, and your financial sources. There is a good chance that you will make a lot of money at the start of the week. You enjoy parties, having fun, and celebrating your accomplishments at work. There is also joy in the family. Women will be active, healthy, and creative in order to put a smile on everyone's face. There is also the possibility of some auspicious ceremony at home, such as childbirth, where family and friends will gather and share their joy. Your ideas or beliefs will change by the end of the week. A new perspective on life will open new opportunities for vou in the long run.

Lucky number 10 | Lucky colour Indigo Lucky day Wednesday



**LEO** July 23-Aug 22

This week, you must exercise patience. Overexcitement and aggression should be avoided in preference of a more balanced course. There will be circumstances that will work in your favour and change your life for the better. However, your ego, self-importance, or callous attitude may turn others against you. One must constantly appreciate one's selfesteem while still maintaining one's respect. There might be the start of something that will make your competitors envious. There is a possibility that you will be the victim of someone's malicious intent. The card indicates a warning. Take attention of your surroundings, read the behavior of others, and treat them accordingly. Keep an eye on the individual who provides you with domestic assistance or the employers who report to you.

Lucky number 15 | Lucky colour Pink



#### **SAGITTARIUS** Nov 22-Dec 21

All your effort holds the light of the Sun and stars, which will lead you to success. Your power/energy is shaped and channelled to where it will be most effective in your life. You have the foresight and determination to venture out into the world, overcome obstacles, and attain your highest goals. There is also the possibility of an auspicious ceremony at home. Your long-held wish will be fulfilled. Children may flourish academically or gain admittance to their selected field. Believing that something will happen is as certain as it can be. This faith will produce a pleasant atmosphere about you, and you will strive to build something remarkable. Property acquisition/sale is on the

Lucky number 8 | Lucky colour Peach Lucky day Tuesday



#### **TAURUS** April 20-May 20

This week, you are ruled by too many emotions and sentiments. The moon represents your thoughts and emotions. You will be concerned about your loved ones and will surely do something to help them. You are also an excellent healer and counsellor. People come to you for advice. You may neglect your workrelated duties and responsibilities. Take a look around and observe things. Someone may exploit your simplicity. To achieve stability and financial security, you must think, make new plans, and carry them out. Daydreaming and doing nothing will not bring any accomplishments. The theme of the week is "watch your goals, control your emotions."

Lucky number 18 | Lucky colour White Lucky day Wednesday



#### VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

You will feel lonely and detached from earthly things Your emotional condition might be caused by rejection in a love affair or separation from your marriage. There are challenges at the work front also. Your finest efforts and hard work vield no results. Maintain your strength and stay on the lookout for threats. Recognize your own ability and be prepared to use it in defence. It is the final ordeal by whatever forces resist you before you finally attain your goal. You may also experience an inner spiritual transformation. There might be someone who can help you solve your difficulties. You are aware of your present situation because of this person's counsel and assistance. There will be innovative ideas, new hopes, and you will figure out new methods to do things.

Lucky number 20 | Lucky colour Green Lucky day Sunday



#### **CAPRICORN** Dec 22-Jan 19

In personal matters, there are feelings, sentiments, and aloofness. This week will be difficult for couples. When minor issues irritate you, you weep, scream, fight, and eventually do the same thing with your consent. You are generous and courteous at work. Unexpected gains will provide you with financial stability. You must be able to manage your personal and financial matters properly and efficiently. You will be generous and patient with your time and resources. Because of your dedication to responsibility and trustworthiness, you will be depended upon. You are also eager to learn new things. That will motivate you to excel. During this time, you can be a role model for others. You maintain the moral high ground by standing up for yourself and what you believe in.

Lucky number 14 | Lucky colour Parrot Green **Lucky day** Saturday



#### **GEMINI** May 21-June 20

This week, you are strong and determined. It is your positional power, not physical strength, which makes you powerful. You command and inspire others to follow you. You are charismatic, as well as strict and disciplined. However, sentiments have no place in your life this week. This may lead to disappointment or separation in romantic relationships. It is also possible that your mother will not allow you to choose your own life partner. In the family, there is disagreement over this issue. You are under tremendous stress by mid-week and are unable to make an independent decision in this regard. However, at the end of this, you will be rich both financially and emotionally because some senior person in the family will come and support you.

Lucky number 13 | Lucky colour Brown Lucky day Saturday



#### LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

You are afraid of failing. But by addressing your anxieties and using them to your advantage, you will become even stronger and more prepared to meet the next challenge in your way. Because there can be no courage until fear inspires it. If an opportunity presents itself, set aside vour reservations and proceed with courage in your hands. Now is the moment to take a bold step toward your goals, toss aside your fears. If you feel you have not done your best, or if what you have accomplished is not as spectacular as you planned, reconsider your ideas, and try something new. You will most likely find yourself on the right track. By the end of the week, you may have more money or a lucrative offer

Lucky number 17 | Lucky colour Sky Blue Lucky day Tuesday



#### **AQUARIUS** Jan 20-Feb 18

This is a highly powerful, activity led, and stable week for you. You are in a position where you may venture to see and speak with someone in a prominent position. You can enjoy status, position, and power at this time. You appreciate the feeling of adrenaline and have a great connection with common people. You will also serve as a role model, offering counsel, setting direction, and providing security. The body, mind, and soul are all in perfect harmony. You have a strong heart as well, which helps you make critical decisions in life. This week's theme is "you dominate the attention of everyone around you, judge fairly, speak honestly, and never stray from your values." You have the power to lead people because you understand the broad picture and never let your emotions influence your decisions.

Lucky number 12 | Lucky colour Grey Lucky day Wednesday



#### **CANCER** June 21-July 22

Take a breather from your hectic routine. This week's topic is "heal your body and mind." Get a routine medical examination, practise yoga and meditation, go for a stroll, breathe in the fresh air, and get enough sleep. This will prepare you for the quick pace of life ahead. There is a lot of running about and travelling in conjunction with your business. Some of you may have received a positive message from the organization/company where you work, such as a pay increase or promotion. There are also a lot of duties on the family front. There will be additional costs to meet the children's needs. A wedding ring is also on the card. Married couples will spend the weekend

Lucky number 5 | Lucky colour Orange Lucky day Tuesday



#### SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week, you will enjoy a lot of power. Your sharp observation, intuition, and vision enable you to see right to the centre of any problem. Understanding and mental reasoning reach their pinnacle, and achieving clear away the cloud that has prevented you from seeing the inner truth and to break free from all the shackles that have held you back in the past. It is time to concentrate on your objectives. There is also a significant spiritual awakening. You will spend your time connecting with nature by going on morning and evening walks, practising yoga and meditation, or participating in a professional sport. Instead of battling the current, allow it to carry you wherever it

Lucky number 23 | Lucky colour Turquoise Lucky day Monday

Explore inherent potential for right career choice



#### PISCES Feb 19-March 20

You will have limitless potential, allowing you to alter and create whatever you choose. While it is difficult for everyone to learn all the mysteries and secrets, you will act as a guide for those who are prepared to go deep into their spiritual and focused. On an inner level, these powers may enhance and improve one's life. You trust in the law of justice. Every action you take will eventually have a consequence, giving rise to the law of karma. So, if you want nice things to happen, you must make decisions that will lead to those positive things all the time. This mental clarity will result in total manifestation and the resolution of many life's problems. A vacation or tour is in the

Lucky number 22 | Lucky colour Yellow ucky day Thursday

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y design, human beings are born with certain limitations. First, limited creativity. You can't service even essential needs by oneself. You need support from others. Second, limited knowledge. Because of clouding of mind, we lack holistic understanding of the dynamics of life. Third, for the above reasons, we carry a sense of want. That breeds in an inherent sense of craving, desire, and futuristic aspirations. Fourth, we are bound by the limitations of time - seeing things in terms of past, present, and future. Often, we get stuck to impressions of the past and future dream perceptions. In the process, we fail to put quality efforts towards callings of the present, which sets the ground of future. Fifth, we are bound by the limitations of space and causation. That makes us bear with the consequences of the choices made and the actions thereto.

For reasons stated above, it is in human nature to look towards a better tomorrow. In that spirit, we begin life with high hopes and aspirations and accordingly set our dream destination. Dreams are necessary for reaching heights one is capable of, as they serve as a focus to endeavour towards the desired end. All through civilisational history, human beings have dreamt, which made us grow from our primitive stage to the developed world as on date. But not everybody's dreams get fulfilled. Nonrealisation often brings in frustrating experiences. A large majority of those who fail to realise their dreams, try to fulfil it through their children. Caught up in this trap, they seldom try to figure out their inherent potential. Many of them also get carried away by the ongoing job market trends. When the children fail to perform on expected lines, frustrates two generations.

The other day, parents of a child about to finish his school education wished to explore his future educational prospects. Having read his astrological chart, I assured him that he will have higher education as would linkage of 4th and 9th house mean. In his case, 4th sub-lord Moon happens to be the 9th lord. 9th sub-lord Rahu is in the 4th house and tenanted in the nakshatra owned by Mercury, which also occupies

They then asked: "What academic discipline would you suggest? We wish

the 4th house.

him try for entry into an Engineering College, following which, he should do MBA. That will offer him good career prospect." Well, 3rd house indicates the natural inclination. Moon, Mars, and Uranus occupy the 3rd house. Apparently, it may tempt him towards Armed/Police forces. But 3rd sub-lord is

Rahu in the 4th house, tenanted in the nakshatra owned by Mercury in the 4th house itself. It may tempt him towards Engineering. However, the fact that Mercury is ill-disposed off to Moon and Mars implies that he lacks focus, persistence, and perseverance necessary for sustained study. Saturn's aspect on Mercury is indicative of slow reflex and absorption level. So, Engineering doesn't

Not happy with my contrarian observation, they asked: "Is there no way to improve his focus and overcome his mental limitations?" There are certainly ways and means for that, provided your child does it sincerely. That, however, would not come about easy for him, and will also take time. The world doesn't necessarily move to your asking. Kindly appreciate that Engineering is not the only discipline to offer good career opportunities. Other fields do also make ground for a lucrative career. The field in which your child could excel will provide him with the best possible job opportunity.

Since career is dependent on academic background, it is desirable to have a look into the houses signifying probable

options - the 2nd, 6th, and 10th. Second sign as well as its sub-lord signifying source of income is Jupiter tenanted in Mercury owned 10th house. The two put together indicate arts stream, particularly law, philosophy, and accounting. Venus occupies the 6th house identified with the field in which he may toil and success in his endeavour. Venus is the natural significator of finance and chemistry. Even 6th sublord Sun in exaltation occupies the nakshatra owned by Venus. 10th sublord Rahu occupies the nakshatra owned by Mercury. So, Jupiter, Venus and Mercury will define his career prospect. The choices emerging are Law, Economics, Commerce, and Chemistry. Given the position of exalted Sun, well aligned with Uranus, may provide ground for high position in government. Let the child take the final call. But whatever field he opts for, for a good performance, he needs to follow the exercise suggested to improve focus.

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